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# New CEO at CISD

Monahans native to head Coahoma schools

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma Independent School District officials have tabbed Amy Jacobs of Marble Falls to be their next superintendent.

Jacobs was named the "lone finalist" for the superintendent position during the CISD trustee meeting Tuesday evening. She will replace Dr. Randy Brown, who resigned earlier this year to accept a similar position

with Snyder ISD.

State law requires the CISD board to wait 21 days before formally offering the job to Jacobs.

Jacobs' hiring will culminate a months-long search which attracted more than 50 applicants, CISD Board President Brian Moore said.

"First of all, I want to say how proud I am of the job the board and our interim super-

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*Happy Thanksgiving!!*

**We hope everyone has a happy holiday weekend.**

**The Herald offices will be closed Thursday and Friday. We will resume normal business hours Monday.**




**Harley Lee, 8, Austin Horvatic, 12, Matthew Sloan, 13, Jennifer Horvatic and Mariah Horvatic, 16, pack cranberry sauce into containers in preparation for Thursday's Thanksgiving dinner at the local Salvation Army Office.**

HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins



# CoC touts Small Business Saturday

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

One small purchase can make a big difference.

Black Friday shopping is a day almost everyone talks about and anticipates all year, but this year the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is urging people to add an additional shopping day



ValVerde

— Small Business Saturday.

"This is one way we can keep our small businesses going and show them that we support them," Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the chamber, said.

As the campaign for Small

Business Saturday states, first there was Black Friday, then there was Cyber Monday. Now, there's Small Business Saturday, a day for all the small businesses that fuel the economy and invigorate the community, ValVerde noted.

"By shopping locally we are keeping the dollars in our community," ValVerde said.

"We are also keeping the tax base going. We spend our money locally and the small business owners turn right around and spend their money locally."

As ValVerde said, it is the small "mom and pop shops" that are important to tBig Spring and Howard County.

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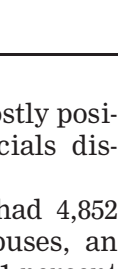
# Howard College enrollment up slightly

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Fall enrollment news was mostly positive for Howard College, officials disclosed.

The junior college district had 4,852 students enrolled at all campuses, an increase of slightly more than 1 percent from this time last year, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

Most of the increase can be attributed to enrollment spikes at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and the district's Lamesa campus; enrollment at the Big Spring and San Angelo campuses were fairly static compared to the



Sparks

previous fall.

"We're pleased we continue to see growth throughout the district," Sparks said. "We're particularly excited about what is happening at SWCID and Lamesa. Our San Angelo and Big Spring campuses appear to be stabilizing after a stretch of record growth ...

Overall, we are very satisfied with these numbers."

The only fly in the ointment, so to speak, is a recorded decrease in contact hours — hours students spend in classrooms or labs — which is down 4 percent from the previous fall, Sparks said.

Contact hours are of particular importance to college officials because that is the main figure the Legislative Budgeting Board uses when determining how much state money will be allocated to the individual colleges.

Sparks said the figures, while unwelcome, were not totally surprising.

"Certainly, when you see a drop in contact hours ... that usually translates into a decrease in the allocation we receive," Sparks said. "However, we had anticipated some of that and we'll continue to watch the situation closely."

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# Obituaries

## Gary Chrane



Gary Chrane, 60, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 21, 2011, at his residence. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham officiating.

He was born Dec. 12, 1950, in Big Spring, Texas, to Elizabeth Maurine (Rowe) Chrane and Lou Dora Chrane. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School. He was a member of Church of Christ.

He is survived by one daughter, Amy Chrane of Austin; two brothers, Kenny Chrane and wife Dale and Jack Chrane and wife Cheryl, all of Austin; and one granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maurine "Queenie" Chrane and L.D. "Blondy" Chrane. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

# Support Groups

### MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parnts, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or [midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com](mailto:midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com) or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or [kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com](mailto:kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com)

# Take Note

• A benefit account for the Arguello family, who lost two family members and their home in a recent fire in Coahoma, has been established at Western Bank. Interested persons can contribute to the account at any of the bank's three locations (two in Big Spring; one in Coahoma). For more information, call 432-394-4256.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo to help defray medical expenses for 4-year-old Zayde Stallings, who recently died of a rare heart condition. She was the daughter of Kenny and Renea Stallings of Big Spring. If you need more information, contact Four Seasons Insulation and Siding at 264-8610. The account number is 7938527277.

• The 18th Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain is set Friday at the Borden County Museum, Courthouse and Courtyard in Gail. The courthouse and museum will open at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for visiting with the children. Christmas music will be provided by local musicians and more. For more information, email [lightsforgail@yahoo.com](mailto:lightsforgail@yahoo.com).

• A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Mike Williams, 39, a lifetime resident of Big Spring who died Nov. 1. He leaves behind a wife and seven children. Any donations can be brought to the funeral home office at 301 E. 24th St. For more information, call 267-8288.

