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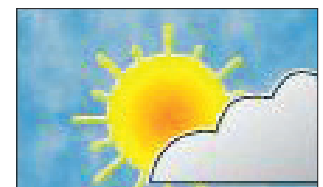


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Howard County Historial Commission gets award



By **NANCY KOGER**
 Special to the Herald

After being notified earlier in the year, the Howard County Historical Commission received a Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission "in recognition of its active and well-balanced preservation program," based on the group's annual report.

The Texas Plains Trail Board of Directors expressed its congratulations for having "members who appreciate, preserve and promote the role Howard County played in Texas history."

The board stated, "We would like to direct particular attention to your commission's successful endeavors in developing partnerships with local officials and organizations and to developing awareness of preservation ordinances and tax incentive."

Howard County chairperson Charlene Ragan — accompanied by Sue Ann Damron, commission secretary; Janie Harrison; and Nancy Koger — presented the award to Howard County Judge Mark Barr in the newly-refurbished third floor courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse Thursday.

Barr said that the award will be displayed in the courthouse.

Courtesy photo

Members of the Howard County Historical Commission presented the 2008 Distinguished Service Award for Historic Preservation, which they received this year to County Judge Mark Barr. In the photo, from left, are Charlene Ragan, Chairperson of Howard County Historical Commission; Judge Barr; Sue Ann Damron; Nancy Koger; and Janie Harrison.

SA Kettle campaign beginning

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
 Managing Editor

The annual Salvation Army Kettle campaign was scheduled to begin today in Big Spring, with bell ringers stationed at both entrances to the Walmart Supercenter and Beall's.

The kettle campaign, according to Salvation Army Capt. Ed and Terrie Cheshire, who administer the local Salvation Army Corps, is of tremendous importance.

Not only is the money important, but the Salvation Army is seeking volunteers to man the kettles this holiday season.

"The more volunteers we can get the better," Terrie

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ROAD PROJECT CONTINUING



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Construction crews mill a portion of the roadway on 24th Street between Gregg and Scurry early Monday morning, part of the Highway 87 street reconstruction project that has been ongoing for the past several months. Several roadways and intersections have been closed due to the reconstruction, causing numerous delays in traffic since the project began.

Census: Small cities lose luster in downturn

HOPE YEN
 and
FRANK BASS

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON — America's small cities are losing some of their traditional appeal to upwardly mobile families seeking wholesome neighborhoods, a stable economy and affordable living.

A review of newly released census data shows, for example, that cities of between 20,000 and 50,000 residents have lagged behind their larg-

er counterparts in attracting higher-educated residents in this decade.

In 2000, small cities, which include remote towns and the distant suburbs known as "exurbs," ranked at the top in the share of people with college diplomas. They slipped to No. 2 last year with 30 percent holding degrees — in between medium-sized cities, which had 31 percent, and big cities, at 29.8 percent.

Poverty is growing in the small cities, fueled partly by population growth, although

average median income of \$60,294 in those communities is still higher than other places.

Small cities looking more and more like bigger cities over the decade ranged from places like Hobart, Ind., and Mount Pleasant, Mich., to Anniston, Ala., and Greenville, Miss. Compared with previous years, they had smaller incomes, higher housing costs, longer commutes, more poverty and more single-parent families.

Demographers attributed

some of the shifts to the housing downturn and a spike in gasoline prices, which has hit residents in the far-flung exurbs harder. Many families in smaller towns also are looking for jobs in larger cities because of the current recession and are rethinking the wisdom of a lengthy commute to work.

Some small cities may have become victims of their own success. As their local economies boomed mid-decade,

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Obituaries

Richard H. 'Grandpa' Reyes

Richard H. "Grandpa" Reyes, 85, of Big Spring died on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Carlos Payen officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was born May 5, 1924, in San Antonio and married Viviana Berlanga May 10, 1947, in San Antonio. She preceded him in death July 4, 2003.

Mr. Reyes had served in the United States Air Force from 1941 until retiring in 1964. He then worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for 10 years, retiring as a unit supervisor. He had a great love for his country, was faithful to attend church and read the Bible, and his joy in life was his grandchildren and family.

He was a member of the Church of Christ and was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Survivors include one son, Armando Reyes of Big Spring; two step-daughters, Elida Garcia and Carmon Ramos, both of San Antonio; three granddaughters, Amanda Nichole Reyes and husband, Rocky Sanchez, Megan Summers and husband, David, and Carol Dyer and husband, Richard, all of Big Spring; 12 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Reymundo Reyes and Robert Reyes, both of San Antonio, and Domingo Gomez; and three sisters, Consuelo Hughes and Dolores Moreno, both of San Antonio, and Rosario DeLuna of Hondo.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Michael Anthony Reyes; two brothers; one sister; and two nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

George T. 'Ty' Reich

George T. "Ty" Reich passed from this life Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009, after a long, courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Lamesa May 13, 1954, to George M. Reich and Betty (Tyler) Reich. He married Carol Ann Smith Dec. 31, 1980, in Andrews.

Ty worked as a manager for West Texas Gas. He was a Lions Club member. Ty enjoyed travel and loved to hunt and fish. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Those left to cherish Ty's love and memory include his loving wife, Carol A. Reich of Kermit; parents, George M. and Betty Reich of Kermit; one daughter, Tonya Michelle Grove and husband, Richard Grove, of Big Spring; twin grandsons, Tyler J. Grove and Ryker P. Grove; grandson, Kevin Grove; grand-daughter, Christina Grove; one brother, Larry Reich of Coynosa; one sister, Suzette Buchanan and husband Jackie of Quinlan; nieces and nephews, Larry Reich Jr. of Seminole, Laura Reich of Midland, Janie Buchanan of North Richland Hills and Jennifer Wright and husband, Craig, of Plano; and great niece and nephew, Frankie and Phoenix.

His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. George Reich, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at First United Methodist Church in Kermit, officiated by the Rev. Henry Freund. Services are entrusted to Family Services Funeral Parlor.

Memorials in Ty's name may be made to Home Hospice, 516 N. Texas, Odessa 79761 or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-1718.

Paid obituary

Bill Tucker

Bill Tucker, 79, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009, in a Big Spring nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

TODAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

Note: An activity log for Saturday was not available at press time.

• APRIL LYNN MARTINEZ, 26, of 1209 Harding, was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault.

• FLOYD RAY POPE II, 33, of 1602 Bluebird, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• HOLSTON BANKS III, 18, of 1905 Donley, was arrested Sunday on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

• BRANDON DENNIS OLIVETTI, 17, of 2513 Dow, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault - family violence.

• UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.

• UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.

• TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Barksdale.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:

in the 2500 block of Dow.

in the 1200 block of Lloyd.

in the 300 block of Jones.

in the 1300 block of Birdwell Lane.

• AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Kentucky Way.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

• DAVID ARMENDARIZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• DORA LANG AUSBIE, 56, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and bail jumping - failure to appear.

• HOLSTON BANKS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

• KIM JOSEPH DEJOHN, 47, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charges of public intoxication.

• SASHA LATOYA HICKMAN, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of failure to display driver's license, no insurance and disregarding a stop sign.

• JAMIE LEE MACHUCA, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service.

• ALBERTO MARTINEZ MARTINEZ, 24, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.

• APRIL LYNN MARTINEZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a weapon.

• LISA ANN OLIVAS, 33, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft or tampering with multichannel video.

• BRANDON DENNIS OLIVETTI, 17, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault Class C - family violence.

• FLOYD RAY POPE, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• CHRIS RUIZ, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property.

• SHAWN LESTER STEVENS, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• WILLIAM DEAN WOODARD, 40, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and driving while license invalid.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Rickabaugh Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 14500 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 7000 block of the Interstate Highway 20 South Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.






• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Today's Weather

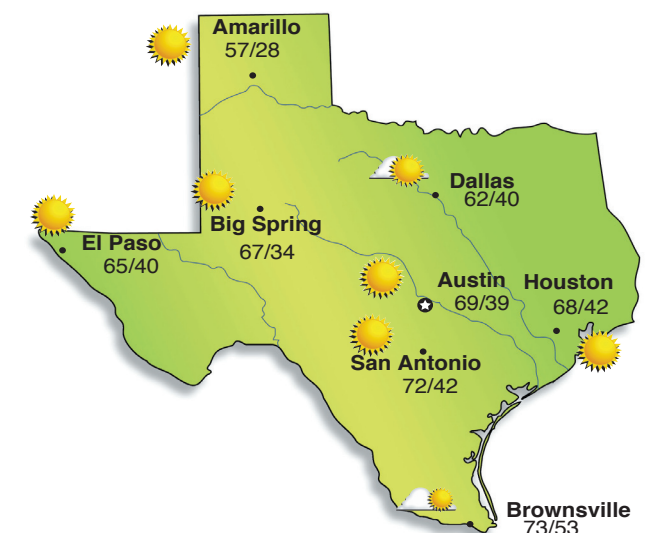
Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 11/17	Wed 11/18	Thu 11/19	Fri 11/20	Sat 11/21
 67/34 Mainly sunny. High 67F. Winds light and variable.	 72/43 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	 73/41 Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	 71/49 Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	 76/45 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM



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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Amarillo	57	28	sunny	Livingston	66	37	sunny
Austin	69	39	sunny	Longview	58	39	mst sunny
Beaumont	67	42	sunny	Lubbock	66	32	sunny
Brownsville	73	53	pt sunny	Lufkin	63	39	mst sunny
Brownwood	67	37	sunny	Midland	70	38	sunny
Corpus Christi	74	50	sunny	Raymondville	74	52	pt sunny
Corsicana	62	39	mst sunny	Rosenberg	69	42	sunny
Dallas	62	40	mst sunny	San Antonio	72	42	sunny
Del Rio	72	45	sunny	San Marcos	70	39	sunny
El Paso	65	40	sunny	Sulphur Springs	59	39	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	70	43	sunny	Sweetwater	65	37	sunny
Gainesville	60	36	mst sunny	Tyler	59	38	mst sunny
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Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

5-9-20-21-26.
Next Cash Five drawing: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in

order:
8-7-3-5. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in

order:
4-8-5. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning numbers in Saturday afternoon's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Day" game were:

9-3-3-7. Sum It Up: 22.

The winning numbers in Saturday afternoon's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Day" game were:

0-4-3. Sum It Up: 7.

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TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.



Courtesy photo/Will Cross

Buck Turner, left, and Ernest Boyd visited Big Spring High School Friday to discuss their experiences in World War II with BSHS students.

EMS

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- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of N. Gregg Street. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of 11th Place. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Lincoln. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Dogwood. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Lexington. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of

- Auburn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 176 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to SMMC.

RINGING

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Cheshire explained. "We always need all the help we can get, because we always run short of people to man the kettles throughout each day during the holiday season. Someone still has to be there, however, so

we wind up supplementing the volunteers with paid workers. And it just bears to reason that the more volunteers we have, the less we have to spend on paid workers."

Those wishing to volunteer can contact Salvation Army officials by calling 267-8239.

Funds the kettle campaign generates are

very important, the Cheshires noted.

"That money allows us to supplement the food that's donated for holiday food packages," Terrie Cheshire said. "It also becomes extremely important when we run into a situation like we did last year, when several of the Angel Trees had cards that weren't adopted. Money from the kettles allowed us to buy presents for the unadopted angels so that nobody went without."

Salvation Army personnel will begin taking applications Tuesday

from people who will need a food basket for Christmas.

"We've already got almost 800 people that will be fed through this project already," she said, "but we want to make sure that if people are in need, we can help out."

Cheshire said those processing applications will need a picture ID for the applicant, Social Security cards for everyone living in the home, proof of all household income and all household bills. This includes all expenses incurred during the month such

as car insurance, credit cards and loans.

Applications will be taken from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Salvation Army Corps Building, located at 811 W. Fifth St.

The Salvation Army officers also stressed that they have funding for Texas military personnel now serving or that have served in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Military personnel who've served in Iraq or Afghanistan or their family members may apply at the Corps build-

ing or call 267-8239.

Money for that program is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

The Salvation Army's Angel Tree project will get under way Nov. 23. Angel Trees will be located at the Howard County Library, Higginbotham-Bartlett, the Heritage Museum, Maurice's, Bealls and Walmart.

Contact Managing Editor John A. Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 230, or by e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com



By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 3
♥ 7
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K Q 9 4 2

WEST
♠ A 5 4
♥ 8 4 3 2
♦ K 9 6
♣ A 10 7

EAST
♠ Q 10 7 6
♥ 10 5
♦ J 10 5 3 2
♣ 6 3

SOUTH
♠ 9 8 2
♥ A K Q J 9 6
♦ 8
♣ J 8 5

an unerring instinct for good card play that produced the best possible result in virtually every hand.

But in this deal, Sims met his match in the person of the brilliant but shy Jo Culbertson, who chose the four of spades as her opening lead against four hearts!

The underlead of an ace against a suit contract is a practice severely frowned upon in expert circles. But Mrs. Culbertson reasoned that Sims' unwillingness to play three notrump stemmed from a weakness in spades and that dummy was correspondingly marked with some spade strength by virtue of the three-notrump bid.

So Jo, taking advantage of what seemed an ideal occasion in view of the bidding, underled the ace of spades. After studying the situation at length, Sims played low from dummy, hoping Mrs. Culbertson had led low from either the ten or the queen, or both. Ely won with the ten and returned a club to his wife's ace, whereupon Jo led a low spade again!

