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## Christmas 'tis the time for stealing

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

With Black Friday just days away, many Crossroads residents are gearing up for a day of shopping with friends and family. However, law abiding citizens

**"The best way to discourage criminals is to keep your belongings out of sight and out of mind by putting them in the trunk."**

won't be the only ones looking to check off names on their Christmas lists; law enforcement officials say it will likely be a busy day for criminals.

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, said thieves will be out and about Friday — as well as the rest of the holiday season — just waiting to fill their stockings with ill-gotten gains.

"That's what they look for," Everett said. "You're going around and looking for Christmas presents, and they are walking around looking for things to steal. That's how they have Christmas. Whether it's your presents or your money, you can kind of look at it as if the thieves are out there shopping. That's what they do for a living. They steal."

While these criminals may seem impossible to stop, Everett said there are things you can do to keep you and your vehicle from being a target.

"Don't put your packages and presents in the back seat of your car without covering them up," he said. "The best way to discourage criminals is to keep your belongings out of sight and out of mind by putting them in the trunk. If you have to put them in the



**Muffet Bomar slices pies and gets the pieces ready to be served during the 2011 Thanksgiving dinner at the local Salvation Army office.**

HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

## Salvation Army gears for big meal

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

For some Crossroads residents, a hot, home-cooked Thanksgiving meal is simply out of reach, both financially and physically. However, the Big Spring Area Salvation Army will be reaching out to those folks this week, as the local charity presents its annual holiday meal.

While the effort reaches out to low-income families, the hungry and others, it all begins with hard work from numerous volunteers.

"We'll be working on getting all of the vegetables ready and start cooking turkeys — about 20 of them — sometime Tuesday," said Salvation Army Social Worker Bessie Flores. "The bulk of the work gets done the day before, however."

Several civic groups are expected to volunteer their time to make the Thanksgiving feast a success, but more help is always welcome around the local charity's kitchen.

"It really is just an immense amount of work, and it has to be done in a fairly short period of time," Flores said. "Our volunteers are absolutely vital to that process. We have groups that come in just about every year and help, and this year we're hoping to see some new faces as well. Giving your time and volunteering during Thanksgiving really gives you a new perspective on the holiday.

Volunteers are expected to begin delivering meals to

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## Symphonic Christmas

Herald Staff Report

It's just a few days before Thanksgiving, but while families are feasting on a holiday dinner, it's also a good time to plan activities for December.

One of the most anticipated activities each holiday season is the Big Spring Symphony Christmas concert — a Symphonic Christmas — scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Municipal Auditorium.

The performance will feature the always popular Coahoma Choir Kids, directed by Sandra Wallace.

Malinda Flenniken will nar-

rate "'Twas The Night Before Christmas."

Soprano Joyce Bradley and Tenor Lawrence Thibeault will sing seasonal favorites. Concert-goers will hear music from the "Polar Express," and traditional holiday songs such as "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Deck the Halls," "Sleigh Ride" and others.

Directing the concert will be Dr. Keith Graumann.

Tickets are available at Blum's Jewelers, the Heritage Museum, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and at the box office the evening of the performance.



**Amy Halfmann, left, and Debra Bogard, employees of the George O'Brien VA Medical Center, help out during the facility's "Small Steps Big Rewards" diabetes walk Monday morning. The effort aims to educate local veterans and residents on the importance of exercise in the battle against Type 2 diabetes.**

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## Obituaries

### Inez Howell



Inez Howell, 94, of Big Spring, passed away Nov. 19, 2012, at Park View Nursing Home. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City with burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mrs. Howell was born Oct. 27, 1918, in Sipe Springs, Texas. Inez had been a resident of Colorado City for 62 years. After the passing of her husband, Holly, she moved to Big Spring to be closer to her daughter and family. She married Holly Howell on Feb. 27, 1940, in Colorado City. Mrs. Howell was an LVN at Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City for 50 years, from Dec. 5, 1943, until Dec. 31, 1993. She truly loved every minute of her work, retiring at the age of 75. She was a member of the Mitchell County Lions Club for 10 years; a member of the LVN Association of Texas; and a member of Oak Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Joe Clark; two granddaughters, Gwen

