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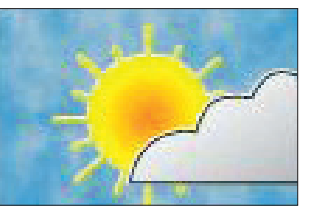
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These youngsters — part of Sharon Pimpton's 3-5 year old class — are eager to get their Thanksgiving holiday into full swing, as the group works on turkey decorations at Westside Community Daycare Center Tuesday afternoon.

## They're talkin' turkey

*Salvation Army ready for community feast*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Crossroads residents looking to fill their Thanksgiving quotas of turkey and dressing won't have to wait long, as the Big Spring Salvation Army hosts its annual holiday meal Thursday.



Cheshire

While prep work for the meal actually began Tuesday — with the breadth of the work expected to be completed this afternoon — the dinner won't be ready until Thursday morning, according to Salvation Army Capt. Terri Cheshire, when Salvation Army staff and a slew of volunteers lay out the turkey and trimmings.

"Things are getting done at a really good rate so far, so we're really pleased with the way it's going. There's no doubt we're blessed," Cheshire said. "The bulk of the work actually gets done today, when we'll be peeling all of the potatoes, boning the turkeys and getting as much of the work done as possible before Thursday morning."

Cheshire said several local civic groups are expected to volunteer their time to make the Thanksgiving feast a success, but more help

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## Thanksgiving travelers hit the road

By **CRISTINA SILVA**  
 Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Michael Sommermeyer's Thanksgiving plan goes like this: Load his wife and children into their Ford Taurus, hand his teens an iPad stocked with movies and drive 15 hours — from Las Vegas to Texas.

Sommermeyer would not have it any other way.

Lost in the frenzy over new airport inspections is the fact that 94 percent of holiday travelers will reach their destination by road this year. For some, a snarled freeway and \$3-a-gallon gasoline is a welcome respite from the madness of air travel.

"The full body scan, I am worried about it because of the radiation," he said. "They claim it's safe, but who knows?"

Roughly 39.7 million will travel by road this year, a 12 percent increase from last Thanksgiving, according to a AAA travel survey of 50,000 U.S. households conducted

during the week of Oct. 25.

With more people traveling for the holiday this year than last, the numbers who chose to fly also went up. Just over 1.62 million holiday travelers are flying the skies, a 3.5 percent increase from last year, AAA said.

AAA conducted its travel survey before many groups

began organizing protests at airports against additional security procedures, including the body scan machines and a more rigorous, intrusive pat-down process.

When they do travel, families are not straying far from home. Those who travel by

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## Holidays prompt many closings

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Most municipal and school operations will shut down for the Thanksgiving weekend, officials announced.

Except for emergency services, City of Big Spring offices will be closed Thursday and Friday. This includes trash collection and landfill operations. Offices will resume normal operations Monday.

The same holds true for Howard County offices, which will close at 3 p.m. today and remain closed through the weekend. These include the library and senior center. Emergency services will remain open, officials said.

Students in the Big Spring Independent School District were dismissed from classes for the Thanksgiving holiday Tuesday afternoon. Classes will resume Monday.

Howard College will not hold

classes today through Friday. Normal operations resume Monday.

Coahoma ISD will dismiss classes for the holiday at 12:30 p.m. today. Students will be back in class Monday.

Forsan ISD dismissed classes Tuesday afternoon for the remainder of the week, officials said.

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Big Spring's Mackenzie Stone attempts a three-point shot during the Lady Steers' game with Merkel Tuesday night in Steer Gym.

# Lady Steers drop first game of year

Clay, Adams pace BSHS boys to victory against Greenwood

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

By the middle of the third quarter, the Big Spring women's basketball sideline couldn't be any more excited and Steer Gym couldn't be any louder.

Merkel was ahead the whole game until a Valerie Ross steal in between two Mackenzie Stone 3-pointers gave Big Spring its first lead of the night against Merkel at 35-34.

Things didn't stay that way for the Lady Steers, though.

Tuesday's game came down to the last shot and Big Spring had a chance to steal a win. With the game tied at 46-all, LaShaunte Anderson missed a 3-pointer, and after a Diamond Mayes rebound, Stone missed a basket. On a fast break, Merkel's Cali Booth hit a layup with about five seconds left, giving Big Spring its first loss of the season.

"We made a mistake," BSHS head coach Mike Warren said. "Defensively, we didn't have a safety valve back. So we had a breakdown on defense and once you do that at the varsity level, they're going to score. But if we score, we wouldn't have had to do that, so it goes hand in hand."

It's these types of games

the Lady Steers will learn from, their coach noted. Warren said he was pleased with Tuesday night's defensive performance, considering the Lady Steers were mainly running a zone and not pressing as much as they usually do.

It looked like the Lady Steers couldn't quite keep up with Merkel in the beginning of the game. The Badgers capitalized of early turnovers and fouls for the 25-16 lead at the end of the first quarter.

But Stone started to find her range and Cerbi Ritchey was big defensively in the post.

Warren said his players had to adjust to Merkel's defense, and having Ritchey in the post helped them score when Merkel was trying to take away one dimension of the offense.

"They were in a zone and it just took us a while to figure out what offense we needed to be in," he said. "They tried to spread out and come get us and they did, which is a mistake. Cerbi was open inside, so that helped us go inside out. That helped us. Her scoring a few points inside kind of helped and then we started hitting some shots."

See **BSHS**, Page 2B

# Hamilton wins AL MVP award

NEW YORK (AP) — Josh Hamilton thought back to the days when his career was derailed by drugs and alcohol.

"I would say a 99 percent chance that this would never happen," he said. "I mean, honestly, I think a lot of people would agree with that."

In one of baseball's most inspirational turnarounds, the Texas Rangers outfielder was a runaway winner of the American League's Most Valuable Player award Tuesday. Hamilton received 22 first-place votes and 358 points from the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Former Cincinnati Reds teammate Joey Votto was voted the NL MVP a day earlier.

Hamilton overcame eight trips to rehabilitation for addiction to lead the major leagues in batting average (.359) and slugging percentage (.633) and help the Rangers reach their first World Series. He had 32 homers and 100 RBIs despite missing time nearly all of September because of two broken ribs.

After going on the disabled list in 2001 while in the minors, he became addicted to alcohol and cocaine. He didn't play from 2003-05.

"I do reflect. If I didn't reflect, I might start sneaking in there, a little ego might start sneaking in there, and that's one thing I don't want to happen," Hamilton said. "So I do reflect and I think about where I was at my lowest time."

Teammates say his story motivates them.

**"I would say a 99 percent chance that this would never happen. I mean, honestly, I think a lot of people would agree with that."**

Josh Hamilton

"It's awesome, everybody makes mistakes in their lives and everybody deserves a second chance," Rangers teammate David Murphy said before voting was announced. "A lot of people don't take advantage of that second chance. But he took it and he ran with it."

After voting was concluded, Hamilton was selected MVP of the AL championship series win over the Yankees. Overall, he hit .190 in the postseason with five homers and nine RBIs

"There were other guys around the league who had great years, but seeing Josh, what he was able to do, it's pretty impressive," teammate Michael Young said. "You don't see guys go three-month stretches where they hit .400, it's just too difficult to do."

Hamilton is the sixth Rangers MVP, following Jeff Burroughs (1974), Juan Gonzalez (1996, 1998), Ivan Rodriguez (1999) and Alex Rodriguez (2003).

In the NL, Votto helped the Reds make the postseason for the first time since 1995. He and Hamilton were Cin-

cinnati teammates in 2007.

"He was just what everybody expected him to be," Hamilton said. "I knew he was a great player and knew what he was capable of, and he showed people this year exactly that."

Selected by Tampa Bay with the top pick in the 1999 amateur draft, Hamilton didn't make an impact in the majors until 2008, when he won the All-Star Home Run Derby at Yankee Stadium and led the AL with 130 RBIs.

Injuries limited Hamilton to 89 games the following year, when he hit .268 with 10 homers and 54 RBIs.

Detroit's Miguel Cabrera was second with five first-place votes and 262 points after leading the AL with 126 RBIs and a .420 on-base percentage. The Yankees' Robinson Cano was next with 229 points. Toronto's Jose Bautista, who led the major leagues with 54 homers, had the remaining first-place vote and 165 points.

Bob Dutton of The Kansas City Star, Tom Gage of The Detroit News, Scot Gregor of The (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald, Jim Ingraham of The Port Clinton News-Herald and Steve Kornacki of Booth Newspapers voted Cabrera first. Shi Davidi of The Canadian Press cast the first-place vote for Bautista.

Hamilton receives a \$100,000 bonus, Cabrera \$200,000 and Paul Konerko of the Chicago White Sox \$60,000 for finishing fifth. Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria was sixth, followed by teammate Carl Crawford, and each gets \$25,000.

# Young not welcome at team meeting

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher says though he had an assistant tell Vince Young not to attend a team meeting, the quarterback has not been banned from the team's headquarters.

"I went to look for Vince in the locker room prior to a team meeting, couldn't find him. I had one of my assistants inform Vince he was not welcome in the team meeting for obvious reasons," Fisher said Tuesday night on his weekly radio show. "I discussed the situation that happened the night before" at the meeting.

Young's teammates witnessed the heated exchange between the quarterback and coach in the locker room after Sunday's overtime loss to Washington. Young, who had tossed his pads into the stands when leaving the field, then stormed out of the stadium.

Fisher said what happens in the locker room after a game is supposed to be confidential.

"We had an incident in the locker room, and it was very unfortunate. It's been well documented," Fisher said. "As a result of not only the incident in the locker room but also more importantly the injury to

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## Obituaries

## Fred Irven Franklin



Funeral services for Fred Irven Franklin, 55, of Brownwood will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 2010, at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church with Pastor Chris Liebrum officiating. Burial with Masonic Rites will follow at Jenkins Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday.

Fred passed away Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, in Brownwood.

He was born July 8, 1955, in Alexandria, La., to Fred and Betty Franklin. During his childhood, he was raised in Big Spring. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1973, received his undergraduate degree from Howard Payne University in 1977 and received his J.D. from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1980.