Sims glared at Jo for quite a while before finally deciding she wouldn't dare underlead an ace twice against the likes of himself. Accordingly, he played the jack from dummy. Ely won with the queen and returned a spade to Jo's ace, and a scarlet-faced Sims went down one.

Tomorrow: You, too, can be a magician.

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LOSING

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many places grew rapidly and attracted lower-income residents needed to build roads, schools and other public works projects. Some of these areas have shot up in size and are now medium-sized communities.

"Small towns have a certain appeal to people, and their quality of life there is backed up by the data," said Mark Mather, associate vice president of the nonprofit Population Reference Bureau. "But as more people move in, small towns start to lose the qualities that attracted people there in the first place."

The shifts are notable in the ranks of the educated.

According to census data, smaller cities in California, Texas, Florida, Michigan and New York had declines in the share of residents with bachelor's degrees, ranking among the lowest in the nation. They included Bell, Calif.; San Benito, Texas; Jasmine Estates, Fla.; Hamtramck, Mich.; and Northburgh, N.Y.

North Potomac, Md., posted some of the highest shares of college graduates in the nation. Still, its share fell in the last decade, from 75 percent in 2000 to 70 percent. Other highly

educated towns that saw brain drains were East Lansing, Mich., North Druid Hills, Ga., and Greenbelt, Md.

The findings come as President Barack Obama has pledged to upgrade mass transit and other urban priorities in inner cities and their close-in suburbs. That could create additional shifts in residential patterns to larger-populated areas, especially for younger couples and small families who more readily move.

The AP review found both extreme poverty and wealth in smaller-sized cities.

For example:

- Poverty has risen in small cities, from 10.8 percent in 2000 to 12 percent. In big cities, poverty declined slightly, from 17.7 percent to 17.6 percent.
- Homeownership costs in small cities are growing less rapidly, partly a reflection of the housing collapse in many exurbs. In 2000, big cities trailed small cities when it came to the share of residents with monthly costs of more than \$1,000 — 56 percent to 61 percent. By 2008, 82 percent of big-city residents were paying the high costs, compared with 78 percent for small cities.

Carbondale, Ill., had the lowest median income, at \$17,508, followed by small cities in New York, Louisiana, Alabama and Ohio. Darien, Conn., topped all other cities with the highest median income, at \$188,823.

"There are lots of small towns and rural areas that are struggling," Mather said. "Many were struggling before the current recession, so it might take more than a dose of stimulus funds to put them on the road to recovery."

The data, from the American Community Survey, represent

three-year averages covering 2006 through 2008, providing a snapshot of every community with at least 20,000 residents. Medium cities are defined as having 50,001 to 150,000 residents, and big cities have more than 150,000.

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Ernest L. Grubaugh, 92, died Thursday. Graveside services with Military Honors will be at 4 P.M. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Berlin Wall's fall was just proof good prevails

The Cold War was on. "From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic an iron curtain has descended across the continent," Winston Churchill declaimed, not long after the final shots of the World War II were fired in Europe.

Fifteen years later, East German authorities erected a physical manifestation of the Iron Curtain, a hideous concrete wall dividing the former German capital.

The Berlin Wall, the foremost symbol of communist tyranny, stood for more than a quarter century, until Nov. 11, 1989, when the anti-communist earthquake spreading throughout Eastern Europe rent Soviet communism's veil.

Who can forget the delirious scenes of celebrating Germans, divided so cruelly for so long, hacking the hated barrier to bits? On that night 20 years ago this week, we saw the end of a world that tens of millions, East and West, feared might always endure. Three years later, the Soviet empire, like the Berlin Wall that had been its monument, collapsed.

Everything seemed possible in those days of rebirth and revolution. But contrary to optimistic expectations at the time, history did not end. In fact, it resumed in the Balkans, which again fell prey to religious and ethnic wars. Russia, ravaged by seven decades of Soviet misrule, did not become a free-market liberal nation but descended into drink, depression and the despotism of mobsters and oligarchs.

The last 20 years have been happier for other former Eastern Bloc nations, who rejoined Europe as free, peaceful countries. Once-divided Germany has been a source of strength, economic dynamism and stability that has benefited all of Europe — and, in turn, the United States and the world.

Twenty years ago last week, Angela Merkel was an East German chemist. Last week, she stood in Washington before a joint session of Congress as the chancellor of a united Germany and told U.S. lawmakers, "I know, we Germans know, how much we owe to you, our American friends. And we shall never — I personally shall never — ever forget this." Nor should we forget the courage of American leaders, Republicans and Democrats both, who never lost sight of the true nature of the evil empire. Not all of us were so clear-minded and steadfast on the side of right.

In his classic 1984, George Orwell imagined a totalitarian future that would be like "a boot stamping on a human face — forever." It might have been, and indeed was for millions of souls for far too long. But 1989 was the answer to 1984, and the miraculous joy of Berliners standing triumphant atop the Wall was startling evidence that history is made, not fated, and that the last word does not belong to evil.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we use the gifts that You have given us, Lord, to make someone's life better.

Amen

How will you spend Black Friday?

Even though my bank account is the smallest it's been in a few years, I've never been as excited for Black Friday as I am this year.

It was actually only about five years ago when my daughter and I began our Black Friday tradition. Up until that time, I used to avoid the biggest shopping day of the year. But after having so much fun on our first Black Friday outing, we vowed to do it each year.

Maybe it depends on where you choose to shop on that day that makes the difference. I know the shopping mall where we go on the Friday following Thanksgiving is filled with festive decorations, Christmas music, happy faces and good will among holiday shoppers.

The aura and atmosphere of the day is so enticing and captivating, I now never want to miss it!

Of course, the joy we experience could also have something to do with our own attitude and approach to the day.

Black Friday is the only shopping day of the year when we're not on a tight schedule — other than getting to the mall before it opens. There is no other place we need to be that day, so we're in no hurry. There is no rushing around or frantic searching. We take our time as we shop for the loved ones on our list.

Although we may have less money to spend this year, our spirits are not dampened and

our anticipation is not lessened. In fact, we've been having fun trying to imagine and determine what we can buy with our smaller budget.

We've all probably heard the expression, "It's not the gift, but the thought that counts." Giving a gift need not be a stressful or expensive gesture. Regardless of my budget, I've found it helpful to let my heart and not my pocketbook guide my search for the perfect gift. In other words, a little creativity and thought-filled consideration of the people on your list can lead you to find the most meaningful (and affordable) gifts.

I read an interesting fictional article recently about gift giving. It described a woman who had sacrificed and saved all year as she planned for the Christmas gifts she wanted to give to her loved ones. Then it told of her sadness when some of them told her they couldn't afford to give gifts that year. It wasn't that she was sad to not get gifts from them, but they were trying to discourage her own giving, not knowing she had already bought and wrapped their gifts. The article also pointed out that these particular loved ones had spent so much money on themselves all year long that they didn't have any extra money left for buying gifts for others.

