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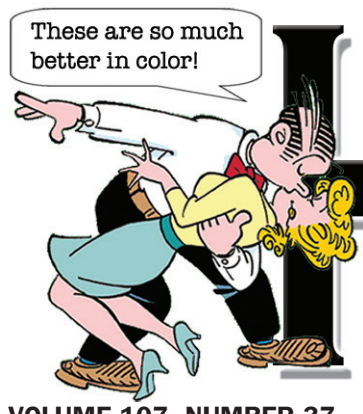
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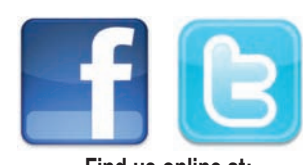
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Santa and Mrs. Claus talk to local children during "Breakfast with Santa" at the Heritage Museum last year. The event returns Dec. 3; cost is \$3 per child plus a canned good.

## Gail Star lighting tonight

Herald Staff Report

GAIL — The star on Gail Mountain will shine for the 18th year beginning this evening.

The 18th annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain will continue the tradition at the Borden County Museum, Courthouse and Courtyard.

Attendees will be able to view the courthouse and museum starting at 5:30 p.m. with time allotted for reminiscing, fellowship, viewing and refreshments. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to visit with the children. Personal cameras are allowed.

During the event, local musicians will provide Christmas music. Children will be able to enjoy story time, hayrides and an ornament contest. Door prizes will also be awarded.

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## Ho ho ho. Breakfast with Santa, Parade Watch are a week away

By AMANDA MORENO  
Staff Writer

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be stopping at the Heritage Museum Dec. 3.

This won't just be a normal stop though, the Clauses will be having breakfast with the children of Big Spring, helping them decorate a gingerbread house and Christmas ornaments.

"This went over really well last year and we figured we would bring it back this year and give more kids the opportunity to have breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus," said Nancy Raney, museum director.

The cost is \$3 per child plus one canned good, which will benefit the First Baptist Church food pantry. There are 30-minute time slots from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. that parents can sign their children up for.

"We are expecting to have about 200 to 250 kids come through," Raney said. "We are expecting to have a really good time."

To make reservations, call the museum at 267-8255 or send an email to heritagemus@gmail.com. There is a new way to sign up this year as well, search Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Heritage Museum event on Facebook and sign up there.

After Breakfast with Santa is over, another tradition — older than 15 years — will be taking place once again, Parade Watch at the Heritage Museum.

"Once again we will be hosting those who want to come and sit with us to watch the annual Christmas parade as it passes us on Scurry," Raney said.

During the parade watch, hot chocolate, popcorn, coffee and cookies will be served.

To find out more information about any of the activities going on at the museum, call 267-8255. Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

## Chamber plans annual open house for Dec. 6

By AMANDA MORENO  
Staff Writer

Sometimes a forgotten building, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office building houses several entities which each serve a vital purpose in the community. December 8, area residents are invited to visit during an annual open house.

Along with the chamber, Big Spring and Howard County United Way, Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, Dora Roberts Community Center, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation — previously known as the Moore Board — and Leading EDG each have their offices housed under the same roof.

"This is a chance for members and

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## C-City girl missing almost a year

Many still haven't given up hope of finding closure

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

As the Christmas season fast approaches, so does the one-year anniversary of the disappearance of Colorado City teen Hailey Dunn, a fact many who have volunteered their time searching for the girl say ties them in knots.

"Every time I look at her picture, it reminds me we have to work that much harder to



Hailey Dunn

bring her home," said Mychelle Rawls, one of hundreds of Big Spring residents who have spent countless hours scouring the Crossroads area for clues to

the girl's disappearance. "You don't want to think about the fact it's almost been a year. You don't want to think about what could have happened since she went missing. You just have to concentrate on the task at hand and that's bringing her home."

Dunn has been the focus of a region-wide search since her mother — Billie Dunn — reported her missing to the

Colorado City Police Department Dec. 28. The lone "person of interest" in the case, Billie Dunn's then live-in boyfriend Shawn Adkins, remains the only suspect in the investigation. However, despite executing a number of search warrants — with one allegedly turning up child pornography on a computer

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# Obituaries

## George C. Cole III



After a lengthy illness, George C. Cole III died Nov. 9, 2011, in Mesa, Ariz. George was born June 25, 1953, in Big Spring and lived in the surrounding area until moving to Arizona 20 years ago.

George is survived by his son, Justin Cole, and wife Natalie of Pasadena, Calif.; daughter, Chrissy Cole of Denton, Texas; and two sisters, Peggy Lumsden and husband Lou and Terri Hedgecock and husband Joe, all of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Maudine Cole, and father, George Cole.

## Verna Lee Yancey Turner



Verna Lee Yancey Turner, 77, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Craig Wascom, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, officiating.

She was born March 31, 1934, in Colorado City, Texas, and married Billy Ray Turner on Nov. 12, 1961. He preceded her in death March 2, 1996.

Verna was raised in Colorado City and moved to Big Spring in 1956. After marrying, she lived in Abilene many years, returning to Big Spring in 1996. She was a homemaker and a member of Assembly of God.

Survivors include one sister, Cleta Satterwhite of Odessa; one brother, Darrell Yancey and wife Susie of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

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

## Betty Anderson

Betty Anderson, 71, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

## Cheryl Clark

Cheryl Clark, 55, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, at Covenant Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# 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.

• 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.

• 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.

• A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in dire need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

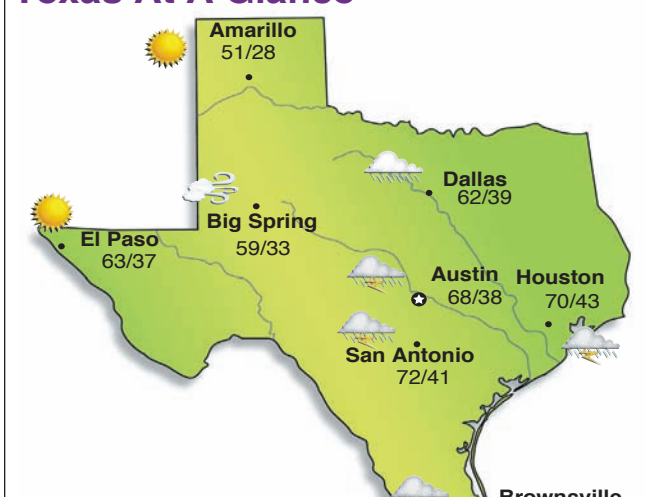
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 11/26	Sun 11/27	Mon 11/28	Tue 11/29	Wed 11/30
59/33 Windy with lots of sunshine. High 59F. Winds N at 25 to 35 mph.	65/33 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s.	70/41 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	60/34 A few clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	64/38 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM

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Area Cities			Area Cities		
City	Hi	Lo Cond.	City	Hi	Lo Cond.
Abilene	58	35 windy	Kingsville	78	46 t-storm
Amarillo	51	28 sunny	Livingston	66	37 t-storm
Austin	68	38 t-storm	Longview	60	38 rain
Beaumont	73	41 t-storm	Lubbock	52	29 windy
Brownsville	83	51 t-storm	Lufkin	67	38 t-storm
Brownwood	61	37 windy	Midland	59	34 windy
Corpus Christi	76	46 t-storm	Raymondville	84	49 t-storm
Corsicana	61	38 t-storm	Rosenberg	70	43 t-storm
Dallas	62	39 rain	San Antonio	72	41 t-storm

## Police blotter

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

• CHRISTOPHER CLINT ENRIQUEZ, 29, of 4914 Wasson Rd., was arrested Thursday on charges of evading arrest or detention and possession of a controlled substance.

• IAN DYLAN HEATH, 35, of Odessa, was arrested Thursday on warrants for driving without a safety belt and failure to appear.

• CATHRYN VIERA SALAZAR, 45, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. 17, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

• BRANDI ANN HUTCHESON, 27, of 316 E. Davis Rd., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for unlawful cat or dog tethering.

• RICHARD HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ, 47, of 805 E. 15th St., was arrested Thursday on charges of disorderly conduct - language and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium.

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

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of E. 11th Place.



Nov. 13-Dec. 21  
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Dec. 1  
**Healthy Women presents "Girls Night Out"**  
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Dec. 2  
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7pm Learn the stories and history behind the Nutcracker Ballet. For more info contact Eulaine McIntosh at 432-264-7641

Dec. 3  
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**SATURDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## We salute:

*Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.*

*We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play*

*This week we salute:*

- Kamie Halfmann, sophomore at Garden City High School, for being named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association Cross Country All-State Team. Halfmann was the only one from the area that was named to the team this year.

