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SANTA'S RED RIDE



CHRISTMASTIME IS HERE. Old St. Nick rides atop an antique fire truck in last year's Christmas on Main parade. This year the parade will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. For a complete schedule of Christmas on Main events, turn to page 3.

Photo by Della Moyer

Christmas on Main slated for Dec. 1

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Shepherd's Helping Hands along with Downtown Business Association and Shepard's Crook Nursing are organizing the third annual Christmas on Main and Lighting of the Tree. The event will be a fun-filled day full of activities on Dec. 1. The goal is to entice Pampa and the surrounding communities to shop Pampa and have a great time. There will be a Christmas bazaar with booth rentals available for retailers, crafters and vendors for \$25. Clubs, civic organizations

or any group wanting to provide entertainment can arrange to have a place at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce by calling Shepherd's Helping Hands at 665-0356. This should enable businesses from other areas of Pampa to showcase their inventory as well as offer other groups a venue for fundraising. There will also be other activities including carriage rides and Christmas characters walking along the streets. Other events include, PAWS Doggie in the Window pet adoption, caroling, soup with Mrs. Claus, breakfast with Santa, a pet contest,

Madeline Graves' Dancers and a Jingle Bell run. The Nutcracker and Festival of Trees event will be held at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Story and craft time will be held at the library. Downtown businesses will have an open house and there will be the Christmas parade. As many groups as possible are needed to help provide activities so the event will be successful and to encourage people to come back year after year. For more information, call Shepard's Crook Nursing at 665-0356.

Afghan revolving door: 5 U.S. generals in 5 years

By LOLITA C. BALDOR AND PATRICK QUINN
 Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — For former CIA director David Petraeus, it was a one-year stint as top U.S. commander in Afghanistan. His replacement is scheduled to leave next year after 18 months in the job. And now the sex scandal that draws them together — Petraeus' career toppled and Marine Gen. John Allen's possibly on hold — also has placed greater attention to the quick turnover of American battlefield chiefs in the 11-year war. Nearly two dozen generals have commanded troops from the United States and the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force, or ISAF, since the American invasion in late 2001 — with five U.S. generals running both commands in the past five years alone. There is no firm evidence the Pentagon's revolving door in Afghanistan has posed any significant obstacles for U.S. troops, but some military analysts suggest the frequent changes at the top create potential breaks in continuity in the critical cooperation with the Afghan political leadership and security officials. "The learning curve is pretty steep," said retired Lt. Gen. David Barno, who commanded U.S. forces in Afghanistan in 2003 and 2004. "One of the critical coins of the realm in being effective in this kind of environment is relationships among your allies, relationships with the host nation, and with the Afghans." Iraq also had regular command changes, including Petraeus in charge during the U.S. troop "surge" in 2007 that helped dislodge insurgent control from key areas. But the war strategy in Afghanistan has, at many times, **GENERALS** cont. on page 5

Turkey, pie and politics? T-Day family friction

By JOCELYN NOVECK
 AP National Writer

Ah, Thanksgiving. A little turkey, some cranberry mold, maybe apple pie with ice cream, some football on TV. Getting together with the cousins. Catching up beside the fire. Togetherness. On second thought: Scratch that. What were we thinking? This was an election year. "The Thanksgiving table will be a battleground," says Andrew Marshall, 34, of Quincy, Mass. Like many extended families across the country, Marshall's includes Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals. And so, like many families that count both red and blue voters in their ranks, they're expecting fireworks. Things had already gotten so bad on Facebook, the family had to ban political banter. "It was getting brutal," says Marshall. And now, it will all play out in per-

son. In this family, the older generation is more liberal, the younger more conservative. So Andrew, a Republican, particularly expects friction with his aunt, Anne Brennan, 57. "She firmly believes in what she believes in, and we'll go head to head with it," he says. As for Brennan, she's looking on the bright side: the wine they'll drink. "You always bring a good bottle," she told Andrew at a family dinner a few days ago — perhaps softening him up for the holiday. No dice. "What are you talking about?" Andrew replied. "The wine just amplifies it." But the Marshalls seem to be relishing the occasion. Not so the Davidson family in Alabama. In fact, things have gotten so tense over politics between Brian Davidson, a 40-year-old attorney in Helena, and his father, 130 miles away in Russellville, that they've changed plans, forgoing their usual gathering.

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Real pine trees for holiday cheer

STAFF REPORT

Would you rather have a real Christmas tree than an artificial one? Pampa resident Debbie Davis has a Christmas tree farm located 3 1/2 miles north of Pampa on Highway 70 and then 1/2 mile on County Line Road. "Each year people come and cut their own Christmas tree," Davis said. "We have been open since 2006 and I have around 500 four- to 10-foot Scotch pines." The tree farm will be open Saturday and Sunday from Nov. 24 through Dec. 23. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Also, people can call to set up alternate times. Davis started planting trees in the spring of 2001 with the help of family members. "Every year we replace trees with a new planting," she said. "I provide a saw and tie down if



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GREEN AND GROWING. The Scotch pines on Debbie Davis' Christmas tree farm.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 71 Low 49	High 68 Low 37	High 55 Low 33

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 71. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 23 mph. Sunrise at 7:26 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 49. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 21 mph. Sunset at 5:34 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day: Partly cloudy with a high of 68. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:27 a.m.

Thanksgiving night: Partly cloudy with a low of 37. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds north northeast at 14 mph. Sunset at 5:33 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 55. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds north at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:28 a.m.

Friday night: Clear with a low of 33. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 7 mph. Sunset 5:33 p.m.

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For the record

Borger man arrested for multiple warrants

■ 37-year-old Aurelio Higareda, Borger, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department for six warrants. One out of Randall County was for theft by check. One for an expired motor vehicle inspection. One was for speeding. Two were for failing to appear and one was for no driver's license.

■ 49-year-old Allen Edward Poole, Pampa,

was arrested Monday by PPD for multiple warrants. One warrant was for an assault that caused bodily injury. One warrant was for nonpayment of court costs and fines from driving with license invalid. One warrant was for no driver's license. One warrant was for no seat belt worn by a driver and the last warrant was for failure to maintain financial responsibilities, second offense.

■ 41-year-old Arturo Trevino Garcia, Pampa, was arrested Monday by PPD on multiple warrants. One was for failure to appear. One was a capias pro fine charge on a public intoxication and the last two were for seat-belt violations.

■ 34-year-old James Dale Twigg, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on an arrest war-

rant for an assault causing bodily injury.

■ 38-year-old James Michael Brown, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD on possession of a controlled substance for less than one gram.

■ 20-year-old Savannah Nichole Hinshaw, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO on a warrant for theft of property of more than \$50 but less than \$500.

Israel intensifies attacks, despite truce talk

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK AND RAVI NESSMAN
AP Writers

JERUSALEM (AP) — A diplomatic push to end Israel's nearly weeklong offensive in the Gaza Strip gained momentum Tuesday, with Egypt's president predicting that airstrikes would end within hours and Israel's prime minister saying his country would be a "willing partner" to a cease-fire with the Islamic militant group Hamas.

As international diplomats raced across the region to cement a deal, a senior Hamas official said an agreement was close even as relentless airstrikes and rocket attacks between the two sides continued. The Israeli death toll rose to five with the deaths Tuesday of an Israeli soldier and a civilian contractor. More than 130 Palestinians have been killed.

"We haven't struck the deal yet, but we are progressing and it will most likely be tonight," Moussa Abu Marzouk said Tuesday from Cairo, where cease-fire talks were being held.

Israeli officials were more circumspect, saying only that "intensive efforts" were under way to end the fighting. Israeli media quoted Defense Minister Ehud Barak as telling a closed meeting that Israel wanted a 24-hour test period of no rocket fire to see if Hamas could enforce a truce.

In what appeared to be a last-minute burst of heavy fire, Israeli tanks and gunboats shelled targets late Tuesday, and an airstrike killed two brothers riding on a motorcycle. The men weren't identified.

The fighting came shortly before U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton was set to arrive. President Barack Obama dispatched her to the Mideast from Cambodia, where she had accompanied him on a visit.

Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi, perhaps the most important interlocutor between Hamas, which rules the Palestinian territory, and the Israelis, said the negotiations between the two sides would yield "positive results" during the coming hours.

Israel demands an end to rocket fire from Gaza and a halt to weapons smuggling into Gaza through tunnels under the border with Egypt. It also wants international guarantees that Hamas will not rearm or use Egypt's Sinai region, which abuts both Gaza and southern Israel, to attack Israelis.

Hamas wants Israel to halt all attacks on Gaza and lift tight restrictions on trade and movement in and out of the territory that have been in place since Hamas seized Gaza by force in 2007. Israel has rejected such demands in the past.

In Brussels, a senior official of the European Union's foreign service said a cease-fire would include an end of Israeli airstrikes and targeted killings in Gaza, the opening of Gaza crossing points and an end to rocket attacks on Israel. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Violence raged on as the talks continued. An airstrike late Tuesday killed two journalists who work for the Hamas TV station, Al-Aqsa, according to a statement from the channel. The men were in a car hit by an airstrike, Gaza health official Ashraf al-Kidra said. Israel claims that many Hamas journalists are involved in militant activities. Earlier this week it targeted the station's offices, saying it served as a Hamas communications post.

By Tuesday, 133 Palestinians, including at least 54 civilians, were killed since Israel began an air onslaught that has so far included nearly 1,500 strikes. Some 840 people have been wounded, including 225 children, Gaza health officials said.

Five Israelis, including an 18-year-old soldier and a civilian contractor who worked for the military struck by rocket fire on Tuesday, have also been killed and dozens wounded since the fighting began last week, the numbers possibly kept down by a rocket-defense system that Israel developed with U.S. funding. More than 1,000 rockets have been fired at Israel this week, the military said.

Late Tuesday, a Palestinian rocket hit a house in the central Israeli city of Rishon LeZion, wounding two people and badly damaging the top two floors of the building, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. In other violence, a 60-year-old Israeli woman was seriously wounded in a fire-

bombing attack as she drove in the West Bank, police said.

With the death toll rising, the international community stepped up efforts to bring a halt to the fighting that began last Wednesday with an Israel's assassination of the Hamas military chief.

"If a long-term solution can be put in place through diplomatic means, then Israel would be a willing partner to such a solution. But if stronger military action proves necessary to stop the constant barrage of rockets, Israel wouldn't hesitate to do what is necessary to defend our people," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said during a joint press conference in Jerusalem with visiting U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon.

Ban condemned Palestinian rocket attacks, but urged Israel to show "maximum restraint."

"Further escalation benefits no one," he said. Minutes before Ban's arrival in Jerusalem from Egypt, Palestinian militants fired a rocket toward Jerusalem, just the second time it has targeted the city. The rocket fell in an open area southeast of the city.

Jerusalem had previously been considered beyond the range of Gaza rockets — and an unlikely target because it is home to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third-holiest shrine.

Earlier Tuesday, a man identified as Hamas' militant commander urged his fighters to keep up attacks on Israel. Speaking from hiding on Hamas-run TV and radio, Mohammed Deif said Hamas "must invest all resources to uproot this aggressor from our land," a reference to Israel.

Israeli warplanes dropped leaflets on several Gaza neighborhoods asking residents to evacuate and head toward the center of Gaza City along specific roads. The army "is not targeting any of you, and doesn't want to harm you or your families," the leaflets said. Palestinian militants urged residents to ignore the warnings, calling them "psychological warfare."

The Israeli military relies on a network of informants to identify its targets. Masked gunmen publicly shot dead six suspected collaborators with Israel in a large Gaza City intersection Tuesday, witnesses said. An Associated Press reporter saw a mob surrounding five of the bloodied corpses shortly after the killing.

Clinton was scheduled to meet with Netanyahu in Jerusalem, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank and Egyptian leaders in Cairo. Turkey's foreign minister and a delegation of Arab League foreign ministers traveled to Gaza on a separate truce mission. Airstrikes continued to hit Gaza even as they entered the territory.

"Turkey is standing by you," Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu told the Hamas prime minister in Gaza, Ismail Haniyeh. "Our demand is clear. Israel should end its aggression immediately and lift the inhumane blockade imposed on Gaza."