Fortunately, this woman recovered from her sadness and didn't let anyone take away her joy of self-sacrifice that enabled her to give gifts.

I loved being reminded of the joy of self-sacrifice. I recalled reading an article by the founder of my college several years ago that addressed this topic. This article illustrated how often an

unselfish parent raises the most selfish children. It explained how selfishness can be a result of parents robbing their children from learning the joy that comes from genuine self-sacrifice — giving up for the sake of another, putting another's needs or interests before their own. But isn't this type of giving an example of true love — a reflection of the Christ spirit that the life of Jesus exemplified?

The holiday season always brings to mind one of the first Scriptures I learned as a child: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

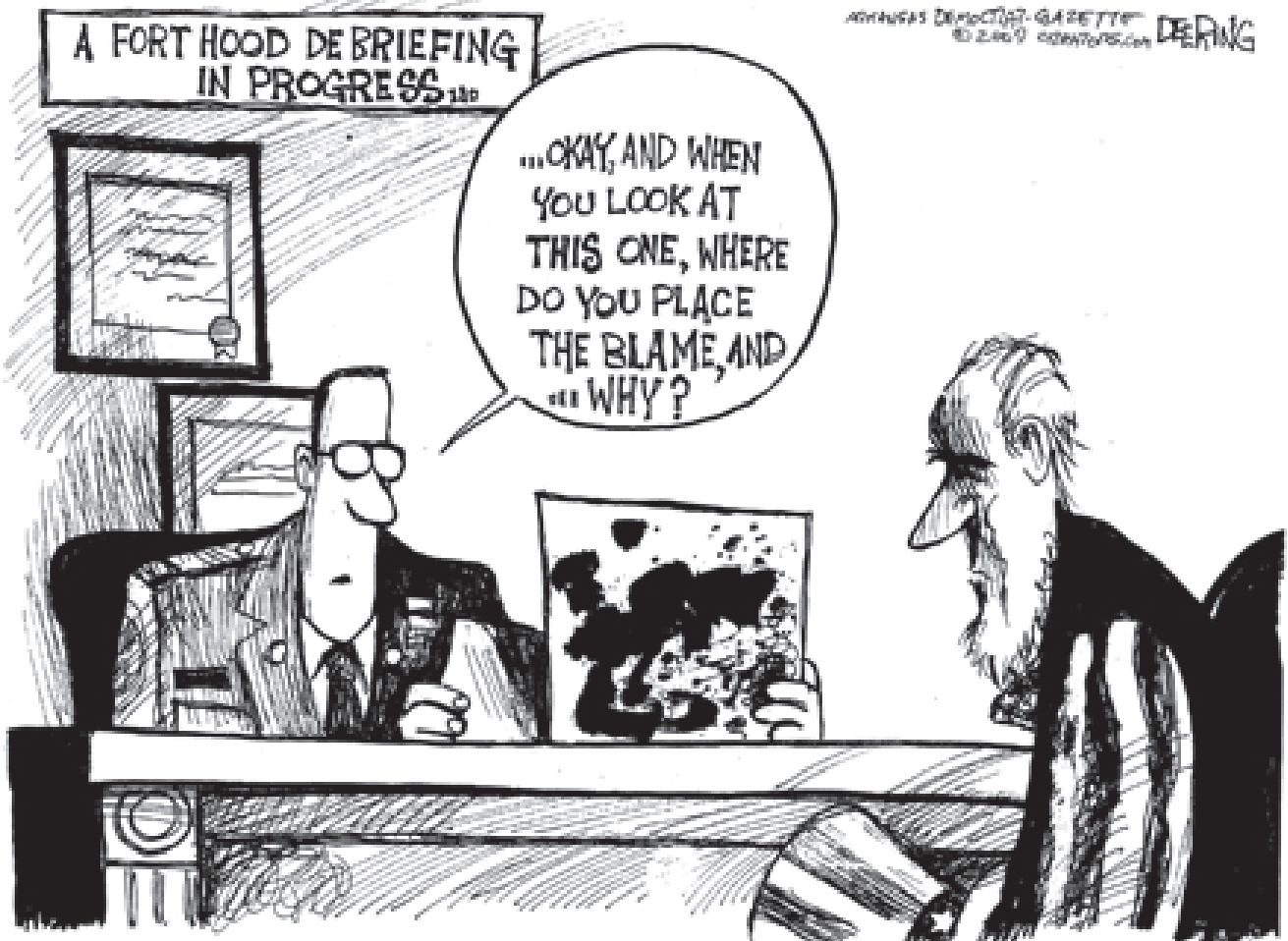
Somehow this verse is speaking to me in a fresh way as I prepare for my Black Friday shopping!

Imagine a day filled with pondering how much we love the people on our Christmas list. Imagine the desire to give whatever we can to them — and whatever we can give is enough. But still — we give.

I'm not putting a price tag on giving, my friends. My most memorable gifts are not the kind bought in a store — such as the gift that is homemade and the gift of someone's time and attention.

But may all of our gifts show how much we love — whether it's the gifts we buy on Black Friday or the gifts we give all year long.

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Do you recognize your president?

There's an old saying that hard cases make bad law. The same rule, unfortunately, applies to presidential decisions.

What makes a case hard, of course, is when there is no "good" answer. The challenge for the decision maker is to find the least of the bad, the lesser of the evils. But by definition, a bad answer doesn't solve things (if it did, it wouldn't be a bad answer), but merely leaves them less bad than they would be if you made a different choice.

There is no glory in such a decision. No matter what you do, you're wrong. The only hope is to be less wrong, to cause less harm than you would by making an even worse choice.

Welcome to the president's Afghanistan dilemma.

The "good" answer to Afghanistan would be to turn back the clock to the point where we routed the Taliban and build on that success by securing as much of the country as possible, strengthening the government and winning the people's trust. Not possible. The good answer is the one Barack Obama used

in his presidential campaign. It helped him get the job, but it doesn't help him one bit now that he has it.

All the other answers are bad or worse. Pulling out means a civil war and a safe haven for al-Qaida. Not good. Leaving the same number of troops in place means they don't have the resources to protect themselves, let alone the people. Also not good. On the other hand, a major buildup is ridiculously expensive at a time when even calculating the deficit is beyond most of our arithmetic skills. And there's real question whether it will make a significant difference given the weakness of the government there, not to mention the obstacles presented by the country's impossible terrain and contentious history.

Afghanistan makes Iraq look easy, or at least easier.

So what's a decision maker to do? Focus on procedure. Courts do that a lot. If the substance doesn't work, try process. If there are no good answers, then maybe there's at least a good procedure.

By all reports, President Obama and his team have established one heckuva process for deciding whether to send more troops to Afghanistan. The president has met with his advisers repeatedly, has heard various options detailed, and has encour-

aged open and vigorous debate. Some people are criticizing him for doing too much process, especially as our kids sit there in harm's way. I don't begrudge him a minute of it if it helps him find the least bad answer.