- All those who attended Five Golden Bowls and supported the United Way campaign. Including those who made soups and took the time to make a bowl for the event.

- Big Spring area residents and local businesses for supporting the 2012 United Way campaign and helping it not only reach, but exceed their goal of \$275,000 and bringing in \$294,000.

- Salvation Army and all its volunteers who helped prepare and serve the Thanksgiving meal to the community.

- All the contributors and attendees for making the 10th annual St. Andrew's Day event a special evening.

- Area residents for voicing their opinions and letting us know what you want to see in the *Big Spring Herald*.

*Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.*

## HOW TO CONTACT US

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

**May we hold onto Your love, Lord, and not get our feathers ruffled.**

**Amen**

## All about giving some thanks

When I was a kid, Thanksgiving was always my favorite holiday. We shivered in the stands during the big game against the Big Blue, and our longstanding losing streak didn't matter. By the time I was a junior, I sat in the first row wearing a short skirt. I may be the most uncoordinated person there is, but by sheer force of will, I learned to twirl a baton and made majorette, which was not the usual extracurricular for a much-maligned smart girl. Other than giving birth to my children and getting elected president of the Law Review, I think it was the happiest I've ever been.

In my little town, with all its lines between Protestants (number one) and Catholics (number two) and Jews (a distant third) — blacks would have been number four, but there weren't any — we all celebrated Thanksgiving. It was a quintessential American holiday, a day of unity and not division.

As I grew older, of course, there were many bittersweet Thanksgivings: all those meals where it was hard to notice who wasn't there, the family I didn't have, the disappointments of life. The days of cheering for the Magicians and coming home to a full table with my mother and father and sister and brother gathered together only made the

days when I just hoped someone would invite me that much more painful.

And yet, the important lesson I have learned from Thanksgiving, from the hard days as much as the happy ones, is that you can choose to count your blessings or bemoan your losses. As I get older, as the empty seats multiply, loss becomes impossible to ignore. It is, like so many things, part of life, leaving us only the choice of what to do about it.

This Thanksgiving, people all over our country will come together without the ones they love most. They will come together after a year in which they lost their jobs, a year in which they had to explain to their children all that they hoped to give them and could not.

They will come together, at least if they are my age, without their mothers cooking their favorite recipes and their fathers tending the fire, watching the game, carving the turkey.

Half-full or half-empty? I realize in retrospect that the pure joy I felt as a kid was never really shared by my parents. They knew the loss I know now. They saw the empty chairs even at a crowded table. My parents were not perfect, far from it. I am, I suspect, just as far. But the challenge is to fill up that table, if not for ourselves, then for our children, for our friends. If you can't make it, fake it, as some of my friends always say. Truer words I have never heard.

A few years ago, my ex-husband and I decided, after many years of dividing the kids between us, to share the holiday

meal together. We are a family, after all, a family united by the greatest blessing in my life and his, the two children, now both away at college, who mark our finest hour. At first, I thought it would be awkward at the very least. But it is far less awkward than the division and the sadness that marked our Thanksgivings for so many years.

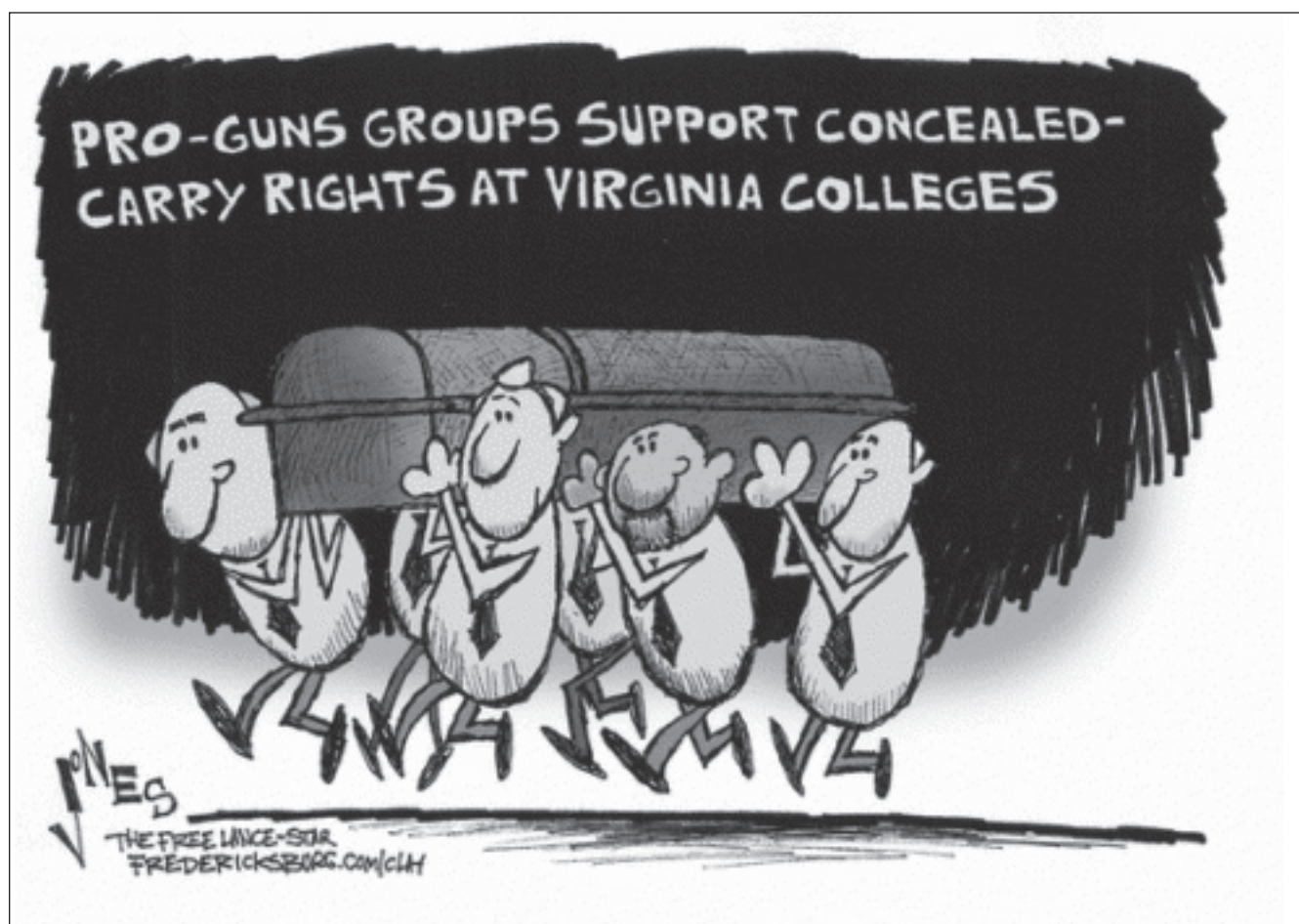
My parents never got that far. Their divorce marked the end of family Thanksgivings. After my father's death a few years later, I never went home again for Thanksgiving. It was over.

I know my children someday will gather without me. Perhaps they will remember these words. Perhaps, somewhere, they will find them. The people we love are always there in our hearts. Thanksgiving can be, if we choose, a day to remember the love they showed us and the gifts they gave us, the fullness of life and not of loss, the blessings of life and not the long shadow of death. It can be a day to remember that, for all our nation's problems, we are the luckiest people on the face of the globe to live in the home of the free and the brave.

Happy Thanksgiving. May God bless us all.

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## Be thankful Thanksgiving comes but once every year

In spite of attempts by the Obama administration to stop, delay or otherwise hinder it, the execution of Tom the Turkey went off without a hitch Thursday at the Griffin household.

Tom might have become an outstanding citizen had he not made one critical error; he tasted entirely too good with gravy.

For that crime, he was sentenced to death.

Supporters of the execution were enthralled in the moment, they went ahead and executed MissPiggy as well. The porkster was not scheduled for execution for another month, but witnesses said her early demise was all for the best.

Having witnessed two executions over the holiday, I found myself falling into traditional thinking — something I am not known for — and decided to see if there were things in my life I was thankful for.

On a day known as much for football as it is for turkey, I find I am thankful for this weak portion of the Cowboys' schedule. An overtime field goal against Washington and the last second field goal against Miami on Thanksgiving has Dallas sitting alone atop the NFC East. Didn't see that one coming. Anyone in Big Spring can tell you no matter how much of an %\$# I can be about it, I have been dead on in my predictions.

Dave Campbell is still trying to figure out how I managed to call Forsan making the playoffs at such an early, preseason date.