Kincheloe and husband Bob and Kim Rubio and husband Fabian, two great-grandsons, Jonathan Rubio and wife Katee, Jarred Rubio and wife Rachel, all of Big Spring; one great-granddaughter, Jessica Rubio of Austin; four great-great grandsons, Lawson, Mikah, Noah and Kade Rubio, all of Big Spring. She is also survived by one brother, Eugene Brown and wife Cleta of Marshall, Texas; sisters-in-law, Lucille Brown of Pilot Point, Texas, and Friday Moore of San Angelo; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Howell was preceded in death by her husband, Holly Howell; parents, Jeff Morgan and Annie Mae Brown; siblings, Ralph Brown, Aliene Horn, Dorothy Saddleburg, Thelma Short and Wayne Brown; and nephews Maurice Short and Larry Hollewell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Mitchell County Hospital or the charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.kikerseale.com](http://www.kikerseale.com).

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### Oscar 'Ozzy' Cruz



Oscar "Ozzy" Cruz, 50, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Oscar was born July 9, 1962, in O'Donnell, Texas to Celia (Terrazas) and Guadalupe Cruz. He grew up in Stanton, Texas and attended seventh grade in Big Spring, Texas. After dropping out of school in the 11th grade, he obtained his GED followed by a degree in Computer Science from Howard College of Big Spring. He played Santa Claus for the family which everyone enjoyed.

His first truck driving job was for Jack Cathy. He was last employed by Brantley Trucking. His very first job was at Long John Silvers. He married Flora

Ortega on May 19, 1987; the couple just celebrated their 25th anniversary. He was the head of his family and was like a second father of the family after their father passed away 20 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Flora Cruz of Big Spring; one daughter, Ashley Torres of Big Spring; one son, Oscar Cruz, Jr., of Midland; three granddaughters, Ameris Torres and Autumn Torres, both of Big Spring, and Estella Cruz of Midland; three grandsons, Benito Torres and Zachariah Torres, both of Big Spring, and Ethan Cruz of Midland; one brother, Jamie Cruz of Big Spring and two sisters, Maria Ornelas of San Antonio and Alice Banda of Eagle Pass.

He was preceded in death by his parents Guadalupe and Celia Cruz, and a sister, Ampro Garcia.

Pallbearers will be Oscar Cruz, Jr., Lupe Cruz, Joe Ortega, Jr., Eutimio Ortega, Juan Banda, Stevie Banda and Rigo Moran.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

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## Support Groups

### WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a

ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

### FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org)

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

### 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

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

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

## Sheriff/EMS

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Monday (71 prisoners were reported at the county jail):

- BENNIE ANDRESS ROBINSON, 43, was jailed on a sentence for possession of marijuana.

- TRINITY RENEE TERRAZAS, 20, was jailed on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

- JAIME CRUZ, 45, was jailed on capias warrants charging expired driver's license, hindering an officer, disregarding a stop sign and violating promise to appear.

- ADELA PEREZ DEANDA, 44, was jailed on a charge of expired registration.

- MATTHEW MENDOZA, 32, was jailed on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

- JOHN CARLOS LOPEZ, 25, was jailed on a charge of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

- KYLE LOUIS SMITH, 27, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.

- WILLIAM MACK ROBINSON, 22, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Monday:

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Robin. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Allendale. One person was transported to SMMC.

### Cleo Carlile

Cleo Carlile, 75, of Hilo, Hawaii and Big Spring, Texas, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012, in Hilo, Hawaii. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 11/22	Fri 11/23	Sat 11/24	Sun 11/25	Mon 11/26
<b>77/47</b>	<b>62/42</b>	<b>66/45</b>	<b>74/48</b>	<b>69/43</b>
A few morning showers. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:25 AM
<b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 5:42 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 5:42 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 5:42 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 5:42 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