It was unclear how diplomatic efforts to achieve a cease-fire and stave off a threatened Israeli ground invasion into Gaza were hampered by the hard-to-bridge positions staked out by both sides — and by the persistent attacks. Thousands of Israeli soldiers have been dispatched to the Gaza border in case of a decision to invade.

The U.S. considers Hamas, which has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide and other attacks, to be a terror group and does not meet with its officials. The Obama administration blames Hamas for the latest eruption of violence and says Israel has the right to defend itself. At the same time, it has warned against a ground invasion, saying it could send casualties spiraling.

Netanyahu said earlier Tuesday that Israel was exploring a diplomatic solution, but wouldn't balk at a broader military operation.

"I prefer a diplomatic solution," Netanyahu said in a statement after meeting with Germany's Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle, who was also in the region trying to advance peace efforts. "But if the fire continues, we will be forced to take broader measures and will not hesitate to do so."

Westerwelle said a truce must be urgently pursued, "but of course, there is one precondition for everything else, and this is a stop of the missile attacks against Israel."

The conflict erupted last week, when a resurgence in rocket fire from Gaza set off the Israeli offensive, which included hundreds of airstrikes on militants' underground rocket launchers and weapons stores.

The onslaught turned deadlier over the weekend, as airstrikes began targeting the homes of suspected Hamas activists, leading to a spike in civilian casualties. Israel sent warnings in some cases, witnesses said, but in other instances missiles hit suddenly, burying residents under the rubble of their homes.

Hamas is deeply rooted in densely populated Gaza, and the movement's activists live in the midst of ordinary Gazans. Israel says militants are using civilians as human shields, both for their own safety and to launch rocket strikes from residential neighborhoods.

The conflict showed signs of spilling into the West Bank, as hundreds of Palestinian protesters in the town of Jenin clashed with Israeli forces during a demonstration against Israel's Gaza offensive.

Two Palestinian protesters were killed in anti-Israel demonstrations in the West Bank on Monday, according to Palestinian officials. Separate clashes occurred Tuesday in Ramallah, the seat of the Palestinian government, during the funeral for one of the dead.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who lost control of Gaza to Hamas in 2007, now governs from the West Bank. Abbas claims to represent both areas, and there is widespread sympathy among West Bank Palestinians for their brethren in Gaza.

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COUNTRY TIME. Dane and Brian Anderson play guitar and sing country music. The Anderson brothers will be in Pampa Friday Nov. 23 at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center.

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You're stuffed with turkey. You've watched the games.

You've even fought the crowds and picked up some bargains. Time to relax, but there's nothing on the tube but cheesy Christmas movies that you've seen a hundred times. Here's an idea.

Come hear the sounds of the Anderson Brothers of Pleasanton at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center.

Dane and Brian Anderson, in Pampa visiting their grandparents Raymond and Dorothy Barrett over the Thanksgiving holiday, will present a special one-night performance the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 23.

The music begins at 6:30 p.m., but come when you can. No admission will be charged, but donations to the center will be accepted and T-shirts will be for sale. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. Dane and Brian Anderson are the sons

of David and Leigh Barrett Anderson. (Leigh grew up in Pampa, and was active in the choral program at Pampa High School.) Dane plays guitar and sings various styles of country music, and performs at his home church. Brian sings and plays in the Cowboy Church, near Pleasanton, playing various instruments in the church band as needed.

Joining Brian and Dane on Friday night will be their aunt and uncle, Becky and Tim McGaughy from Amarillo, who both play and sing in the bluegrass band Music Mountain. The McGaughys have played in Pampa at several events, including the Meals on Wheels Volunteer Banquet on two occasions.

Other family members who may join in on various numbers are Brian's wife, Lacey, who often accompanies him in song at the Cowboy Church, their mom, Leigh, and their dad, David, on the bass.

You'll leave there with some favorite oldies running through your head, thinking "It's a Wonderful Life!"

CONFERENCE ATTENDEES



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CARE NET CARES. Dwight Brown, Monica Galloway and Darlene Lewis attended a Care Net National Pregnancy Center Conference in Nashville, Tenn. Three days were spent with intensive training for more than 1300 pregnancy center leaders and ministry friends. Melinda Delahoyde, president of Care Net released the following statement: "What stands out to me about our pregnancy center staff is their love for women and for all who have been affected by abortion. Pregnancy center staff and volunteers are committed to being part of the solution to unplanned pregnancies — providing hope and practical support that empowers life-affirming decisions in their communities. It was a joy to be with so many motivated and compassionate leaders this week."

Community Calendar

Newspaper hours for Thanksgiving

The Pampa News will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, for Thanksgiving. We will close at noon Today, Nov. 21 and Friday, Nov. 23. We will be delivering free papers to all nonsubscribers in Pampa today that will include lots of advertising specials for Black Friday.

MediaSpan closed for Thanksgiving

MediaSpan offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, in observance of Thanksgiving. Technical support will be open on Friday, Nov. 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Time.

While the office is closed, the MediaSpan technical support team can always be reached 24/7 at 734-887-4400, Ext. 2081, or e-mail at servicecontract@mediaspansoftware.com. For a complete MediaSpan holiday schedule, visit www.mediaspansoftware.com/Support/.

City Commission to meet

The Pampa City Commission will meet 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, on the third floor of City Hall. The commission holds regular meetings open to the public the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. For more information, call 669-5750.-669-5750

Craft and hobby show

Meredith House is hosting a craft and hobby Show on Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. If anyone would like to display their talents to the community, please arrive 45 minutes early to set up. Call 806-665-5668 or 806-661-9111 to reserve your booth.

Loss-prevention workshop offered

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, the Pampa Chamber of Com-

merce is offering a "Stop Shoplifting and Other Retail Safety Tips Seminar" at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. This seminar will be presented by Officer Stormy McCullar of the Pampa Police Department. RSVP to Lori at the chamber by Wednesday, Nov. 28 with your preference of time by calling 806-669-3241.

Soup with Mrs. Claus

Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa is gearing up for its major fundraiser of the year. Soup with Mrs. Claus, which is fast becoming a Pampa tradition, will be Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. before the annual Santa Day Parade downtown.

The menu includes homemade potato soup or chili with Fritos or crackers and brownies. The star of the event is "Mrs. Claus," aka Mary McDaniel, the longest serving member of Pampa Altrusa Club. Sheila Winton will take the photos, or parents may bring their own camera. Photos are free, but a donation may be given.

Local artist displaying works

The White Deer Land Museum will have the Pampa Fine Arts Association Artist of the Year Exhibit open until Dec. 1. Artist Omajean Lewis will be displaying oils, water colors and photography. The museum is located at 116 S. Cuyler St. and the phone number is 669-8041.

Editor's note: Email submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

Schedule for Christmas on Main events, Dec. 1-2

Saturday, Dec. 1

8:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast With Santa at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard St., sponsored by Pregnancy Support Center.

8:30-9:30 a.m. Madeline Graves Christmas Dancers at Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

10 a.m. End of Nutcracker, Festival of Trees, Christmas tree viewing M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner, sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association. For more information, call 662-6777.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Holiday Bazaar at Community Christian School, 300 W. Browning Ave., Pampa Senior Citizens, 500 W. Francis St. (more sites may be added if needed.)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Walking Taco's M&S Specialty Foods, 120 N. Gray St.

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Soup with Mrs. Claus at Knights of Columbus, 318 N. Cuyler St., sponsored by Altrusa.

2 p.m. Lone Star Christ-

mas Parade.

3 p.m. Story and Craft Time at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 Houston.

3:30-5:30 p.m. Pictures with Santa by Shutterbug Photography, 207 N. Cuyler St.

7:30 p.m. Nutcracker Ballet at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

TBA. Lighting of the Tree at Gray County Court House, 205 N. Russell, sponsored by Downtown Business Association.

TBA. Jingle Bell Run, sponsored by Pampa High School Cheerleaders.

Sunday, Dec. 2

1-3 p.m. Festival of Trees, M.K. Brown Auditorium, sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts, tree viewing, cash prize for best gingerbread, awarded for judges favorite tree. For more information, call 662-6777.

Sunday all-day events

North Pole. Express direct Santa letter delivery at Victorian Rose.

Downtown Business Open House. Shop down-

town to receive tickets for drawing to be held Dec. 13.

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Activities provided throughout the day at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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For Hampton Inn call 806-669-1555 and ask for "Christmas On Main special."

For more information or if you have an event you'd like to have added to the schedule, call Pam Dalton at 665-0356.

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The malicious mangling of the Virgin Mary

A Christian can be crushed gazing at the picture of Mary standing at the foot of the cross, watching her beloved son suffocate and die. But in that vision, she stands there for hours, patiently enduring her suffering. For two millennia, she has been a role model for



BRENT BOZELL

Christians, a woman who practiced obedience in the most difficult of human circumstances, with fervent hope for what this sacrifice will offer all mankind as it struggles with sin.

This is why it seems so hard to reflect that vision of patience when black-hearted "artists" practice character assassination on the Blessed Virgin Mary to strip her of every virtue: her patience, her obedience, her courageous love and her prayerful faith in God. On Nov. 13, Simon and Schuster launched a vicious little 96-page novella titled "The Testament of Mary."

The author, an Irish ex-Catholic named Colm Toibin, presents us instead with a Bible-burning "re-imagining" of an alienated Mary who fled the scene of her son's death in fear for her own life. Two decades after the Resurrection -- or was there one? -- this anti-Mary is filled with bitterness and rage. She describes herself as "unhinged" and bubbling with contempt for her son's demented followers, to the extreme that she threatens the Gospel writers with a knife. She lives as a bandit, stealing to survive.

Her son's followers must be stopped from making Jesus a god, "or else everything that happened will become a sweet story that will grow poisonous as bright berries that hang low on trees." Toibin describes the scene of the crucifixion in mercenary terms: "It was like a marketplace, but more intense somehow, the act that was about to take place was going to make a profit for both seller and buyer."

Christ's disciples are "fools, twitchers, malcontents, stammerers," while her son's preaching sounded to her "false, and

his tone all stilted, and I could not bear to hear him, it was like something grinding and it set my teeth on edge."

There is no God in her father or her son. She proclaims of the death of Jesus only: "when you say that he redeemed the world, I will say that it was not worth it. It was not worth it."

Toibin's last book of literary criticism was titled "New Ways to Kill Your Mother." In this book, he murders the mother of God.

In a positive critique in The New York Times, reviewer Mary Gordon explained "The making of the Gospels is portrayed not as an act of sacred remembrance but as an invasion and a theft. The Evangelists -- which are they? Luke, perhaps, or John? -- are portrayed as menacing intruders, with the lurking shadowy presence of Stalin's secret police."

In our nation's most prestigious newspaper, an author and his feminist reviewer can conjure up the apostles of Christ as Stalinist torturers. But when a Danish newspaper published cartoons mocking the prophet Muhammad as a freedom-of-speech test in 2005, the Times would not show them as "a reasonable choice for news organizations that usually refrain from gratuitous assaults on religious symbols."

This is what Toibin's book is: a gratuitous assault on Christianity and its central drama of salvation. The Times reviewer recognized that and enjoyed it.

"Mary, the mother of Jesus, has given Christianity a good name. None of the negatives that have made Christianity a byword for tyranny, cruelty and licensed hatred have attached to her," Gordon began. "The problem with all this is that it has led to centuries of sentimentality -- blue and white Madonnas with folded hands and upturned eyes, a stick with which to beat independent women."

Charles found it refreshing this garbage bag of words "hasn't sparked outrage or boycotts -- a reassuring testament to the West's tolerance for such artistic license and Toibin's prominence. Some of us are a lot calmer nowadays about creative re-imaginings of sacred figures."

Be thankful for God's benefits plan

Thanksgiving is my favorite time of year. It's a time for family and friends. It's a time for fellowship and food (especially Mom's famous Italian cream cheese cake). Thanksgiving is also a time for reflection.

I found this quote in an article: "If you have food in your fridge, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than nearly 75 percent of the world." I also heard this: "If you have money in the bank, cash in your wallet and some spare change in your pocket, you are among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthy."

As we approach another Thanksgiving, I've been reading the Psalms because they remind me of the blessings of God. Psalm 103 is described as "God's Benefits Plan." It lists just a few of His benefits:

"Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits -- who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with

good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's". (Psalm 103:1-5)

Those are awesome benefits!



