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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.

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

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"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

Gail Star lighting tonight

Herald Staff Report

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

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 alloted 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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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 Burea, 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

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.

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 "Every time I look at her pic-

their time searching for the girl say ties them in knots. ture, it reminds me we have to work that much harder to



dreds of Big Spring residents who have spent count-

less hours

home," said

Mychelle

Rawls, one

hun-

scouring the Crossroads area for clues to

bring her 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 just have to concentrate on the task at hand and that's bringing her home." a region-wide search since

since she went missing. You Dunn has been the focus of

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 See MISSING, Page 3A

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• 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 informa-

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 hus-

band 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.

Support Groups

· 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

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tion, 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

• 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 Dallasarea 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-
- 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 each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m. 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 in the 1000 block of S. 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 HABITATION was report-170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, ed in the 1500 block of E. 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the 11th Place.

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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.

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"The Nutcracker in a Nutshell" 7pm Learn the stories and history behind the Nutcracker Ballet. For more info contact **Eulaine McIntosh** at 432-264-7641

Dec. 3
Community Christmas Parade Contact Big Spring Herald 432-263-733 I



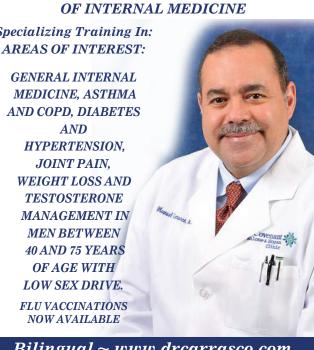
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Monday. Services will

be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday

at Trinity Memorial

Linda Sosa Sarinana,

74, died Sunday. Prayer

service will be at 6 p.m.

tonight at Myers &

Smith Chapel. Funeral

services will be at 2 p.m.

Saturday at Life Church.

Burial will be at Mount

Rosa D. Saldivar, 85,

died Monday. Vigil ser-

vices will be at 7 p.m.

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► The holiday spirit?

Woman pepper sprays other Black Friday shoppers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman shot pepper spray to keep shoppers from merchandise she wanted during a Black Friday sale, and 20 people suffered minor injuries, authorities said.

The incident occurred shortly after 10:20 p.m. Thursday in a crowded Los Angelesarea Wal-mart as shoppers hungry for deals were let inside the store. Police said the suspect shot the pepper

spray when the coverings over the items she wanted were removed. "Somehow she was trying to use it to

gain an upper hand," police Lt. Abel Parga told The Associated Press early Friday. He said she was apparently after some electronics and used the pepper spray to

keep other shoppers at bay. Officials said 20 people suffered minor

injuries. Fire department spokesman Shawn Lenske said the injuries to least 10 of them were due to "rapid crowd move-

Parga said police were still looking for the woman.

The store remained open and those not affected by the pepper spray continued shopping.

A death most fowl: Turkey crashes into Pa. eatery PENN HILLS, Pa. (AP) — A wild turkey

smashed through a plate glass window at an empty western Pennsylvania restaurant and ended up where millions of its fellow gobblers did on Thanksgiving: a dining room. Penn Hills police Officer Bernard Ses-

tili tells the WTAE-TV the feathered fowl didn't survive impact when it barreled into the dining room of the Eat'n Park in Penn Hills on Thursday afternoon. The restaurant was closed at the time.

Sestili says he responded when the building's alarm went off.

He suspects the turkey may have been roosting in a nearby tree when it "got up this morning and went for his morning flight and flew into the window."

Penn Hills is about 10 miles outside Pittsburgh.

Gunfire erupts at NC mall as early shoppers arrive

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Authorities say gunfire erupted at a North Carolina mall as holiday shoppers gathered, though there are no reports of any injuries. No evacuation was ordered, but several shoppers left the mall and some smaller stores closed.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office says detectives are looking for two suspects after gunfire rang out at Cross Creek Mall in Fayetteville early Friday. The first shots were fired around 2 a.m.

outside the mall near a food court entrance. Investigators say several more shots were fired after one of the suspects ran inside the mall. Investigators say no one with gunshot

wounds has shown up at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Black Friday kicks off the holiday shop-

ping season, when merchants can make 25 to 40 percent of their annual revenue.

Calif. Black Friday shopper shot in failed robbery SAN LEANDRO, Calif. (AP) — Authori-

ties in Northern California say a Black Friday shopper was shot when he resisted a pair of armed robbers outside a Walmart store. Police say the victim was coming out of

the San Leandro store around 1:45 a.m. with family members when they were confronted by two men who demanded their purchases. When the family refused, a fight broke out and the gunman fired a single shot.