The only danger of this long process is that people might start thinking it will have a positive outcome. It won't. There's no such thing. No matter what he decides or when, the government will still be weak and corrupt, the terrain all but impossible, and the task facing our troops absurdly daunting. No matter how many troops he sends, it won't be enough and it will be too many. And every time a soldier dies in the future, people will ask whether that was why. Obama's war is a real stinker.

I showed my students part of "The War Room," the documentary about the 1992 Clinton campaign. There was almost a collective shock in the room when Bill Clinton, in shorts and a T-shirt, shows up for the first time. He was so unbelievably young. My students had never seen that man. I could barely remember him. I wonder how soon it will be before the Barack Obama who ran for president is unrecognizable.

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Garden City erases early deficit, rolls 76-26

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**
Sports Editor

GAIL — Garden City Bearkats running back Josh Colunga worked overtime Saturday night. Lucky for him, the game didn't last the full 48 minutes.

Colunga ran for 250 yards and six touchdowns, helping the Bearkats take care of Spur 76-26 by 45-point mercy rule in Gail. But that wasn't the most impressive part of the evening, head coach Vance Jones said. Colunga worked a double shift, coming in on defense when Garden City's best cover man, Jesse Montez, twisted his ankle on the first play of the game.

"Of course he had been backing him up all year, but he did a really good job I thought for us playing both sides of the ball," Jones said.

After falling behind by 14 points early on two touchdown passes from Spur quarterback Cole Clark, the Bearkats did not panic, Jones said. The Bearkats responded with 20 unanswered points in the second half of the period, two of them from Colunga.

"Everything happened wrong to us early that could go wrong," he said. "We just took it one possession at a time to get back in the ball game, and after that it was pretty much our game."

Spur opened the second quarter with a 19-yard touchdown run from Clark to tie the game at 20, but Garden City answered back with three more touchdowns, two of them on 46- and 40-yard runs from Colunga.

Clark reeled off another touchdown run from 35 yards out with two min-

utes left in the half to make it 40-26, but Colunga and the Bearkats answered again before half, plunging in from six yards out with 27 seconds remaining.

The third quarter was all Garden City. Quarterback Blayne Batla tossed two touchdown passes and Colunga closed the game with his last two touchdowns, ending the contest with a 21-yard scamper.

The Bearkat defense got stronger as the game wore on. Garden City allowed just seven first downs and 63 yards on the ground.

"They have an explosive type offense," Jones said. "You're going to get burned every now and then. It happens. That's six-man football. But basically I think our defense really shut them down in the second and third quarter."

The Bearkat offense racked up a bal-

anced 478 yards, 278 on the ground and 200 through the air. Garden City did not punt in the contest.

Batla finished nine of 11 for 168 yards, his favorite target being Brett Chudej, who caught six balls for 115 yards.

Clark led Spur with 59 yards on the ground and 190 yards through the air, accounting for all four of Spur's touchdowns. Daminlon Salas' 82 yards receiving and a touchdown catch also led the team.

Up next for Garden City are the Crowell Wildcats, who the Bearkats will take on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Trent. Jones is pushing his team through the playoffs week by week.

"They've got goals they want to reach, and they have to be focused to do it," he said. "So far we've handled it one game at a time and that's how we look at it."



AP Photo/Morry Gash

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo fumbles as he is hit by Green Bay Packers cornerback Charles Woodson during the second half in Green Bay, Wis., on Sunday. The Packers won the game 17-7.

Pack D ends Cowboys' win streak

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Tony Romo and the Cowboys only consolation is they avoided a shut-out. For all but 38 seconds, one of the hottest teams in the NFC looked lost.

"We were on a roll winning four in a row," said Cowboys linebacker Keith Brooking after Green Bay's 17-7 win on Sunday. "This is just a minor hiccup — that's the way you have to look at it."

With 10 penalties, three turnovers and just 61 yards rushing, it may take more than a glass of water and a few deep breaths to cure Dallas' woes.

The Cowboys (6-3) were in position to lock down the NFC East with a two-game lead with seven to play. Instead, Dallas maintains a one-game lead over the Giants and Eagles with four divisional games left.

"It's so disappointing because things were just there for us as we came out for the second half," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "Not to be able to execute, have the plays called back by penalties and not be able to do the things you want to do is just exactly how you lose this game."

Green Bay (5-4) only led 3-0 after three quarters, but sealed the win and remained afloat in the NFC wild card race with two

fourth-quarter touchdowns — one capping a 15-play drive straddling the third and fourth quarters and the other by capitalizing on a questionable turnover.

"Getting to 5-4 was important," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "It's a good win versus a very good football team, a football team that has been playing very well. So, it definitely gives us a big nugget of confidence we can grab onto."

The Packers sacked Romo five times and allowed the Cowboys to convert only three of 12 third-down chances. It was Dallas' lowest output in the running game since gaining 44 yards in a loss to Washington last year.

The Cowboys also lost right tackle Marc Colombo, who had started 57 straight games, after he broke his left leg early in the game. He's expected to have surgery on Monday.

Romo went 24 for 39 for 251 yards, but threw one interception and lost a fumble that the Cowboys weren't happy about with just under 12 minutes to go and Dallas trailing 10-0.

Packers cornerback Charles Woodson, who was responsible for most of Romo's mistakes, sacked the quarterback on his blind side and stripped the ball. It appeared Felix Jones recovered and was down by contact, but he was also stripped by Packers

defensive tackle Johnny Jolly and the ball was recovered by rookie linebacker Clay Matthews III.

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips challenged the play, but referee Jeff Triplette came back moments later and said recovery of a loose ball is not reviewable by rule.

"It was my mistake to allow him to start the challenge. I should have just talked him out of it before we started," Triplette told a pool reporter.

That didn't sit well with Phillips.

"They said because they ruled it a fumble all the way through, that I couldn't challenge it even though we recovered the ball and our guy was touched and he knew the guy was down," Phillips said.

The Packers scored moments later on Aaron Rodgers' 2-yard TD pass to Spencer Havner to give Green Bay a 17-0 lead.

"I think a lot of people were thinking this was going to be the end of the road for us and going to be a turning point for the negative for us this season," said Rodgers, who finished 25 of 36 for 189 yards. "But it was a big win for our team."

A big win even though the offensive line again failed to protect Rodgers, who took four

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Robinson, Okla. State survive against Tech

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Zac Robinson made all the tough plays to put No. 17 Oklahoma State to the wire.

Then, as trainers had to help him off the field, it was up to the defense to get one last stop against Texas Tech — and the Cowboys came through in a 24-17 victory Saturday night that kept their slim hopes for a Big 12 championship alive.