But, I digress. Another thing I find myself feeling thankful for is a wife who also thinks outside of the box.

Conventional wisdom says she should have gone her own way years ago. But despite all my faults — not to mention Ellen's claim I am single — my wife has stayed by my side for what will be 18 years in December. I am very thankful for that and the three beautiful kids we have together.

But most importantly, I am thankful I only have to write

one of these feel-good columns a year.

After this one, I am free to go back to my ramblings about the ignorance and utter stupidity of the great unwashed masses of mouth-breathers we all know walk next to us on a daily basis.

Do you have any idea how hard it was to refrain from bashing these idiots who were standing outside of stores for Black Friday sales at 3 a.m. this morning? They make me shudder, thinking of the future of the human race. Of course, at the same time, I find myself laughing at them. Not chuckling, not giggling, but rolling on the floor, laughing hysterically, like Cheech and Chong watching "Fred, the Movie".

So, I will see you next week when I will get back to my evil ways, spreading venom in all directions.

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ROBERT GRIFFIN

# Church News

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship is Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry. Sunday school, led by Pastor Don Rosentreter, is in the parish hall after worship.

Wednesday noon Bible study studies "Held in High Esteem." Bring a brown bag lunch.

We continue to collect supplies for the Candelaria Medical Mission and a complete list is available at the church.

## First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Lectionary Bible study, led by Tom, at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring will meet Wednesday, Nov. 30. The lectionary is Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>. Our e-mail address is [aliveinchrist@crcom.net](mailto:aliveinchrist@crcom.net).

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. Sunday school is at 10:15 a.m.

Jill Alsobrooks will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, and Mark 13:24-37 (or Mark 11:1-10).

The flowers this week are given by Roy and Kathy Hughes in celebration of their 29th anniversary Nov. 20.

If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart.

Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on KBYG

Sunday morning.

Our last evening class will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday. "Cross Talk" — a DVD study — will be lead by Pastor Kohl. We will study the last two sections/topics Monday evening.

Wednesdays, Mid-week school meal is from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the meal and 6:30-7 p.m. for practices for the Children's Christmas Program. During the children's practice, everyone else is welcome to play (or learn to play) dominoes or 42.

Wednesday, Advent services will be at 7 p.m. Plan on attending all of the Advent services set for Wednesdays. Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching. Mark your calendars for Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14.

Wednesday is the last day for the dropout of the items for the Christmas For Our Troops boxes. A list of suggested items can be found on the large drop-off box located in the back of the sanctuary. Remember, the deadline is Wednesday.

Dec. 18 will be the Congregational Christmas Party and Chinese Auction. Bring a finger food, a "white elephant" item to be auctioned and your change for the auction.

Children's christmas program will be Wednesday, Dec. 21. Practices for this program are in process; there is still time for your children to be involved.

The Board of Evangelism would like to thank everyone who helped with our third annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal. We extend a thank you to Rick at Fuller Foods of Colorado City for providing the turkeys. Thank you to all of the cooks and drivers who help made this a wonderful time. Also thank you to all those who worked behind the scenes. Thank you, Daniel Budke, for the beautiful Thanksgiving altar arrangement.

The pastoral call committee is still meeting. Thank you for your dedication in its endeavor which is a slow, but complicated process. The call committee has done an excellent job representing our members and church during this extremely critical process. Continue to pray for God's guidance as they work through another list of candidates. Add our call committee to your prayer list.

A website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, [www.jcplayzone.com](http://www.jcplayzone.com), promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Is is for all ages and offered in several languages.

Scheduled 7 p.m. meetings at the church for December include: The LWML will meet at Jeanie Knocke's home. On Dec. 12, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders meet Dec. 15. The Board of Assimilation will not meet until January.

## First United Methodist

Last Sunday our congregation celebrated "Coming Home For the Holidays" in both services of worship followed by a catered Thanksgiving dinner in

Garrett Hall. Many thanks to Stacey Barr and her great committee of volunteers for planning and executing a truly memorable event.

Following the dinner we shifted our thoughts from Thanksgiving to Christmas as the sanctuary filled with volunteers putting all those parts together to construct the "tree part" of the Living Christmas Tree. Different crews have been adding greenery, lights and bows this week getting ready for performance weekend, Dec. 3 and 4.

This year's presentation is entitled "Christmas Through Music" and the free tickets have arrived and are ready to be picked up in the church office. Choir rehearsals will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Full dress rehearsal will be Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. The public is welcome and no ticket is needed for the rehearsal.

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will deliver the message at both services of worship. His sermon title is "In the Fullness of Time" from Galatians 4:4-7. Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m..

Remember our Angel Tree. When Mom or Dad is in prison, their children are often the silent sufferers. We can let them know they are not forgotten by giving these children the gift of Christmas this year. Gifts are due back at the church Sunday, Dec. 4, while their party is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 10.

It's time to honor someone special this Christmas Season with poinsettias for our sanctuary. There will be order blank inserts in Sunday's bulletin.

## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. Fellowship is at 9:30 am. Sunday and Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Worship service takes place at 10:50 a.m. On Nov. 27 the Rev. Kenneth McIntosh will deliver the message "Restore Us, O God: Hope" from Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19.

Children of the church will lead the congregation in hanging the Chrismos to celebrate the beginning of Advent on Nov. 27. The Thanksgiving offering will be received Sunday. The choir and youth group will meet Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Isaiah 58 will be closed Monday, Nov. 28 and Tuesday, Nov. 29. Regular hours will resume Dec. 5. Client hours are Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Isaiah 58 is located at 107 Runnels. Volunteers are needed to unload the truck Mondays from 9:30-1 p.m. and to help clients. Contact the church office for more information or to volunteer.

First Christian Church is a collection site for the Christmas for the Troops project which sends donated items to troops stationed in Afghanistan. Lists for items being collected are available at the church office. Monetary gifts are also welcome. The deadline for all donations is Nov. 30. Donated items See **CHURCH**, Page 7A

## Seeing the uniqueness in the little irregularities

Once saw a book title about coping with irregular people in our lives. It seems some folks just make us grit our teeth and pull our hair. The grinding habits of irregular people generate tenseness all around them. These irritating individuals embarrass us by the way they look and the things they do. They say things that make us angry or uncomfortable.

If only the irregular people in our lives would behave the way we expect them to behave, dress the way we want them to dress, and say only the things we deem proper, it would be easier to deal with them. If they would be more like us, everything would be all right.

Several years ago, I bought a new skirt with a disclaimer attached. A small tag sewn inside the garment said, "Any weaving irregularities or variation in this fabric are inherent and a natural characteristic of the fabric. They tend to enhance the beauty of the garment and make it more unique."

After reading the message on the tag, I wore the skirt for a long time, looking for imperfections woven into the fabric. Knowing that I was looking for marks of uniqueness instead of flaws in the fabric made me enjoy wearing the skirt even more.

As I encounter people each day, I wonder what would happen if we all saw each other's quirks as unique marks of beauty woven into the fabric of our lives. Instead of flaws, we might see inherent, natural characteristics in each other that enhance the diversity of our personalities. We might also be able to show the kind of love described in the Bible.

The apostle Paul wrote: "Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly ever notice when others do it wrong" (I Corinthians 13:4-5 TLB).

If we could learn not to notice each other's imperfections, we might be able to enjoy the beauty of God's handiwork. We might even be able to see those irregular people around us as unique individuals created by God.

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# In the words of Martha Stewart, Living Mag. Make this year your best Thanksgiving ever

I took the title of this column from a Martha Stewart Living Magazine. Before you get the wrong idea, I have to explain that I don't read or watch Martha Stewart, Oprah or Paula Deen, but my wife does. We have these magazines lying around the house and it is difficult to ignore what is on the cover.



**BILL TINSLEY**

So there she was, Martha Stewart, offering a perfect piece of pie while smiling a perfect smile with perfect teeth, wearing a perfect dress with perfect hair, surrounded by a perfect kitchen with an open window that looked out on a perfect garden. Like Oprah and Paula, every wrinkle and excess pound had been photo-shopped away so that she looked decades younger than her actual age. And, over her head hung the words, "Make It Your Best Thanksgiving Ever."

Unlike Martha, when we sit down to Thanksgiving dinner we must show up with wrinkles, warts and all. We look our age. The kitchen is a mess

with spilled flour on the cabinet and sinks full of dirty dishes to be cleaned up afterward. The food, of course, is great because my wife is a great cook: baked turkey, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, her famous dressing passed down from her mother, green beans, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, pumpkin, apple and pecan pie, for starters.