• American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

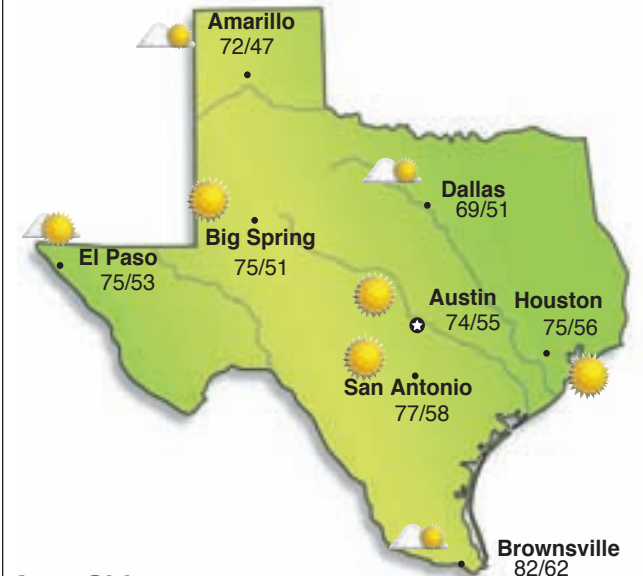
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 11/24	Fri 11/25	Sat 11/26	Sun 11/27	Mon 11/28
75/51 Mainly sunny. High around 75F. Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph.	63/47 Showers, maybe a rumble of thunder.	57/34 Sunny and wind. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	63/38 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	71/42 Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	74	52	sunny	Kingsville	81	60	mst sunny
Amarillo	72	47	pt sunny	Livingston	75	48	sunny
Austin	74	55	sunny	Longview	69	48	sunny
Beaumont	75	52	sunny	Lubbock	70	46	sunny
Brownsville	82	62	pt sunny	Lufkin	73	47	sunny
Brownwood	74	53	sunny	Midland	74	51	sunny
Corpus Christi	78	62	mst sunny	Raymondville	81	61	pt sunny
Corsicana	69	50	sunny	Rosenberg	76	56	sunny
Dallas	69	51	pt sunny	San Antonio	77	58	sunny
Del Rio	74	56	sunny	San Marcos	75	53	sunny
El Paso	75	53	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	69	50	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	82	54	sunny	Sweetwater	73	51	sunny
Gainesville	67	48	pt sunny	Tyler	68	48	sunny
Greenville	67	48	pt sunny	Weatherford	69	49	sunny
Houston	75	56	sunny	Wichita Falls	71	49	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	66	37	sunny	Minneapolis	56	41	pt sunny
Boston	49	35	sunny	New York	54	40	sunny
Chicago	55	42	pt sunny	Phoenix	73	50	pt sunny
Dallas	69	51	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	51	rain
Denver	62	37	pt sunny	Seattle	44	38	rain
Houston	75	56	sunny	St. Louis	62	48	pt sunny
Los Angeles	60	45	pt sunny	Washington, DC	59	39	sunny
Miami	79	67	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Thu 11/24	Fri 11/25	Sat 11/26	Sun 11/27	Mon 11/28
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**Students at Elbow Elementary had a Thanksgiving feast, specially made Turkey shaped sandwiches and fruit salad Tuesday morning as a way of celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday. Parents, school faculty and staff were also in attendance as the "pilgrims and indians" enjoyed their feast.**

HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

# Holiday travel rush under way

CHICAGO (AP) — Under-terred by costlier gas and airfare, millions of Americans set out Wednesday to see friends and family in what is expected to be the nation's busiest Thanksgiving weekend since the financial meltdown more than three years ago.

The rough economy led people to find ways to save money, but many refused to scrap their travel plans.

"We wouldn't think of missing it," said Bill Curtis, a retiree from Los Angeles who was with his wife at Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, Calif. "Family is important and we love the holiday. So we cut corners

other places so we can afford to travel."

About 42.5 million people are expected to hit the road or take to the skies for Thanksgiving this year, according to travel tracker AAA. That's the highest number of travelers since the start of the recession at the end of 2007.

Heavy rain slowed down early travelers along the East Coast. Snow across parts of New England and upstate New York made for treacherous driving and thousands of power outages. And a mudslide covered train tracks in the Pacific Northwest. But most of the country is expected to have

clear weather Thursday.

For many travelers, it was a smooth, if more expensive, trip.

The average round-trip airfare for the top 40 U.S. routes is \$212, up 20 percent from last year.

Tickets on most Amtrak one-way routes have climbed slightly, and drivers are paying an average \$3.33 a gallon, or 16 percent more than last year, according to AAA.

Jake Pagel, a waiter from Denver, was flying to see his girlfriend's family in San Jose, Calif. Pagel said had to give up working during one of the restaurant industry's busiest and

most profitable times.

"I think it's something you can't quantify in terms of monetary cost," he said. "I mean, being able to spend quality time with your family is fairly significant."

Most travelers — about 90 percent, according to AAA — were expected to hit the road.

John Mahoney acknowledged the economy has changed the way he travels, which is why he and his girlfriend slept in their car instead of getting a motel room when a heavy, wet snowstorm flared up along the New York State Thruway during their 20-hour drive from New Hampshire to St. Louis.

## SMALL

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"One small purchase really can make a difference," she said. "The chamber encourages people to look in their

own backyard before they go anywhere else. I am willing to bet you will be able to find the majority of your list right here in Big Spring."

Small businesses throughout Big Spring provide a unique selection of items which can

add to the specialty of the Christmas shopping, according to Val Verde. The chamber has about 360 such members, including T. Blackshear Interiors, Maribels, Suggs Hallmark, Blums, Karat Patch, Merle Norman and more.

"These local owners are involved in the Relay For Life, United Way, the Rotary club and other organizations throughout town," Val Verde said. "They are out there showing support for our community by being involved,

and by shopping at their business, we can show them we support them as well."

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## CISD

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intendent, Gary Ferrell, did during this process," Moore said. "I think (Jacobs) brings a lot of experience to the table and we believe she is the right person to lead this school district."

Jacobs will become Howard County's first female public school superintendent, but gender played no role in her hiring, Moore said.

"After talking to her,

you won't see a woman leading this district, you'll see a leader leading this district," he said.

Jacobs, a Monahans native is currently assistant superintendent of academic programs at Marble Falls ISD, where she has also served as executive director of curriculum and instruction, executive director of secondary education, associate high school principal and as a high school English teacher.

Prior to joining Mar-

ble Falls ISD, she held teaching positions at Cayuga and Palestine school districts.

Jacobs graduated from Monahans High School and attended Angelo State University in San Angelo, where she received her bachelor of arts degree in 1993 with a major in secondary English and a minor in secondary kinesiology. She received her master of education degree in educational administration from Stephen F. Austin State University

in 1996 and completed her superintendent certification in 2010 from Angelo State University.

She is enrolled in the doctoral program in educational leadership at Texas Tech University. Her husband, Bryan, is currently a science teacher and coach at Marble Falls. The couple has three children, a high school freshman daughter and two sons, one in kindergarten and the other in first grade.

Following the trust-

ees' Dec. 15 meeting, a public reception for the Jacobs family will be held at the elementary school cafeteria.

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**AN ENCOURAGING WORD**

By Eddy Pitchford

Holiday time is upon us! Families will gather to enjoy food and laughter. They will watch football and discuss school. They will eat too much and map out shopping strategies. They will share stories and argue about politics. They will speak about the need to visit more often and promise to stay in touch.