KGO-TV reports a family member detained one of the suspects until officers arrived, but the gunman got away.

The victim is in stable condition at a hospital.

Witnesses say the Walmart parking lot was crowded with Black Friday shoppers

near Hailey's home

when the investigation

first began and got a few

hits, but we'd like to see

a more in-depth investi-

Rawls said the lack of

information provided

by law enforcement of-

ficials is a continual

source of frustration

for her and other vol-

unteers who want des-

perately to bring Hailey

"When they tell you

there aren't any new

leads, you really don't

know what to think,"

Rawls said. "You try not

to think the worst, that

they have given up on

trying to find her, but

that gets harder with

each day she's miss-

light brown hair, green

eyes, stands 5 feet and

weighs approximately

115 pounds. According

to information provided

by Hope for Hailey, a

non-profit group cur-

rently assisting in the

Dunn

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gation done."

Dunn home.

at the time, and many ran back into the store when the shot was fired. The store was briefly closed while police investi-

Guard fired after nabbing child who ate from box

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — A grocery store security guard was fired after he told the father of a 4-year-old girl that she would face criminal charges for eating from a dried fruit package, a TV station The child's mother, Alissa Jones, said

the father wasn't looking when the girl grabbed the package, ate a few pieces of fruit then returned it to a shelf at a Safeway store in Everett, Wash., KOMO re-Safeway previously faced widespread

criticism when a Honolulu couple were arrested over stolen sandwiches and had their 2-year-old daughter taken from them briefly by state officials. In Washington, the guard took the 4-vear-old and her dad to a room and said

the girl would face charges and be banned from the chain, Jones said, adding the guard had the girl sign a paper acknowledging she wasn't allowed to enter any Safeway stores. The company said it was "appalled" by

the guard's actions and dismissed him. Store officials have apologized to the girl's parents, Safeway spokesperson Cherie Mvers said. "Our policies on shoplifting are in-

tended to protect our customers, but built on common sense. And everyone understands what common sense is," Myers

The woman involved in the Honolulu incident, Nicole Leszczynski, was 30 weeks pregnant at the time. Last month, she and her husband forgot to pay for two sandwiches that together cost \$5. They were handcuffed and searched, and later released on \$50 bail each.

The company decided not to press charges, apologized and said it would reexamine its policies.

46, of Big Spring, died Sunday, November 20, Contact Staff Writer Amanda 2011. Funeral services Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday by e-mail at life@bigspringherat Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Wanda Taylor, 75, died Friday, November 18, 2011. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Olive Memorial

Park. Cheryl Clark, 55, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Hom

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believed to be used by

Adkins — no arrest has

been made as a result of

Adkins told law en-

forcement officials he

last saw Hailey Dunn on

Dec. 27, when she told

him she was going to

her father's home near-

by and then on to spend

the night at a friend's

home. According to in-

vestigators, the teen

did neither. Billie Dunn

said she last saw her

daughter at home the

night of Dec. 26, nearly

two days before she was

reported missing. Both

Adkins and Billie Dunn

have denied having any

involvement in the girl's

The U.S. Federal Bu-

reau of Investigation re-

cently labeled the case

a kidnapping among

its online list of "most

Since Dec. 28, volun-

teers from all over West

Texas — and even fur-

ther — have combed the

fields and country sides

in and around Colorado

disappearance.

wanted" crimes.

the case.

non-members to come out and meet everyone in the building," said Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director. The open house will be a

come-and-go event with refreshments offered. Members of the building encourage the

ers have been turning

out to look for signs of

people who, in the very

beginning, took off from

work to help with the

search. However, there's

only so long you can do

that," Rawls said. "Over

time, the number of vol-

unteers has continued

to thin out. However,

there are still a few of

us who continue to go

out and search every

chance we have. I have

some friends from the

Marines who are sup-

posed to be coming soon

to help search. This just

isn't something we can

Rawls, who continues

to deliver missing-per-

son posters to area busi-

nesses and encourage

other Crossroads resi-

dents to volunteer in

the effort, said she and

other searchers are also

trying to raise funds

to bring in specialized

"We've been trying to

search teams.

let go of."

"There were a lot of

the teen.