But, it occurred to me, when I saw that magazine cover of Martha Stewart, that Thanksgiving isn't about the food or the perfect picture. Real Thanksgiving is about the heart. It is difficult for a heart that is not thankful every day to be truly thankful on Thanksgiving Day.

Which brings up another concern about this Thanksgiving. A few years ago the retail stores invented black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving when one-day discounts lure mobs of hysterical shoppers into their stores before dawn. At first, I didn't understand black Friday and, except for one occasion for which I repented, I have avoided it. But black Friday has begun to creep. This year, some stores are opening as early as 9 PM on Thanksgiving Day so that shoppers can shop all night. Really. Is this necessary?

The traditional American Thanksgiving was special because there was nothing commercial about it. All the stores were closed. Workers could spend the day with their families. No one had to shop for presents or send cards. All we had to do was enjoy getting together with those we love and be thankful. Even the homeless, the poor and prisoners could sit down to a good dinner. But, if black Friday continues to creep into Thanksgiving Thursday, our thankful memories of gathering around bountiful tables with family and friends might be replaced with frazzled memories of jostling strangers in the check-out line for the best deal.

I am ready to draw the line. I will concede black Friday in hopes it will pump life into our economy. But I hope we will make this Thanksgiving, and every Thanksgiving, the best ever by being truly thankful with those we love.

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. For more info visit <http://www.tinsleycenter.com>. Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).*

## CHURCH

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will be sorted starting Dec. 2 at the church. Items will be packed and sealed Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

For questions or further information, call the church office at 432-517-4821, email to [fcbs125@yahoo.com](mailto:fcbs125@yahoo.com) or view the website at [www.fcbsbig-spring.org](http://www.fcbsbig-spring.org).

### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Tom Koger, at 5:17 p.m. in the church library will resume weekly, Wednesday. The children's choir and the chancel choir, which practice Wednesdays, at 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. will resume this week.

Nancy Koger is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Members of the

youth group are liturgists for November and ushers are John Yater, Don, Christine and Charlie Boling.

The African Children's Choir, which appeared here last year, is making a return visit to First Presbyterian, Big Spring at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6. The entire community is invited to enjoy the free program.

The service committee is asking for those who are willing to share their talents to drive folks to doctor's appointments, to replace light bulbs, to pick up and deliver groceries as part of the "Helping Hand Group." To volunteer, call the church office at 263-4211 or contact any member of the service committee (see our webpage).

The lectionary is Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37. The choir will offer

"People, Look East" by Tom Mitchell as the anthem and "Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come" by Mark Bender for the offertory. The Rev. Sharon Wiese, retired minister from Lubbock, will be our guest preacher. The Noisy Offering, which is used to feed the hungry locally and globally, will be collected during the worship service.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. See what's happening at the church by visiting our website, <http://www.fpcbs.org>.

### Living Hope Church

A time to reflect on how reality sets in on holidays, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. We need Jesus Christ every day, every breath we take, as long as we live every year there is someone missing from the table. Make no mistake, that empty void can be filled with the love of God. For more details, call 432-264-0620. Transportation is available. Sunday at 11 a.m. we meet and Thursday's Bible study.

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## South Plains Church adds more tables and gears up for another year

### Ladies Christmas Brunch set for Dec. 3

The time is here for the 10th annual Ladies Christmas Brunch, set for Dec. 3.

In celebration of the 10th year, more tables have been added and there will be bigger and better prizes than previous years.

"We're going above and beyond over last year," Senior Pastor Pat Trice said. "There are a lot of fun things that we have planned this year and we want to make it fun for everyone."

Every year, more than 150 door prizes are given away. All of the prizes available to be drawn for are age-appropriate and no one is left out. To make the 10th year even more exciting, a drawing for an entire Christmas-themed table from Neiman Marcus: a 12-place setting complete with flatware, dishes, glasses, table linens and a centerpiece; will be given away as one of the grand prizes of the day. A fully decorated, lighted, 8-foot Christmas tree from Holland Gardens will also be given away for this special day.

Every year, ladies create tables that range from the elegant to the whimsical. Due to additional construction at the church and the high demand for additional tables, the Brunch will expand into the newly added Fellowship Hall.

Tables are divided and judged in three different main categories: Most Elegant, Most Fun and Creative and the

Spirit of Christmas. The Christmas Princess award will be given to a table decorator 12-years-old and under. In addition to those categories, ladies will have the opportunity to cast a vote to grant someone the People's Choice Award.

This year the menu will consist of Southwestern scrambled eggs; crisp bacon; sausage patties; Lyonnais potatoes; cheese blintz; cascading fruit display; mini-chocolate eclairs; apple fritters; assorted mini-muffins; cream horns; mini turnovers; thumb-print cookies; assorted Christmas donuts; and assorted mini Danish. The beverages will be coffee, wassail and orange juice all of which will be provided by Great Western Dining.

While the ladies are enjoying a wonder-

ful meal, the "Men in Black" will serve them. For the fourth year, the men will be dressed in their black slacks and "tuxedo" t-shirts.

When asked about continuing the change, Trice stated "The Men in Black are such a vital part of this event, that we wanted to have a little fun by changing up their attire. Our goal each year is to make the Brunch better than it was the year before."

Tickets for this event are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 and are currently on sale. Doors will open at 9 a.m. Dec. 3 for ladies to enjoy the brunch. For any questions, contact the South Plains Church offices at 806-894-9674 or visit the website at [www.southplainschurch.com](http://www.southplainschurch.com) or check them out on facebook.

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## News in brief

### Black Friday deals bring shoppers out early to gobble up deals

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of shoppers lined up at Macy's, Best Buy and other stores nationwide to buy everything from toys to tablets on Black Friday despite the economic downturn and some planned protests of the shopping holiday.

Some stores had crowds rushing in when they opened their doors at midnight — a few hours earlier than they normally do on the most anticipated shopping day of the year. A few that opened on Thanksgiving Day even were filled with shoppers.

The openings were mostly peaceful, but 10 people at a Walmart store in Los Angeles suffered minor injuries when a shopper used pepper spray during a confrontation shortly after the store opened on Thursday evening. Adding to that, there was a plan by protesters in places like Chicago, Washington, D.C. and Boise, Idaho to get shoppers to reconsider shopping at national chains on Black Friday.

Elsewhere, nearly 2,000 shoppers were in line a Best Buy in St. Petersburg, Fla., when it opened at midnight. And more than 9,000 people were outside Macy's Herald Square store when the doors opened at midnight.

"I came here for the deals," said Sidiki Traore, 59, from Roosevelt Island, N.Y. who bought three shirts for \$50 at the Macy's. Earlier in the evening, he was at Toys R Us for the 9 p.m. opening and bought three toys for \$106 for his four-year-old son.

### Crowds swelling in Egypt's Tahrir Square for major anti-military protest

CAIRO (AP) — Tens of thousands of protesters chanting, "Leave, leave!" are rapidly filling up Cairo's Tahrir Square in what promises to be a massive demonstration to force Egypt's ruling military council to yield power.

The Friday rally is dubbed by organizers as "The Last Chance Million-Man Protest," and comes one day after the military offered an apology for the killing of nearly 40 protesters in clashes on side streets near Tahrir over the last week.

The military also says that parliamentary elections due to start Monday will go ahead on schedule.

The protest is expected to peak after Friday prayers in the square.

An Associated Press reporter at the scene says pro-reform leader and Nobel peace laureate Mohamed El-Baradei has arrived in the square and is expected to join the prayers.

### Second-tier GOP candidates doggedly soldier on

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — They are barely blips in presidential polls and their campaign cash is scarce. Some are running on empty, fueled mainly by the exposure that comes with the blizzard of televised debates in this election cycle and interviews they eagerly grant to skeptical reporters.

Yet the second-tier candidates for the Republican presidential nomination soldier on. They argue that the race is far from over and that anything can happen with polls showing a wide-open race in Iowa five weeks

before the Jan. 3 caucuses.

Former Sen. Rick Santorum is typical when he resists the conventional wisdom that only candidates with a lot of cash and a big campaign can win.

"I feel like I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing and I feel like I'm making a difference in the race," said Santorum, who barely registers in state surveys despite having campaigned in Iowa for more than a year. "I absolutely believe our time will come and we'll have the opportunity to have the spotlight turned on us."

Santorum, who represented Pennsylvania in Congress for 16 years, frankly acknowledges the possibility of a different outcome.

### Turkey says Syria faces test of goodwill over Arab League ultimatum

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's foreign minister says Syria faces a test of goodwill over Arab League demand to allow an observer mission.