Some families will gather with the awareness that this may be the last holiday time shared together. Some will hurt as they long for loved ones who are separated by death, miles or attitudes. Some will spend more time and money than they should while spending less than they want.

Holiday time gives an opportunity to thank God for the blessing of family and friends. It also brings awareness of those who are friendless and need to be blessed by your family.

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## OUR VIEWS

### A time to give thanks

Time to sit down with the family, share memories and make some new ones.

City offices, county offices, school districts and a good portion of the businesses have closed their doors — including us at the *Big Spring Herald* — for the Thanksgiving holiday and gone home to spend time with their families.

For some this holiday serves as a time to catch up with those family members they haven't seen in a long time, reconnect with old friends or just enjoy the comfort of their own home and good cooking.

There are those who find a reason to be thankful, especially for the hot meal they are able to receive at the Salvation Army and other places that help provide a "home-cooked meal" for the holiday.

No matter what life situation we may be in, Thanksgiving serves as a time to be thankful for the blessings, both small and bountiful, we have in our lives.

Whether you are spending the holiday on the road, at home or any other place life may take you, remember to remain cautious, watch for others around you and take a moment to give thanks for at least one blessing in your life.

Of course, don't forget about the holiday shopping sales. Black Friday shopping is starting a few hours early and in some cases a day early. In previous years, people would line up at the stores waiting for the clock to strike 5 a.m. to catch those impossible to miss deals, but this year, those shoppers don't have to wait that long. This year, Black Friday shopping will begin in some places at 10 p.m. Thanksgiving night and the rest will kick off at midnight.

If you are one of those out braving the crowds, remember as great as the deals may be, don't forget to show a little bit of courtesy and remember the items may be limited but after all, they are only items. Crowds can get edgy and the situation may not be ideal, but don't forget the Thanksgiving and holiday spirit as you hit the stores.

All in all, be safe, have fun, get those deals and from all of us at the *Big Spring Herald* have a Happy Thanksgiving

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, our dreams can be bigger.

Amen

# What better time is there to be thankful than Thanksgiving Day?

As I sat at home to think about what I would be writing about this week I realized there was only one option — time to focus on what I'm thankful for.

I admit it has been a trying week and I have reached that breaking point several times, but each time there has been something that has pulled me back and reminded me that not everything is as bad as I made it seem.

First and foremost, this year I am thankful for the friends I have. It doesn't matter if we live several hundred miles apart or right down the road, when it matters most they are there for me. Whether it is to offer advice, slap me in the face and bring me back to reality or lend a shoulder to cry on. I am even thankful for that one friend who always seems to make me cry. Of course, that is how our friendship started and I wouldn't have it any other way. If he didn't make me cry I would think he didn't care.

I am thankful for my family. We may be scattered across a couple of states, but when it comes down to it we know how to come together when it really counts. I am especially thankful for my cousin who is more of a sister to me than a cousin. She always seems to know the right words to say and no matter how stupid of a choice I make she is there to support me and catch me if I fall. She has been there through the good times and the bad and I know she will continue to be there whatever life may bring our way. We may live three hours away, but the connection we have is one I can't describe and wouldn't trade for anything in the world.

I know it falls into family, but in my opinion, my son brings about a whole new level of thankfulness. I can't say enough how he seems to amaze me. Each year, I wonder what he will learn, what lessons I should be teaching him and it never

fails that more often than not he teaches me something. This year, I am thankful to have him with me on Thanksgiving. A holiday that is usually shared with his dad, this year he will be with me. I am so thankful for being able to have him here with me, laughing with me and sharing all his words of wisdom and creative ideas with me. I am thankful to have him in my life to remind me that sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, it is okay to act like a child; it really does help ease the burdens of life.

Another thing I have to be thankful for are all the little blessings I forget about. The little moments that renew my faith in humanity, give me hope that somehow and someday everything will turn out okay. I remember reading a quote about how everything will be okay in the end or it's not really the end. Life is always evolving and changing.

We each have the option of letting the hard times keep us down or allowing them to build us up. I have learned, especially this past week through the words of a friend, it is only through our weaknesses that we find our strength.

I am not saying that if given the chance I would ask for the hard times I have been through to be relived, but I am saying looking back I realize the majority of my strength has come from the overcoming of these hard times.

As I have gone through these moments, I can recall several people - those that have known me for a while and those who have only just met me — point out the same thing "you are strong." Too often I ignore those words and doubt my ability to overcome. For so long I have let the negativity of those, whether they know me or not, rule my thoughts and my life. I let the positive words escape me and tend to hang on to the negative ones. As my dear friend told me, I need to stop letting others words influence me and dictate my life. Hello hard slap in the face. He was right.

Just this week I have seen several people who have renewed

my faith and made me realize that there are moments in life when we are all going to need a little bit of help and there is nothing wrong with that. There comes a point when we have to push our pride aside and not necessarily take a hand out, but allow others to lend us a helping hand to pick us back up.

I know there is no way I would be where I am at without the helping hands of my friends and even a few strangers who were only passing through my life. I know I have put a lot of work to get to where I am today, but there are also a lot of people who have seen what I have done, cared enough to see my dreams and done what they could to ensure I am able to achieve each and every one.

I may be stubborn, proud and all-to-often hardheaded, but even I have to say thank you. Thank you to all of those who have crossed my path and shoved the help upon me. Thank you to all those who have chosen to care and show me they cared just when I needed it.

As I was saying last night, just as I am about to lose all hope in humanity there comes that moment, that person, that act of kindness which makes me realize there will always be hope as long as we choose to see it.

I know this isn't something I should only recognize during the holidays, but being the holidays my eyes have opened a little wider and I have seen a little more.

I know there will be more moments in my life that will knock me down and there will be moments where I doubt my ability in myself. However, I also know there will always be a light at the end of the tunnel, there will always be hope and as long as I choose, there will always be a way to get back up.

I challenge everyone to take the time this Thanksgiving and be thankful, push the pride aside and truly see the blessings in our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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## Vegan misgivings at Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is upon us. I once loved this holiday above all others — but no more.