Fred married Diane Swindler in 1977 and they had two sons, Taylor Franklin and Austin Franklin. Fred found great joy in coaching his sons in baseball as they grew up, and recently saw both sons marry.

Fred was a member of Coggin Avenue Baptist Church and Kiwanis Club of Brownwood. He was the former Worshipful Master of the Brownwood Masonic Lodge No. 279. Fred enjoyed teaching pre-law and history classes at Howard Payne University and was a member of the Brown County Bar Association.

Fred was a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Brown County Bar Association and maintained a private law practice in Brownwood. Throughout his career he served as the assistant district attorney, district attorney and municipal judge for the city of Brownwood.

He was preceded in death by his infant brother, James Gregory Franklin.

Fred is survived by his wife, Diane Franklin; sons, Taylor Franklin and wife Jessica of Naples, Italy, Austin Franklin and wife Whitney of Lubbock; his parents, Fred Franklin Sr. and Betty Franklin of Coahoma; sisters, Linda Wood and children of Midland, and Kristy Hyatt and husband Jacque and children of Midland.

The family requests memorials be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn, Dallas 75219.

Condolences can be offered to the family at [www.davismorrisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davismorrisfuneralhome.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Sibyl N. North

Sibyl N. North, 88, of Stanton died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 2010, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

## Take Note

Local resident Gale Pittman is planning to decorate a Christmas tree for the Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest in honor and memory of service men and women now on active duty and those who gave their lives for their country. The loved one does not need to be from Big Spring and it does not matter what war they fought in. Families should send information on their service man or woman to Gale Pittman, 3401 Sherrod Rd., Big Spring 79720.

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## Wini Patterson

Wini Patterson of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Craig Holstedt, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

She married Morris Patterson and he preceded her in death April 16, 1990. She was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Robert "Rip" Patterson and wife Claudiie and Dan Patterson, all of Big Spring; one sister, Robbie Kilgore of Lamesa; four grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring 79721-2222; the American Diabetes Association, Western Division, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock 79424; or to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

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| <b>44/20</b><br>Partly cloudy skies. Cold. High 44F. Winds NNE at 10 to 20 mph. | <b>59/28</b><br>Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s. | <b>67/36</b><br>Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s. | <b>73/41</b><br>Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s. | <b>65/30</b><br>A few clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s. |
| <b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 5:42 PM                               | <b>Sunrise:</b> 7:25 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 5:42 PM                        | <b>Sunrise:</b> 7:26 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM                      | <b>Sunrise:</b> 7:27 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM                           | <b>Sunrise:</b> 7:27 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM                           |

## Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday evening in the Mega Millions lottery: 02-06-12-34-35  
Mega Ball: 33

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 3-8-10-13-25.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-4-3-6. Sum It Up: 16.

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## Police blotter

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

• EDWARD JOSEPH BATEMAN, 20, of 2513 Chanutte, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to appear (four counts), speeding, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• ERICKA KRISTLE GONZALEZ, 20, of 1605 Kentucky Way, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• THEFT was reported:  
In the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.  
In the 1900 block of E. FM 700.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1200 block of Lamar.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium.

## 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.

• KELLI ANN MCADAMS, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – second offense.

• ANTHONY EUGENE TREVINO, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on indictments for aggravated sexual assault of a child (two counts).

• THOMAS LEWIS EASON, 35, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

• CYNTHIA MENDEZ, 40, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – second offense.

• FRANKLIN LA MARR CURTIS, 44, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• EDWARD BATEMAN, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no automatic fire extinguisher, violation of a promise to appear (four counts), speeding, no valid inspection certificate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• ERICKA KRISTAL GONZALEZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• ROBERT WILLY MILLER, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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Warren knew all his team needed was a run and they got with Stone hit a 3-pointer at the 1:38 mark in the third quarter, Ross got a steal and Stone hit another 3-pointer at 1:13. After Merkel answered with a bucket, Ross hit a huge shot from beyond the arc with 21 seconds left in the quarter for a 38-36 Big Spring lead. Merkel head coach Clay Barnett wasn't surprised. "That's one thing I kept telling the girls," he said. "We just needed to keep staying

on them. They started hitting a few 3s and going inside to (Ritchey). They were doing a good job with it. When we were coming out on the 3-point shooters, they were getting it inside. It's kind of a pick your poison type deal." Warren said he's glad the Lady Steers have this game to build on. Merkel should be a lot like Abilene Wylie, so this could help when district play rolls around. The Lady Steers didn't have Bridgette Tuitt Tuesday night either, who was unable to play. Anderson started in her place — her first game of the season — and should stay in the rotation.

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Merkel 13 12 11 12 --48  
Big Spring 6 10 22 8 --46  
Merkel: Green 10, Chaney 17, Booth 6, Cope 8, Freeman 2, Szabo 3, Parrish 2  
Big Spring (4-1): Logan Yarbrough 1, Mackenzie Stone 12, Shaunte Anderson 2, Taryn Kennedy 2, Cerbi Ritchey 15, Valerie Ross 10, Diamond Mayes 4  
Free throws -- MHS 11-23, BSBS 6-12. 3-point goals -- MHS 3 (Green, Hayes, Cope), BSBS 4 (Stone 4, Ross 2). Total fouls -- MHS 16, BSBS 19. Fouled out -- Parrish, Ritchey.

**BOYS GAME:**  
**Big Spring 60**  
**Greenwood 55**  
GREENWOOD — Fresh off a

42-point performance against Odessa Permian, Luke Adams continues to be the hero for the Big Spring boys basketball team. He hit seven free throws in the closing minutes of the Steers' game against Greenwood to seal the win. Adams had 13 points, right behind Tristain Clay's 25-point performance in the 60-55 win at Greenwood to push the Steers' record to 2-1. Clay and Adams have been the go-to guys for first-year head coach Cliff Thompson so far this season. Clay led the team in scoring the Fort Stockton game, Adams did the same against Permian

and both were key in Tuesday's win.  
BIG SPRING 60, GREENWOOD 55  
Big Spring 15 11 17 17 --60  
Greenwood 10 13 12 20 --55  
Big Spring (2-1) -- Marc Segundo 9, Dayvion Young 6, Tristian Clay 25, Luke Adams 13, Seth Pearson 2, Chazzell Robinson 3, Davonte Lloyd 2.  
Greenwood (3-1) -- Edgar Urias 3, Kaden Hatley 5, Mitch Spiser 8, Hugo Arenas 8, Trevor Nolan 23, Kater King 1, Ridge Tullos 3, Jacob Armitage 4.  
Free throws -- Big Spring 17-26, Greenwood 10-21. 3-point goals -- Big Spring 3 (Clay 2, Segundo 1), Greenwood 3 (Hatley, Spiser, Nolan). Total fouls -- Big Spring 18, Greenwood 16. Technical fouls -- Greenwood King. Rebounds -- Big Spring 24 (Segundo 7), Greenwood 22 (Nolan 5).

YOUNG

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Vince's thumb, Vince is not going to play anymore this season." The quarterback needs season-ending surgery, and Fisher said that involves inserting a pin to help the flexor tendon heal. But Young's situation is more complicated than the injury. The Titans placed Young on injured reserve Tuesday even as media reports surfaced that the quarterback wasn't welcome at the team's headquarters and had been told to leave. The team issued a statement a couple hours after the first report, saying Young had been told not to attend the team meeting and was free to leave. Fisher said Young is on injured reserve, and that such players are per-

mitted in the building. Players on injured reserve work with team trainers on their rehabilitation. "There's been speculation he was banned from the building. That was not correct," said Fisher, who added that he would not address Young's situation again after Tuesday night. Young could not be immediately reached Tuesday, nor his agent, Tom Condon, who was traveling and unavailable. The statement Tuesday called the first report by The Tennessean "incorrect." The Tennessean, citing unidentified sources, said Young was in the training room Monday when asked to leave the facility by the quarterbacks coach and told he wasn't wanted in the building after what happened Sunday. The newspaper said Young left without incident. The Titans can't ban Young from

team property, not with his contract running through 2011. The franchise learned that lesson in 2006 when Steve McNair won a grievance after an arbitrator ruled his contract had been breached when the team barred him from working out at the facility. Team officials had worried about being on the hook for a \$23.4 million salary cap hit if he got hurt. Complicating the Young situation even more is that while his relationship with Fisher seems likely beyond repair at this point, owner Bud Adams told The Tennessean on Monday that he wants his quarterback and coach to work together. But Fisher had said Young wouldn't start Sunday against Houston even if healthy after his latest meltdown. Fisher hasn't talked to Young since the quarterback left the stadium. He

called Young's agent to pass on the news that his season was being ended by being placed on injured reserve. It doesn't sound as if Fisher is in a hurry to speak to Young either, not with seven games remaining and the Titans (5-5) just a game out of the AFC South. The coach said Monday the issue of whether Young will ever play for him again will be dealt with when the season's over. "I think there will be a conversation at some point. I'm not going to put a timetable on it. He's on injured reserve, and we're moving on," Fisher said. Notes: The Titans officially signed Chris Simms to back up Smith on Tuesday. They also activated LB David Thornton, who spent the first part of the season on the physically-unable-to-perform list.