Ahmet Davutoglu says Friday Syria "must open its doors to observers."

Syria has already slammed the Arab League's ultimatum to agree by Friday to allow an observer mission into the country or face sanctions.

Davutoglu says the patience of Turkey and Arab countries is "running out over the bloodshed in Syria."

He spoke during a joint news conference with Italy's new Foreign Minister Giulio Terzi in Istanbul. Terzi described the situation in Syria as a "worrying tragedy."

### Moroccans choose new parliament after Arab Spring protests

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — Moroccans began voting for a new parliament Friday in Arab Spring-inspired elections that are facing a boycott by democracy campaigners who say the ruling monarchy isn't committed to real change.

A moderate Islamist party and a pro-palace coalition are expected to do well in the voting, but a key test for the authorities' legitimacy will be how many voters cast ballots.

The result will be watched by Morocco's U.S. and other western allies, as well as European tourists who cherish its beaches and resorts.

In the affluent Agdal neighborhood of Rabat a steady stream of professionals lined up early in morning at a polling station to vote before work.

"I've always voted but this time it is more important," said Mohammed Ennabli, a doctor. "Before it was the king who chose, now it is the people who choose."

### U.S. awaits news that 3 students arrested during Cairo protest freed

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Family and friends of three American students arrested during a protest in Cairo waited anxiously Friday for news that they had been released from police custody.

Derrik Sweeney, Luke Gates and Gregory Porter, who attend the American University in Cairo, were arrested on the roof of a university building near Cairo's iconic Tahrir Square on Sunday. Officials accused them of throwing firebombs at security forces

fighting with protesters.

A court in Egypt ordered the release of the students, a lawyer in Philadelphia confirmed Thursday.

Attorney Theodore Simon, who represents Porter, a 19-year-old student at Drexel University in Philadelphia, said he spoke by phone with Porter, describing the student's demeanor as "calm and measured, demonstrating a maturity well beyond his 19 years."

"He was extremely thankful and appreciative for our efforts and the unconditional support of his mother and father," Simon said.

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## Briefs

### Bowl-A-Rama Christmas tournament

Bowl-A-Rama of Big Spring will host their second annual Christmas tournament Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

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.

# Longhorns send Aggies out of Big 12 with a loss

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas spoiled Texas A&M's going away party.

Justin Tucker kicked a 40-yard field goal as time expired to give the Longhorns a 27-25 victory over Texas A&M on Thursday night in the likely end of a more than century-old rivalry.

Texas A&M's last Big 12 game and the 118th meeting between the bitter rivals before the Aggies depart

for the Southeastern Conference next season was a thriller befitting one of college football's oldest and most storied matchups.

"Sports can be really cruel," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "I think it was a time tonight where both teams deserved to win."

The Aggies were down 24-19 before Ryan Tannehill found Jeff Fuller on a 16-yard touchdown pass with 1:48 remaining. But the

2-point conversion failed, leaving A&M (6-6, 4-5 Big 12) ahead 25-24.

The Longhorns' winning drive was helped by a 15-yard personal foul penalty and a 25-yard run by quarterback Case McCoy.

McCoy started Thursday after being benched after a loss to Oklahoma in favor of David Ash. Brown

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# Cowboys thankful for win

ARLINGTON (AP) — The blood began running early. On one of his first carries, DeMarco Murray skinned his elbows and stained his uniform, sending red streaks across the white numbers of his blue jersey and white pants.

By the end — when Murray was grinding out yard after yard and burning off precious time — the look fit him and the Dallas Cowboys quite nicely.

Murray churned out 27 yards on five straight carries in the final 2:41, setting up fellow rookie Dan Bailey for a 28-yard field goal as time expired that gave the Cowboys a 20-19 victory over the Miami Dolphins on Thursday.

The win was Dallas' fourth straight and it guaranteed the Cowboys (7-4) would be atop the NFC East at the start of December. They're a half-game ahead of the New

York Giants, who play at New Orleans on Monday night. If New York wins, the clubs would be tied. A Saints win would keep Dallas on top alone.

"There is no favorite," Cowboys cornerback Terence Newman said. "I'll tell you what happens at the end of the season. We just have to keep on plugging and get some wins."

Murray's involvement from backup to featured back has transformed

the Dallas offense. He's mostly been a break-away threat who has kept defenses from loading up to stop Romo. This late-game performance showed what a fully developed player he may be. He gained between 3 and 9 yards on five straight carries, taking the clock from 2:41 to :17 while forcing the Dolphins to burn

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# Ravens down San Fran in Harbaugh civil war

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Harbaugh brothers met in the middle of the field, hugged, expressed their love for each other and headed off in opposite directions.

After their much-anticipated, oft-analyzed and historic confrontation was over, John and Jim Harbaugh expressed gratitude over having the opportunity to face each other on Thanksgiving.

John was just little bit happier, of course, because his Baltimore Ravens beat Jim's San Francisco 49ers 16-6 Thursday night.

"I felt really humble, just thankful," John said. "Running across the field to my brother — he's my best friend, along with Mom and Dad and my wife. You don't put yourself in many other coaches' shoes, but you can put yourself in your brother's shoes. I'm really proud of him."

Although the 49ers (9-2) had their eight-game winning

streak end, Jim Harbaugh was thankful for the experience of coaching against John in the first NFL game with two brothers on opposite sidelines as head coaches.

"I was proud to be part of it, proud to be part of the family," Jim said. "I was thankful on Thanksgiving. It was a wonderful thing."

Asked what he said to John, he replied, "I congratulated him and told him I loved him."

John, 49, and Jim, 47, grew up dueling each other in all sorts of games.

This, however, was the first time their sibling rivalry was displayed on a national stage.

During the final minute, John got a Gatorade bath from his players — twice. After the game ended, the brothers hugged at midfield.

"There's a saying that says, 'As iron sharpens iron, so does one man sharpen another,'" Jim said. "And I have to say my brother John is the sharpest iron I've ever encountered in my life."

The 49ers (8-3) sacked Smith nine times, tying a franchise record, despite playing without middle linebacker Ray Lewis, the team's leading tackler and spiritual leader. Lewis was inactive for a second straight game with a foot injury.

Smith completed 15 of 24 passes for 140 yards and an interception, and San Francisco was held without a touchdown for the first time this season. Smith never could get into a rhythm against an aggressive defense that rarely let him set up in the pocket.

"It's tough to get ready for a defense like that in a short week. They do so many things," he said. "They're a great front. At home with the crowd noise, they were teeing off."

Terrell Suggs had three sacks for first-place Baltimore, which moved a half-game ahead of the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC North. "That's always the game plan, to get after the quarterback, but I think the No. 1 game plan was to win the Harbaugh Bowl," Suggs said. "Coach tried to downplay it — act like it's not me against my brother, this is the Ravens vs. the 49ers and let's get win No. 8 and make sure our destiny is in our own hands — but it was really important to him. We as a team went out there and really wanted to win for him."

Now that it's over, the Harbaughs can put their rivalry on hold and get back to winning football games for reasons that involve division crowns and home-field advantage.

"For those two guys, they're probably glad it's over," Ravens center Matt Birk said.

Baltimore broke a 6-6 tie with a 76-yard, 16-play drive that lasted more than 7½ minutes and ended with an 8-yard touchdown pass from Joe Flacco to tight end Dennis Pitta with 14:56 left. Flacco went 4 for 4 for 34 yards and a touchdown on third down during the drive.

"When you have that kind of game plan — your line being so efficient on third downs — you have to come through," Flacco said.

Billy Cundiff wrapped up the scoring with his third field goal, a 39-yarder with 4:16 remaining.

In a game dominated by both defenses, Flacco finished 15 for 23 for 161 yards and Ray Rice ran for 59 yards on 21 carries.

# Packers remain undefeated, defeat Lions 27-15

DETROIT (AP) — Aaron Rodgers shrugged off Detroit's powerful pass rush and helped the Green Bay Packers stay perfect.

This year, it was Ndamukong Suh who didn't finish the game.

Rodgers threw two touchdown passes, and Green Bay took advantage of Suh's third-quarter ejection, pulling away for a 27-15 victory over the Lions on Thursday. It was a much better day for the Packers than their previous visit to Ford Field, when Rodgers was knocked out of the game with a concussion in a 7-3 loss last December.

"I felt it was an excellent character win for our football team, something we talked about at halftime," Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said. "I'm very proud of our football team to fight through adversity."

Detroit is now fac-

ing serious adversity of its own. The Lions (7-4) have lost four of six since a 5-0 start, and three defensive backs were hurt Thursday.