The day was an excuse for a gathering of the clan, without religious significance or pressure to buy everybody a useless present.

It was essentially a festival of food. In my family, the menfolk would assemble in the living room to argue politics or football. Meanwhile, the women, supervised by the oldest among them, would engineer the meal in the kitchen. We'd all meet at the dining room table, representing as many as four generations, and conduct the ritual of the turkey.

Oh yes, there was turkey. And ham, perhaps, as well as mashed potatoes, yams, cranberry sauce, and thick, brown gravy.

At least that's the way it was at our house. Strays and friends orphaned by distance from their homes were always welcome. It was, as I said, my favorite holiday. Ozzie and Harriet would have been jealous.

Now, however, my wife and I have become vegans. Our Thanksgiving dinner will feature no turkey or ham. It will feature...vegetables.

That's what vegans eat — vegetables. "Nothing with a face," my stormtrooper vegan sister-in-law is fond of saying.

Which is nice for the fish and

fowl, but I feel terrible.

Not having turkey at Thanksgiving is akin to an un-American activity. Even if historians aren't certain that Miles Standish and his crew ate turkey on Thanksgiving, it's a virtually sacred tradition in this country. How dare the vegan Mafia I live among undermine that noble tradition?

That argument has gotten me nowhere. It's for my own good, they tell me.

There's no doubt I will enjoy the meal. I married a good cook from a family of good cooks. But still.

It's not the turkey, actually. I'm not sure I've ever eaten turkey except on Thanksgiving. It's the principle of the thing, a thread of memory that reaches back into childhood when you sat at the card-table adjoining the big table until you'd reached a certain seniority. It was a big deal, moving to the big table.

It wouldn't have been such a big deal if what you found when you got there was broccoli.

I suppose we'll have meatless lasagna — or some such. Tofu, maybe. Whoopee. (Tofu is a high-protein meat substitute made out of recycled newspapers.)

I'm thinking of carving a turkey out of balsam wood as a centerpiece for the table. Or maybe one made of paper mâché.

Or maybe I won't. I'd be tempted to eat it.

But all is not lost. We still have the Thanksgiving tradition of giving thanks for our blessings.

Religious people give thanks to their God, non-believers to the Unknowable Void that makes things happen for reasons of its own.

This year I'm giving the Void thanks for the Republican slate of presidential hopefuls — Mitt, Newt, Michele, Rick, Herman, and Barney Fife. (Oops, sorry Mr. Paul. That was a slip of the tongue. Happy holidays to you, sir.)

We poor ink-stained wretches are a lonely lot, sitting in our cell-like rooms, staring for hours on end at our computers, making things up. It's a hard job.

Candidates like the ones courting Republican voters cheer us up. Without them we'd be reduced to writing about the balance of payments, the threat of a Greek economic collapse, or the latest Kardashian divorce.

Instead we get to glory in Herman Cain's...Herman Cainishness. Or Rick Perry's bizarre performance recently in New Hampshire, where he resembled the tipsy host of a children's program, talking to eight-year olds.

As one blogger put it: "The best case scenario is that he was drunk. The worst case is that he was sober, but drunk for all of his other appearances."

The Republicans are a gift that keeps on giving. Thank you GOP, from the bottom of my tofu-glazed heart.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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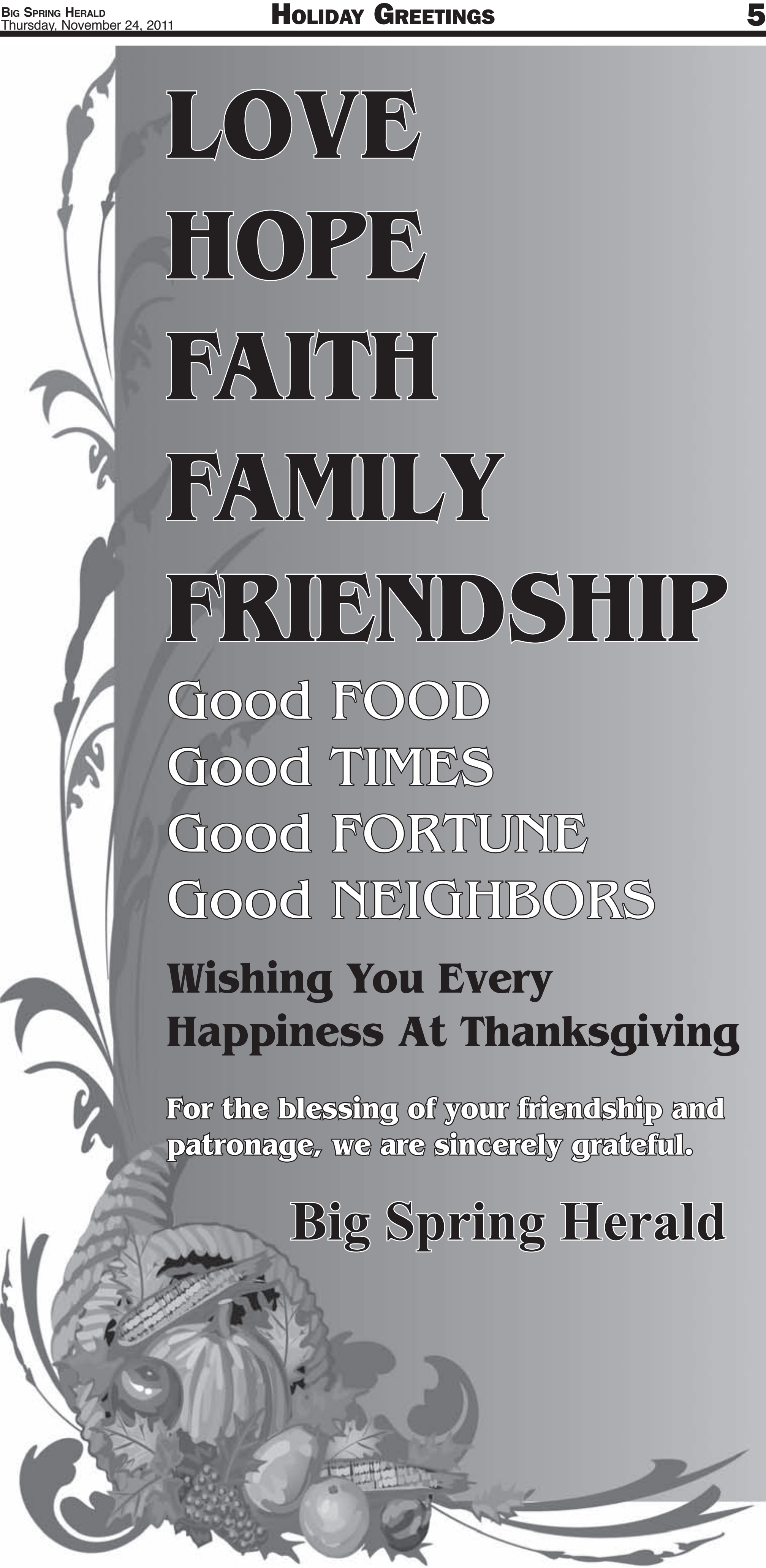
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**Q:** If those chocolate nut spreads in the peanut butter section of the grocery store have the same number of calories as peanut butter, are they a good substitute for peanut butter?  
**A:** In this case, the differences among these products is not the calories, it's what you get for the calories.