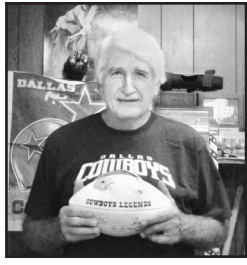
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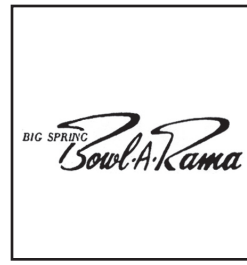
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is always welcome around the local charity's kitchen. "It really is just an immense amount of work, and it has to be done in a fairly short period of time," said Cheshire. "Our volunteers are absolutely vital to that process. We have groups that come in just about every year and help, and this year we're hoping to see some new faces as well. Giving your time and volunteering during Thanksgiving really gives you a new perspective on the holiday." Volunteers will begin delivering meals to home-bound residents about 9 a.m. Thursday. "We'll be delivering meals to those who can't make it here to the Salvation Army office for dinner," Cheshire said. "However, we need to get a solid count of how many meals will need to be delivered. We're asking people who need a meal delivered to call before 4 p.m. Wednesday to make arrangements." This year's holiday menu will be filled with traditional Thanksgiving fare. "Thanksgiving just isn't Thanksgiving without turkey," she said. "We'll also have the traditional trimmings, like dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy,

and green beans." Tough fiscal times for the local charity will mean operating on a shoe-string budget this holiday season, according to Cheshire, however, she and the Salvation Army staff have no doubts God and the community will provide. "This is always a tough time for us financially, but this year is extra tight," Cheshire said. "We can really use fiscal donations more than ever. However, we're not worried. We know the Lord will provide for us." The in-house meal will be served in the Salvation Army's dining hall from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., and there is no charge. "It's open to everyone in the community," Cheshire said. "Anyone — and I do mean anyone — who would like to come in and have a great Thanksgiving meal can just walk through our doors and grab a plate. Bring your family and have a great meal." For more information on how you can help, or to set up a meal delivery, contact the Big Spring Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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**News in brief**

**SKorea finds 2 bodies in rubble, marking first civilian deaths in NKorean artillery attack**

INCHEON, South Korea (AP) — Rescuers found the burned bodies Wednesday of two islanders killed in a North Korean artillery attack — the first civilian deaths from a skirmish that marked a dramatic escalation of tensions between the rival Koreas. The barrage on the tiny island of Yeonpyeong in the western waters near the Koreas' maritime border also killed two South Korean marines and wounded 18 others Tuesday in what U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called one of the "gravest incidents" since the Korean War. As South Korean troops remained on high alert and buildings continued to burn, exhausted evacuees streamed into the port city of Incheon after spending the night in underground shelters, embracing tearful family members and telling harrowing tales of destruction. President Barack Obama underlined Washington's pledge to "stand shoulder to shoulder" with Seoul, and called upon China to restrain ally Pyongyang. Seoul and Washington reaffirmed plans to stage joint military exercises later this week in the Yellow Sea, just 70 miles (110 kilometers) south of the island. The U.S. stations more than 28,000 troops in South Korea to guard against North Korean aggression, a legacy of the bitter three-year conflict that ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, in 1953.

**AP-GfK Poll: Consumers feel less anxiety from debt, still wary about holiday shopping spree**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Debt isn't stressing people as much as it had been, but consumers remain gun-shy about embarking on a big holi-

day spending spree. An Associated Press-GfK Poll also suggests Americans are more disciplined about using their credit cards. Deep into a stubbornly harsh economic downturn, more people than last year say they pay off their balances right away, and fewer say they make credit card purchases if they lack enough money at the time. Fifty-nine percent said they feel little or no stress from their family's debt from mortgages, credit cards and other loans. That's an improvement from when 49 percent said so a year ago, with women and city residents reporting significantly less tension than last year.

**TV: Cambodian probe finds swaying bridge set off deadly stampede that killed 351 people**

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — A swaying bridge loaded with thousands of people sparked mass panic and set off a raging stampede that killed more than 350 people in Cambodia's capital. Bayon TV, which serves as a mouthpiece for the government, reported Wednesday an official committee set up to probe Monday's tragedy found many people on the bridge were from the countryside and unaware it was normal for a suspension bridge to sway. In their fear it was collapsing, they tried to run off. Information Minister Khieu Kanharith said Wednesday the official death toll was 351 dead with 395 injured. Prime Minister Hun Sen described the stampede as the biggest tragedy since the communist Khmer Rouge's reign of terror, which killed an estimated 1.7 million people in the late 1970s. He declared a day of national mourning for Thursday. The tragedy happened when tens of thousands people attended a free concert on an island in the Bassac River in Phnom Penh.

**TRAVELERS**

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car will drive roughly 816 miles over the holiday weekend. Wednesday and Sunday are generally the busiest days for air and road travelers. AAA attributes part of the increase in travelers to people feeling more confident about the economy and, in some cases, taking Wednesday and Friday off to make the drive. "The economy is being perceived as turning around," AAA spokesman Michael Geeser said. "They think things are better for themselves, so maybe they are taking an extra day off from work and making it a long weekend."

The average lowest round-trip airfare is expected to cost \$176 for the top 40 U.S. air routes, AAA reported. Car rental rates, however, could cost an average of \$42 over the holiday weekend, down 4 percent from last year. Marie Johnston, 48, was traveling with her parents from Glens Falls, N.Y., to Columbus, Ohio, where her daughter, a recent college graduate, was hosting Thanksgiving in her new house. She took three days' vacation and scheduled an overnight stop in Buffalo, N.Y., where her son attends college, to break up the 10-hour trip. Grabbing a cup of coffee at a rest stop just east of Rochester, N.Y., the family agreed that cost and convenience were the most important factors to them.

"Partially because of the recession, partially because maybe people feel more secure when they're in their own vehicle, and they have more liberty on where they'd like to go and if they change plans," the legal assistant said. The family figured on about \$100 in gas in their Honda sport util-

ity vehicle — using a grocery chain's incentive discounts to save on every gallon — for the 1,250-mile roundtrip, compared with about \$800 for airfare. For his 15 hour roadtrip, Sommermeyer, a 46-year-old foreclosure mediation analyst, planned to start Tuesday night. While his children watch the iPad — and hopefully drift off to sleep — he and his wife can listen to the audiobook "Decision Points" by former President George W. Bush. They have made the drive to his father-in-law's northern Texas house every Thanksgiving for the past eight years. He usually faces snow showers on rural roads and a few car accidents, but the economics made sense, especially in these tough times, he said.

"It's a lot cheaper for us," he said. "Even if we got a good deal on airfare, it would still be over \$200 per person." Along Interstate 70 in Colorado's eastern plains, many holiday travelers said they were happy to make 1,000-mile-plus treks to avoid the air — and airport lines on the

ground. Eric Flynn, 35, of Salt Lake City, was driving to Junction City, Kan., to spend the holiday with family. Flynn, who was traveling with his wife, 4-year-old daughter and the family dog, was stopped at a gas station in rural Watkins, Colo., to fuel up. He said he was happy to be on the road instead of in the air. "It kind of seems like a pain" to fly these days, Flynn said, as he filled up the car's tank at the gas station on the wind-swept plains, the snow-covered mountains towering on the horizon. "You get in the car, do your own thing," he said. "It might take longer, but it's more relaxing."

Brian McClure, 22, chose to drive from Virginia to his hometown of Paducah, Ky., with his wife, Amber, 21. While cost and convenience were the main reasons to drive, he was relieved he would be avoiding the new screening policies. "May God have mercy on the first person that does that to us," said McClure, while stopping for a rest outside Richmond, Va., a few

hours into his 12-hour road trip. "I don't care if it's \$10 a gallon, I'm not going through that." "I just want to get there," said McClure, who recently returned from two years in the Middle East with the Navy. "This is my first Thanksgiving and first Christmas in three years."

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# An earthquake and upset at Maui tournament

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — The first jolt came in the early semifinal, when unranked Connecticut knocked off No. 2 Michigan State.

Then came the real trembler: a magnitude-4.7 earthquake off the coast that rattled chairs, tables and the rims for about 5 seconds in the late game between No. 8 Kentucky and No. 13 Washington.

What a second day at the Maui Invitational — and the championship game is still to come Wednesday night.

“It should be fun,” Kentucky coach John Calipari said.

Brandon Knight scored 24 points, Terrence Jones had 16 points and 17 rebounds and the Wildcats shook off poor shooting to hold off Washington 74-67 on Tuesday night.

The big news was the little quake that struck off the coast of Maui. It hit during a timeout with about 6 minutes left

and was felt 100 miles away in Honolulu.

No damages or injuries were reported and the game resumed once the timeout finished, many of the people inside the Lahaina Civic Center seemingly unaware of the jolt because of the loud noise and shaking stands already caused by the raucous crowd.

Calipari and Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said they didn't feel the trembler, but a few players did.

“I felt the ground shaking and the rim was moving,” said Isaiah Thomas, who led the Huskies with 13 points. “I didn't know if it was an earthquake.”

Romar joked that it felt as though the rims were moving all night, which was only a mild understatement.

Battling for every inch in a defense-dominated game, Kentucky (4-0) and Washing-

ton (3-1) made it tough for anyone to score.

Knight was 10 of 17 from the field, but the Wildcats shot 39 percent overall and were just 3 for 17 from 3-point range.

Washington wasn't any better, shooting 38 percent and hitting just 1 of 8 from 3-point range in the second half.

The Huskies still had a chance, pulling within two on a hard drive by Thomas with just under a minute left, but missed a couple of shots and were forced to foul. The young Wildcats pulled it out by hitting five of six free throws in the final 36 seconds, earning a spot in the title game against Connecticut.

“We were fortunate to get where we were and sneak out (with a win),” Calipari said.

The earthquake overshadowed a quality first semifinal between two teams who don't mind mixing it up.

Even with Connecticut (4-0)

in rebuilding mode, this was a big early-season matchup — physical, powerhouse teams from power conferences meeting in paradise.

The atmosphere, quiet in the day's first two games, was juiced for the first semifinal, fans from each team separated by a set of stairs chanting and screaming with every twist, making the high school-sized Lahaina Civic Center feel like an NCAA tournament game.

They got to see the kind of gritty, back-bending defensive game you'd expect from teams in the Big East and Big Ten, too; super athletic players knocking each other to the floor and piling on like offensive lineman for loose balls.

The Huskies came out on top, knocking off the Spartans 70-67 in the kind of prestige-building win they were looking for after a disappointing 2009-10 season.

“We just showed the world we can play,” said UConn's Kemba Walker, who scored 30 points and hit a key jumper with less than a minute left.