Detroit will also have to wait and see what kind of discipline could await Suh, who was dismissed after tangling with Packers offensive lineman Evan Dietrich-Smith. After being pushed off Dietrich-Smith, Suh stepped down hard with his right foot, appearing to make contact with Dietrich-Smith's right arm.

Suh said he was trying to keep his balance while freeing himself from the brief scuffle.

"My intention was not to kick anybody, as I did not, removing myself," he said. "I was on top of a guy, being pulled down, and trying to get up off the ground — and why you see me pushing his helmet down, because I'm trying to remove

myself from the situation, and as I'm getting up, I'm getting pushed, so I'm getting myself on balance."

In less than two seasons as a pro, Suh has established himself as one of the game's strongest and most athletic defensive linemen, but he's also received his share of fines.

Suh requested and received a meeting earlier this season with Commissioner Roger Goodell to discuss his play. He said that dialogue was helpful, but now the league will have to decide whether more punishment — be it a fine, a suspension or both — is merited in this case.

"I can't speak on that," Suh said. "I don't have a decision in that."

In 2006, Albert Haynesworth, who was then with the Tennessee Titans, was suspended five games after swiping his cleats across the head

of a helmetless Dallas player. Suh's stomp wasn't toward Dietrich-Smith's head, and the Green Bay player didn't seem too much worse for wear.

Suh's penalty helped turn a close game into a rout. It came on third down when the Lions appeared to have forced Green Bay to settle for a short field goal. Instead, the Packers scored a touchdown moments later, taking a 14-0 lead on John Kuhn's 1-yard run.

"We kept things between the whistles," Rodgers said. "That's how we've been coached, and we stayed disciplined."

The Packers now lead San Francisco by two games in the race for home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. The defending Super Bowl champions are 11-0 for the first time in franchise history and have

won 17 straight games, including the playoffs.

"We're at 11 wins," McCarthy said. "Once you get to 11 or 12, you start focusing on winning your division. After that comes home-field advantage, and after that comes winning the Super Bowl. Those are always the three goals in Green Bay. If a bonus goal comes up along the way, we'll deal with it, but those are the three we care about."

Rodgers was 22 of 32 for 307 yards. He threw a 3-yard TD pass to Greg Jennings with 4:51 left in the first half to break a scoreless tie, and a 65-yarder to James Jones in the third for a 21-0 lead.

Detroit dropped its eighth straight Thanksgiving game.

The Lions lost two starting defensive backs early on, when cornerback Chris Houston and safety Louis Delmas left

with knee injuries. Cornerback Brandon McDonald was also helped off in the second half.

Kevin Smith, who had given the Detroit running game a much-needed boost last weekend when he ran for 140 yards against Carolina, went down with a right ankle injury. He said an X-ray was negative.

Green Bay also had its share of injuries, to players like running back James Starks (ankle) and linebackers A.J. Hawk and Desmond Bishop (calves). But the situation became so dire for the Lions that wide receiver Rashied Davis was playing in the defensive backfield toward the end.

The Lions committed 11 penalties for 82 yards, including three important ones when they were in Green Bay territory early on. Matthew Stafford threw for 276 yards.

## DALLAS

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their last two timeouts.

He showed his awareness best when he broke to the outside and fell rather than try gaining a few more yards and risking getting pushed out of bounds.

"I definitely knew what to do," Murray said. "It was an awesome way to finish the game."

The Dolphins (3-8) had four drives that got within 10 yards of the end zone, yet settled for field goals every time. Their only touchdown came on a 35-yard pass from Matt Moore to Brandon Marshall.

However, Miami still nearly pulled it out. In the second half, the Dolphins scored on all but their final drive, and that was all it took to end a three-game winning streak.

"When you come into somebody else's place, those (deep drives) have got to be touchdowns," Miami coach Tony Sparano said. "They've been touchdowns the last few weeks and that's why you win."

Eighteen years after these teams played another Thanksgiving game decided on a last-second field goal — one best remembered for Leon Lett's gaffe on snow and ice — conditions

were so balmy that the glass end-zone doors at Cowboys Stadium were opened for the first time all season.

Maybe that's what caused both teams to play so sloppy for so long. TV viewers, especially anyone fresh off a huge holiday meal, might've dozed off watching the first half.

But things got plenty interesting after halftime. Moore led Miami on three straight scoring drives of at least 70 yards, the last putting the Dolphins up 19-17 with 7:14 left.

Dallas punted on its ensuing drive, then Moore was finally stopped, too. Miami punted and Dez Bryant made a rare appearance as a returner, taking it 20 yards.

Romo took over at the Cowboys' 36-yard line with 2:59 left. Jason Witten went into the huddle and told teammates, "We need this W, whatever it takes. No penalties. We've got to get it there," left guard Montrae Holland said.

Witten himself caught consecutive passes to put Dallas at the outer edge of Bailey's range. Murray got it closer, then Bailey split the uprights.

"That's what they are paying me to do, I guess — to go out there and make kicks," said Bailey, who has made 26 in a row, one shy of the club record.

Romo ended a streak of 128 straight passes without an interception,

but he completed 22 of 34 for 226 yards. Many of those came while scrambling and some while also being hit or grabbed. He was patient waiting for a 5-yard touchdown pass to Laurent Robinson to develop, and the pair were in sync on an 18-yarder made with Romo moving to his left.

"He just kind of kept hanging in there," Garrett said. "I thought he moved in the pocket really well. In critical situations, he ... allowed us to make plays."

Murray ran 22 times for 87 yards, and caught four passes for 41 yards. Robinson caught seven passes for 79 yards. Witten had four catches for 43 yards and Bryant caught three balls for 35 yards.

Moore was 19 of 32 for 288 yards and a touchdown. He took four sacks and had trouble handling several snaps; one went through his hands and was recovered by Dallas only 5 yards from the end zone.

That set up the first Romo-to-Robinson touchdown, with 55 seconds left in the half, ending Miami's streak of 13 quarters without allowing a touchdown.

Reggie Bush ran 16 times for 61 yards and had 35 more on three receptions. Marshall had 103 yards on five catches, including the TD pass hauled in while Newman had him in a headlock for about 5 yards.

"We felt like we played a good game all day, but we didn't make enough plays and they did," Miami safety Jeremiah Bell said. "That's the price you pay."

## AGGIES

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gave McCoy a pep talk before the final drive.

"I told him: 'Here's where you become the guy and here's where you take us down and win the game,'" Brown said. "Every quarterback has to have a signature moment and this is going to be yours."

McCoy struggled to move the offense for much of the game, but he was able to do just enough to get the Longhorns in position for Tucker's winner.

"They played their hearts out tonight," Tucker said about the Aggies. "But sending them off to the SEC with a sour taste in their mouth feels pretty good."

Texas players spilled onto the field as soon as the kick sailed through the uprights. At the same time, thousands of dejected Aggies fans streamed to the exits in the end of this holiday tradition in this football-crazy state.

"This is a devastating loss for our team," Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman said.

The series ends with the Longhorns leading 76-37-5 and Brown im-

proved his career record against the Aggies to 10-4 with Thursday's win.

Texas A&M safety Trent Hunter, who had the 15-yard penalty on the Longhorns' winning drive, said players were crying in the locker room after the loss.

"This is by far the most painful loss I've had since I've been here," Hunter said. "It's one of those things that we're going to have to live with for a while since Texas and Texas A&M aren't playing again."

Receiver Jaxon Shipley threw a touchdown pass on a trick play in the first half and the Longhorns took advantage of two interceptions in a 17-point third quarter to send the Aggies off with a loss.

"We protected the ball in the second half and our defense forced a lot of turnovers," Brown said.

Carrington Byndom's interception return for a touchdown early in the third quarter cut Texas A&M's lead to 16-14.

The Longhorns (7-4, 4-4) took a 17-14 lead on a 23-yard field goal later in the third.

Tannehill's third interception led to a 1-yard touchdown run by Cody Johnson to extend the Longhorns' lead to 24-16.

"I just didn't play well," Tannehill said.

At times the end of this bitter rivalry felt like a goodbye between longtime friends. The Longhorn band spelled out 'Thanks A&M' while playing "Thanks for the Memories." Earl Campbell, who the Heisman Trophy at Texas in 1977, and Texas A&M's John David Crow, winner of the award in 1957, watched the game sitting side by side in golf cart in the corner of the stadium.