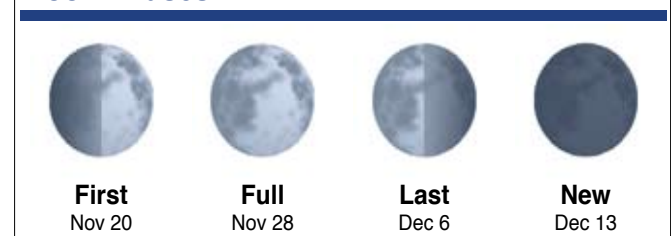
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	75	51	pt sunny	Kingsville	81	63	pt sunny
Amarillo	71	39	pt sunny	Livingston	77	51	pt sunny
Austin	75	57	pt sunny	Longview	73	54	pt sunny
Beaumont	75	52	mst sunny	Lubbock	74	42	rain
Brownsville	82	65	pt sunny	Lufkin	77	55	pt sunny
Brownwood	78	53	pt sunny	Midland	77	48	rain
Corpus Christi	78	64	pt sunny	Raymondville	82	63	pt sunny
Corsicana	76	55	pt sunny	Rosenberg	78	56	pt sunny
Dallas	75	56	pt sunny	San Antonio	75	60	pt sunny
Del Rio	78	59	pt sunny	San Marcos	77	56	pt sunny
El Paso	71	44	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	74	54	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	77	49	mst sunny	Sweetwater	75	50	rain
Gainesville	74	50	pt sunny	Tyler	75	56	pt sunny
Greenville	73	52	pt sunny	Weatherford	76	51	pt sunny
Houston	78	56	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	76	48	pt sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	39	mst sunny	Minneapolis	56	24	pt sunny
Boston	50	34	pt sunny	New York	52	37	pt sunny
Chicago	60	39	pt sunny	Phoenix	79	52	sunny
Dallas	75	56	pt sunny	San Francisco	65	49	pt sunny
Denver	57	28	pt sunny	Seattle	47	44	rain
Houston	78	56	pt sunny	St. Louis	68	45	cloudy
Los Angeles	74	53	sunny	Washington, DC	56	39	pt sunny
Miami	75	56	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Thu 11/22	Fri 11/23	Sat 11/24	Sun 11/25	Mon 11/26
4	4	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

## Take Note

- Adopt a Military Hero Howard County's Christmas for the Troops program will be having a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale Saturday from 8 a.m. until they are all sold out at Harris Lumber/Ace Hardware and Blankenship Field. Donuts sell for \$8 a dozen for glazed or \$10 a dozen for chocolate. Fifty percent of the profits from this sale will be used to mail Christmas packages to our deployed military and the remaining 50 percent to help the victims of the Midland "Show of Support" tragedy. If you would like to order and have doughnuts delivered, call Debbie Burrow at 432-270-8554 or 432-267-7165.

- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Of-

fice near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432-268-7730.

- Whiting Oil and Gas Big Spring employees are organizing a fund drive to help families in need throughout the community. The drive will be held through Dec. 20. Food donations (non-perishable) can be dropped off at the Whiting Big Spring Field Office, 5306 South Service Road. For more information, call the local office at 432-264-0004 and ask for Cindy Klaus.

## State briefs

### 1 left hospitalized in Midland after parade crash

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — One person remains hospitalized in Midland with injuries from last week's crash of a freight train into a veterans' parade float that killed four vets.

Midland city spokesman Ryan Stout says Midland Memorial Hospital had transferred to a critically injured patient to a hometown hospital after the patient's condition was stabilized. Hospital spokeswoman Marcy Madrid says she doesn't know where the patient was transferred.

Madrid says that leaves one patient in stable condition at the hospital who will eventually also be transferred to a hometown hospital.

The National Transportation Safety Board continues its investigation of the Thursday accident. A Union Pacific freight train slammed into a flatbed trailer decorated as a parade float carrying mostly wounded veterans and their spouses.

### Man, woman shot to death in Arlington apartment

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Police say the bodies of an estranged couple have been found in a North Texas apartment in the investigation of a possible murder and suicide.

Arlington police say the bodies were discovered Tuesday morning and both people had been shot. Spokeswoman Tiara Ellis Richard says preliminary information indicates no suspect is at large.

Police say the man and woman have a daughter together. The woman's relatives became concerned when she never picked up the girl Monday night and they contacted police to do a welfare check.

Police are investigating whether a report of shots fired in the area around 10 p.m. Monday are related to the deaths.

Arlington is midway between Dallas and Fort Worth.

### Texas troopers out in force over Thanksgiving

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas troopers will be out in force during the Thanksgiving holiday period looking for drunken drivers and other highway safety violators.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Tuesday urged all travelers to use caution when driving, don't text while behind the wheel and wear safety belts.

DPS during last year's Thanksgiving weekend arrested 393 people for driving while intoxicated, issued more than 7,400 speeding citations and handed out more than 900 safety restraint citations.