"You could just tell. Our whole defense was confident," said Patrick Lavine, who returned an interception 21 yards for a touchdown to provide the final margin. "I didn't see any worries in anybody's eyes."

The Red Raiders (6-4, 3-3) had one last chance after Robinson's fumble on a scary collision with safety Jamar Wall with 98 seconds left. Robinson sat up immediately, but then lay back down and stayed that way for a few minutes as a handful of teammates gathered around. He eventually walked to the bench with the help of team trainers.

Taylor Potts got Texas Tech to midfield with 58 seconds left but that's where the drive stalled. Tramain Swindall dropped a short pass on fourth-and-4 and OSU ran out the final 16 seconds.

"We had to make sure we held onto this win for him because (Robinson) had done such a great job the whole second half of getting those first downs and tucking his shoulder and being a tough quarterback like you need," linebacker Andre Sexton said. "We had to make sure we came away with this

win for him." The Cowboys remained a game behind Texas in the Big 12 South and have already lost to the Longhorns.

The game marked the series' first return to Stillwater since 2007, when OSU coach Mike Gundy delivered his "I'm a man! I'm 40!" tirade after the game and Texas Tech replaced its defensive coordinator after returning home.

This one lacked the fireworks of that 49-45 Cowboys' victory, but still had the same fourth-quarter drama.

Kelvin Toston put Oklahoma State up 17-10 with his touchdown run early in the fourth quarter, one play after his fumble inside the 1 was overturned by instant replay and two plays after he plunged forward for a 2-yard gain to convert a fourth-and-1 at the 6.

Lavine followed that by stepping in front of Steven Sheffield's pass to tailback Baron Batch and racing up the OSU sideline for the score. He came into the game tied with Kentucky's Sam Maxwell for the most interceptions among Bowl Subdivision line-backers, with four.

"I try not to think about it. I don't want to jinx myself or nothing," said Lavine, who was prepared to jump the play after seeing the Red Raiders run it repeatedly. "That's something I'm not even thinking about right now."

Potts, benched in favor of Sheffield in the first half, led the Red Raiders right back after Lavine's return with a scoring drive that took only 67 seconds.

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Sports in brief

Lady Steers drop second game

The Big Spring Lady Steers basketball team couldn't overcome 29 turnovers in a 73-38 loss at Snyder on Friday.

Seniors Linzee Yarbar and Charlie Fletcher led Big Spring (0-2) with eight and seven points, respectively.

Coach Mike Warren said his team improved offensively, nearly doubling its offensive output from its first game.

Big Spring plays at Fort Stockton on Tuesday and has its home opener scheduled for Friday against Lamesa. JV tips off at 6 p.m.

Howard College women improve to 8-0

The Lady Hawks notched their eighth win of the season over the weekend, sweeping three games played in a tournament in Garden City, Kan.

Howard College defeated Eastern Oklahoma, Garden City Community College and the Sterling College junior varsity.

Freshman DJ Fountain led the Lady Hawks in their 76-45 win over Sterling on Saturday with 15 points. The team will travel to Uvalde on Tuesday and returns home Saturday against the Lubbock Christian JV. Tipoff is 5:30 p.m.

Area playoffs schedule

Big Spring vs. El Paso Irvin, 3 p.m. Saturday, Pecos

Stanton vs. Olton, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sundown

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The night will be extremely dark, and some will call it spooky. The darkest hour is what's necessary to bring on the dawn of your new self. It's the Scorpio new moon, a lunar event that evokes the powers of transformation. Is there someone you want to be, but you haven't had the strength to change yet? Call on the moon to aid your transition.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life will be much less stressful for you in the week ahead. You are being pulled along by a destiny that is yours for the taking. Keep your attention on the present, and pretend to be surprised when the rewards roll in.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just when

you think you can't go another step, you always manage to reach deep down into yourself and pull out that last ounce of determination. This is what sets you apart!
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will be strictly focused and then suddenly run out of steam. That's when it's time to wander around. No agendas, nothing to gain or lose — just a quick injection of some focused randomness. You'll be surprised at what you learn.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are particularly sensitive today. Kind words are extra-warming; mean words cut more deeply. Thankfully, the people around you are perceptive enough to see that your tender heart is what makes you so loveable.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have to try to be an asset to your fellow humans. Your keen intuition and easy way with words combine to do great good. The light-

hearted compliment you give without thinking means the world to its recipient.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Listening is a refined art. Become a better listener and the improvements in your social life will be immediate. When you close your eyes, your hearing improves. Try it as an exercise.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a vague suspicion that someone is helping you behind the scenes. You don't know who it is, but you get the sense that the wheels of motion are spinning in your favor.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes you can get away with sending a sub in your place, but not today. There's not a friend, family member or colleague who will be able to do what needs to be done by you. Show up where you're needed and expected.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You love to make people happy, but

unfortunately, the only way to really do this for the long term is to deliver some not so happy truths in the moment. Don't worry. You'll say what needs saying in the coolest way.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be asked to commit to something, and it's a bit scary. Your bottom-line answer is "yes," although you'll probably be going in circles for a while before you settle there. It's important to be sure.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be gathering facts. What do they add up to? What are you looking for or trying to prove? The answers to those questions will be elusive. For now, just call it "basic research" and enjoy the learning process.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It will help you to understand the true nature of those around you. You'll get to know one person better this afternoon.

Observe how this person treats the people he or she perceives as underlings.
T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 16). Your expectations are high for this year, and you'll be able to meet them. You want the love and loyalty of certain people in your circle, and you'll get it in January. You realize your leadership potential in March. Spring brings an improvement in your professional scene and probably a new cast of characters, too. Aries and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 5, 44, 32 and 18.
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a career-driven Leo with a Virgo moon. I've always been a hard worker and try to do what is right, more or less. For all of my efforts, I don't feel I've gotten very far in my career. I wanted to be a singer/actor/performer, but then I branched off into other areas of the enter-

tainment business. I never really achieved my aspirations, though I've hit some minor goalposts along the way. Now I'm older, and I'm tired and angry that I wasn't able to do more. How can I let it go?"
I don't think you really can let it go, Leo. Being a performer is just a part of who you are. But right now, you're looking back at all your training and efforts and considering it a waste just because you're not walking the red carpet at the Academy Awards. The reality is that all of your skills and that special charisma you've developed through the years count for a lot in the workforce, no matter what other role you choose. Stop focusing on what you didn't do with your life, and build on what you did do and are doing. Attitude is everything.
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Dear Margo: Beyond Tasteless, Not To Mention Tacky

Dear Margo: Can you give me some guidance regarding how to respond to a strange request? A friend we see occasionally got engaged six months ago. He's quite the social butterfly and has a ton of acquaintances. A couple of months ago, his fiancée sent an e-mail to 20 friends and acquaintances soliciting money for a surprise 50th birthday party she's planning to throw him!
I casually ignored the request, assuming she would see the error in her ways. Well, she didn't, because she just sent out another request