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## Try this with leftover turkey

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This week's recipe uses turkey in a creative way for a visually appealing dish rich in nutritional value. These turkey cabbage boats combine a variety of flavors to create a unique Asian taste and presentation.  
 The ginger imparts an aromatic, pungent and spicy flavor. The ginger plant is a creeping perennial indigenous to tropical Asia and other tropical areas. Ginger generally refers to the fresh or dried, whole or powdered rhizome — not the root — of the plant. In the same family as turmeric, ginger is valued for both its taste and reported medicinal properties.

and rice vinegar. If you want to warm your meal up a bit, you might consider adding a serving of brown rice laced with mushrooms. The result will be meal loaded with flavor and nutrition.

### Asian Turkey Cabbage Boats

- Canola cooking spray
- 1 lb. ground turkey breast
- 1 Tbsp. grated fresh ginger root
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh mint

- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- 3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice (lime may be substituted)
- 2 cloves fresh garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp. fish sauce
- 1 tsp. peanut oil
- 1 tsp. sesame seed oil
- 1 jalapeño pepper, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 4 Chinese cabbage leaves
- 3 Tbsp. chopped unsalted peanuts

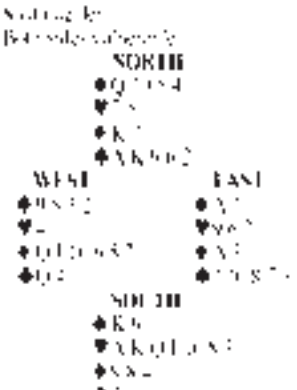
Coat large skillet with cooking spray and set over medium-high heat. Sauté turkey and gin-

ger, stirring often until turkey is browned and cooked through, about 6-8 minutes. Drain excess liquid from turkey mixture and place in large bowl. Add onions, sugar, mint, cilantro, lemon juice, garlic, fish sauce, oils and peppers. Toss thoroughly. Arrange leaves on serving platter. Spoon about 1/3 cup of mixture onto each leaf. Sprinkle peanuts on top and serve.  
 Makes 4 servings.  
 Per serving: 216 calories, 6 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 10 g carbohydrate,  
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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### A Critical Difference



West starts with a bid of 1NT. South would like to play in 3NT, but he is concerned about the quality of his hand. He has a good hand, but he is not sure if he can make 3NT. He decides to play in 3NT. The hand is as follows:  
 North: ♠ KQJ1098765432, ♥ A1098765432, ♦ A1098765432, ♣ A1098765432  
 South: ♠ A1098765432, ♥ KQJ1098765432, ♦ KQJ1098765432, ♣ KQJ1098765432  
 West: ♠ A1098765432, ♥ A1098765432, ♦ A1098765432, ♣ A1098765432  
 East: ♠ A1098765432, ♥ A1098765432, ♦ A1098765432, ♣ A1098765432  
 The hand is a critical difference between 3NT and 3NT. West's hand is a critical difference between 3NT and 3NT.

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7	1	6	2	3	4	9	8	5
3	4	8	5	1	9	2	6	7
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### Bowl-A-Rama Christmas tournament

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Bowlers must be checked in by 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$25 if paid by Dec. 13 and \$30 afterward. The tournament is open to all bowlers and the handicap is 100 percent of 230.

Eight places will be paid, including a \$150 first place prize and \$100 for second. For more information, visit the website at: www.bowlarama.com.

### Coahoma softball board meeting

The Coahoma Girls' Softball Board will hold a meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center

### Hawk Buddies B-ball program

Howard College's Earl Diddle and Jamie Fisher will be hosting a basketball clinic Dec. 10 for girls in grades K-8. The fee is \$20 and space is limited to the first 100 kids.

For more information, call Coach Diddle at 264-5043 or Coach Fisher at 264-5155.

# Stanton boys cruise to 49-29 win over Seagraves

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

STANTON — The Stanton Buffaloes held Seagraves to single digits in three of the four quarters Tuesday night, on the way to a 49-29 victory at home. Seagraves did manage to score 10 points in the final frame, but by that time, the game was pretty much in the bag for Stanton.

Ethan Mauldin rang up 12 points to lead the Buffaloes, followed by Scott Smith and Logan Fryar with seven each. K.J. Glaspie put up six points in the win, while Josh

Vanderslice and Nate Koonce added five. Rounding out the Stanton stat sheet were Andrew Chavez with four points and Cole Schroyer with three.

The Buffaloes jumped out quick in this one, scoring 14 points in the first quarter and 17 in the second. Their defense held tight, sending them to the locker rooms ahead of Seagraves 31-14.

The second half was another verse of the same song, as Stanton's second and third echelons outscored Seagraves 18-15 for the win.

# Forsan falls in Water Valley

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

WATER VALLEY — The Buffs scored 18 points in the fourth quarter Tuesday night and recorded 13 steals in the game, but it would not be enough, as Forsan fell to Water Valley 71-51.