CHRIS ELY

You can't get those benefits from any retirement plan or 401(k). Only God provides such great blessings. God's benefits plan is all-inclusive. I'm thankful He forgives ALL my sins and heals ALL my diseases. He doesn't hold anything back. God will supply

ALL my needs (Philippians 4:19).

Another part of Psalm 103 tells about God's endless love and compassion for all who will come to Him and surrender their lives: "But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children -- with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts. I'm thankful God's love for

us never ends. His love for His children is constant through all generations. He will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

The last part of Psalm 103 reminds us again to praise the Lord for His benefits and says: "The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all." We've just come through a divided election and face uncertain times. But in this time of violence and confusion in the world today, we can still be thankful that God rules over all the earth.

I encourage you to count your blessings this Thanksgiving. And remember this final quote: "If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than many others who will not survive this week."

God bless and happy Thanksgiving!

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America's war on drugs sputters to an end

I'm going to make a bold prediction: America's War on Drugs is now officially over.



DIANE DIMOND

Oh, no one in Washington is going to make any sort of announcement to confirm this, but take it from me: Our four-decades-old

drug war strategy is now formally kaput. To be entirely honest, it has been sputtering along for years now accomplishing little and costing us upward of a trillion dollars.

Citizens in two states -- Washington and Colorado -- sealed the deal. They voted that marijuana should be legalized, no prescription or medical excuse needed. And not only is recreational pot smoking by adults legal in those two places now, but medicinal use of marijuana is already the will of the people in 18 other states and the District of Columbia.

President Obama's Justice Department still considers marijuana to be an illegal substance, and in the past, Attorney General Eric Holder has moved to shut down legally mandated medicinal clinics and to penalize those who use marijuana for health care. But in advance of this November's pro-pot votes, Holder issued none of the usual dire warnings about enforcement.

Perhaps Washington has quietly decided to join with what a majority of Americans think: that marijuana

should be legalized. The president is clearly driving this bus.

An article this past July in GQ magazine reported that Obama had a plan for his second term to move away from military wars and to "pivot to the drug war" here at home. The magazine said ever since his days as a state senator in Illinois, "Obama has considered the Drug War to be a failure." And during Obama's first run for the White House, he told an interviewer, "I think the basic concept of using medical marijuana for the same purposes and with the same controls as other drugs prescribed by doctors, I think that's entirely appropriate."

As soon as the newly passed laws are certified, it will be legal in Colorado for an adult to grow up to six pot plants and smoke it in the comfort of his or her own home or any other private location. In Washington, consumers will be able to buy marijuana from state-licensed providers.

Most important? The new laws to legalize, regulate and tax the weed are expected to either save or generate multiple millions of dollars for these states.

Once that happens, how long do you think it will take other cash-strapped states to follow this lead? That's right, probably not long at all. Marijuana money will go a long way toward helping states pay the bills.

Washington and Colorado will soon see their police officers unburdened from making picayune pot possession arrests. Their costly jail and prison populations will begin to dwindle. Their courts and prosecutors will finally get out from under the massive numbers of small-time drug-bust cases that clog the dockets and are so expensive. Everyone will be freed up to focus on much more serious matters of crime and justice.

The budget-balancing rewards of legalizing recreational pot will simply be too tempting for other states to ignore. If you doubt the new pot laws will have much of a financial impact, consider these facts:

Every 42 seconds, police make a marijuana arrest somewhere in America. That's according to Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), a group of police officers, judges, prosecutors and other criminal justice professionals who advocate the legalization of pot.

A recent FBI report concluded that 750,000 Americans were arrested on marijuana laws last year, almost 90 percent of them for mere possession of pot. With that many arrests, can you imagine how many more Americans smoke pot and just haven't been arrested?

The National Geographic Channel reports that at least 15 million U.S. citizens use marijuana at least once a month.

Once the positive economic reality of regulating and taxing marijuana becomes evident, how long do you think it will be before we start hearing serious talk about legalizing all street drugs? That's right, not long at all.

It is so logical, and yet I can just hear the knee-jerk protests from those spouting tired laments.

But teen-agers will get their hands on marijuana!

People high on pot will get behind the wheel and drive!

Smoking marijuana kills brain cells and causes other health problems!

Let's not kid ourselves.

Those things are already happening, and we've dealt with it. When pot is legalized, it doesn't mean existing laws are tossed out. There will still be statutes against smoking in public, illegal underage sales and use and driving under the influence. As for the health issues marijuana might cause? Well, I don't think the government should be in the business of regulating personal choice about what someone puts in their body.

I understand there is still the argument that smoking marijuana leads users to harder drugs like cocaine, meth or heroin. People prone to abuse their bodies with cigarettes and alcohol have been known to turn to other addictive substances. But the fact is, there are no conclusive scientific studies proving marijuana is a gateway drug.

One more point: If America -- no, I'll say when America -- legalizes marijuana, think of what that would do to the profit margin of the vicious drug cartels. The money made by criminal enterprises in foreign countries could stay right here in America if we just got our playbook straight.

What's lacking is definitive leadership from Washington. That's a shame, because this legalization train is moving down the tracks with or without the politicians.

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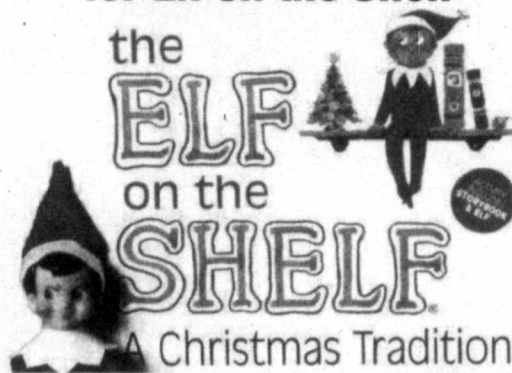
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Texas troopers out in force over Thanksgiving

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas troopers will be out in force during the Thanksgiving holiday period looking for drunken drivers and other highway safety violators. The Texas Department of Public Safety on Tuesday urged all travelers to use caution when driving, don't text while behind the wheel and wear safety belts. DPS during last year's Thanksgiving weekend arrested 393 people for driving while intoxicated, issued more than 7,400 speeding citations and handed out more than 900 safety restraint citations. AAA estimates nearly 3.3 million Texans will be on the road during the Wednesday through Sunday holiday period and most will travel in cars and other highway vehicles.

Trees

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Davis said hot chocolate and cookies are provided, and a tree ornament is given with each tree purchase. The trees are \$34, tax included, with \$5 from each sale going to a different charity each year. This year, Paint This Town Red will receive \$5 from each tree purchased. "Customers are also very generous and some donate extra to go the the orga-

nization," Davis said. "It is a fun time for me and my customers. I remember going and cutting our Christmas tree when I was young in the mountains near Albuquerque. I hope years from now my young customers remember coming to the tree farm and cutting their tree just outside of Pampa. Davis donates the tree used on the lawn of the Gray County Courthouse for the Christmas festivities downtown. To contact Davis, call 806-665-0123 or 806-663-9453.

Turkey

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"We're not even going," says Brian, who voted for Barack Obama, and describes his father as "a little to the right of Glenn Beck." Better to skip this one, he says, than suffer "a non-recoverable blowup." Davidson, a Boy Scout leader and the father of two school-age sons, once was firmly conservative, even serving as an officer in the Young Republicans Club at the University of North Alabama. His parents — particularly Dad — always taught him and his brother to think for themselves, he says. And so he did. Davidson eventually realized he no longer fit in with the Republican Party, which he saw as moving rightward, and now considers himself a political moderate with liberal positions on issues like

gay marriage and the legalization of marijuana — he supports both — and conservative positions on foreign and fiscal policies. Each Thanksgiving, Davidson typically loads up his family and makes the 130-mile drive to his parents' house. This year, Davidson will take the kids to wife Kim's family instead, but even that could be tricky: They are conservative as well. So Brian and Kim will try to avoid any topics that could lead, they say, to "an Obama rant" around the table. "Anything can cause it," Brian says. "We're just going to suck it up." For some families, it's not necessarily the presidential race that divided them. The Cox family in Colorado has long been split over the legalization of marijuana — ever since Diane Cox first caught her son, David, trying to smoke the drug when he was 14. David, now 31 and a peach farmer

in Palisade, Colo., has volunteered for years on efforts to legalize marijuana. Diane, meanwhile, has spearheaded several successful protests to ban medical marijuana dispensaries in nearby towns — even waving "BAN THE POT SHOPS" signs on the side of the road. Colorado's recent vote to legalize marijuana for recreational use again divided mother and son, who served as regional coordinator for the legalization campaign. Discussion of the vote is likely at the family Thanksgiving, but David Cox doesn't seem TOO worried. "I don't think awkward's the proper term. The proper term is more, dis-sentious," he says with a chuckle. After all, Cox says, some things are more important than politics. "They can see that I'm a successful, hardworking person," he says of his parents, "so they have absolutely nothing to say because I'm doing fantastic and they know it."

Generals

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been even more complex as fronts shift and Taliban fighters regain strength. "Rotating top commanders on an annual basis makes no management sense," Thomas E. Ricks, a senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, wrote in an opinion piece published recently in The New York Times. "Imagine trying to run a corporation by swapping the senior executives every year," he continued. "Or imagine if, at the beginning of 1944, six months before D-Day, Gen. George C. Marshall, the Army chief of staff, told Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme allied commander, that it was time to give someone else a chance to lead." Petraeus, a four-star general, took over the Afghan command in July 2010 to fill a void after Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal was fired because of scathing remarks about America's civilian leadership. McChrystal's predecessor, Gen. David McKiernan, was ousted on May 11, 2009, a year before his term as commander was set to end because newly elected President Barack Obama wanted a new war policy. He had succeeded Gen. Dan McNeill, who served in 2007-08. Petraeus completed a one-year term and retired to become CIA director in September 2011. He resigned Nov. 9 after he had an extramarital affair with his biographer. Allen, who also has four stars, is under investigation for thousands of alleged "inappropriate communications" he had with a Florida socialite also involved in the Petraeus case. Some analysts and former mili-

tary officers say that rotating generals so quickly creates a disconnect between the commanders and their Afghan allies, including the mercurial President Hamid Karzai. Commanders also have to deal with billions of dollars in funds and the complexities of handing over security to the Afghans by the end of 2014, including building an army and police of 352,000 almost from scratch. Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi, a spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of Defense, said the longer a NATO commander stays in the job, the more chance he has to really understand Afghanistan. "For us, an Afghan army corps commander should stay in his position for at least three years," he said. Jawed Kohistani, military analyst in Kabul, said he thinks a constant changeover of senior NATO commanders or Afghan military leaders hampers coordination of the two forces. Staying longer, he believes, allows a commander to know insurgents and their weaknesses. "It gives an opportunity for the enemy to use this gap — the time between the leaving of one commander and the arrival of another — to their advantage," Kohistani said. "There should be enough time for a NATO commander to get to know the Afghan president, vice presidents, security ministers and assess the situation. If he doesn't have enough time to do all these things, it has a negative effect on the security situation." Obama sped up the confirmation hearing last week for Gen. Joseph Dunford to become the 15th ISAF commander and replace Allen, who was to leave in the spring after 18 months at the helm for a new job as U.S. European Command chief and NATO supreme allied commander.

But Allen's confirmation has been postponed until an investigation into his role is concluded. There have also been about a half-dozen U.S. generals who only commanded American combat troops in the first years of the conflict. By comparison, the command tours of generals in Iraq "averaged almost twice as long as ISAF's," said Stephen Biddle, a professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University. Given the huge funds involved in the war effort, running the Afghan campaign has been as complicated as managing a multibillion dollar corporation. Anthony Cordesman, a national security expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the lack of continuity includes both the military and civilian presence in Afghanistan, including the State Department and other agencies. "What the Afghans see is constant change at every level," he said. "They constantly see people come and go. They have no reason to establish lasting relationships. People leave at the point where they're becoming most effective." He added that "this constant rotation is a problem everybody recognizes, but no one has really been willing to address." The Pentagon also has a number of senior leaders — ranging from the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and defense secretary to the commander of U.S. Central Command — who also play key roles in the war strategy and provide some continuity. "There is no doubt that the frequent changeover is tough. There is a learning curve each time a new man takes the helm," Cordesman said.