Michigan State (3-1) had three chances to tie in the final 20 seconds, but Draymond Green missed two free throws, Kalin Lucas threw a pass to no one on a miscommunication with Durrell Summers, and Green was just short on a desperation shot from midcourt.

The Spartans had more chances than that throughout the game, but struggled to get good looks against UConn's long-and-athletic defense and had some key turnovers late, including two after players fell on slippery spots near midcourt.

“I'm very disappointed with the way we finished,” Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. “We had some things that just didn't work out.”

# Coach K reaches another milestone with No. 1 Duke

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mike Krzyzewski's latest milestone win came with an impressive dismantling of one of the best teams in the country.

Top-ranked Duke's 82-68 victory over No. 4 Kansas State on Tuesday night in the championship game of the O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic was Coach K's 800th win at Duke.

As usual, he deflected the attention from himself to the school that he has worked at since 1981 and the many players who have scored those points and defended all

those opponents.

“It means I'm at a great school,” said Krzyzewski, who became the fifth coach to win 800 games at one school. “It has afforded me the chance to recruit great kids. I feel really comfortable coaching at a high caliber and you're much better able to form a team with kids with good character. We try to develop the good character they bring us. Duke allows us to recruit nationally and for me being there for 31 years. ... I'm a lucky guy to be there.”

He's been lucky

enough to win 873 games overall including his stint at West Point, his alma mater where he played under Bob Knight, the all-time wins leader at 902.

Krzyzewski's win total is three behind Adolph Rupp for third place on the career list.

This was also another November win for Duke. The Blue Devils have won 27 straight games in the 11th month of the year and under Krzyzewski they are 107-10 in November.

This was the fourth straight year Duke won an in-season tourna-

ment and the Blue Devils won the one that comes after the season last April, their fourth national title under Krzyzewski.

“Our guys played great. We beat an outstanding team in a great environment,” Krzyzewski said. “Our defense was just really good. I thought we never let up. We won a big-time game.”

Freshman guard Kyrie Irving and senior guard Nolan Smith both scored 17 points and combined on an outstanding defensive job on preseason All-America Jacob Pul-

len.

“They were terrific,” Krzyzewski said of his starting backcourt, “but I can say that about every single one of our players tonight.”

“We have to be really good or else we would not beat a really good team. Our guards combined for 34 points and controlled the ball and played good defense, so we had a good chance to win with that production.”

Duke (5-0) made sure the sellout crowd of 18,696 — most wearing something purple to support the Wildcats —

was never a factor, taking the lead for good 7½ minutes into the game and then going on to lead by 17 points midway through the second half on the way to its 15th straight win.


Five games into his college career, Irving gave quite a performance in a neutral-site game that certainly wasn't.

“I definitely saw a lot of purple shirts in the crowd, so it felt like an away game,” Irving said of a game played in the Sprint Center, about two hours from the Kansas State campus. “That's how we approached it.”



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## OUR VIEW

# Burn ban not wanted, but is surely needed

The word came down Monday — Howard County commissioners approved a burn ban at the request of Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan in hopes of staving off wildfires that could be nothing short of catastrophic.

Catastrophe?

Yes, it's a strong word, but one need only remember the grassfires that turned into far-ranging wildfires in the Coleman area a few years ago, or the seemingly annual fires in Southern California to understand that all it takes is a small spark to spell disaster.

Fall has always been wildfire season in West Texas, and this year firefighters are more concerned than normal because there's much more fuel to feed a fire than normal.

This has been somewhat of a wet year. The countryside was green much of the summer, meaning plenty of vegetation was produced.

But the weather has been dry for several weeks now, fall has arrived. Trees are dropping their leaves. Higher grass and stands of brush are now dry, and that means the entire area is a tinderbox.

In fact, Sullivan made it clear during Monday's court session when he said, "It's an extremely dangerous situation right now and it's going to get worse as we move into the winter months... We have to do everything we can to keep the human causes of grass and brush fires to a minimum."

Approximately 90 percent of the wildfires they see are caused by people.

County Judge Mark Barr noted that there are some exclusions from the ban. "However, if you're going to burn something, you better have a really good reason," he stressed. "It's a \$500 fine and if it gets away from you, it can get more expensive than that."

Texas Forest Service officials are constantly reminding us that we all need to use extreme caution when it comes to any outdoor burning.

We should all remain vigilant, because here in dry and windy West Texas, it only takes a spark or two to create a serious problem. Simply riding on the rim of a flat tire on your car or pitching a cigarette butt out the window of one's vehicle is enough to create a potential catastrophe.

But many of us would never think about the exhaust pipes and catalytic converters on our vehicles as a potential hazard, but they certainly can be if we're driving over dry brush and grass.

Officials say if you have to pull off the road, be sure to look for a gravel area and stay away from areas where the grass is tall enough to come into contact with your vehicle's exhaust system, because it only takes a few minutes of being parked there to start a small fire that can grow quickly.

That's advice farmers and ranchers obviously need to heed, but also something all of us need to know and remember.

Remember, when it comes to fire, you really can't be too safe.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we never be sidetracked from following through with You, Lord.

Amen

# Good-for-nothing commission

We have seen the future and it is grim. That glimpse of the road ahead arrived in the form of a preview of the Bowles-Simpson Commission's report on the kinds of things government has to do (and not do) if we want to avoid economic doom.

Things like giving up tax breaks we never even knew were breaks, extending our working years to the cusp of senility, absorbing even higher gasoline taxes, accepting (if you're a government worker) a pay freeze and (if you're well-off) paying more into Social Security but taking out less.

Oh, it's going to be a fun time, the future is. I can hardly wait for it to get here.

Not.

The Commission — officially named the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform — was created by President Obama to find ways to avoid the 12-car wreck our economy is headed for.

It's ostensibly a bipartisan group, meaning that it's made up of partisans on both sides of our political divide.

Its co-chairmen are Erskine Bowles, a Clinton apparatchik, and Alan Simpson, formerly a maverick Republican Senator from Wyoming — now just strange. Their report, a trial balloon designed to see where the

shooting will come from when the full report comes out, is what we're talking about now.

As it turns out, the shooting will come from everywhere. The Democrats hate the cuts in programs. The Republicans are angry about the tax hikes. The military-industrial complex loathes the cuts in military spending. Farmers can't abide doing away with farm subsidies. Old people object to losing their Social Security cost of living increases, and the middle-aged are appalled at the thought of waiting until they're 69 to collect retirement benefits.

The good news is, I suppose, that none of the above has even a remote chance of being made into law. No sane politician would vote for any of that, unless he or she is planning on an early retirement.

The American people have made it plain that they don't want draconian sacrifice; they don't want any sacrifice at all. They want all the benefits due them (plus ten percent) and they want someone else to pay for it.

The bad news is that even if all of those things were done — all the cutting, all the taxing — it still wouldn't be enough to make the looming budget deficits go away.

That's because the plan doesn't seriously address the continuing explosion of health care costs, particularly for a rapidly aging population.

It assumes that politicians will slow the rise by "establishing a process to regularly evaluate cost growth" and taking "additional steps as needed."

Alan, Erskine...if they could do that, we wouldn't be in this mess in the first place.

As it is, the plan is a deeply conservative document. It cuts spending two dollars (some say three) for every dollar it asks in tax increases. And while some of the taxes fall on the wealthy, most (like the reduction of mortgage interest deductibility) are aimed at the middle class.

In return, the plan would cut the upper income tax rate from 35 to 23 percent and corporate tax rates from 35 percent to as low as 26 percent.

Everybody likes lower taxes but that represents a shift from the not-so-rich to the rich and very rich.

So we'll blunder ahead. We'll do nothing, argue about everything, and slouch toward disaster.

The worst is what's happening to the States, which isn't dealt with in the Bowles-Simpson report. Their revenue sources are tapped out, so they're cutting to the bone and then cutting the bone. And the last slice comes from education budget.

You know, we can treat old people badly, we can deny the rich their second homes, we can leave farmers to their own devices, and we can limit ourselves to one war at a time. We can even (sob) let our national parks go to ruin.

But when we fail to educate our children, we maim the future.

If we have a future.

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## NEWS ITEM: EVIDENCE OBTAINED THROUGH TORTURE NOW ADMITTED IN U.S. COURTS



# Getting it wrong in Guantanamo

I was at Guantánamo Bay prison on Halloween. In a ghoulishly fitting coincidence, that was the same day a former child soldier was convicted for war crimes for the first time since the end of World War II. Eight years and one day after Omar Khadr arrived at Guantánamo, his military commission case concluded with a plea-bargained sentence of eight more years.

Khadr, a Canadian citizen, was 15 on July 27, 2002, when U.S. forces captured him in an Afghan village following a firefight. His father had sent him to Afghanistan the previous month to translate for an al-Qaeda operative.

Blinded in one eye and shot twice in the chest, the critically wounded teen was airlifted to the American prison in Bagram, where his interrogations began as soon as he regained consciousness.

A month after he turned 16, he was shipped to Guantánamo where he, like all detainees, was held for years incommunicado and continuously interrogated.

Of the 779 people ever imprisoned at Gitmo, only Khadr was charged with a hot war offense. He was accused of throwing a grenade during the firefight that fatally wounded Special Forces Sgt. Christopher Speer.

As of today, 1,309 U.S. soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan and 4,427 have been killed

in Iraq. Only Khadr has been convicted of killing a soldier in battle — which was never a war crime until the U.S. government reinterpreted the laws of war to prosecute him in the military commissions.

The government's case was based largely on Khadr's own self-incriminating statements.

How were those statements elicited?

At Bagram, he was beaten, threatened with rape and snarling dogs, hung by his wrists and hooded and soaked with water until he began to suffocate. His captors would shine bright lights into his shrapnel-damaged eyes. At Guantánamo, Khadr was again threatened with rape and dogs, had his hair pulled out, was subjected to protracted isolation and sleep deprivation under the "frequent flyer program" and was doused with a pine-scented cleaner and used as a "human mop" on the floor where he urinated after being denied access to a toilet.