AAA estimates nearly 3.3 million Texans will be on the road during the Wednesday through Sunday holiday period and most will travel in cars and other highway vehicles.

### Deliberations resume in day care fire trial

HOUSTON (AP) — Jurors have begun a second day of deliberations to decide the sentence for a Houston woman convicted of murder after a 2011

fire at her home day care killed four children.

Jurors deliberated for 5½ hours Monday in the punishment phase of the trial of Jessica Tata (TAH'-tah). They resumed deliberations Tuesday morning.

Tata is facing up to life in prison. She was convicted last week of felony murder in the death of 16-month-old Elias Castillo, whom she left at home with six other children while she went shopping. A pan of oil on a stove top burner fueled the blaze.

Prosecutors asked jurors to sentence Tata to life in prison.

Defense attorneys say Tata is a good person who made a terrible mistake. Prosecutors call her irresponsible.

### Texas man pleads guilty in drug ring tied to Georgia

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man has pleaded guilty to using his furniture store and trucking business in a drug smuggling ring with ties to Georgia.

Prosecutors in Corpus Christi on Monday announced Jose Francisco Serna of Mission pleaded guilty to conspiracy to launder monetary instruments and conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine.

Serna was arrested in August after being a fugitive in Mexico for several years.

Prosecutors say Serna formerly owned a furniture store in McAllen and used the business to launder money. His trucking company hauled cocaine and cash between Mission and Atlanta. Investigators say cocaine was hidden in a truck axle.

No sentencing date was immediately set for Serna, who faces up to life in prison and must forfeit his ranch in Hidalgo County.

### Texan gets prison, must pay \$1.3M to porn victim

MCALEN, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man who pleaded guilty in a child pornography investigation must serve more than 17 years in prison and pay the victim \$1.3 million.

Prosecutors in McAllen say a federal judge Monday afternoon sentenced 45-year-old Reynaldo Vega of Mission. Vega in April pleaded guilty to receiving child pornography via the Internet.

Investigators say Vega viewed and shared the child porn images. He must pay restitution to the one known victim of the scheme going back to August 2011 when Vega's home was raided.

### Perry hosts veterans for early Thanksgiving lunch

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Thanksgiving came early for some Texas military personnel who were treated to a holiday meal at the Governor's Mansion in Austin.

Gov. Rick Perry and his wife, Anita, hosted Monday's luncheon for veterans and active-duty military to thank them for their service. More than a dozen people attended.

The Texas Veterans Commission, Texas Military Forces, F7 Group, Hope for the Warriors, Lone Star Veterans and Warriors Weekend assisted with the

luncheon.

Perry's office also says Christmas decorations for the Governor's Mansion will feature a military theme.

### North Texas records 2.3 magnitude earthquake

MANSFIELD, Texas (AP) — North Texas has had another minor earthquake.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the 2.3 magnitude quake was recorded at 10:50 p.m. Monday and centered about two miles east-southeast of Mansfield.

The area is about 20 miles southeast of Fort Worth.

Law enforcement authorities had no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

### Cancer institute's commercialization chief to quit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The commercialization chief of the state's \$3 billion cancer-fighting fund will leave at the end of the month amid controversy over the integrity of its funding process.

Jerald S. Cobbs has been the chief commercialization officer of the Cancer Research and Prevention Institute of Texas for three years. In a Monday statement, CPRIT Executive Director Bill Gimson says Cobbs has submitted his intention to resign Nov. 30. According to Gimson, Cobbs believes he's achieved his objectives in establishing CPRIT's commercialization program and wants to move to the private sector.

The fund has been shaken by the resignations of two Nobel laureates and more than 30 peer reviewers who began to question the integrity of the funding process. Agency leaders have repeatedly denied politics guiding funding decisions.

### Police: Home where toddler died smelled of waste

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — A West Texas detective testified Monday that the home on Dyess Air Force Base in which a malnourished toddler was found unresponsive and later died smelled of urine and feces.

Abilene police Detective Eric Vickers testified at a military hearing for Senior Airman Christopher Perez, who is charged under military law with child endangerment, failure to report child abuse and adultery.

Evidence presented at Monday's hearing will determine if Perez should go to trial. It is unclear when the judge will rule.

Vickers told the court Perez was living with Tiffany Klapheke, 22, and her three young children.