K. Fannin scored 11 points to lead Forsan on the night,

but the game-high went to Water Valley's C. Copley, who put up 29 points to hand the Buffs the loss.

Water Valley jumped out early and built a 36-26 half-time lead, before outscoring Forsan 18-7 in the third quarter. Forsan would fight back, edging Water Valley 18-17 in the final frame, but they were still far behind in this

one.

Trevor Burchett and Michael Mims each flirted with double digits, scoring nine points each in the game, as Fannin and Mims led the team in rebounds with nine and seven respectively. Mims also led the Buffs in steals with four of the team's 13. Forsan was 2-13 from 3-point range.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Tavaris Walker goes up for an easy two points in Tuesday night's game against Greenwood. Walker scored nine points in the loss to No. 22 Greenwood.

# Stanton's girls defeat Seagraves

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

STANTON — The Lady Buffaloes held Seagraves to two first-quarter points on their way to a 40-35 win Tuesday night. By halftime, the game became routine for the Lady Buffaloes as they entered the third period leading 22-10. They would be outscored in the last two frames, but held on for their first win of the season.

Kendra Graham led the team with 12 points, followed closely by Selah Ramsey with eight. Tara Patterson and Whitney Brantley each

added six points for Stanton, while Jennifer Beasley scored four. Ramsey hit both of Stanton's long range shots.

Seagraves 2 8 14 11 — 35

Stanton 11 11 8 10 — 40

Free throws — Sea 4-9, Sta 2-14. 3-point goals — Sea 3 (Garza 2, Fuentes), Stanton 2 (Ramsey 2). Total fouls — Sea 16, Sta 14.

Next: Stanton at Reagan County, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29.

## 6-man boys basketball

**Grady — 59**

**Wink — 32**

LENORAH — The 3-0 Grady Wildcats had three players score 18 points or more in a one-sided victory Tuesday night over visiting Wink. Zeke Clay lit up the board for 19, while Branson Richards and Taylor Polson each added 18 for a 59-32 win in front of the home crowd. E.J. Rodriguez and Ivan San Juan combined for the remaining four Wildcat points.

Grady outscored Wink 40-9 in the first half, before outscoring the dogs just a bit, though their defense still remained tough as nails, only allowing 23 points in the second half.

Clay and Richards each hit three 3-pointers in the game for the Wildcats.

**Garden City — 77**

**Klondike — 45**

KLONDIKE — Garden City scored 51 points in the first half on their way to claiming a win for the first time this year, defeating Klondike 77-45.

Corbin Davis and Sam Miller led the Bearkats with 19 and 18 points respectively. As the Bearkats slowed up in the second half, scoring 13 points in each of the last two periods, their defense strengthened, allowing only 19 points in the second half.

Blayne Batla scored 10 points for Garden City, with Michael Lopez hitting for eight and Reggie Halfmann for seven. Austin Odom scored five points and Dillon Koenig and Juan Bustos each scored four.

## 6-man girls basketball

**Grady — 41**

**Wink — 31**

LENORAH — Grady's girls outscored Wink in every quarter, eventually knocking off the visiting team 41-31 Tuesday night. Lupita Jimenez and Charmynee Arnold each put up double digits in the points column for Grady. Following closely behind the two 10-point girls, was Sarah Clay with eight points and M.J. Price with seven. Faith Hunt added four and Sarah Marshall scored two points for the 2-2 Lady Cats.

Wink 9 5 9 8 — 31

Grady 13 8 11 9 — 41

Free throws — Wink 13-22, Grady 6-10. 3-point goals — Wink 2 (Ramoz, Creech), Grady 1 (Price). Total fouls — Wink 14, Grady 15. Fouled out — Grady, Hunt.

**Borden County — 48**

**Garden City — 43**

GAIL — The girls of Garden City went looking for an upset Tuesday night against No. 13 Borden County. The girls outscored Borden County in the final frames of each half, but were unable to overcome the 17-7 third-period deficit for the win.

Kamie Halfmann led the Lady Bearkats with 12 points, followed closely by Lexie Schaefer with nine and Holly Halfmann with seven in the 48-43 loss.

Garden City 11 11 7 14 — 43

Borden County 12 8 17 11 — 48

Free throws — GC 11-20, BC 16-38. 3-point goals — GC 5 (K. Halfmann 2, L. Schaefer 2, Ha. Halfmann), BC 2 (Voss 2). Total fouls — GC 31, BC 22. Fouled out — GC, Huerta, Hughes, Ha. Halfmann, L. Schaefer; BC, Belongia.

Next: Grady at Garden City, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29.



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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

Burst out of your comfort bubble. There are exciting benefits. The new moon in Sagittarius brings new spices to the table. A partial eclipse may test your commitment to the goings on and the people involved. It's a cosmic attention-getting tactic to help keep us aware of others and focused on the best way to treat one another.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You feel driven to spread your love of humanity to everyone with whom you connect. Your conversation hovers around the most interesting and uplifting news you've heard.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You will know on a deep level that you're an integral part of what's happening in your group. You'll get the sense that you're leading the action in a way that never could occur without you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll exercise your creative muscles and express yourself with flair. There will be more options available to you than you could possibly sample in one day, though you'll certainly try!

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be among a mix of loved ones and strangers, and you'll feel that in many ways the world is one big community in which you feel quite welcome. People around you will be thankful that you were part of their day.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Counteract the day's heightened level of excitement with moments of deep breathing, fresh air and solitude. Ten minutes to yourself every so often will ensure that your mood is consistently wonderful.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll take extra measures to make sure that everyone is comfortable. In an effort to see things the way your loved ones see things, you'll put yourself in different positions, figuratively and, wherever possible, actually.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be inclined to hustle all day if you let yourself, but don't. Your enjoyment will be amplified if you relax into