His lawyers tried to suppress his statements on the grounds that they were the product of torture and abuse and, therefore, were unreliable and legally inadmissible. But on Aug. 9, the presiding military judge, Col. Patrick Parrish, ruled that he found "no credible evidence" that Khadr had been abused or that his treatment constituted violations of (post-9/11) U.S. law. Therefore, all statements would be admissible. The prosecutors were delighted.

Khadr's trial began Aug. 12. His military lawyer, Lt. Col. Jon Jackson, planned to re-litigate the abuse issue before the seven-

member military jury. But the trial was abruptly suspended on that first day when Jackson collapsed from pain relating to a medical condition.

That interruption gave both sides time to pursue a plea bargain. For the government, a deal would guarantee a conviction. The defense decided that pleading guilty was a safer bet for getting Khadr out of Guantánamo than relying on the jury's benevolence.

This was a wise move: When the jury was brought back in October for the sentencing hearing, the prosecutors used his guilty plea to repeatedly characterize him as "a murderer and al-Qaeda terrorist." After two days of deliberation, the jury mercilessly sentenced him to another 40 years. According to the military court rules, however, the applicable sentence is the lesser of the two.

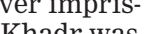
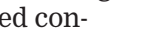
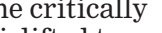
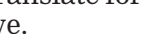
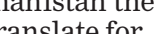
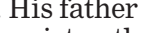
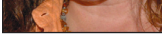
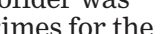
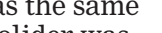
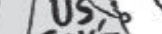
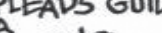
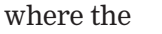
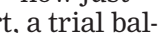
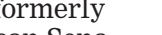
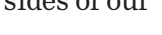
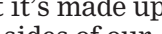
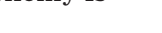
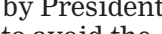
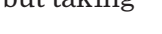
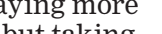
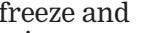
Khadr will serve one more year at Gitmo. Then, according to Canadian diplomatic assurances, he can request repatriation. Once he's back in Canada, his youth and mistreatment will open the door for an early release.

The defense and the prosecution both touted that macabre Halloween outcome, albeit for different reasons. But the Khadr case is a big loss for the principles of justice and the rule of law.

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DONALD KAUL





# Hendrick Motorsports shuffles lineup

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Hendrick Motorsports made sweeping changes to its organization Tuesday, shuffling the lineup for every team except five-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson.

A crew chief change for slumping Dale Earnhardt Jr. was not unexpected, but nobody predicted the stunning swap team owner Rick Hendrick ordered just two days after celebrating the organization's record 10th Cup championship.

Earnhardt, who has just one win through three seasons with HMS, now will be paired with crew chief Steve Letarte. He will move into the building that Letarte shares with Johnson and crew chief Chad Knaus.

Four-time NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon will move out of that shop to work with

crew chief Alan Gustafson. That team will be partnered with crew chief Lance McGrew and Mark Martin.

The previous pairings had Gordon with Letarte, Gustafson with Martin and McGrew with Earnhardt. Nobody believed McGrew would make it through the off-season with Earnhardt, who has struggled since joining HMS in 2008. Hendrick has stopped at nothing to turn around Earnhardt's performance, but insisted the last several months he would wait until after the season to make any personnel changes.

When Hendrick finally did, just two days after Johnson and Knaus won their record fifth consecutive title, the changes were huge.

"This will improve us as an organization, across the board," Hendrick said in a

statement. "We had a championship season, but we weren't where we wanted and needed to be with all four teams. We've made the right adjustments, and I'm excited to go racing with this lineup."

Hendrick scheduled a Wednesday teleconference to discuss the changes in detail.

Johnson won six races this season, and withstood his toughest challenge to date in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. He trailed Denny Hamlin heading into Sunday's season finale, and became only the third driver since 1975 to rally in the final race to win the championship.

But Hendrick's other three drivers went winless, and only Gordon made the Chase, finishing ninth in the final standings.

The slump comes a year af-

ter Johnson, Martin and Gordon swept the top three spots in the final series standings.

Martin, who finished second in the standings last year and won five races, finished the season ranked 13th.

Earnhardt, who has not won since the 15th race of the 2008 season, was 21st in the standings. He's got just three victories since 2005, but only three of those seasons were with Hendrick. His inconsistency has led Hendrick to make several changes to his race team, including the firing midway through 2009 of crew chief Tony Eury Jr.

McGrew was assigned to Earnhardt after Eury's firing on an interim basis, and it was made permanent at the end of last season. But the Earnhardt-McGrew pairing never took off the way Hendrick hoped, even after he

paired that team tightly with Gustafson and Martin last winter.

The marriage between the two teams also hurt Martin and Gustafson, who went from championship contenders to missing the Chase outright this season.

Gordon, meanwhile, was strong at the start of the year but faded over the summer and was a long shot to win the title despite making the Chase.

He completed his second winless season in the last three years, all with Letarte.

The duo hasn't been the same since 2007, when they frantically chased Johnson for the title. Despite six wins and a NASCAR-record 30 top-10 finishes in 36 races, Gordon fell short in the championship race and hasn't challenged since.

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## Sparse crowd views record-tying game

The Associated Press

Only 142 people showed up to see Skidmore play Southern Vermont, most of them friends and family members of the players who were eager to start a Thanksgiving break.

Little did they know they would see a game like only two others in NCAA men's basketball history — a seven-overtime marathon.

Skidmore beat Southern Vermont 128-123 on Tuesday night, the longest game ever played at the men's Division III level.

Cincinnati beat Bradley in seven overtimes

on Dec. 21, 1981, for the Division I mark; Black Hills beat Yankton in seven OTs on Feb. 18, 1956, for the Division II record.

"By the end," Skidmore coach Joe Burke told The Associated Press in a telephone interview, "it was complete exhaustion."

The game was tied at 59 after regulation, and both teams were just getting started. The previous Division III longevity mark had been five overtimes, something that had happened four times according to NCAA records.

"We always talk about toughness," Burke said. "And tonight was just a battle of toughness. I told my kids, 'Enjoy it — because you'll never

be part of anything like it again.' They'll be telling their kids and grandkids about this."

Southern Vermont's Lance Spratling played all 75 minutes, one of several records the teams set.

"He's an incredible athlete," Burke said. "He still had some pop in his step at the end. Unbelievable."

The teams combined for 166 rebounds, 42 more than in any other Division III game in history and an NCAA all-division record — besting the 152 set by Indiana and Michigan in 1961.

"It's hard to describe," Burke said. "The kids, honestly, I know it's the old cliché that no one should lose a game like this, but these kids didn't quit on either side."

John Mantas scored 27 points for Skidmore, which got tying shots near the end of four different overtime periods.

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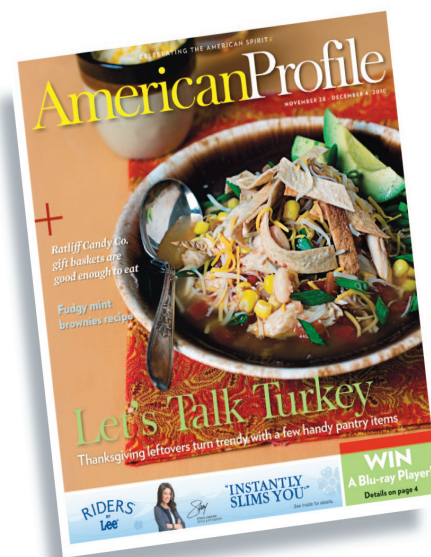
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### After the Feast

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AmericanProfile



# Why not check this out?

The library closed at 3 p.m. today for the Thanksgiving holidays. We will re-open Monday at 10 a.m. Remember that you can drop off DVDs and CD (books, too) at the book drop located at the entrance. This is also the last column until we start purchasing new materials. Look for my return in late January!



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Do you get e-mails from your favorite person that pharmaceutical companies refuse to produce a pill that will cure the common cold? Or how about the automakers buying up the technology where a car is virtually indestructible? If so, you should check out "Debunked! Conspiracy Theories, Urban Legends and Evil Plots of the 21st Century" (364.109 ROE R) by Richard Roeper. "Amazing Stories of Survival" (363.348 TIM H) from People magazine has stories that deal with crashes, shipwrecks, accidents, natural disasters and how ordinary people survived those horrors. When reading it, it is sort of like eating popcorn; you aren't satisfied with just one kernel. "Alone on Guadalcanal: A Coastwatcher's Story" (940.542 CLE M) is a remarkable memoir

of Martin Clemens who helped shape the first great Allied counteroffensive. Scottish-born and Cambridge-educated, Clemens managed to survive months behind Japanese lines in one of the most unfriendly climates and terrains in the world. After countless partisan and spy missions, in 1942 he emerged from the jungle and integrated his Melanesian commando force into the heart of the 1st Marine Division's operations.

This book is based on a journal Clemens kept during the war and might well be the last critical source of analysis of the Solomon's campaign. His accounts of harrowing long-distance patrols and life on the run from shadowy Japanese intelligence operatives and treacherous islanders are unmatched in the literature of the Pacific War. First published in 1998, the story is essential and enjoyable reading.

In a review from Publisher's Weekly, Jane Finniss' third mystery starring innkeeper Aurelia Marcella, gets off to a rocky start. "Buried Too Deep" (AUCD F FIN J) features Marcella, who runs the Oak Tree mansion in the wilds of occupied Britannia. Add in sea raiders who have been attacking people along the coast and Aurelia's twin brother, Lucius, a government agent, who is investigating the possibility that these raiders are gold-

seeking marauders from Gaul. Meanwhile, greedy Roman landowner Ostorius Magnus and his unsavory nephew have been squeezing tribesmen off their lands. A shipwreck sets off rumors of buried treasure when the vessel's strongbox is found to contain a severed head rather than the expected plunder. During their long quest, Aurelia and Lucius spot Voltacos's men mysteriously digging a trench. Various murders further muddy the case. This is a book on CD.