MARGO
HOWARD

today that reads as follows:
"OK, guys, it's about that time to start gearing up for the Surprise 50th Birthday Party and ROAST."
I really appreciate you guys wanting to help host this 'Party of the Year.' The budget comes out to be a contribution of \$300 each. (It would have been more if we hadn't changed the event to a BYOB.)
Please let me know when I can expect your contribution; the sooner the better so I can place deposits with the vendors."
Margo, she is incorrectly assuming that everyone wants to help host.
Can you tell me how to respond to someone who has no manners, not to mention a clue? — *Running from the Party*

Dear Run: My dear, this girl has more brass than a doorknob factory. I would simply reply to the request for funds by saying, in writing, that regretfully, you will be out of town (or have a previous engagement).
I have never heard of anything like this, and I am curious to know how the birthday boy would feel if he knew what his idiot fiancée was trying to do to his friends. — *Margo, speechlessly*
Life Is Choices
Dear Margo: It's getting closer to the time when my SO and I planned to marry. (We are waiting for both his kids to be 21.)
We've been in a satisfying relationship for 11 years. I know I love him and that he's devoted to me.

Our relationship is warm and easy, with lots of shared fun and friends.
Here's the "but." I find him emotionally and intellectually weak, and I worry that I'll begin to resent him or lose respect for him.
When problems arise (even minor ones), he seems incapable of resolving them by thinking them through.
He becomes an emotional wreck who's impatient with the process of decision making, which not only doesn't deal with the issue but puts pressure on our relationship.
I'm aware that the reason I'm so comfortable with him is because I have little tolerance for people who need to be "in charge" (long story, different letter!) and insist on being right.
So do I accept his

inability to deal with conflict as being the flip side of a man who doesn't seek control?
We're both middle-aged, and life is bound to throw us some nasty curves in the future. I want to be able to lean on him once in a while. — *Looking Forward and Worrying*
Dear Look: I would think that 11 happy years would be a good indicator of things to come.
If you knew the numbers of women who tear their hair out because their guys always need to be right, you would give him a big kiss on the top of his head.
You really can't have it both ways: a guy who doesn't need to be in charge but is somewhat indifferent to making decisions.
I would settle this

issue in your thinking before you marry, and I would dismiss any thoughts of changing him. (That ain't gonna happen, because women aren't reform schools.)
As for the future and potential potholes later in life, he may come through if he has to — and he may not.
If you decide to marry, choose someone (your kids? his kids?) to be your advocate. — *Margo, pragmatically*
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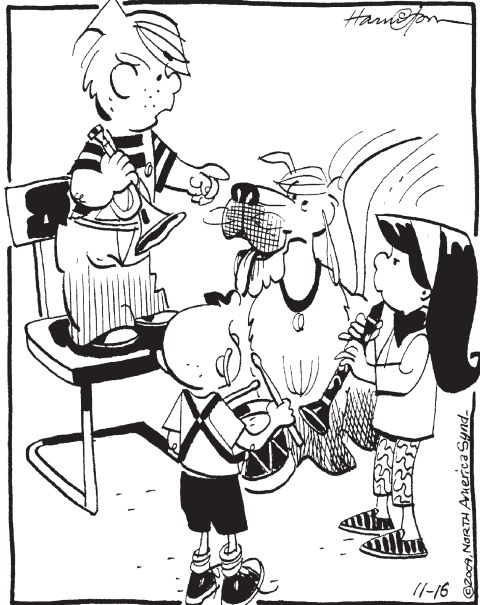
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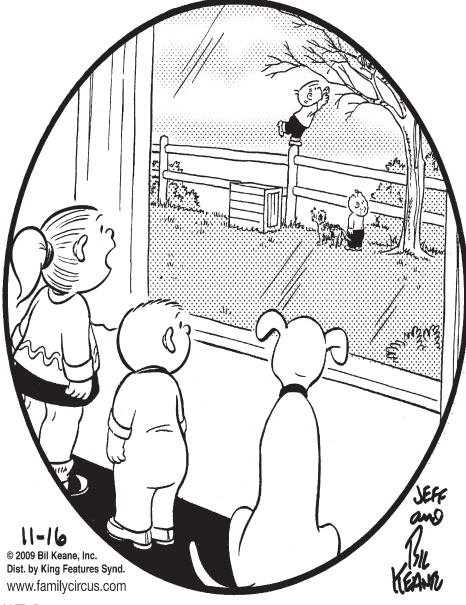
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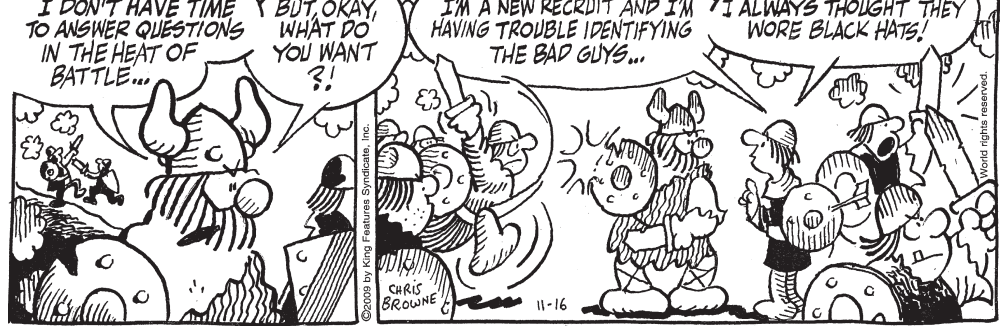
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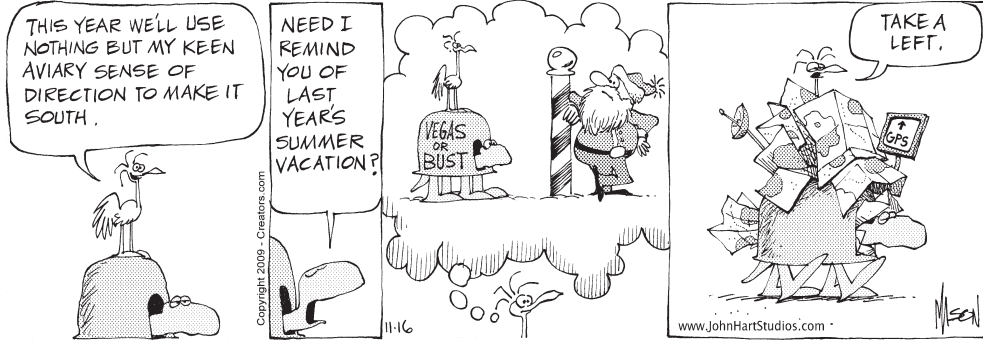
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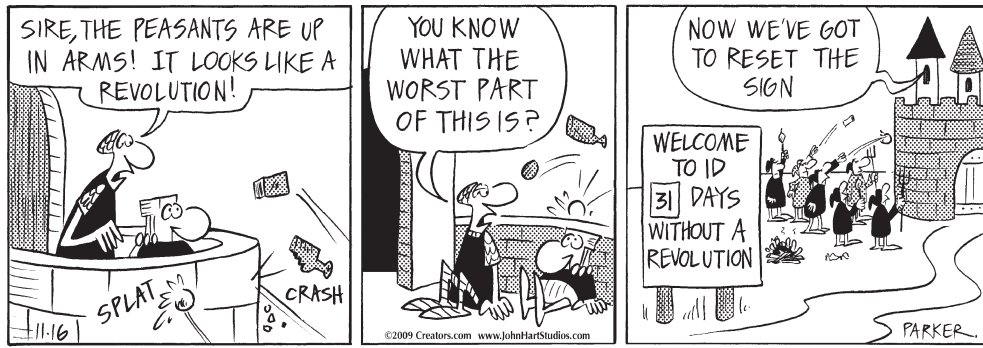
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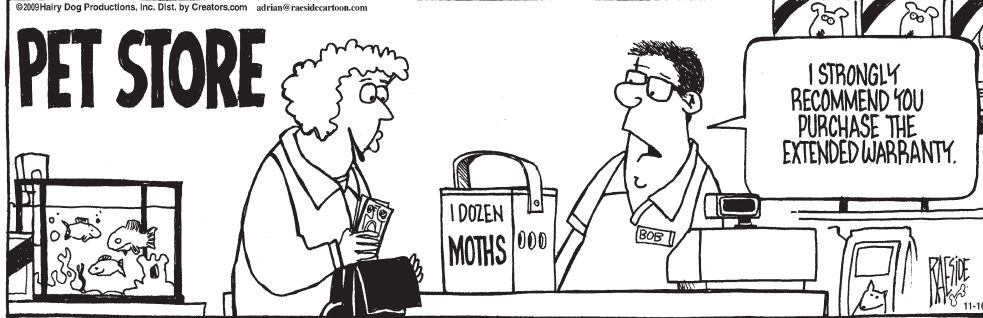
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 2009. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 16, 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music," inspired by the real-life story of the Trapp Family Singers, opened on Broadway with Mary Martin as Maria and Theodore Bikel as Capt. von Trapp.