moments of chitchat and fun instead of constantly noticing all the work there is to be done.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll hear kind words of support, and you'll mentally speak to yourself in an encouraging way, as well. All the positive reinforcement will help you make this day truly memorable for you and yours.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It has something to do with the way you dig into life with a sense of whimsy and fun. By the end of the day, you'll be even more popular than you were at the beginning.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You approach the day with some degree of solemnity, and there's an atmosphere of importance around you. The respect you give to loved ones comes like a fast boomerang back to you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You understand what it means to have an attitude of gratitude, and you'll teach those who are younger, or those who are for some reason less aware of their blessings, how to show and feel appreciation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll ignore the little glitches and change the plan as often as necessary. You'll let nothing keep you from your goal of creating a shared experience with the people you love.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 24). Relationships will be healed this year. In the weeks to come, you'll spend gleeful quality time with those who are most dear to you. You'll buzz with electric insight into matters of business in January. You will be willing to take greater risks because you have a prescient sense that the return will be high. Cancer and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 15, 44, 31 and 30.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "In my family of seven siblings, we alternate Thanksgiving at different households each year. This is my year, and I'm feeling pressure and also excitement about making everything perfect or close to perfect, or at least memorable. Certain things have already dis-

turbed my image of this, though. For instance, imagine my surprise when my sister-in-law, a Leo, suggested that she bring the turkey. Ridiculous! The turkey should always be served by the host. Then she seemed really put out that I gave her the task of bringing rolls and a vegetable, as though that was somehow beneath her. How is a Libra-perfectionist going to get through this one?"

Tap into your powers of diplomacy, and let them have a stronger sway over you than your need to make things lovely and perfect. It sounds like your sister-in-law needs to feel important. You're so creative that you should be able to find ways to address that need during your time together. For instance, could she bring an eye-catching centerpiece for the table that everyone will be talking about? Could she give a toast after dinner? You might reason that your Leo sis shouldn't be so needy and that you have better things to do than worry about her neediness. But this thinking would be counterproductive to a day that should be about giving, sharing and appreciating one another.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Saucy Sagittarian Christina Applegate has used her superstar status to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research. Her Right Action for Women foundation is dedicated to the kind of breast cancer screening that once saved her life. This new mom has much to be grateful for, and her moon and Mars in spiritual Pisces suggests that she'll express that gratitude by helping others.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

**Annie's Mailbox**



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

**I Asked God (author unknown)**

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.

I was made weak, that I might learn to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things.

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy.

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for —but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

**Dear Readers:** This was written many years ago by Judy Vekasy, a registered nurse and director of activities in a nursing home in Savannah, Tenn., and it appeared several times in Ann Landers' column. It originally appeared in the Memphis Commercial Appeal. For those with some spare time this week, please stop by any nursing home and volunteer:

You say you can't do anything. Can you read? Good. Read to me. My eyes aren't what they used to be.

Can you write? Good. Write a letter or a card for me. My hands are shaky.

Can you sing? Good. Help me with the words and I'll sing along.

Can you tell me about your job? I was a nurse once myself.

Can you listen? Wonderful. I'm starved for conversation.

Can you bake a sponge cake or zucchini bread or

angel biscuits or make fudge? They aren't on the nursing home menu, but I remember how good they were and I would like to taste them again.

Do you play checkers or dominoes or rummy? Fine, so do I, but there is never anyone who has the time. They are understaffed around here, you know.

Do you play the violin or the flute or the piano? My hearing is poor, but I can hear any kind of music. Even if I fall asleep, you'll know I enjoyed it.

Once we were somebodies, just like you. We were farmers and farmers' wives and teachers, nurses, beauticians, stockbrokers and electricians, bankers and sheriffs and maybe a few outlaws, too.

We're not all senile — just old and needing more help than our families can give us. This home, whatever its name, is "home" to us and you're an invited guest.

Please come. The welcome mat is always out and not just on Thanksgiving. I hope you will keep this and read it again in January, February, and every other month of the year. We'll still be here and our needs will be the same.

Annie's Snippet for Thanksgiving (credit the late Irv Kupcinet): An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).*