City. However, accord- scrape together enough

ing to Rawls, as time money to pay to bring

continues to pass with the cadaver dogs back

no new leads in the case, in," Rawls said. "They

community to come out and at- one in any way we can." "We want the community

to know our doors are always open," ValVerde said. "We are here to help anyone and every-

search, the girl has a of our lungs, we will. scar on the right side of We have to bring that her forehead and right little girl home."

side of her lip. She was fewer and fewer search- did an initial search last seen wearing dark blue sweat pants, a lightcolored T-shirt and flipflops.

Anyone with infor-

mation concerning the girl's whereabouts or circumstances concerning her disappearance are asked to call authorities at 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161. A reward of \$15,000 is being offered for information in the case.

For more information on volunteering or to make a donation to fund ongoing searches, contact Glenda Turner at 325-242-1105 or Kristy Lloyd at 432-213-8204. "We can't forget about

Hailey," an emotional Rawls said. "We can't let West Texas or the rest of the world forget about her. If we have to stand on the mountaintops and shout at the top

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

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.

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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

hen 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

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.

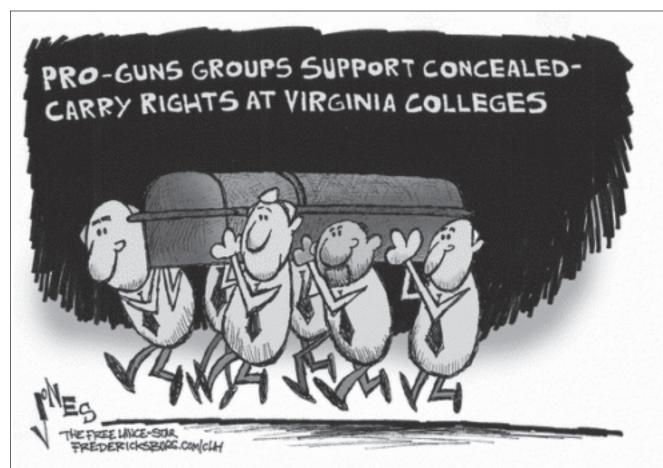
My parents never got that far. Their divorce marked the end of family Thanksgivings. After my father's death a few years later, I never went home again for Thanksgiving. It was over.

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

n 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,

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he was sentenced to death. Supporters of the execution were so 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

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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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 wor-

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

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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 Wednes day, Nov. 30. The lectionary is Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

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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 email address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. Sunday school is at

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 If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up

on the flower chart.

Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on KBYG

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



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skirt with a disclaimer attached. A small tag sewn inside the garment said, "Any weaving irregularities or ent 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 in-

stead 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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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 ev-

eryone 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, 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 De-

cember 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.

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 Chrismons 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

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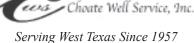
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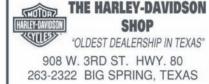
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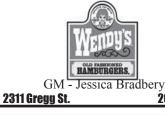
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In the words of Martha Stewart, Living Mag. Make this year your best Thanksgiving ever

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.

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 Thanksgiv-

ing 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

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. Emailbill@ tinsleycenter.com.

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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 or view the website at www.fccbigspring.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.

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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

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.

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

Ladies Christmas Brunch set for Dec. 3

the 10th annual Ladies The Christmas Prin-Black" will serve them. Christmas Brunch, set cess award will be giv-For the fourth year, the

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 ageappropriate and no one is left out. To make the 10th year even more exciting, a drawing for an entire Christmasthemed 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 spe-

cial 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

en to a table decorator men will be dressed in 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

This year the menu will consist of Southscrambled western eggs: crisp bacon: sausage patties; Lyonnais potatoes; cheese blintz; cascading fruit display; mini-chocolate éclairs; 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

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The time is here for Spirit of Christmas. ful meal, the "Men in their blacks 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 check them out on face-

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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 Bose, 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 pow-

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

"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 Sanotrum, 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 Tur-

key 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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Bowl-A-Rama Christmas

tournament

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

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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 halfgame 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 evolvement

from backup to featured back has transformed the Dallas offense. He's mostly been a breakaway 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 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 This, however, was the first

time their sibling rivalry was displayed on a national 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 Ravens (8-3) sacked 49ers quarterback Alex 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

Terrell Suggs had three sacks for first-place Baltimore, which moved a halfgame 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

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.

"They can breathe a sigh of relief, and now we can move on. Tonight just solidified that they're two great coaches with two pretty good football teams."

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

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 De-

"I felt it was an excellent character win for our football team, something we talked about

cember.

at halftime." Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said. "I'm very proud of our football team to fight through adversity." Detroit is now facing 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, stepped down hard with his right foot, appearing to make contact with Dietrich-Smith's right 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 been we've 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 fran-

chise history and have

won 17 straight games,

including the playoffs. "We're at 11 wins," Mc-Carthy 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 Mc-Donald was also helped off in the second half.