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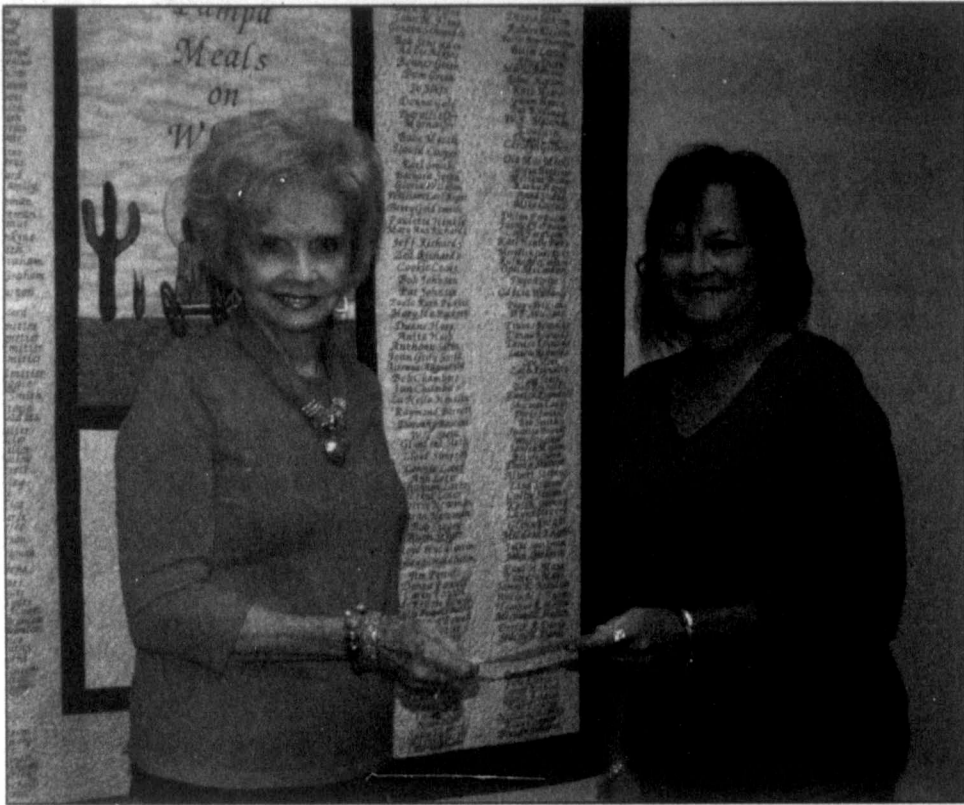


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Cindy Stegall, right, operations assistant for Chevron, presents a check for \$5,000 to Jeane Autry, director of Pampa Meals on Wheels. The money will assist in buying food ingredients for meals the organizations prepares for its clients. Along with donating to Meals on Wheels, the oil company through its Chevron Humankind Program donates to other local charities such as the United Way.

Lincoln document on sale in Philadelphia for \$900,000

By JOANN LOVIGLIO
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A document signed by President Abraham Lincoln ordering Union blockades of Confederate ports, marking the official start of the Civil War, is for sale.

The Raab Collection in Philadelphia said Tuesday it is selling the document, which it calls one of the most important in American history. The asking price is \$900,000.

Lincoln's proclamation is dated April 19, 1861 — a week after the first shots of the conflict were fired at South Carolina's Fort Sumter. After the Civil War ended in 1865, the U.S. Supreme Court in an opinion ascribed Lincoln's April 19 blockade order as the official beginning of the war.

"This action was bold and with great risk," said Nathan Raab, vice president of The Raab Collection. "Lincoln was aware that the blockading of ports was an act of war."

Some of the president's cabinet objected the move, saying it could be seen as a de facto recognition of the Confederate States of America as a sovereign nation because countries do not blockade their own ports. Lincoln, however, "was less interested in the legal defini-

tions of 'war' than in victory, and he approved it despite the objections," Raab said.

The document, which has been owned by a private collector who wishes to remain anonymous, was exhibited recently at museums including the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library in Springfield, Ill.

The single-page manuscript authorizes Lincoln's secretary of state to "affix the Seal of the United States to a Proclamation setting on foot a Blockade of the ports of the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas." The seal was affixed to the blockade proclamation announced that day, effectively declaring war on the Confederacy.

Between 1861 and 1865, the Union Navy blockade successfully crippled the Confederate economy by largely preventing the import of supplies and ammunition and the export of cotton and other trade goods to and from ports along 3,500 miles of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

The strategy, part of Gen. Winfield Scott's so-called Anaconda Plan, is seen by historians as a key factor in the Union's victory.

Obama sends Clinton to Mideast amid Gaza crisis

By JULIE PACE
Associated Press

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — President Barack Obama dispatched Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to the Middle East on Tuesday as the U.S. urgently seeks to end a conflict between Israel and Hamas that has killed more than 100 in the last week.

Clinton hastily departed for the region from Cambodia, where she had joined Obama for a summit with Asian leaders. The White House said she would make three stops, meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, Palestinian officials in Ramallah, in the West Bank, and Egyptian leaders in Cairo. Clinton was expected to arrive in Israel on Tuesday night and return to Washington late Wednesday or very early Thursday after making all three stops.

Clinton's trip marks the Obama administration's most forceful engagement in the conflict that has killed more than 100 Palestinians and three Israelis, with hundreds more wounded. While the U.S. has backed Israel's right to defend itself against rocket fire from Gaza, Washington has warned its ally against pursuing a ground assault that would further escalate the violence and could dramatically increase casualties on both sides.

Ahead of Clinton's arrival, Obama spoke by telephone for almost a half-hour with Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi, commending the Islamist leader's efforts to de-escalate tensions, said Ben Rhodes, deputy national security adviser. It was their third conversation in 24 hours.

Obama wants a diplomatic solution urgently because "there would be significant loss of life associated with further conflict," Rhodes told journalists traveling with the president from Cambodia to Japan.

In Washington, two diplomats familiar with confidential deliberations said Israel was considering a possible cease-fire but might hold off on a formal announcement un-

til after Clinton's arrival. They added, however, that Israel would stop its operations even without a formal truce, if rocket fire from Gaza ceased. The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly on the discussions.

Israel and Hamas both have said they're open to diplomatic mediation efforts being led by Egypt. Hamas officials signaled Tuesday that a deal was close.

Clinton isn't heading to the Middle East with any specific proposal to broker a peace deal, U.S. officials said. She'll reassure Israel it has full American support while urging it to limit civilian casualties, and she will press members of the Western-backed Palestinian government in the West Bank to influence its brethren in Gaza to halt the rocket fire.

In Cairo, Clinton will strike a similar note by reminding the Egyptian government of its peace obligations with Israel under a treaty they share, said officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to talk publicly about the matter.

Rhodes said the U.S. and Israel want to see the conflict ended "diplomatically and peacefully." But he said Washington understands the Jewish state's need for a "durable outcome that ends the rocket attacks on Israeli cities and restores a broader calm in the region" — a reference to Israel's concerns that its cease-fires with Hamas have become ever shorter in duration and increasingly tenuous.

Obama and Clinton have consulted about the widening crisis throughout their three-day tour of Southeast Asia, their final joint trip before Clinton leaves her

post as the top U.S. diplomat. They spoke again about the situation Tuesday morning, aides said, and made the decision for her to travel to the region. Still, it was unclear what impact Clinton's presence would have on the violence.

"There are a number of ideas that are in play," Rhodes said, but offered no further details. He insisted the ramped up U.S. involvement was "a matter of what's in everybody's best interests", not a matter of "leverage."

Obama and Clinton each have held multiple telephone calls with their counterparts in Israel and Egypt, which is at the center of negotiations to quell the violence. Because the U.S. considers Hamas a terrorist organization and prohibits contact between its members and American officials, it is relying on Egypt, as well as Turkey and Qatar, to deliver its message to the Hamas leadership in Gaza.

Hamas wants Israel to halt all attacks on Gaza and lift tight restrictions on trade and movement in and out of the territory that have been in place since Hamas seized Gaza by force in 2007. Israel demands an end to rocket fire from Gaza and a halt to weapons smuggling into Gaza through tunnels under the border with Egypt.

The widening conflict distracted from Obama's three-country tour of Southeast Asia, his first overseas trip after winning re-election. The president, after a marathon day that took him from Thailand to Myanmar to Cambodia, worked the phones with Mideast leaders into the early hours of Tuesday morning, aides said. He departed Cambodia later Tuesday, and was expected to arrive in Washington before dawn Wednesday.

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1950s SOCK HOP

See page 1B for more photos of the mini sock hop that was held Saturday at MK Brown Auditorium.



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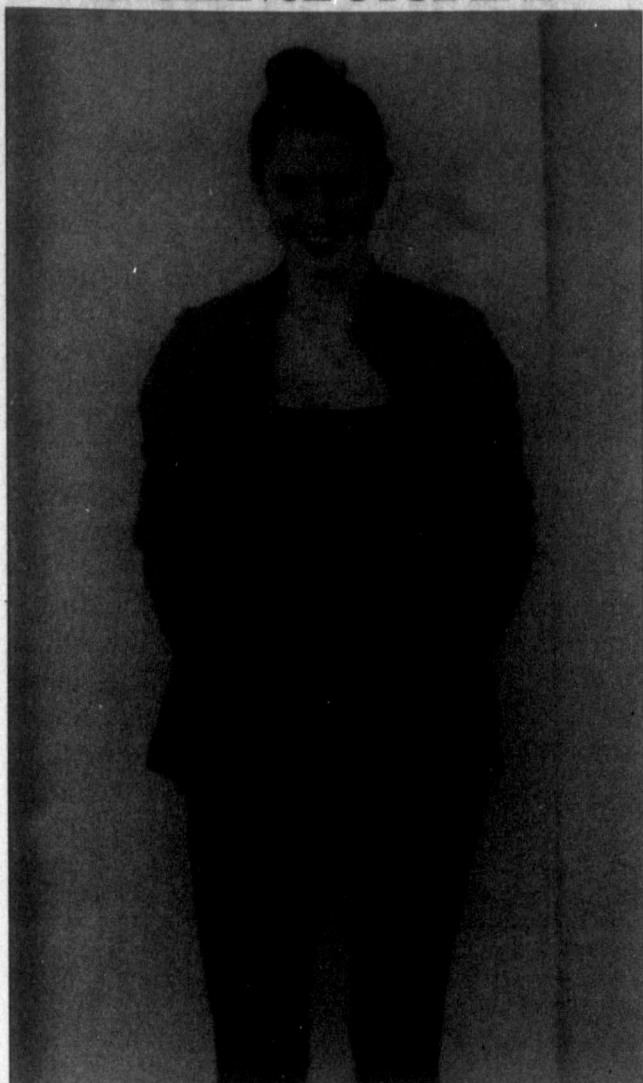


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BACK FOR A VISIT. Patrizia Niemann, Munich, Germany, is back in Pampa to visit her host family and friends from her 2010-11 exchange trip to Pampa. Neimann's favorite experiences were the time Pampa resident Lillith Brainard paid for a horse-trail ride, and homecoming where she received a mum and the prom. One of Neimann's fondest memories was how hot it was in America compared to Germany. Her host was Sharon Williams, who has hosted a total of nine foreign exchange students over the past few years. But due to state restrictions she no longer hosts any students. Neimann will be in Pampa until Dec. 1.

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Driver in Texas parade crash is an Army veteran

By **BETSY BLANEY**
 Associated Press

MIDLAND, Texas — A 50-year-old Army veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan was driving a parade float that investigators say edged across a railroad crossing in Texas despite warning signals of a fast approaching train, an attorney said Tuesday.

Four veterans were killed in the resulting collision in Midland on Thursday. Sixteen people were injured.

Dale Andrew Hayden was driving one of two flat-bed trucks carrying wounded veterans and their loved ones in the procession to honor the war heroes, said Hal Brockett, Hayden's attorney.

"Words can't express the sorrow and remorse for the people who got hurt and killed," Brockett said in an interview Tuesday.