Klapheke's almost two-year-old daughter died in August after being found unresponsive at the home. The preliminary autopsy report says the toddler died from malnutrition and dehydration. Klapheke is charged with three counts of injury to a child.

## THIEVES

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seat though, be sure to cover them up or obscure them in some way.

"If you put them in the trunk, it makes it a real pain for the thieves to get to them, and they

don't necessarily want to be out there working on your lock in a situation where they can be seen."

According to Sheriff Stan Parker, one of the most important things shoppers can do this holiday season to remain safe is, well, simply look around.

## FEAST

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homebound residents at approximately 10 a.m. Thursday.

"As we have in the past, we'll be delivering meals to those that can't make it here to the Salvation Army office for dinner," Flores said. "We need to get a count of how many meals will need to be delivered. What we're asking is for people that need a meal delivered call to make arrangements by 5 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving."

Area residents wanting to volunteer their services to help prepare

the meal should show up at the charity's office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Wednesday morning.

Time and hard work aren't the only things on the Salvation Army's holiday wish list, according to Flores.

"We also need people to donate deserts," Flores said. "The community always comes through for us each year in a big way, and we're hoping this year will be no different."

This year's holiday menu will be filled with traditional Thanksgiving fare.

"Thanksgiving just isn't Thanksgiving without turkey," Flores said. "We'll also have the

"Be aware of what's going on around you," Parker stressed. "If you'll sit up at the front doors of Wal-Mart or the mall, you'll see people walking up and down the parking lots just looking in cars. After a minute or two you can tell they're not looking for their car or head-

ed for their car. What they're doing is scoping out the inside of your vehicle to see if you have any packages or purses or anything laying loose like that.

"We also suggest that people keep their doors locked whenever they go inside a store, and make sure you take

your keys with you. If someone gets into your car to steal a radio or wallet and they find the keys, you're probably going to lose your car."

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### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Michael L. Shockley, 72, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Oscar "Ozzy" Cruz, 50, died Saturday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

trimmings, like dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy and green beans. A lot of work goes into preparing a Thanksgiving meal, but it's well worth it."

The in-house meal will be served in the Salvation Army's dining hall from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"It's open to everyone in the community," she said. "Anyone — and I do mean anyone — who

would like to come in and have a great Thanksgiving meal. Bring your family and have a great meal."

For more information on how you can help, or to set up a meal delivery, contact the Big Spring Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we have stability in an unstable world.

Amen

# Hostile and evasive presser

Obama's first post-election press conference, if you could call it that, tells us a great deal about his attitude and the approach he intends to pursue in his second term, which is the same failed policy mix on steroids.

Obama's re-election, of course, gives him the right to pursue these policies, but it doesn't deny elected Republicans the right or relieve them of the duty to oppose them.

If Obama can glean any intelligent mandate from his victory, it is that relentless negative campaigning, demagoguery, divisive identity politics, deceit and superior political strategists targeting essential voters and voting districts work. So it should be no surprise that Obama is taking that lesson to heart and is already applying the same strategies going forward.

In short, Obama will continue to do what he does best: community organizing and campaigning. He is a perpetual campaign machine who pretends to aspire to bipartisanship while being the most partisan president we've had in decades.

In fairness, though Obama never did present an agenda beyond generalized brochure-worthy talking points in the last two weeks of the campaign, the American people witnessed in his first term what he stands for, and a majority didn't reject it. Granted, he completely distorted the causes of our ongoing economic problems and continued to blame George W. Bush for his own failures, but in the end, he still won. But so did congressional Republicans, whose mandate to oppose Obama's policies cannot be in serious doubt.

Obama's words and body language indicate he intends to be quite aggressive in his second term and more dictatorial. It was as if he regards his election as a coronation to kingship. His re-

sponses and deflections even to softball press questions and his hostile attitude toward elected GOP officials in the co-equal legislative branch make that abundantly clear.

In his first response, Obama repeated the mantra that this economy still suffers because of events that preceded his first term anointment. He offered the tautology that a growing economy depends on a thriving middle class. Yes, prosperity depends on people being prosperous, but the question is: How do we get there?

According to Obama, we do it through economic protectionism, rebuilding those roads and bridges he believes are responsible for creating the businesses that American entrepreneurs didn't build themselves, throwing more federal money at education, and, for good measure, reducing our deficit in a "balanced" way, which means his way (only on "the rich").