Kevin Smith, who had given the Detroit running game a muchneeded 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 become so dire for the Lions that wide receiver Rashied Davis was playing in the defensive backfield toward the end. The Lions commit-

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

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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 35yard 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 lastsecond 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

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 Yeremiah Bell said. "That's the price you pay."

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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 improved 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 23yard field goal later in the

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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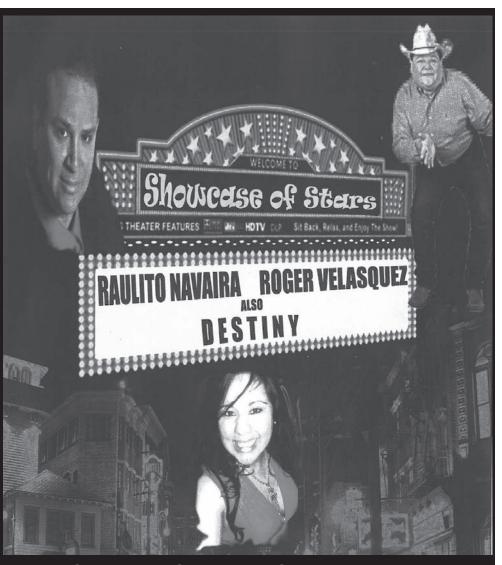
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sooner of have to learn from the ground up. So reason to be envious of anyone who se skipped ahead. Everyone has to go steps at some point.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You ref need for acceptance and love deter actions. The more you accept and love less you'll need it from others and the 1

trol of your destiny you'll be. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll 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 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

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 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.

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

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

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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Dear Margo: When DNA doesn't figure in

Margo

HOLIDAY

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 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 nonstop 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

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

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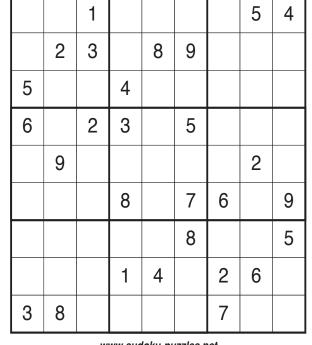
Dear Margo: A friend from another country and I have been planning a month-long trip together for about a year. It's about five months from happening, and some hotel bookings for certain events already have been made. I got a message from my friend today telling me one of his good friends just notified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

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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

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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

. **♦** Q752 ♥ AKJ3 **♦** Q76 **♣** 84 3. ♠ Q96 ♥ KQ4 ♦ AJ9 ♣ AJ87 4. **♦** 74 ♥ J73 **♦** Q973 **♣** J952

5. ♠ K8653 ♥ AQJ96 ♦ J8 ♣ 10

- 1. One notrump. Without the partscore, a two-heart bid would be perfectly normal, but with it, the corbecause 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.
- 2. 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.

- **3. 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.
- 4. 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 sixpoint minimum since you don't have to bid as high as usual to reach a game. You therefore lower your

5. 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.

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In History

This Date

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

Today's Highlight History:

On Nov. 25, 1986, the Iran-Contra affair erupted as President Ronald Reagan and Attorney General Edwin Meese revealed that profits from secret arms sales to Iran had been diverted to Nicaraguan rebels.

On this date:

In 1783, the British evacuated New York, their last military position in the United States during the Revolutionary War. In 1881, Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli

at Sotto il Monte, Italy. In 1908, the first issue of The Christian Science Monitor was published.

In 1940, the cartoon character Woody Woodpecker made his debut in the animated short "Knock Knock "

In 1957, President Dwight D. lisenhower suffered a slight stroke. In 1961, the first nuclear-pow-

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ered aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, was commissioned. In 1963, the body of President John F. Kennedy was laid to rest at Arlington National

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Jacqueline, lighted an "eternal

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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.

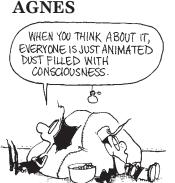
Singer Bob Lind is 67. Actor John Larroquette is 64. Actor Tracey Walter is 64. Movie director Jonathan Kaplan is 64. Author Charlaine Harris is 60. Retired MLB All-Star Bucky Dent is 60. Singer Amy Grant is 51. Rock musician Eric Grossman (K's Choice) is 47. Rock singer-musician Tim Armstrong is 46. 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

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