Investigators say the float began crossing the train tracks even though warning bells were sounding and the crossing lights were flashing. A Union Pacific train travelling at more than 60 mph ran into the truck as the occupants scrambled to jump to safety.

Hayden, who has a military career spanning more than three decades, now works as a truck driver for Smith Industries, an oilfield services company. Brockett said the company placed Hayden on medical leave.

Hayden is "kind of catatonic" and not ready to be interviewed, Brockett said. "He's just very much in shock."

Doug Fletcher, a Dallas attorney representing Smith Industries, said Hayden is an Army reservist who has been driving for the company for two years and may have driven in the parade before.

Hayden is undergoing "professional counseling," Fletcher said. "He is beyond distraught."

Fletcher said the company is taking steps to protect the driver after he received "some hate emails."

No one responded to a knock on the door at a mobile home listed as Hayden's residence Tuesday.

Federal investigators on Tuesday planned to re-en-

act the events that led to the collision. Midland police also are investigating the crash but it's not clear what, or if, criminal charges will be filed.

"I really can't speculate as to what any charges might be," said the county's district attorney, Teresa Clingman, because the police "investigation is not complete."

According to the National Transportation Safety Board, the railroad crossing warning system was activated 20 seconds before the accident, and the guardrail began to come down seven seconds after that.

Some Midland residents have said there isn't enough time between when the signal begins and the trains arrive. They say guardrails aren't completely down by the time a train comes by.

The Union Pacific freight train heading to Louisiana was estimated to be going at 62 mph at the time of the crash.

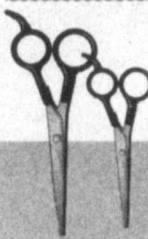
The veterans had been invited to Midland, a transportation and commerce hub in the West Texas oilfields, for a three-day weekend of hunting and shopping in appreciation of their service. A local charity, Show of Support, had organized the trip, parade and other festivities.

Killed were Marine Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gary Stouffer, 37; Army Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Boivin, 47; Army Sgt. Joshua Michael, 34; and Army Sgt. Maj. William Lubbers, 43.

Hayden began his military career as an active-duty soldier from 1980 to 1988. He did two stints in the Oklahoma National Guard in the 1990s before signing up again for the Army Reserve in December 2003, according to Army records. He served in Iraq until March 2005 and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2009 until the following September.

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He says the fawns stayed in the store's vestibule, but their mother made it into the store and headed toward the back.

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After reliving her "Summer Nights," Sandy is heartbroken when she is rejected by Danny's macho ego brought on by his fellow T-Birds. She eventually finds comfort in her new neighbor Frenchy and the other Pink Ladies. Throughout the course of the school year, love inevitably wins as Danny, Sandy and the rest of the gang reunite.



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Old Rival TCU, becomes new again for Texas

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas has a new rival, or make that an old one.

With the breakup of the annual Texas-Texas A&M rivalry after more than 100 years, the No. 18 Longhorns will face Big 12 newcomer TCU on Thanksgiving night in a renewal of an old Southwest Conference grudge match.

And the Longhorns (8-2, 5-2) acknowledged Monday that not having the Aggies to knock heads with anymore feels kind of weird.

"I miss it a lot," senior free safety Kenny Vaccaro said. "I wish we could play them one more time."

Although the Longhorns and Aggies could still meet in a bowl, the annual rivalry ended last season, Texas A&M's last in the Big 12. Texas won the last game 27-25 on a last-second field goal.

"We ended it the way we needed to end it," junior strong safety Adrian Phillips said.

Texas has played on Thanksgiving 75 times dating to 1895, including 64 games against the Aggies. Texas wanted to keep its holiday game tradition and the Big 12 served up TCU this year.

The Horned Frogs (6-4, 3-4) are one of Texas' oldest rivals even though the teams have met just once since the breakup of the old Southwest Conference in 1995. Texas and TCU have played 82 times, making it the fifth-most played series in Texas history.

Texas coach Mack Brown said he was

sorry to see the rivalry with A&M disappear, but he's glad the Longhorns still get to play a Texas-based team on Thursday.

"Realignment has changed traditions, its changed history, which I don't like," Brown said. "I'm really excited we're playing an old Southwest rival that has really done a great job in the BCS the last few years. The same people will watch this game that were going to watch A&M. Fans will be excited about it."

The annual team dinner was renamed from the "Aggie Supper" to the "Senior Supper" to send off the senior players before their last home game. Also, Texas hosts an annual nighttime "Hex Rally" before the A&M game, a tradition that started in 1941. The school still planned to hold a rally to put the hex on TCU.

"We asked a lot of students and players and they were just about unanimous that they wanted to keep that tradition," Brown said. "It puts the hex on the opponent regardless of the opponent, no matter who it is. Our fans and the TCU fans will be excited."

Texas dominated the old series with the Horned Frogs 61-20-1.

Texas junior guard Mason Walters predicted Texas fans will embrace the "new" rivalry, even if it's just for one Thanksgiving game. Walters said he's already heard from some "much older" players and fans who remember the heyday of the Horned Frogs-Longhorns rivalry in the SWC.

"They're talking about TCU," Walters said. "It means something to them."

The PAMPA NEWS Sports Briefs

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- Pampa Varsity boys Fantasy of Lights tournament v. Burkburnett 11:30 a.m.
- Pampa Varsity boys Fantasy of Lights tournament with a win 8 p.m.
- Pampa Varsity boys Fantasy of Lights tournament with a loss 5 p.m.

SATURDAY NOV. 24

- Pampa Varsity boys Fantasy of Lights tournament game times TBD

MONDAY NOV. 26

- Pampa 7th & 8th boys v. River Road 5 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.
- Pampa 7th & 8th girls @ River Road 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Pampa 9th girls @ Palo Duro 6 p.m.
- Pampa 9th boys v. Borger 6 p.m.
- Lefors Jr. High @ Follett

TUESDAY NOV. 27

- Pampa Varsity girls v. San Jacinto 6:30 p.m.
- Pampa JV girls v. San Jacinto 5 p.m.
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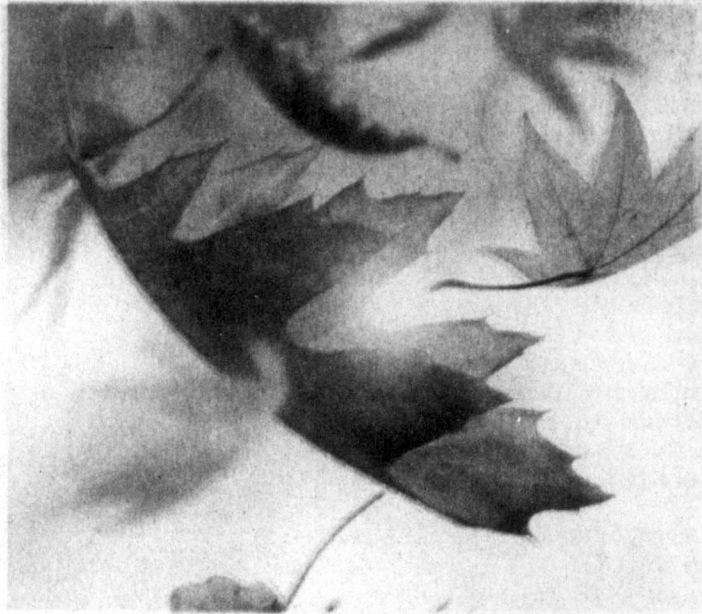
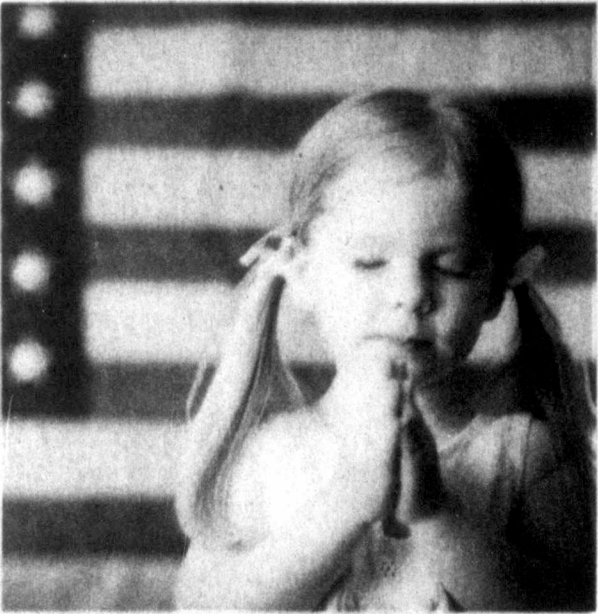
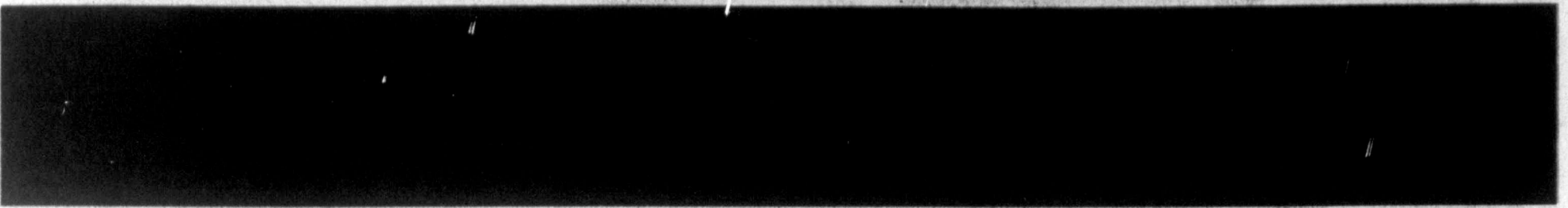
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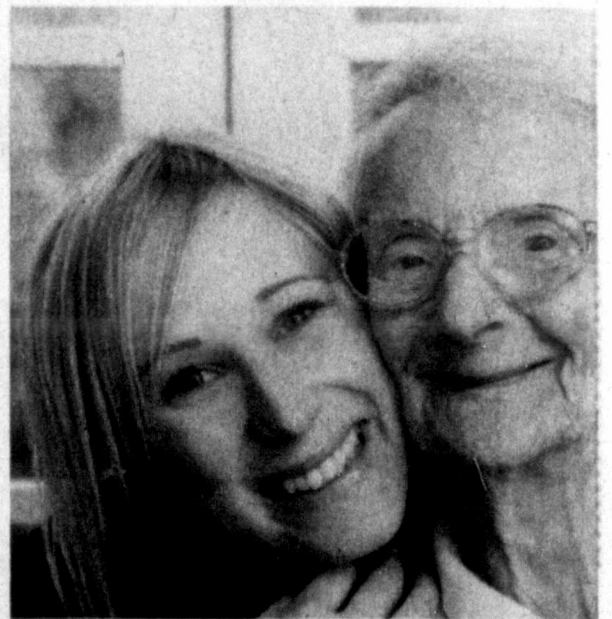
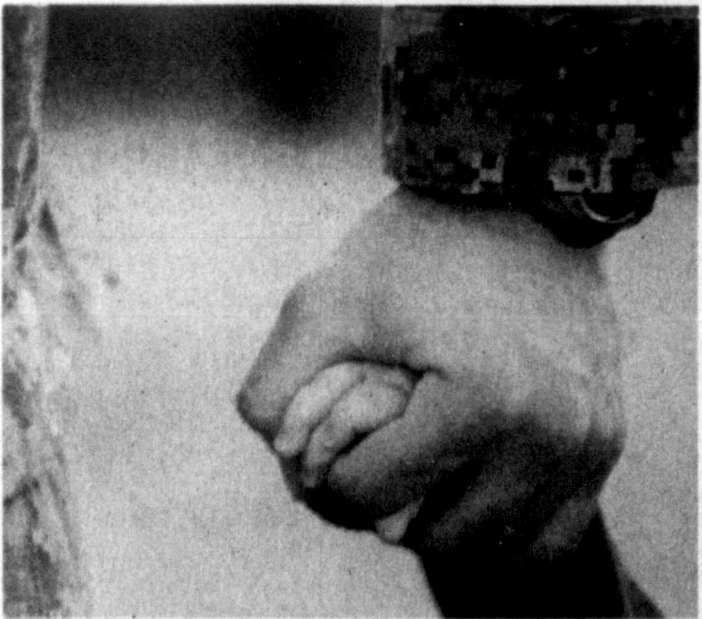
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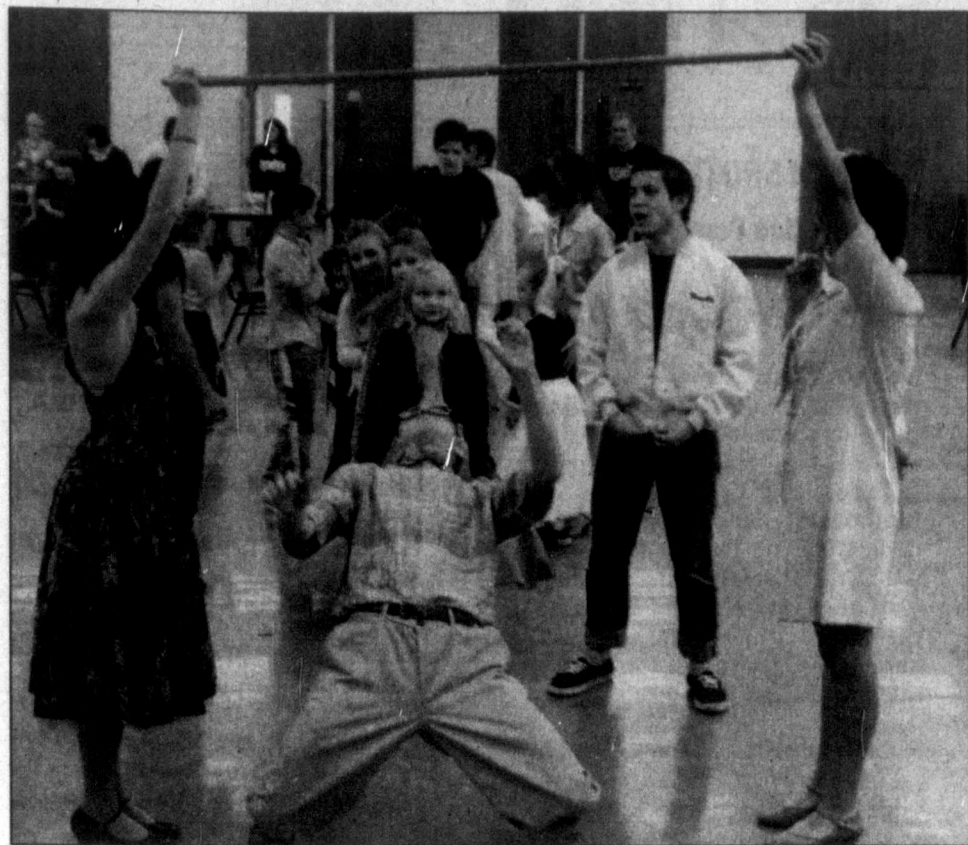