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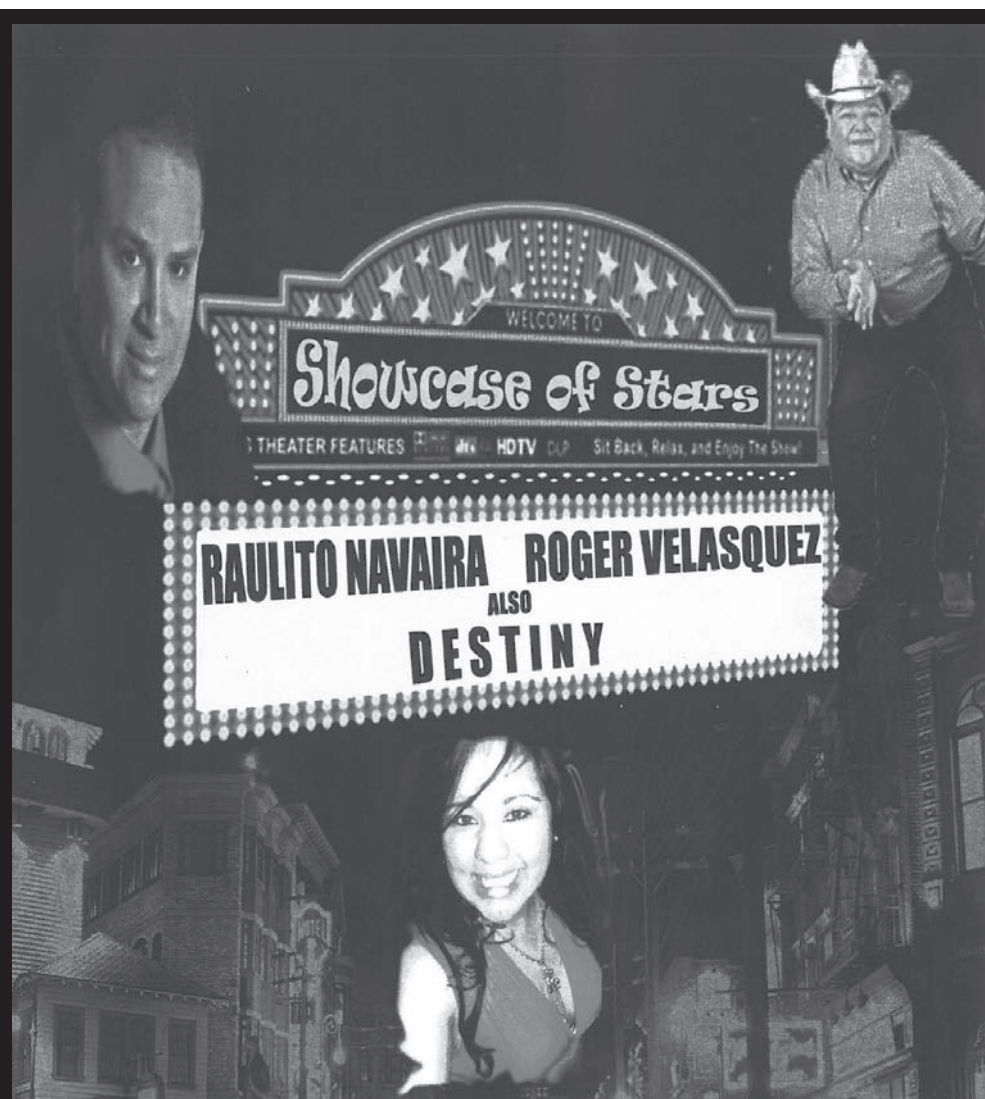
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

The Optimists Club will get new members today. With the first four luminaries reveling in Sagittarian exuberance, the "can-do" spirit is alight. If a swelling inner confidence doesn't urge you toward exciting adventures, a strong current of curiosity will do the trick. Good fortune favors the bold.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Sooner or later you have to learn from the ground up. Sooner or later you have to be envious of anyone who seems to have stepped ahead. Everyone has to go through the steps at some point.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You really do need for acceptance and love determine your actions. The more you accept and love yourself, the less you'll need it from others and the more control of your destiny you'll be.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll find yourself to the task of managing your life in a new and improved manner. Practical action rules. Work your way out of a thinking block, because you're unlikely to think your way out of a working block.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Tiny arguments rise to the surface of your mind. Should you let them escape your rosy lips, as well? Think it through. With Mercury retrograde, there is much that is

best left unsaid.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You have to look past appearances to know what's really going on. The prince will be dressed as a pauper, and the pauper will wear expensive shoes. The wise man will be silent as the fool pontificates loudly about all he knows.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Regardless of what preparations you've actually endeavored, you will feel completely ready to take on the day's events. You have an inner core of confidence that overrides the situation.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes you get the feeling that a relationship, career or location isn't really the perfect fit for you. It will go on as an uneasy feeling until you decide definitively either way. The time is right to choose and stand by your choice.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You need people around you who don't deplete your energy and who do provide sufficient emotional support. Keep looking until you have that, and don't settle for less.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The best place to work out logistics and practicalities is on paper — and not digital paper, but actual paper. There's something about seeing your plan laid out in front of you that will bring sudden clarity.



HOLIDAY MATHS

**Dear Margo: When DNA doesn't figure in**

**Dear Margo:** Almost 19 years ago, when I got sober and was in intensive therapy, I told my mother about the sexual abuse I endured as a kid. She claimed I was lying and that my alcoholism was just a "phase." I tried counseling with her through the years, but it never helped; the blame for everything still landed on me. It took a lot of time and effort to forgive her — I am her only child — and eventually I did, but I keep her at arm's length for my own sanity.

This past Mother's Day, however, I received a hateful email from her dredging up all the incidents from 19 years ago, blaming me for all her misery since then, and calling me a liar, a manipulator and a total ingrate. I have not spoken to her since.

In order to not be pulled into her vortex of non-stop drama (hazardous for my sobriety), I moved 2,000 miles away. I can't call her without her behaving spitefully. I can't send her gifts without her destroying them. I know that her drinking and tranquilizer-popping have escalated over the years. I also know her problems are hers, but I am still her daughter and feel duty-bound to help her. I just cannot allow myself to be her perpetual target. I have no idea what I am supposed to do. — *Lost Daughter*



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**Dear Lost:** What I hope you will do is write "finis" to this relationship with a clear conscience and the understanding that damaged, toxic people — whatever the relationship — are not entitled to make you miserable 'til the end of time. You have come a long way, my dear. Your mother is clearly ill (substance abuse aside), and oddly, she has made things very clear-cut and unambiguous about why you should terminate this punishing relationship. You easily could've ended things before now, but you hung in. Alas, there was no payoff. I hope you will put an end to being your mother's pinata. — *Margo, categorically*

**Am I Entitled To Be PO'd?**

**Dear Margo:** A friend from another country and I have been planning a month-long trip together for about a year. It's about five months from happening, and some hotel bookings for certain events already have been made. I got a message from my friend today telling me one of his good friends just notified him that he will be getting married during

the last week of our trip, and now my friend is asking me if we can cut our trip short by a week. It may seem trivial since this is such a long trip, but we have been planning it for so long, and I almost had to beg and barter to get the time off of work. Am I justified in feeling slighted, or am I expecting too much? — *Grouchy*

**Dear Grouch:** I'm with you. A trip, with reservations yet, that's been a year in the planning should not be truncated because a friend just announced he's getting married. Missing a wedding is not the biggest deal in the world. I think you are entirely justified in feeling jerked around, and in fact, I would ask your friend to reconsider, taking into account the planning you've both done, plus the maneuvering you had to do to miss work. I don't

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can be set in your ways, and you can just as easily unset them. You'll witness something you never would have seen had you not ventured outside of a deeply entrenched routine.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll act in a way that is aligned with your ethics and beliefs, with full knowledge that others (even some very close to you) do not necessarily share your ethics and beliefs.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A new fire is burning inside of you, and you'll apply the energy toward an old goal. It's time for you to contact those who aren't so sure you can accomplish this and change their minds.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 25). You'll get attention because you put things together in a sharp, stylish way. From your appearance to your environment, there's a certain panache in all you create. You'll be copied by friends and strangers alike. You'll get help and reach a personal goal in January. April brings a windfall. June travels are romantic. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 1, 16, 32 and 40.