Another couple of mysteries are "Stalin's Ghost" by Martin Cruz Smith and Margaret



Truman's "Murder on K Street." Smith brings back detective Arkady Renko (of Gorky Park fame). His assignment is to investigate the apparent appearance of Joseph Stalin on the subway

platform at the Chrystie Prudy Metro station. Renko must tie the threads together to solve the mystery. It is filled with dark humor and action. Margaret Truman has just about placed a murder at all the well-known spots in Washington D.C. "Murder on K Street" is filled with big-time political maneuvering, lobbying and of course, murder. Filled with topical humor and events, this will fill an evening of lousy television watching.

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# Animal fans have Thanksgiving feasts for turkeys

**SEAN O'DRISCOLL**  
For The Associated Press  
Bina Ahmad hugged an old friend this weekend — a turkey named Opal she first met five years ago.

"She's a lot older and chunkier now but she's still so beautiful," said Ahmad, a vegan who joined hundreds of people over the weekend to feed turkeys their own Thanksgiving feast.

Ahmad spent Saturday at a turkey-hugging Thanksgiving event in Poplar Farms animal sanctuary in Poolesville, Md., where she kissed turkeys and fed them treats of grain, bread and grapes. Similar turkey-honoring events are taking place in animal shelters across the country this week.

"It's an alternative to the traditional Thanksgiving and it's really inspiring for thousands

of people," Ahmad said. And Opal? "She loves the attention."

Four-time NBA championship winner John Salley was also hugging turkeys on Saturday at a 300-acre sanctuary in California run by an animal advocacy group, Farm Sanctuary.

"This time of year, I love to hug turkeys," said Salley, who first became interested in saving the birds seven years ago and no longer eats meat.

"I was invited to a meat-free Thanksgiving party in the Hollywood Hills. Pamela Anderson was there and they had this live turkey walking around in the front garden. That's when it really hit me — I got more of a kick out of meeting this turkey than I ever would from eating it."

On Saturday, Salley and hundreds of others

ate a meat-free Thanksgiving dinner and fed cranberries and pumpkin to the shelter's resident turkeys.

"It's so much fun for me," said Salley, "just playing with them makes me happier than any Thanksgiving dinner ever could."

Most turkey-feeding events are happening pre-Thanksgiving so that Ahmad, Salley and hundreds of others can return to celebrate Thanksgiving with their families. And for some of these turkey-huggers, the family reunion can be uncomfortable.

"I love my family very much and it's great to see them at Thanksgiving, even though it really, really pains me to see the turkey on the table," said Ahmad.

Even the president's annual pardoning of turkeys, which takes place

at the White House on Wednesday, doesn't escape criticism.

"I think it's really in bad taste," said Jenny Brown of Woodstock Farm Sanctuary in the Catskill Mountains. "The pardon might be amusing to the public but hundreds of millions of birds deserve that same deal." Jasmin Singer, executive director of Ourhenhouse.org, an animal advocacy website, is one of the few among her turkey-hugging friends who will not be seeing a family turkey on the table this Thanksgiving.

"My 86-year-old grandmother went vegetarian this year, so that was the last holdout. Now there's no turkey. My brother eats meat but he's a thousand miles away. When he turns up, he's the odd one out," she said.

Most turkey-hugging celebrations are happening within days of Thanksgiving.

"It's always fun. When the guests come for Thanksgiving, the turkeys look at them sideways, trying to figure them out. If they trust you, they love to be petted. They become like family," said Lorri Houston, founder of Animals Acres in Acton, Calif.

Houston is likely the inventor of the turkey-petting Thanksgiving, having first organized one in 1986. "It was coming up to Thanksgiving and I remember saying: 'This is a sad festival for turkey lovers, unless we turn it on its head and feed the turkeys.' Now there are turkey-feeding Thanksgivings all over the country."

So what about middle-of-the road meat eaters

who think turkeys are cute? May they attend turkey-friendly Thanksgivings?

"Absolutely," said Houston, who held the Animal Acres \$35 a head Thanksgiving dinner and Turkey feeding event on Saturday. "This isn't just about preaching to the converted. Come and see these beautiful birds, make that connection yourself. They love humans and cuddle up to like cats."

For Smalley, who said he is vegan for his own health as much as for the birds, the conversion to turkey love can be gradual.

"I never thought I would love them, but they just grow on you," he said. "There's no way I could enjoy Thanksgiving now unless the turkey is having a good time too."

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Manufacture of Tricks

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 7 6 3  
♥ K J 3  
♦ A J  
♣ A 7 6 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ J 9 4 2  
♥ 9 8 2  
♦ K Q 7 5  
♣ K J

**EAST**  
♠ K Q 8  
♥ 5  
♦ 10 9 8 4 2  
♣ Q 10 9 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 10 5  
♥ A Q 10 7 6 4  
♦ 6 3  
♣ 8 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♥ Pass 1♥ Pass  
2♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

One of the first things a beginner discovers is that a surprising number of tricks are won by low cards. This happens most often when the small cards are trumps, but it also is very common for tricks to be taken by low cards because no one else has any more cards in that suit.

In the latter case, careful handling is often required when attempting to establish low cards as tricks. Take this case where declarer starts out at

four hearts with four losers — two spades, a diamond and a club. Stated conversely, he has only nine winners — six hearts and three aces.

The only hope of making the contract lies in developing an extra club trick. But there is a right way and a wrong way to go about the task. Thus, if South simply wins the opening diamond lead and plays the ace and another club, he will find himself fighting a losing battle.

West takes the club, cashes a diamond and shifts to a spade. Declarer wins, crosses to the heart jack and ruffs a club. When the missing clubs fail to divide 3-3, he has no chance. He can lead a heart to the king and ruff another club, but he has no entry to cash dummy's fifth club.

South should instead adopt a method of play that caters to a 4-2 split as well as a 3-3 break in clubs. This can be accomplished by leading a low club from dummy at trick two.

As before, West wins, cashes a diamond and shifts to a spade. This time, though, South wins, leads a club to the ace and ruffs a club with the ten. The A-K of hearts are next played, followed by a club ruffed with the queen. The jack of hearts then provides the entry to cash the fifth club, and the contract is home.

Tomorrow: Improving on the probabilities.

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# Holiday traveling with Fido

By Susan Sims and Carol Bryant

San Marcos Daily Record

Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go. No doubt, millions will trek to the abodes of family and friends as the holiday season approaches. Just how many are traveling with Fido this holiday season?

PetRelocation.com released recently the results of its first annual Holiday Pet Travel Survey of more than 7,000 pet owners worldwide, finding that 63 percent of pet owners say they travel at least 50 miles with their pets during the holidays.

Leave No Dog Behind is the FIDO Friendly mantra and getting there safely is of utmost importance. In some states, seatbelts are mandatory for dogs. From a safety perspective, unrestrained pets are responsible for more than 30,000 accidents every year according to the ASPCA. FIDO Friendly shares a 'Holiday Road Warrior Survival Guide' as people take to the highways and byways for holiday gatherings with family and "fur-ends."

## Vaccination Records

Keep a copy of all vaccination records in your doggy's duffelbag. Should an emergency arise once you are on the road, you will have the important information you need. You will also need these records when boarding Fido for the day or overnight if you take in an excursion where your furry companion is not allowed.

## Collar and Leash

Remember that taking Fido out of the car for potty breaks must include his collar being secured and him being leashed (don't forget the poop bags). A foreign territory brings unique smells that are oh so hard to resist, and your little darling can escape before you can say, "Sit, stay."

## Harness

With the lives of you and Fido on the line, isn't it important then to consider a safety harness when traveling? The back seat is the

safest place for Fido to avoid air bag deployment in the event of an accident. Acclimate Fido to the harness by allowing him to wear the harness around the house for a few minutes at a time. Graduate to short car trips in the area. Work into longer trips and never scold Fido in the process. He's getting used to it just as you are. If he could thank you for saving his life, right now he is.

Things to look for in a good safety harness? Strong webbing such as nylon, strong stitching, allow the pet to sit and stand comfortably, and comfort combined with reliability if an accident occurs.

## Tags

Fido won't want to get lost, so be sure that he has a current tag with an emergency phone number firmly attached to his collar or harness. Most people travel with a cell phone, making this the perfect number for your dog's tag.

## First Aid Kit

There are a number of doggy first aid kits on the market, and if you have the time, you can even put together your own. Some essentials to include are:

- Tweezers to remove ticks
- Styptic powder to stop toenail bleeding
- Eye wash to flush wounds
- Gauze bandage
- Adhesive tape
- Scissors
- Antiseptic moist

wipes

## Food and Water

Be sure to bring along Fido's favorite food so as not to upset his stomach. There are great roadworthy foods and treats on the market. If you will be cooking for Fido, make the food ahead of time, and pack it along with your own goodies. Your dog is used to drinking water from your hometown, and when traveling it's a good idea to bring along as much of Fido's drinking water as you can, and rely on bottled water as back-up. Nothing puts the damper on holiday spirits like an emergency visit to the vet.

## Seat Covers and Blankets

Holidays are supposed to be fun, and nothing says fun like four muddy paws... not! Protect your seats with covers and blankets made especially for your type of automobile. Be proactive: Always carry additional towels and wipes to clean off your rambunctious Rover when visiting with family and friends.

## Beds and Crate

Don't leave home without Fido's favorite blanket or bed. You don't want him sleeping on the guest bed — or do you? Bring sheets, too, so if your furry companion is accustomed to sleeping on the furniture, he won't leave any tell-tale signs. If Fido calls his crate his den, then bring it along for a good night sleep during your Thanksgiving trip.