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1950s SOCK HOP AT M.K. BROWN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM



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Nick Nelson doing the "limbo" with the kids. He played "Eugene" during the Grease musical.



Above photo, Logan Turley, Doody, Madyson Powell, red skirt, Luckie Hughes, yellow skirt, Riley Garrison, black skirt, and Jazmyn Langley, pink skirt.

Children 5th grade and under were invited to meet the "Grease" cast at a mini sock hop on Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. The cost was \$15, and included a hot dog, chips, Coke float and a ticket to one of the performances. The special event was enjoyed by all.

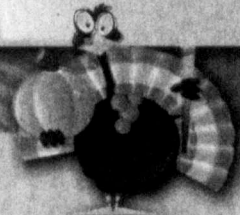
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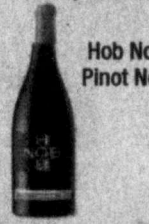


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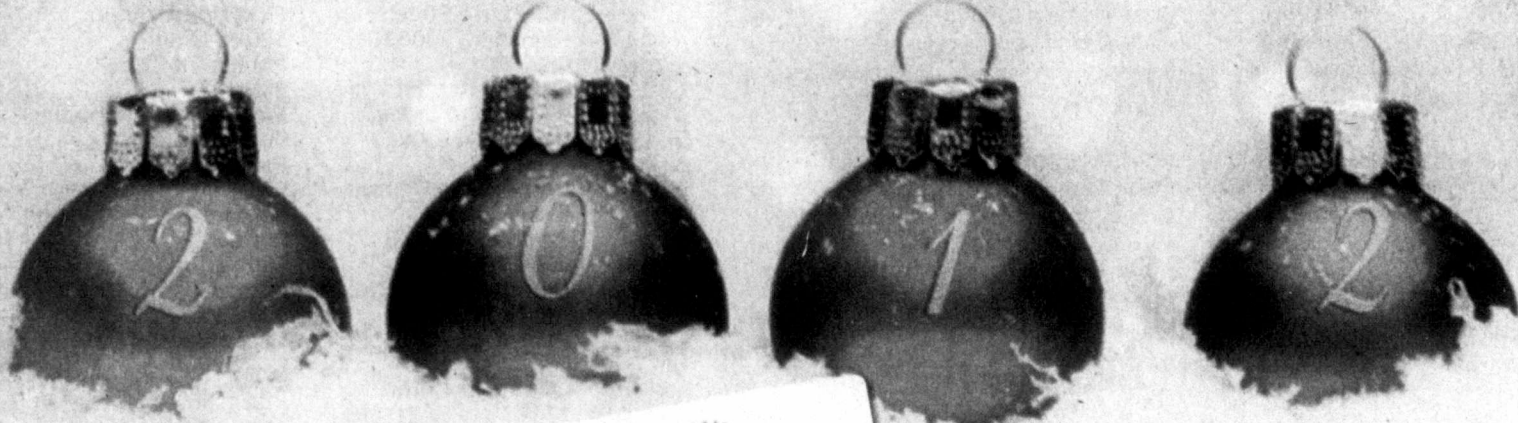
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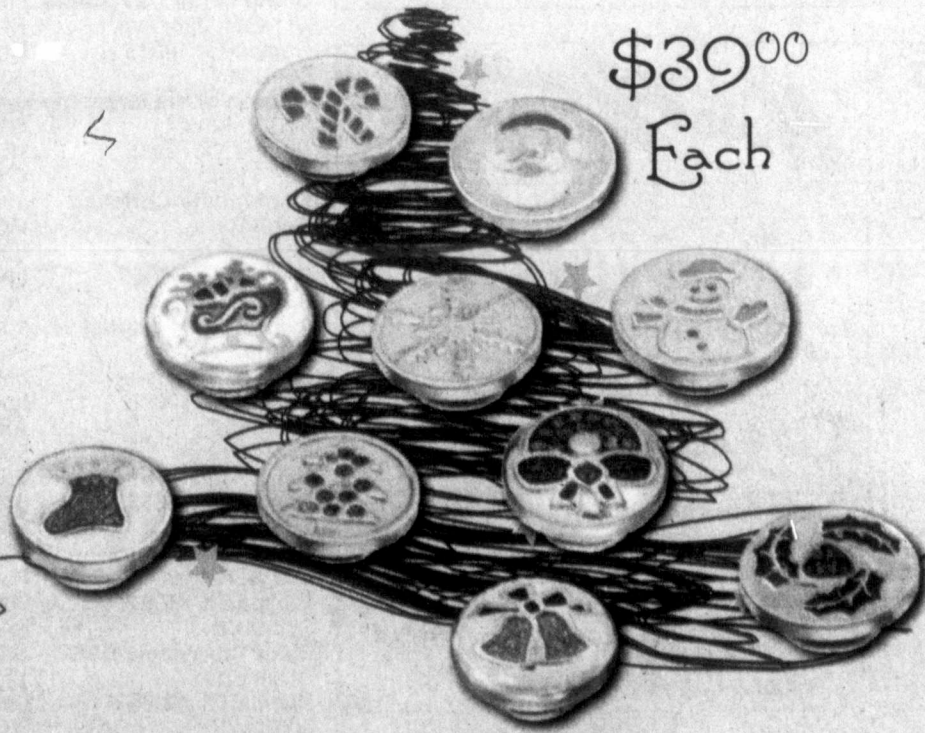
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Andy, Opie and parenting

I got to see my very favorite episode of the "Andy Griffith Show" yesterday and it reminded me of just how far our culture has drifted from some of life's basic truths. The television station was having an Andy Griffith marathon because of his recent death. The title of the program was: Opie the Birdman. It was the very first episode in season 4, airing for the first time on Sept. 30, 1963.



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In the show Barney helped Opie make an old-fashioned slingshot. Andy warned his son to be careful. Opie assured his pa that he would only shoot at "tin cans and stuff." For a while Opie was content with "pretend" shooting (no ammo) at people and other outdoor targets. Then suddenly he noticed something in a tree in his front yard. He picked up a rock, took aim and shot. Opie was stunned to see a bird fall to the ground. At first, Opie refused to believe the bird was dead. He tried to help it fly away; even pleaded. But when he realized that he had killed the bird, he was devastated; ran inside to his room in tears. At supper he finally breaks down and runs again to his room in tears. Andy figured out what had happened earlier in the day and followed Opie to his room.

Now if that show was shot in Hollywood today here is how the storyline would go. Andy would knock on Opie's door and ask for permission to enter. If Opie replied NO, then Andy would plead with Opie to let him enter or he would try to talk to Opie from the hallway. If Opie let him enter, Andy would immediately sit on Opie's bed and begin to pat him and comfort him and tell him that he shouldn't feel so bad because he was just a little boy and didn't know any better. To help Opie through this devastating ordeal Andy would then take Opie out for ice cream. And that would be that.

However, the original episode went a little differently. Andy opened Opie's door and entered the room without asking permission. He then stood straight up with his hands in his pocket and said, "Let's have it. You know what I'm talking about. Now hand it over." Opie reached under his pillow and handed his dad the sling shot.

Then Andy sternly asked, "You killed that bird, didn't you? Didn't you? You remember me telling you to be careful with this thing?" Opie tearfully apologized. Then Andy even more sternly says, "Well that won't bring that bird back to life. Being sorry is not the magic

word that makes everything right again." Opie then asked if he was going to get a whipping. Andy responded, "No. I'm not gonna give you a whipping." He then walked over to Opie's bedroom window and opened it. "Do you hear that? That's those young birds chirping for their mama that's never coming back. Now, you just listen to that for a while." And then without another word, or a hug or a pat or any kind word, Andy walks out of the room and closes the door.

In our modern culture that is called child abuse by many; at least hurtful and mean by most. Today Andy would be the villain of the story and poor Opie would need someone to reassure and comfort him, maybe even professional counseling. Some would even say that Opie needed to be delivered from his mean old pa by someone who understood how to love a child properly. Our modern culture has wandered so far from so many basic truths that most folks can't even recognize a golden nugget story when it is right in front of the eyes.

You see, Andy adored his son, but wasn't just trying to make Opie feel good on that one evening; he had more important things on his mind. He was trying to raise a little boy into a strong, decent man. He realized that individual accountability, even when it is a little boy, is one of the most important lessons that must be learned and the sooner the better.

So what horrible psychological damage did that mean old pa inflict on poor little Opie? The next morning Opie had worked through the pain of his guilt and decided that since he took those little bird's ma, then he needed to be their ma. He began to feed them and water them and protect them from the neighbor's cat. He even named them: Winkin, Blinkin and Nod. Eventually the birds get big enough that he had to learn another tough lesson: he had to set them free.

Please don't forget the Andy Griffith Show. It was from a time with lots of problems, but those times had a few things right - as straight as an arrow. Back then most parents realized that their job was to raise children into strong, decent adults. And they understood that that wouldn't happen if everything was always nice and sweet and soft. Today there are very, very few who understand this basic truth of life.

If there aren't some hard times with some hard consequences, there won't be many strong children ready to become strong, decent adults. And handing over the future to soft, weak adults is truly a scary thing to consider. God help us. And Lord, thanks for Andy and Opie.

God bless. Mike

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Consecration Service

The Consecration Service for the newly completed building project of First United Methodist Service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 10:30 a.m. Due to unforeseen events, this special day was delayed for several weeks from its original date to ensure that the building is completed and ready for use. The people of First United Methodist Church look forward to dedicating the facility to the work of the Lord. Special music, guest speaker Rev. Paul Bauernfeind and a tour of the new facility will be offered to celebrate God's faithfulness throughout this project. All are welcome.