In 1776, British troops captured Fort Mifflin in New York during the American Revolution.

In 1885, Canadian rebel leader Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

In 1917, Georges Clemenceau again became prime minister of France.

In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1961, House Speaker

Samuel T. Rayburn died in Bonham, Texas, having served as speaker since 1940 except for two terms.

In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in his second trial of murdering his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

In 1973, Skylab 4, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 84-day mission.

In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

In 1989, six Jesuit priests, a housekeeper and her daughter were slain by army troops at the University of Central America Jose Simeon Canas in El Salvador.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clu Gulager is 81. Blues musician Hubert Sumlin is 78. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 74. Blues musician W.C. Clark is 70. Actress Joanna Pettet is 67. Actor Steve Railsback is 64. Actor David Leisure is 59. Actor Miguel Sandoval is 58. Actress Marg Helgenberger is 51. Rock musician Mani is 47. Country singer-musician Keith Burns (Trick Pony) is 46. Retired tennis player Zina Garrison is 46. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Dwight Gooden is 45. Jazz singer Diana Krall is 45. Actor Harry Lennix is 45. Rock musician Dave Kushner (Velvet Revolver) is 43. Actress Lisa Bonet is 42. Actress Tammy Lauren is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bryan Abrams (Color Me Badd) is 40. Actress Martha Plimpton is 39. Actor Michael Irby is 37. Actress Missi Pyle is 37. Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul is 32. Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal is 32. Pop singer Trevor Penick is 30. NBA player Amare Stoudemire is 27. Actress Kimberly J. Brown is 25. Actor Noah Gray-Cabey ("Heroes") is 14.

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| 15 Opera solo | 5 Show confidence in | 70 Sensible | 15 Wear well |
| 16 Insignificant | 6 Colonel's subordinate | 71 Made a mistake | 16 Mean person |
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Tony Romo sits on the bench Sunday in Green Bay. He was sacked five times.

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to increase his league-leading total to 41. Rodgers scored Green Bay's first touchdown on a 1-yard sneak, capping a season-long 15-play drive to put Green Bay up 10-0 in

the fourth quarter. "I'm proud of the fact that when we needed a big drive ... we came up with it," Rodgers said. Rodgers converted two third-and-long situations against a thin secondary on the drive and Phillips said Dallas lost three defensive backs to injuries

during the series that put the Cowboys in a hole they couldn't come back from. "We just shot ourselves in the foot with the mental mistakes," Romo said. "We just did too many things that that was out of character of this football team."

OK STATE

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only 67 seconds. He finished it off with a 24-yard TD pass to Edward Britton to bring Tech within 24-17.

Sheffield had provided a spark for Tech after a slow start, leading his team downfield before throwing an interception to Perrish Cox at the Cowboys' 2. Tech's defense forced a three-and-out, and Sheffield came right back to hit Alex Torres for a 12-yard scoring pass to cap a 32-yard drive and put the Red Raiders up 10-7.

He couldn't do much after that and finished with 117 yards on 16 for 23 passing with two interceptions. Potts was 19 for 35 for 190 yards with one touchdown and one pick — also by Cox.

"They're both inconsistent and at some point we've got to just

be consistent, and be consistent at other positions," said Tech coach Mike Leach, who was denied what would've been a school-record 83rd win at Texas Tech. "We dropped too many balls. We missed some holes at running back. Up front, I thought we had great protection at times and then there'd be key times when we weren't so great."

After allowing some rare pressure against Robinson in the first half, the Cowboys (8-2, 5-1) relied on their Big 12-leading rushing attack to drain the clock in the second half. Oklahoma State — which had just 95 total yards, and 36 rushing on 21 carries, in the first half — piled up 207 yards on the ground after halftime and controlled the ball for 22 minutes.

"Even though we weren't moving the ball, we felt like we

had to continue to run it," Gundy said. "We just couldn't get into a throw-a-thon."

Robinson converted four third downs on the ground in the second half and finished with 99 yards rushing and 90 yards passing. Toston had 76 yards and Kendall Hunter 68 as the Cowboys amassed 243 yards on the ground.

Robinson picked up nine yards on a second-and-10 from the 14 and refused to slide, instead getting leveled by Wall. Both players remained on the ground for several minutes.

"At that point in the game, that play essentially seals the game for you. When he took that hit, Zac's competing. He's trying to score," Gundy said. "If when he got out there, he slides, the game's over. You can just sit on it because they don't have any timeouts. Hopefully his head's OK and I can pound on him for that."

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