## Fun Stuff

Don't forget the toys! If Fido is a nervous Nelly when away from home, help ease his discomfort by bringing as many

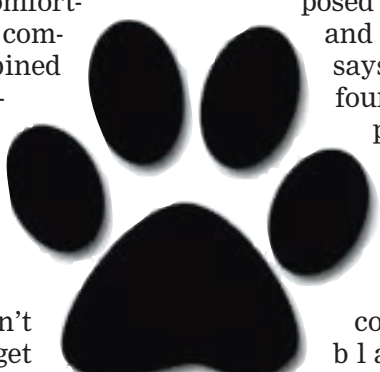
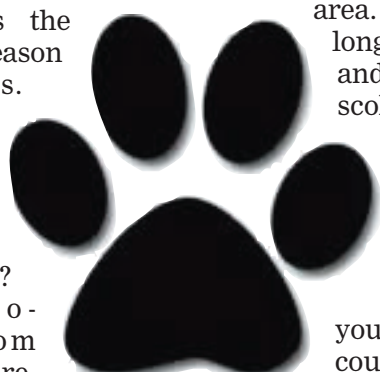
toys from home as you can. Familiar smells and chew toys will help calm even the most anxious pet. If Rocky is a Rachmaninoff aficionado, by all means pack his favorite CD for his and your listening pleasure.

**Double-Check Hotel Reservations**  
You are ready to go — but before you back

the mini-van out of the driveway, call your hotel to confirm your reservation and that they are expecting Fido. Nothing says bummer like a newly implemented "no pets allowed" policy since you made your reservation.

FIDO Friendly is dedicated to the travel and lifestyle of our canine friends. Accord-

ing to APPA, (American Pet Products Association), spending on pets has increased from \$34 billion in 2004 to \$47.4 billion now, partly because people are spending more to travel with their pets. The Travel Industry Association of America says 78 percent of the pets taken on vacation are dogs, with cats coming in second at 15 percent.



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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

The Sagittarius sun is filled with wonder, optimism and courage. New frontiers will be broached. Even those who are quite content with the way things are will discover something that might improve life or be a source of interest. The spirit of adventure isn't something that needs to be conjured up -- it's a wave that can't help but carry all ships.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You will soon be able to afford something you've wanted, but you have to change your thinking in order to get to the finish line on this one. Keep acting as though you already have it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Doing nothing is a big risk right now. Not only could you lose out on a good opportunity, but you also could be passed over for future opportunities. Grab this bull by the horns.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll get your wish after you command it in just the way that pleases the dispenser of wishes. You may not know exactly who can deliver this wish, but keep asking and you'll find out.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). When you pour your creative energy into a project, you are infusing it with magic strength. Your attention has real power. This is as good a time as any to start believing in your own talent.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A slight strain on a relationship will soon go away. There is nothing to discuss -- just move on in love. Fill yourself up with fun, humor and good will, and you'll become a magnet for more of the same.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Money isn't everything. In fact, if you made a list of the most important things right now, money wouldn't even make the Top 10. Stay focused on doing what feels right, and the funding comes when you need it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Things are happening in your career realm. Continue to put your feelers out there, and you will find just the opportunity you need. Keep telling yourself that what you want is affordable to you in every way.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your understanding about what it will take to get a project off the ground is limited, but this will work in your favor. What you don't know about, you can't worry about.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to pay for expensive services just to be seen in a good light. Instead of paying someone else to make you look better, work on feeling better about who you are and what you have to offer.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone you love needs a gentle reminder. If you let yourself get angry and frustrated, you could diminish what you have with this person. Stay calm and offer your loved one the benefit of the doubt.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are savvy, clever and strong. You will find a shortcut to getting your work out into the world, or you'll find a way to get around a certain cost. Friends help in this endeavor.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There are still those who confuse fake news with real news and who have a hard time determining reality from a ruse or a joke. You'll help these people out and keep them from propagating lies accidentally.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 24). You accept yourself to a greater degree, and in a weird way, it makes it easier for you to change what you want to change about yourself, too. In the new year, you return to your ideal weight or train to create better health and fitness. Finances improve in December and March. There's a personal breakthrough in June. Taurus and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 11, 49 and 18.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I found out that my husband has another family. I found this out on a social networking site. When I told him that I had discovered his polygamy, he informed me that we are not really married. We got married in Mexico, but apparently never filed the proper papers. We have been together for five years, and all of my family thinks of him as my husband. Now, if we split, we will not technically be getting a divorce, because we were never married. I will be entitled to no money or property. I do not want to break up with him since I will not be getting anything out of the split. We don't have children, so at least I don't have to worry about that. I'm a Cancer, and he is a Virgo. What do you think I should do?"

Your husband's behavior is not typical of any sign, especially not Virgo. And your discussion of property and your logic about this situation are not sound right now. That's OK. You are still recovering from this strange shock. Let yourself move through the stages of grief for a while without judging yourself or making any major decisions.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** "Grey's Anatomy" star, movie star and cover girl Katherine Heigl has the natal chart of a risk taker, and the odds are

that her gambles will usually pay off. Sagittarius is a sign known for having better-than-average good luck, which carries into the realm of finance and also into love and relationships. Heigl has Mercury, Mars and

Neptune all in the adventurous station of Sagittarius.

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**Annie's Mailbox**



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

**Dear Annie:** I am running out of patience with my 24-year-old stepson. "Andy" lives with his mother, but in the same town we do. Since his senior year in high school, he has never finished anything he starts. He has tried college three different times at my husband's expense.

He simply quits going to class. He tried the military, but washed out after a week. Then he tried living in a separate state, but couldn't seem to find a job and we paid for most of his expenses. The jobs he has had since only last a few days. He just stops going.

Over the past five years, we have invested almost \$40,000 in this young man. My biggest frustration is that every time we find out he has flunked out or lost another job, he has a huge meltdown and claims to be suicidal.

My husband is then so thankful Andy is alive that there is no consequence for his behavior. My husband won't even talk to him about his actions, let alone hold him accountable.

Let me clarify that Andy has never actually tried to commit suicide. He only threatens. I'm beginning to think it is simply a way to manipulate his father.

We've tried getting him into counseling and on medication for depression, but he stops any treatment, claiming that nothing works. He also apparently tells the therapists what they want to hear so he can get out of there.

This is causing a huge strain on my marriage. My husband is angry because I don't sympathize with Andy when-

ever he has an "episode." The few times I have brought up my doubts about his son's sincerity, we end up not speaking for a week. I really hate seeing my husband suffer like this. Any ideas? — *New York*

**Dear New York:** Has Andy been tested for Attention Deficit Disorder? He certainly sounds like a good candidate. You and your husband should also get into family counseling so you can both learn how best to deal with Andy's behavioral issues. In the meantime, try not to get between your husband and his son. You will lose.

**Dear Annie:** I recently saw an announcement for a benefit dinner for the family of a 53-year-old man who had died unexpectedly of a heart attack. The proceeds would be used for funeral expenses.

I fully support helping families who have unforeseen expenses in connection with high-cost medical issues, particularly if there are children involved. And if the death of a breadwinner causes sudden hardship, I can understand the

request for contributions to the children's education. But isn't a benefit to cover funeral expenses going too far? — *Taken Aback in Michigan*

**Dear Taken:** A benefit dinner to defray funeral costs is a rather public advertising of the family's poor financial situation and, therefore, in bad taste. Not to mention, the money used to supply food could be put to better use if the family is truly in dire straits. But no one is obligated to attend or contribute.

**Dear Annie:** "Out of Concern" asked why her neighbor had body odor if she regularly showered. For many years, I used deodorants, antiperspirants, etc., but never had decent results.

Finally, I decided that baking soda might do the job, and that's what I've used ever since. I never did learn the real reason for my body odor, but who cares?

In my bathroom storage cabinet, I have a small jar of baking soda with a cotton ball in it and I use it every day. As an extra dividend, I no longer have to wait after shaving my underarms before applying deodorant, to say nothing about the difference in cost.

As you said, body chemistry is a factor, so this may not work for others, but something should. — *Nevada*

**Dear Nevada:** We appreciate these home-spun remedies that are harmless and inexpensive. Thank you.

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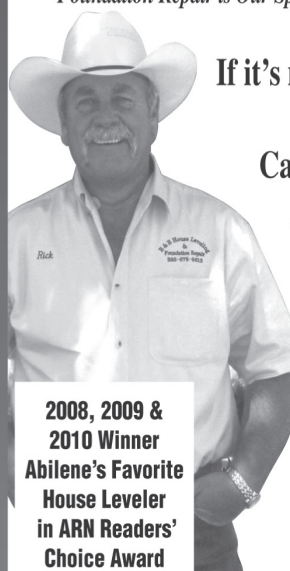
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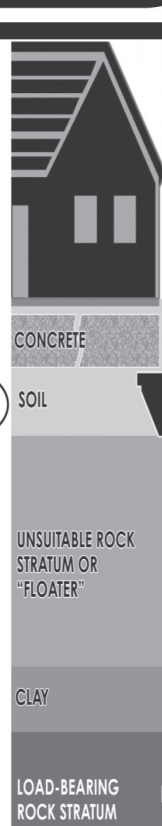
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## Kids in the news



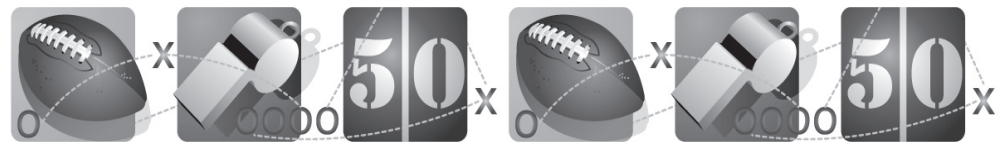
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Westside Community Daycare teacher Sharon Pimpton helps 4-year-old Christian Martinez create a Thanksgiving decoration at the local facility Tuesday afternoon.



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Publisher Ron Midkiff and Kris Soliz, circulation assistant manager, gave a tour to these Coahoma Elementary third-grade students Monday.