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Visitors are welcome beginning Saturday, Nov. 17 through Sunday, Nov. 25. On Mondays through Saturdays, the exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 18, and Sunday, Nov. 25, the exhibit will be open from noon to 6 p.m.

Contributions are \$5 per person, or \$20 for families of four or more. For more information call 669-3225.

Ala. church ruined in tornado plans to rebuild

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — More than a dozen churches in Tuscaloosa were damaged by the April 27, 2011, tornado — some of them beyond repair.

One of those churches — Alberta Baptist — took a step toward coming back on Sunday as members celebrated the construction of their new church with a groundbreaking ceremony. The new church, which will be slightly smaller than the original, will be built back at the same location on University Boulevard in Alberta.

"I remember two days after the storm, CNN was here and the reporter asked us what our plans were," said the church's pastor, Larry Corder. "I

told her we would rebuild. That although the building was gone, God's people were still here."

The church has served as a "beacon of light" in the Alberta community since 1921, Corder said.

"We feel this is home to our mission," Corder said.

Although the church has worshipped in Northport at Open Door Baptist for the past 18 months, the church congregation never stopped serving its community. For the first four months after the tornado, the church set up a help tent in its parking lot, giving aid to those in need.

Even now, a year and a half later, the tent is still in place to help others two days a week.

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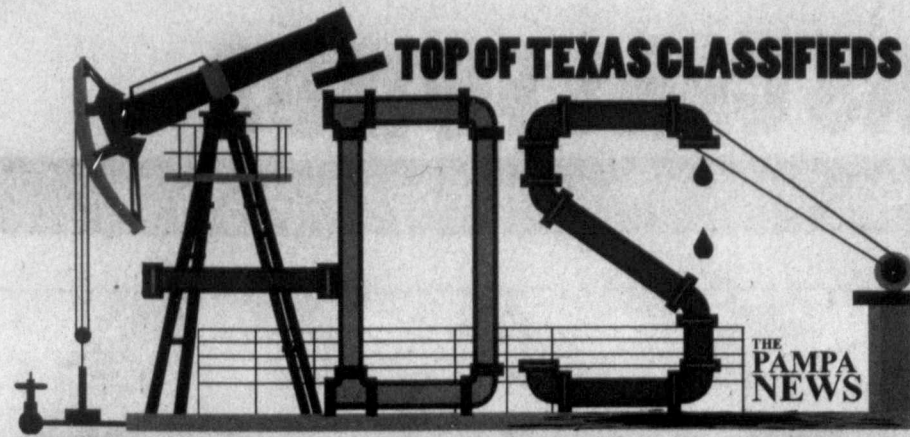
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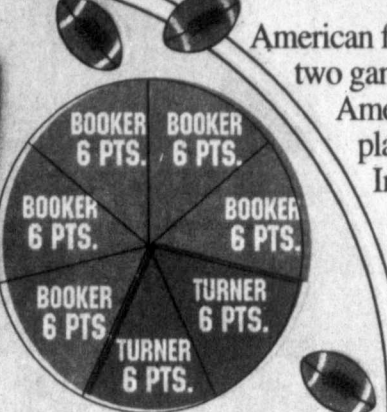
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Kid Scoop Together: FUNNY FILLER

Ask a friend to give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read your silly story aloud.

FOOTBALL!



American football, a sport that grew out of two games – soccer and rugby – is an American favorite. It is popular to play and to watch on television. In fact, football is one of the most-watched sports in America.

FROZEN FANS

The coldest game in National Football League history was the Dec. 31, 1967, game between the Green Bay Packers and the Dallas Cowboys. The temperature on the field was -13°F (-10.5°C) with a wind chill factor of -46°F (-7.7°C)! This championship game earned the nickname, “The Ice Bowl.”

A FOOTBALL FRACTIONS

Last week, Ready Readers wide receiver Mark Booker scored 30 points. Running back Page Turner scored 12 points, giving the team a total of 42 points. What fraction of the points did Booker score? What fraction of the points did Turner score?

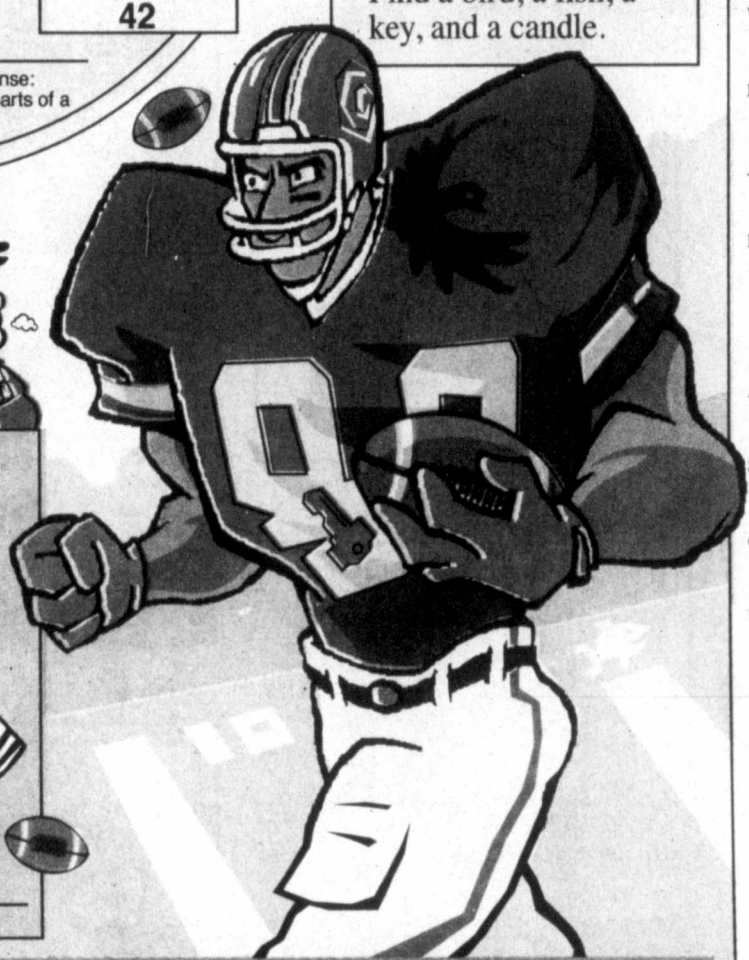
BOOKER
42

TURNER
42

Standards Link: Number Sense: Students know fractions refer to parts of a whole.

The name **football** is also used for team sports played in other parts of the world. The game called **soccer** in the United States is called football in most countries.

What’s hiding in the picture of the football player? Find a bird, a fish, a key, and a candle.



Can you find the two identical football fans?



C WHO WON THE GAME?

The Number Crunchers and the Ready Readers both played their best. The score was close! Add up the numbers on the jerseys for each team. Write the winning score on the large football jersey.

	1ST QUARTER	2ND QUARTER	3RD QUARTER	4TH QUARTER	WINNING SCORE:
NUMBER CRUNCHERS	7	10	14	10	
READY READERS	21	3	6	7	

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 50.

E FOOTBALL FUNNIES

How many silly things can you find in this picture?



TOUCHDOWN!

Race to the end zone as you complete each activity on today’s page! Can you make a touchdown?

Look through the sports section and find the scores of football games played. Make a math problem with the scores.

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: make decisions about how to set up a problem.

G COLOR THE SPACES

What’s the most important thing on a football player’s mind?

2	6	4	2	4	6	6	4	2	8	2	6	2	6	4	8	4	8	4	4	6	8
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Color each space with an even number **YELLOW**. Then color each odd-numbered space **BLUE** to discover the answer.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

How many footballs can you find on this page? What fraction are being carried by a football player?

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week’s Kid Scoop stories and activities.

FOOTBALL
FROZEN
FRACTIONS
TEAMS
SCORES
READERS
TOUCHDOWN
SPORT
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ZONE
DALLAS
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R A R O B C A L N O
L D F J E R S E Y R
Z N W O D H C U O T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Football Frenzy

This season, the _____ CITY NAME played the _____ PLURAL NOUN in a crazy football game. Instead of a football, they used a _____ NOUN. Throwing it was difficult, so they soon replaced it with a _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN. That wasn’t much better. After the kick-off, the players all began to _____ VERB out of the stadium. Fans of each team ran onto the _____ NOUN as the referees blew whistles loudly. Someone tackled a _____ and another person _____ NOUN ran with a _____ NOUN into the end zone. The crowd cheered.

By the end of the day, a _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN, a _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN and a _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN had been used as footballs. No one knew what the score was, but as people began to _____ VERB home, all agreed it was a truly _____ ADJECTIVE game!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

Kid Scoop-doku™
Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **COUNT** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Rate That Story
Select an interesting story from the newspaper and devise a rubric or a scale of 1 to 5 to rate it. Is there a good headline? Are there supporting details? Does it have a good conclusion? Survey classmates to compare your results.

Standards Link: Writing: Evaluate writing.

Why is someone who borrows money but does not pay it all back like a football player?

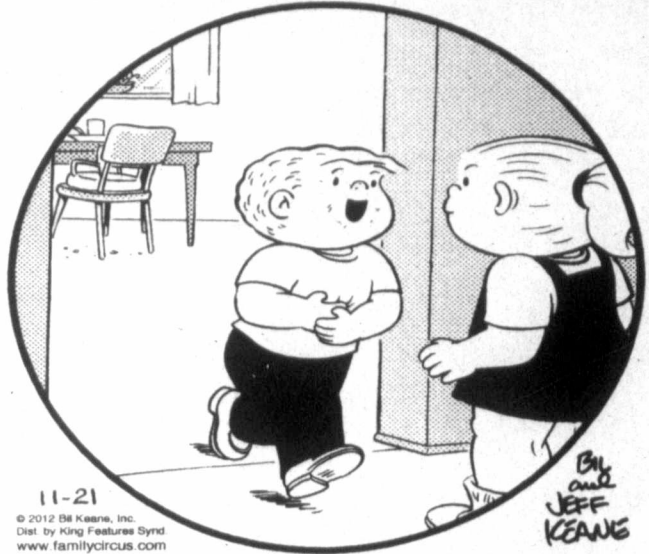
ANSWER: Because sometimes he gives you a quarter back and sometimes a half back.

Write On!

IT HAPPENED AT HALFTIME
During halftime, the most amazing thing happened! Finish this story.

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"I'm not eatin' as much today because I'm planning on overeatin' tomorrow."

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012:
This year you are full of get-up-and-go, and you might be difficult to stop. Let more spontaneity in. If you are single, be careful when deciding to commit, as one person you meet could be emotionally unavailable. Take your time getting to know others. If you are attached, the two of you might love your time alone where you start acting like new lovers. Make sure you have those special times together. ARIES knows how to trigger you, but also how to energize you.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ By midday, you could experience a change in your mood and energy, and your empowered self will emerge. As a result, you might be asked to handle a confusing matter. You will make the right decision if you can detach from the situation. Tonight: Get into some holiday music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You know what you need to act on this morning. Even if you are confused, you will come up with a good result. In the afternoon, you might be confronted by someone's hesitancy. Do some fact-gathering over turkey dinner. Tonight: Feeling very satisfied.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Someone you care about is demanding, and you will respond accordingly. Trust your judgment when others are spinning their wheels. Your softer side emerges. Follow your instincts when dealing with family and friends. Tonight: Watch a game together.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your ability to pull away from emotional content could define your Thanksgiving. You need to see the big picture in order to sort through an apparent problem. You might be surprised at what you perceive when you're not triggered. Tonight: Someone appreciates you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A partner does everything he or she can to make your path easier. Choose to be spontaneous, and you naturally will get into the mood of the day. At the same time, you could be drawn to the unexpected or unusual. Tonight: Listen to someone's whispers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
HHH Defer as much as you can to someone else. You often could be confused by this person, yet ultimately his or her caring comes through one way or another. A partner knows exactly which way to go with an investment or security-related matter. Tonight: Dinner could go late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You get a lot done very quickly, as long as you remain focused. Your imagination tends to drift. To stop your mind from wandering, you might want to touch base with a loved one at a distance. Sitting on feelings rarely works. Tonight: Play it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your imagination affects nearly everything you do today, even banal conversations. You add cleverness to any question or conversation you have. Spend quality time with a loved one and/or a child. Make more time for this person. Tonight: Decide "yes" or "no" to Black Friday spending.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Don't worry if you are slow to start once more, as you will be energized as soon as you smell some turkey. You know what to do — follow that unusual or unique idea. Understand what is happening with a child or loved one. Share more of your feelings. Tonight: Ever playful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to focus on what is going on with your friends and family. Though work might be on your mind, you want to support those close to you. Stay sensitive to their needs. Make plenty of fun time for loved ones. Tonight: A long-overdue visit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be aware of your own sensitivities, which might be pushing you away from your core values. Sometimes you don't realize how strong your inner agenda is. Keep conversations going and stay open to others' ideas. Tonight: Share with friends and partake in the holiday spirit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Use the early part of the day to push a prime objective ahead. You might want to touch base with your inner voice once more before going out on a limb. Do not forget a friend or family member at a distance. Make an important call. Tonight: Your treat.