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find it "trivial," by the way, to shorten a trip by 25 percent. I hope you will lay it on the line about how you are feeling about his "suggestion." Let me know what happens. — *Margo, affirmingly*

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via the online form at www.creators.com/dearmargo. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.*

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## sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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			8		7	6		9
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3	8					7		

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bidding Quiz

**Partner opens One Spade**, both sides vulnerable, and you have a partscore of 40. What would you respond with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ 83 ♥ 107652 ♦ AQ4 ♣ KQ8
- ♠ Q752 ♥ AKJ3 ♦ Q76 ♣ 84
- ♠ Q96 ♥ KQ4 ♦ AJ9 ♣ AJ87
- ♠ 74 ♥ J73 ♦ Q973 ♣ J952
- ♠ K8653 ♥ AQJ96 ♦ J8 ♣ 10

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- One notrump.** Without the partscore, a two-heart bid would be perfectly normal, but with it, the correct response is one notrump. This is because partner might pass two hearts with indifferent trump support — since a game contract has been reached — and your hearts are simply not substantial enough to risk a pass. There is no chance of partner's passing one notrump, as such a response is forcing with a partscore of 40.
- Two spades.** Ordinarily, you'd respond three spades, but since a jump to three with a partscore of 40 would constitute a slam try, you bid only two. Change the club eight to the king and you'd have a proper three-spade bid. Such a jump would indicate interest in a slam but would not be forcing.
- Three notrump.** This is also not forcing but is highly invitational to a slam. The jump to three notrump promises 17 or 18 high-card points, scattered strength in the unbid suits and balanced distribution.
- One notrump.** Without a partscore, you'd pass, because game would be too remote to justify keeping the bidding alive. But with a 40 partscore, the requirements for a response are lower than the usual six-point minimum since you don't have to bid as high as usual to reach a game. You therefore lower your sights accordingly.
- Three spades.** Here you make a slam try that is based on your excellent trump support, strong side suit and attractive distribution. True, you have only 11 high-card points, but slam is conceivable even opposite a minimum opening bid. Partner needs little more than the ace of spades, king of hearts and ace of diamonds to be a favorite for 12 tricks.

It would be unwise to respond two hearts for the reasons previously given, or to respond three hearts, which would be a jump-shift and 100 percent forcing. You have sufficient values to suggest a slam, but not the values to insist upon one.

Tomorrow: Swapping horses in midstream.  
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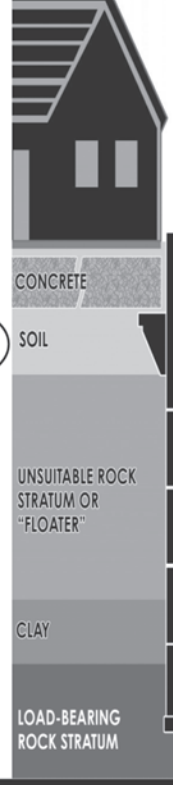
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	Midland	Spanish	Odessa	Odessa	Telemundo	Midland	Atlanta	Odessa	Odessa	Odessa	Discovery	Classics	Spike TV	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports
5:30 PM			Alma Big Bang	News	Noticias	News	Movie: Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail	Bible	News	'Til Death King	Gold Rush		Auction	Movie: Four Brothers	Parkers	ANT Farm	Teams TBA.	Teams TBA.
6:30 PM	Jeopardy!	Quando Me Wheel	Big Bang	News	Caso Cerro-Ent	News		Enaron	Business	Seinfeld	Gold Rush	Movie: Jurassic Park, Jeff Goldblum	Auction	Parkers	Parkers	ANT Farm	Score.	College Football: Teams TBA.
7:30 PM	Movie: Shrek the Third, Cameron Diaz	Familia-Suerte	Movie: Iron Man, Gwyneth Paltrow	Hoops & The Elf	Mi Corazón Insiste	Movie: National Treasure: Book of Secrets, Harvey Keitel	Payne	Door-Wisdom	Wash.	Reindeer	Gold Rush		Movie: Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace, Natalie Portman	Movie: Forrest Gump, Gary Sinise	Parkers	A.N.T. Farm	College Basketball	
8:30 PM	20/20	Protagonistas (SS)	How I Met	Blue Bloods	La Casa del Lado		Payne	Best of Light of the Southwest	Great Performances II Postino From LA Opera	Olive-Reindeer	Gold Rush			Parkers	Phineas			
9:30 PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Movie: Last Holiday	Alewine	Ribbon	King	Flying Wild Alaska	The Walking Dead		Parkers	Good			
10:30 PM	Nightline	Noticiero	Raymond Letterman	Titulares	Jay Leno		Baruch	Dr.	World	South Pk	South Pk	Flying Wild Alaska	Movie: Jurassic Park, Jeff Goldblum	Movie: The Shawshank Redemption, Bob Gunton (DVS)	Parkers	Good	College Basketball	(15) College Football: California at Arizona State.
11:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Destilando Amor (SS)	Law Order: CI	Late	Decisiones (SS)	Late Night	Yohan	Upd	T. Smiley	Roseanne	Gold Rush		(24) Movie: Die Hard, Bonnie Bedelia	Movie: Four Brothers	Parkers	Good	College Basketball	
12:30 AM	Extra	Paid	Raymond Fam. Guy	Insider	Pagado	CNET-Guide	CCM	Best of Light of the Southwest		ATFtv	Gold Rush	The Walking Dead		Movie: Notorious, Jamal Woolard	Wendy Williams	ANT Farm	College Basketball	(12:15) SportsCenter
1:30 AM	Paid	Par Ases	TMZ	Paid	Pagado	Today				Youthtv	Gold Rush	The Walking Dead	1,000 Ways	Movie: Life	Phineas	College Basketball	SportsCenter	

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## This Date In History

Today is Friday, Nov. 25, the 329th day of 2011. There are 36 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Nov. 25, 1961, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, was commissioned.

In 1963, the body of President John F. Kennedy was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery; his widow, Jacqueline, lighted an "eternal flame" at the gravesite.

In 1973, Greek President George Papadopoulos was ousted in a bloodless military coup.

In 1999, five-year-old Elian Gonzalez was rescued by a pair of sport fishermen off the coast of Florida, setting off an international custody battle.

In 2002, President George W. Bush signed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security, and appointed Tom Ridge to be its head.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Noel Neill is 91. Playwright Murray Schisgal is 85. Actress Kathryn Crosby is 78. Actor Matt Clark is 75. Actor Christopher Riordan is 74. Playwright Shelagh Delaney is 72. Singer Percy Sledge is 71. Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs is 71. Author, actor and economist Ben Stein is 67.

Singer Bob Lind is 67. Actor John Larroquette is 64. Actor Tracey Walter is 64. Movie director Jonathan Kaplan is 64. Author Charlaiane Harris is 60. Retired MLB All-Star Bucky Dent is 60. Singer Amy Grant is 51. Rock musician Eric Grossman (K's Choice) is 47. Rock singer-musician Tim Armstrong is 46. Actor Steve Harris is 46. Actor Billy Burke is 45. Singer Stacy Lattisaw is 45. Rock musician Rodney Sheppard (Sugar Ray) is 45. Rapper-producer Erick Sermon is 43. Actress Jill Hennessy is 42. Actress Christina Applegate is 40. Actor Eddie Steeples (TV: "My Name Is Earl") is 38. NFL quarterback Donovan McNabb is 35.

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## Newsday Crossword

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**ACROSS**

- Taunt verbally
- Cheese choice
- Piccolo cousin
- Pedestal topper
- "Ancient" starter
- Web marketplace
- Creole dish
- Light-show light
- Adverse to
- Zodiac beast
- Start of MGM's motto
- Cowboy of folklore
- Things to crack
- Bandy words
- One in Venice
- Playground retort
- Arizona native
- Conductor's concern
- Half a golf course
- Spanning
- Part of NATO
- Sitcom excerpt
- Snivel
- Reno roll
- Ending for elect
- Former Heathrow lander
- Proper bearing
- Yarn material?
- '60s toon penguin
- Aughin Sewell
- World book
- At any point
- "Hey there!"
- Absorb
- Dryer buildup

**DOWN**

- Miss
- Mental impression
- Muscle-mag displays
- Hamburg's river
- Pampering place
- Washed-out
- Casablanca character
- Action-film star
- Naval device
- Spore producer
- Spoonbill cousin
- It's the truth
- Attentive watch
- Goes wrong
- '70s music
- Borders on
- Abundant source
- Old-time oath
- Geologic period
- Gulf of Naples
- Mythical hunter
- Fictional salesman
- Postal unit
- Newsstand purchase
- "Rubber Duckie" singer
- Leaks (out)
- Mayo ingredients
- Bake-sale sponsors
- City of Light divider
- Gets started
- Shakespearean rebuke
- Embassy issuances
- Cozy retreats
- Cozy retreats
- Tiny flier
- Shrill cry
- Rink leap
- Third son of Jacob
- Idyllic place
- Variety
- Soft touch
- Water in l'océan
- Fraction of a fl. oz.

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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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