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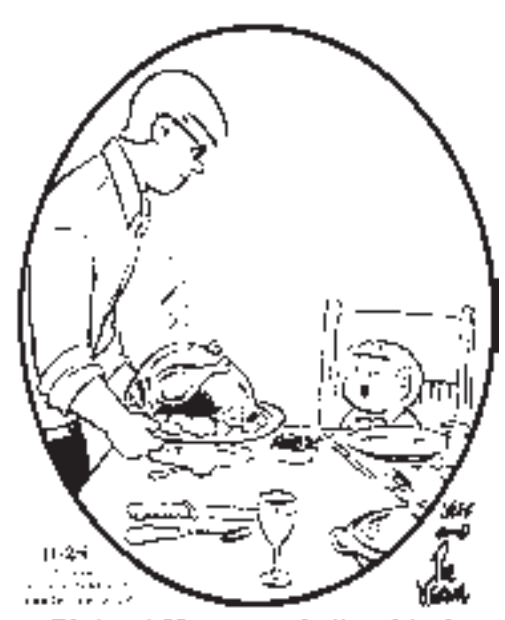
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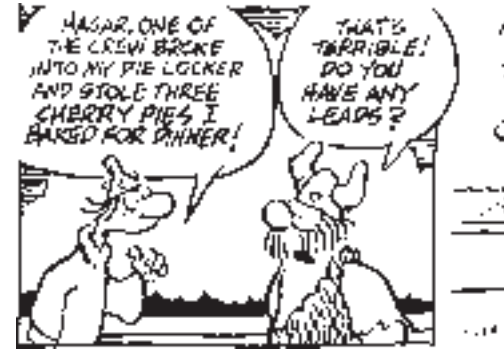
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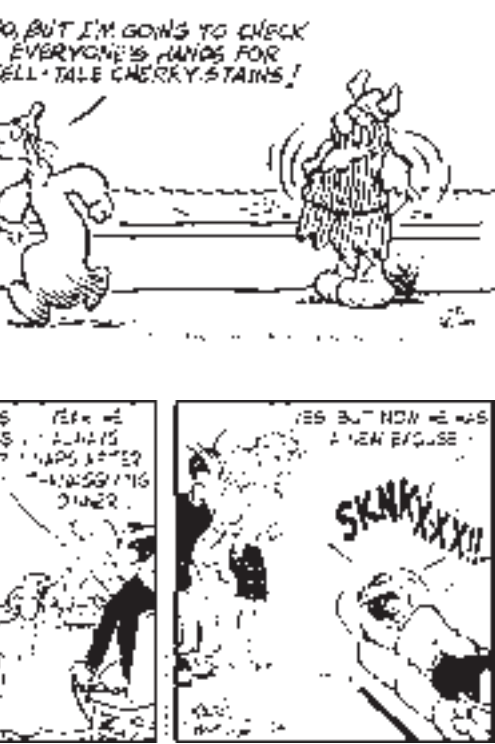
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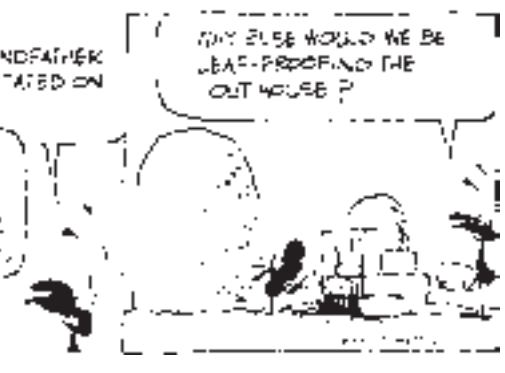
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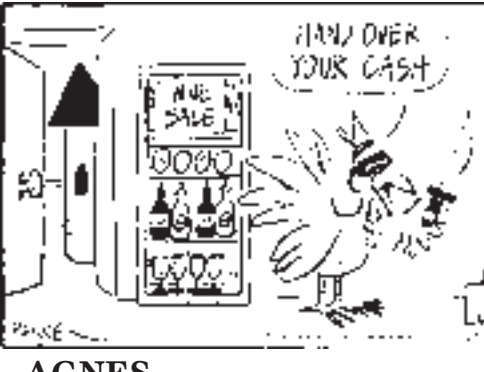
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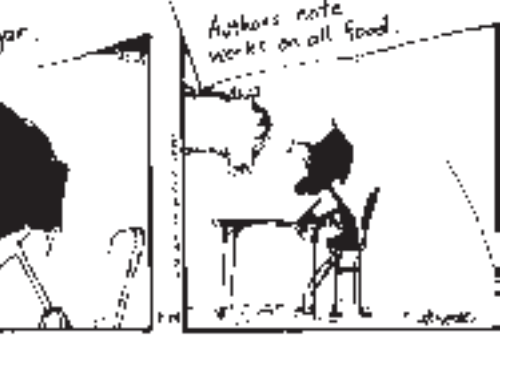
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 24, the 328th day of 2011. There are 37 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 24, 1971, a hijacker calling himself "Dan Cooper" (but who became popularly known as "D.B. Cooper") parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 somewhere over the Pacific Northwest after receiving \$200,000 dollars in ransom - his fate remains unknown.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue (TAG-lee-uh-boo) is 71. Rock-and-roll drummer Pete Best is 70. Rock musician Donald "Duck" Dunn (Booker T. & the MG's) is 70. Actor-comedian Billy Connolly is 69. Former White House news secretary Marlin Fitzwater is 69. Motion Picture Association of America Chairman Dan Glickman is 67. Singer Lee Michaels is 66. Actor Dwight Schultz is 64. Actor Stanley Livingston is 61. Rock musician Clem Burke (Blondie; The Romantics) is 57. Record producer Terry Lewis is 55. Actor Ruben Santiago-Hudson is 55. Actress Denise Crosby is 54. A rock musician John Squire (The Stone Roses) is 49.

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Newsday Crossword

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# No turkeys in NFL's Thanksgiving night game

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens and San Francisco 49ers have thrived this season because they are physical, relentless and combative.

Just like their coaches.

The no-holds barred sibling rivalry between John and Jim Harbaugh moves to the national stage on Thanksgiving night, when they make NFL history by becoming the first brothers to compete on opposite sidelines as head coaches.

John Harbaugh is seeking to take the Ravens (7-3) to the playoffs for the fourth time in as many years at the helm. Jim Harbaugh has turned the 49ers (9-1) into Super Bowl contenders in his rookie year as an NFL coach by instilling his unyielding work ethic into a workmanlike offense and the league's stingiest defense (14.5 points per game).

The brothers received much of their football knowledge from their father, Jack, a longtime college coach. Their competitive spirit was honed during endless duels in almost every game imaginable — including a few they invented just so they could butt heads for boasting purposes.

"We would play tennis-ball basketball on a coat hanger rim," big brother John recalled. "We were throwing balls between tree branches, I guess, throwing snowballs against trees. It was whatever we could think of."

Sometimes, things got a bit out of hand.

"We have never had a fight as adults, maybe since we were 25 or something," John said. "But we had some

knock-down drag-outs when we were younger. I can remember my mom screaming, wailing and crying, 'You're brothers! You are not supposed to act like this!' There are probably a lot of mothers out there that can relate to that."

John, 49, and Jim, 47, aren't the only pair of brothers who have dueled while growing up. They are, however, poised to become the only ones to take that competition into an NFL game as head coaches.

"It goes back to how hard both of them worked to get to where they're at today," said Joani Crean, their younger sister. "Nobody said, 'Oh, you're Jack Harbaugh's son, why don't you come do this job?' They both started out in their professions at the bottom rung, so to speak. They both worked their way up."

Their players know how important this game is to each brother.

"They're both competitive. We're competitive as a team," 49ers running back Frank Gore said. "Baltimore has a great team — they've been playing great ball for a while. Now we're doing our thing, so it should be a great game."

Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs said, "We really want to win it bad for (John). We've (heard) they were going to kind of get after each other like they did when they were little. It's going to be fun to be a part of a sibling rivalry."

The last time John and Jim Harbaugh competed against each other in a sporting event was during an American Legion baseball game when both were teenagers. John was part of the

an elite team and Jim wasn't, so little brother created a team of his own.

Jim can remember virtually all of his teammates and the final score: Jim lost 1-0.

John's recollection of the game is not quite as precise, or so it would seem.

"We won. That's what I remember about it," he said.

"I think I had the game-winning home run, too, if I remember correctly. At least as far as everyone here knows, right?"

The stakes will be much higher on Thanksgiving night, although to the Harbaugh brothers, it's just another chapter in a competition that will almost certainly continue for the rest of their lives.

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