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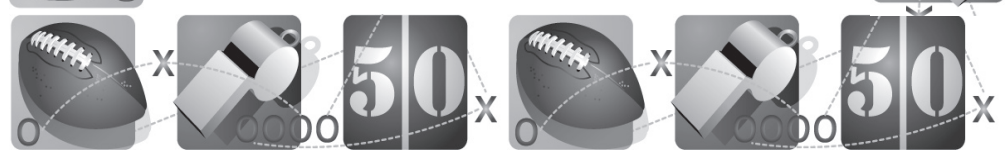
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| 6:PM  | Jeopardy!           | Lena de Amor (SS)  | Two Men            | News                | Caso Cer-             | News                | Seinfeld             | Dr.                    | Business            | 70s Show            | MythBusters            |                                   | DEA                    | Bones               |   | Hannah Montana: The Movie | College Basketball   | NBA  |
| 7:PM  | Wheel               | Eva Luna (SS)      | Human Target       | Survivor: Nicaragua | Aurora (SS)           | Merry               | Payne                | Upd                    | President           | Top Model           | MythBusters            | Movie: Open Range, Annette Bening | DEA                    | Bones               | Movie: The Perfect Holiday, Queen Latifah | Hannah Deck               | College Basketball   | NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Orlando Magic. |
| 8:PM  | Family Cougar       | Soy Tu Dueña (SS)  | Hell's Kitchen     | Criminal Minds      | El Fantasma de        | The Biggest Loser   | Browns               | Browns                 | Great Performances  | Hellcats            | MythBusters            |                                   | DEA                    | Bones               |   | Hannah Deck               | College Basketball   |  |
| 9:PM  | Plastic Surgery     | Don Francisco      | Simpsons           | The Defenders       | Alguien te Mira (SS)  |                     | Browns               | Browns                 |                     | Married Married     | Storm Chasers          |                                   | The Ultimate Fighter   | Bones               | American Gangster                         | Good Good                 |                      | College Basketball                           |
| 10:PM | News                | Impacto            | How I Met          | News                | Noticias              | News                | Conan                | Dr. Diana              | Charlie Rose        | King                | MythBusters            | Movie: Open Range, Annette Bening | MAN                    | CSI: NY             | The Mo'Nique                              | Fish                      |                      |  |
| 11:PM | Nightline           | Noticiero          | Raymond            | Letterman           | Decisiones (SS)       | Jay Leno            |                      | Dr. Young              |                     | King                | MythBusters            |                                   | MAN                    | CSI: NY             | Wendy Williams                            | Hannah NFL Live           | SportsCenter         |  |
| 12:AM | Jimmy Kimmel Live   | La Verdad Oculta   | Law & Order: SVU   | Late                | Decisiones (SS)       | Late Night          | Lopez Tonight        | Bible                  | T. Smiley (Off Air) | South Pk            | MythBusters            |                                   | MAN                    | CSI: NY             | Wendy Williams                            | Hannah NFL Live           | SportsCenter         |  |
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| 2:AM  | Paid                | Mujer...           | TMZ                | Ent                 | Pagado                | News                | Lopez Tonight        | Light of the Southwest |                     | Gospel              | Overhaul               | Movie: Maverick, James Garner     | MAN                    | Leverage            | Wizards Suite Life                        | Wizards Suite Life        | 2010 Poker           | SportsCenter                                 |
| 3:AM  | Paid                | Cero               | King-Hill          | (:37) Up to         | Pagado                |                     | Lopez Tonight        | Light of the Southwest |                     | Tripp               |                        |                                   | MAN                    |                     | Suite Life                                | Suite Life                |                      | SportsCenter                                 |

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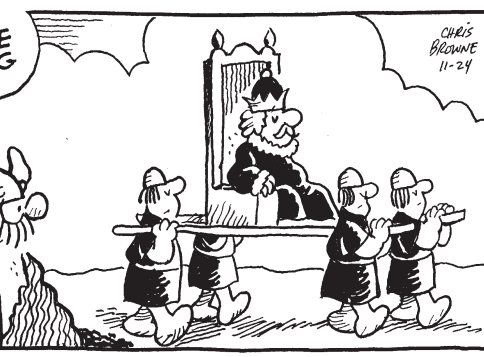


"... 'cause my stomach's gonna have a big day tomorrow."

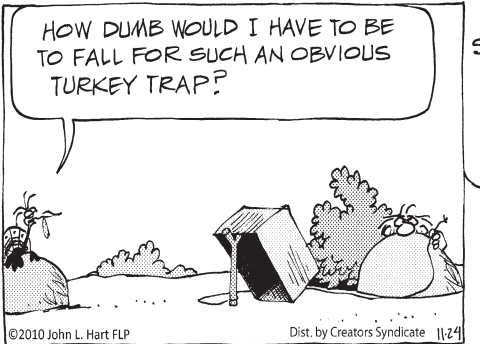
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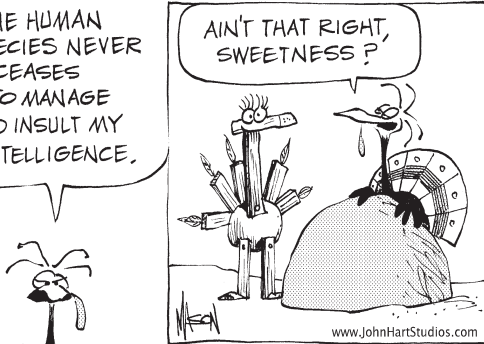
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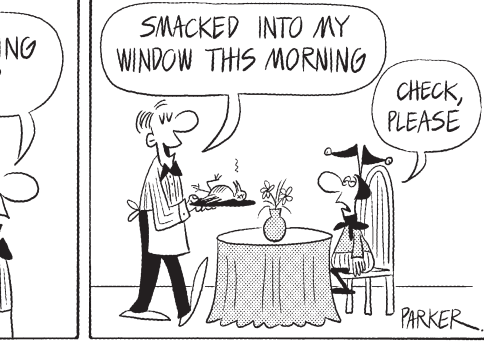
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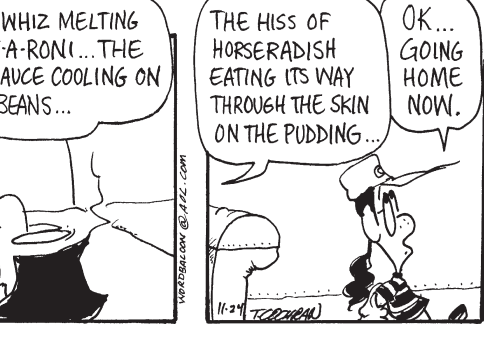
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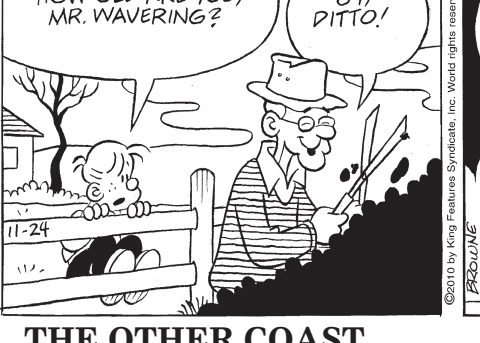
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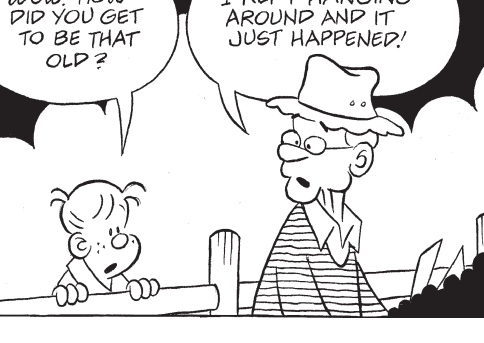
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 24, the 328th day of 2010. There are 37 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 24, 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which explained his theory of evolution by means of natural selection.

On this date:

In 1784, Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, was born in Orange County, Va.

In 1863, the Civil War Battle of Lookout Mountain began in Tennessee; Union forces succeeded in taking the mountain from the Confederates.

In 1939, British Overseas Airways Corp. (BOAC) was formally established.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers based on Saipan attacked Tokyo in the first raid against the Japanese capital by land-based planes.

In 1950, the musical "Guys

Ways to Pay

and Dolls," based on the writings of Damon Runyon and featuring songs by Frank Loesser (LEH'-suhrr), opened on Broadway.

In 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

In 1969, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1971, hijacker "D.B. Cooper" parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 over Washington state with \$200,000 dollars in ransom. Ai his fate remains unknown.

In 1987, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed on terms to scrap short- and medium-range missiles.

In 1995, voters in Ireland narrowly approved a constitutional amendment legalizing divorce.

Today's Birthdays: Basketball Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson is 72. Country singer Johnny Carver is 70. Former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue (TAG'-lee-uh-boo) is 70. Rock-and-roll drummer Pete Best is 69. Rock musician Donald "Duck" Dunn (Booker T. & the MG's) is 69. Actor-comedian

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- Big party
  - Long story
  - Owls' hangouts
  - Sax range
  - Exact duplicate
  - Spheres of interest
  - Factory whistle time
  - Large quantity
  - Beef serving
  - Reese Witherspoon Oscar role
  - "To a . . ." work
  - Tupperware topper
  - Gondola gear
  - Stove-top vessel
  - Unfocused photo, e.g.
  - News agcy.
  - Welles of film
  - Source of fiber
  - Tehran's land
  - Security screening
  - Grand Ole
  - In days of old
  - Mineral deposits
  - Pilot's announcement
  - Enormous
  - Public image, for short
  - Branch of math
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  - Slingshot ammo
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  - Bestow
  - Natural ability
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  - Commuter-train feature
  - Heredity unit
  - Gaggle members
  - Try for a part
  - Head-over-heels
  - German city
  - Brink
  - Narrow notch
  - Loud, as the surf
  - No longer worried
  - Humorous poet
  - Grounded plane: Abbr.
  - Bell sound
  - Golf session
  - Slow as a snail
  - Springsteen of rock
  - Highway division
  - Tempo
  - Cartooning supplies
  - Bassoon cousin
  - Deep in thought
  - CD flaws
  - Bell sound
  - Denny's competitor
  - Cheek reddener
  - Easily understood
  - Under wraps
  - Draw back
  - Lift up
  - Lean person
  - Just right
  - One of the Beatles
  - Bothered greatly
  - Zoo dwellers
  - Paddock parent
  - On the rocks
  - Dairy dozen
  - Get mellow

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