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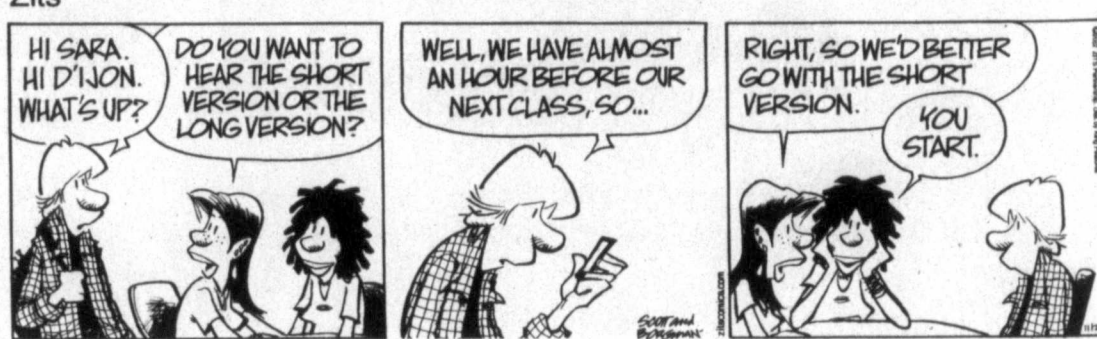
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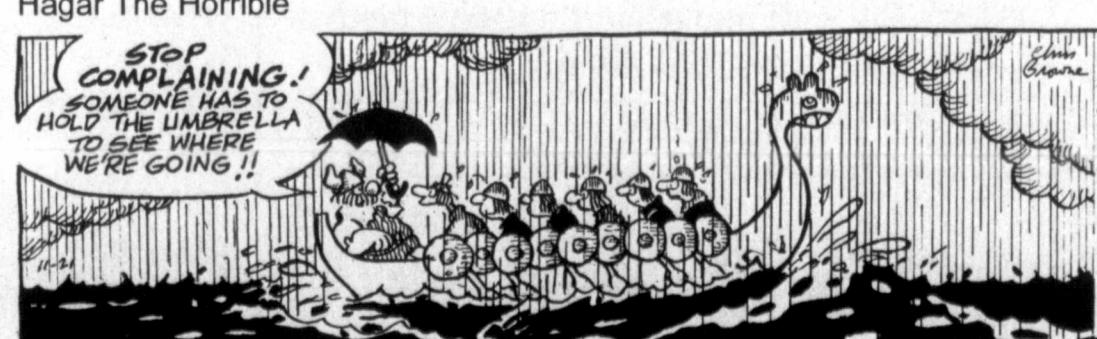
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"Did the pilgrims play football with their kids before Thanksgiving dinner too, Daddy?"

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Nov. 23, 2012:

This year you often become angry and frustrated if you feel that others are not being as sensitive as you would like them to be. Recognize that you are more dynamic than in past years. People could be taken aback by this new strength and energy. If you are single, you have many admirers circling around you. You might discover that the person you choose to relate to is volatile. Give yourself time to decide who is right for you. If you are attached, try not to be controlling. You cannot change your significant other, no matter what you do. Accept that fact, and there will be more understanding between you. ARIES can make you smile at the drop of a hat.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Someone might not have adjusted to your new spirited, spontaneous self. By doing the unexpected, you irritate this person and cause him or her to question the status quo. Stay level and refuse to respond to his or her reaction, and you both will be better off. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Stand back and rethink a personal situation. You could be trying to absorb sudden insights, which might be uncomfortable. By detaching some, you will get yet a different perspective. Realize the implications of trying to control a situation. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ If you can, the wise move would be to steer clear and not get involved in controversy. Your depth and ability to move past an immediate problem will play an important role. A partner or loved one could be enmeshed in an upsetting situation. Tonight: Find your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take a stand, whether you are comfortable doing so or not. Someone who has clout could be very challenging. You do not need to play into this person's power play. You simply must support yourself in what you want. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to others. You might be overwhelmed by someone's strong drive. This person could de-

liver surprising news of a different variety each time you meet up. Reorganize your day in the best way possible. Tonight: Reach out to someone at a distance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with people in general on a one-on-one level. Brainstorm away. Use your creativity to the max, and know what you want. A child or new friend could capture your interest. Opportunities emerge from your ingenuity. Tonight: Meet up with a loved one for dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, as everyone around you seems to have a very clear idea of what he or she wants. Loosen up and relax with a friend or two, and get into a game while others are out shopping. A family member could be testy. Tonight: Just go along with someone's plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Move forward with a project or choose to join a friend this Black Friday. You could get a lot done quickly and efficiently by working together. Call a partner if you are unsure about a purchase. Tonight: Could go into the wee hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ As you set out to do some Christmas shopping, allow your creativity to emerge. You could be overwhelmed by everything you have to do. Nothing can ease the pressure like diving right in, but remember to maintain your budget. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ The unexpected occurs close to home. You might not be able or want to handle everything that comes down your path. After a while, you might decide to make a run for it, whether it's to join a friend or simply to get away from the uproar. Tonight: Make a to-do list.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be busy, as you start in on some holiday errands. You could be overwhelmed by everything you have to do. At the same time, you are working through some intense feelings from a different situation. Let your lighter side emerge. Tonight: Hang with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Curb a need to be possessive by worrying less about others. You might suddenly encounter the perfect gift for a certain someone. Don't hesitate to get it. A friend could become controlling or touchy at the last minute. Tonight: Take the action back to your pad.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 24-year-old daughter and 21-year-old son work as banquet servers at a local country club. Many of the receptions at which they serve include guests consuming large amounts of alcohol.

If an intoxicated male guest made suggestive comments to my daughter or touched her, he would be asked to leave the facility. But what is my son supposed to do when an intoxicated woman, usually much older than he, pinches his backside and makes inappropriate comments or "invitations"?

My son isn't a prude. His sense of humor allows

him to "laugh it off," but it happens often and he is becoming annoyed. In fact, he'll say, "Mom, it's pretty gross!" Abby, what are these women thinking? What should he do to promote self-respect but not cause an uncomfortable atmosphere for himself and the guests? — CURIOUS MOM IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR MOM: The employee protection rules are no different for males than they are for females. What your son should do first is document the incidents with dates, times and the women involved. He should then report their behavior to the banquet supervisor at the country club. I'm sure

the person in charge will want to know, because if the sexual harassment isn't stopped, it could result in a very embarrassing — and possibly costly — lawsuit against the club.

DEAR ABBY: I recently began dating a widowed co-worker. We are both private people and we have kept our personal lives out of the workplace. Only our close friends at work know we are dating.

The issue we now face is the office gossip queen has spotted us out and about, and is asking all our friends about whether or not we're dating. We barely know this woman and don't care much for her. How do I politely respond when people start asking me about my boyfriend?

I'm concerned that if I tell them we're seeing each other, I'll be treat-

ed differently because he had been widowed only a short time. I have spent my entire life avoiding the drama machine, and now I'm afraid I'll be thrown onto center stage. Please help me. — DRAMA-FREE MOUSE

DEAR MOUSE: Face it, your secret is out. If you prefer not to discuss your private life, all you have to do is say so to those who question you out of curiosity.

But why are you afraid that you'll be treated differently? Whether your co-worker's wife died two weeks or two months ago, he is available. Widowers have told me that women have approached them within DAYS of their wives' funerals. You're acting like you feel guilty for being happy. For both of your sakes, please stop feeling like you're doing

something wrong.

DEAR READERS: I am pleased to offer the traditional Thanksgiving Prayer that was penned by my dear mother, Pauline Phillips. No Thanksgiving would be complete for me without it.

Oh, Heavenly Father, We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service,

That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

LOVE, ABBY

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed in the grid. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the 15 tiles for each grid.

LEVEL

C F H M P N U
E A N O R S T R

T M F

BANANA BITE: Animal pocket

BANANA BITE: Mixes thoroughly

Yesterday's Answer: 1-4; 2-7; 3-5; 6-8

BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of 11 tiles below contains one common five-letter word and one common six-letter word. The letters of the five-letter word are adjacent, but not in order. Find them and rearrange them to spell a word. Rearrange the six remaining letters to spell the second word.

LEVEL

Y H O E H D T I W P O

T K J R W A R O I E N

Yesterday's Answer: FIAT HORN FEAR T R U N P O U C H E N S

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

5	2	7	3	9	8	6	1	4
1	8	9	7	4	6	5	3	2
4	3	6	2	5	1	7	9	8
9	4	2	1	6	7	8	5	3
3	1	8	9	2	5	4	6	7
6	7	5	8	3	4	9	2	1
8	9	4	6	1	3	2	7	5
2	5	1	4	7	9	3	8	6
7	6	3	5	8	2	1	4	9

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Level: Intermediate

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

1	5	2	7	4	9	6	8	3
4	8	7	3	5	6	1	2	9
9	6	3	8	1	2	7	4	5
5	9	8	4	2	7	3	1	6
6	7	1	9	8	3	4	5	2
2	3	4	5	6	1	9	7	8
8	4	6	1	3	5	2	9	7
3	1	9	2	7	8	5	6	4
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Level: Intermediate

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Cave sound
- Setting items
- Steel ingredient
- Cry of discovery
- The Eternal City
- Did book work
- Ram's mate
- Yale students
- Printer's need
- Sailor, in slang
- "Dr. Who" baddie
- Steak choice
- Shepard in space
- Shade trees
- Tourist stop
- Crosses creeks
- Take in
- Really dug
- Song for two
- Set ablaze
- Current unit
- Grow dim
- Pub workers
- Article
- Setting items
- Harvest

DOWN

- The Emerald Isle
- Cornfield pest
- Diamond feature
- Low digit
- Boat bottoms
- Buff buff
- Eye part
- Horse healer
- out a living
- Melancholy
- Mouse-spotting cry
- Painter Magritte
- Give a fancy coat to

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Yesterday's answer

- "This round's —!"
- Porgy's love
- Blocks up
- Lotion additive
- Boy-friend
- Designer Ralph
- Drenched
- Prom crowd
- Floor model
- Notion
- Office helper
- Crunch targets
- Driver's aid
- Favoring
- Fragrant tree

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Beer, in slang
- Philippine peninsula
- Shrek, for one
- New York lake
- State of change
- Place for a bump
- Ear membrane
- Father's pride
- Overwhelming desires
- Eccentric
- Bowler's challenge
- Paris pal
- Nabokov book
- Car sticker
- Colorado resort
- Tibia's end
- CPU settings
- Bach works
- Hair ointment
- Loaded with calories
- Makes one's own

DOWN

- Feathery
- Hideous
- Turkey choice
- Pinup subject
- Blessing
- Makes void
- Join forces
- Suffer
- Hubbub
- Decrepid horse
- One or more
- Comedy type
- Ocean motion
- Baseball's Musial
- Arp's art
- Troubling sign
- Creator of Dogpatch
- Result in
- Fitting parts

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B	A	R	M	E	N			I	T	E	M	
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Yesterday's answer

- Alarms
- High home
- Massage target
- Broadway offering
- Jotting spot
- Keats poem
- Yr. parts

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