He expressed his openness to "compromise" and "new ideas" and then demonstrated in his remaining answers how insincere that bipartisan gesture was.

In Obama-speak, "balance" means weighted against the rich. It makes no economic sense to increase tax rates on the highest income producers when many small businesses responsible for most American jobs fall into that category. It will further retard economic growth and yield insufficient revenues to make a dent in our deficits or debt.

After making it emphatically clear that it would be his way or the highway, Obama said, yet again, that the American people just want the parties to work together. On the most important issue facing us, spending, especially on entitlements, he didn't even bother to pretend to have a plan.

Obama refused to offer any information on the Benghazi and Petraeus scandals, saying he didn't "want to comment on the specifics of the investigation," a line he would repeat at every potentially useful juncture in the conference.

He even ducked a generic question on whether he should have been told before the election that the CIA chief was under investigation. But what does the investigation have to do with his opinion? The question wasn't calling for a factual response. More suspect was his claim that if he had been told, he would have been criticized for interfering with a criminal investigation. What? To inform the nation's chief law enforcement authority about details of an investigation under his domain would constitute interfering? That's just bizarre.

As in the second presidential debate, Obama revealed his true personality and his intolerance for being challenged. When asked about Sen. McCain and Sen. Graham's call for an investigation into Benghazi and their opposition to Obama's possible appointment of Susan Rice for secretary of state, he became visibly livid and pugnacious, warning the senators that if they go after Rice, "then they've got a problem with me."

Also, he couldn't conceal his contempt for a reporter who dared to question why he hadn't provided families of the Benghazi victims more answers.

In his first term, Obama routinely abused his authority and paid no price for his usurpations. If there were any doubt before the election that Obama intended to unilaterally impose his will and avoid accountability for it in his second term, he has now eviscerated it.

I trust Republican congressional leaders didn't miss the unmistakable signals.

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# They led us to the cliff but can't make us jump

The tea party now has its own news site. Based at the Venetian Resort in Las Vegas, the Tea Party News Network describes itself as "the only trusted news source." It focuses on such right-wing heroes as Michele Bachmann and Allen West, who just lost an election for a House seat in South Florida — though perhaps not on TPNN.

That the patriots have rejected the Republican establishment as governance sympathizers is no longer a concern of the Republican establishment. Many GOP leaders blame tea party antics for their recent electoral defeats.

Now they must deal with the "fiscal cliff" and are going to need all the reality-based supporters they can get. Better to have the patriots saying remarkable things far from the Fox News studios in New York and Washington.

The tea party is one reason we're at the fiscal cliff — a kind of witching hour on Jan. 1. It is when the Bush tax cuts are scheduled to expire, along with a payroll tax cut included in the 2009 stimulus bill. It is kick-off time for \$1.2 trillion in automatic spending cuts over 10 years. Taking that much money out of the economy so quickly could send America back into recession.

sion.

The spending cuts are a hangover from the debt-ceiling fiasco of a year ago. Recall from that time of national insanity the patriots threatening to send the United States into default on its debt. Recall their stopping so-called Republican leaders from making a deal that included any new tax revenues. Recall grown-ups from both parties — terrified of economic disaster in the event of a default — agreeing on the above radical spending cuts should a better plan not arrive in time.

The Republican Party took the rap for the debt ceiling and is under suspicion for the fiscal cliff.

A new Washington Post-Pew Research poll has 53 percent of Americans ready to blame Republicans if America actually goes over the edge and only 29 percent planning to point fingers at President Obama.

Understanding this, thoughtful Republicans are feeling freer to risk the tea partiers' wrath and cooperate with Democrats. The teams may disagree on much, but at least they're now playing in the same ballpark.

Obama wants the Bush cuts to expire only for the wealthy. Republicans want to extend them for everyone but eliminate some deductions and close a bunch of loopholes. They also talk of limiting the amount of deductions the rich can take. All solid ideas, though it appears that ending tax breaks alone will not raise enough revenues.

Put another way, the middle

class would have to pay more in taxes to make the numbers work. Americans in the comfortable middle may eventually have to pitch in, but since the richest Americans benefited most mightily from the Bush tax cuts, they should go first.

On spending, Republicans are agonizing over the automatic \$600 billion cut in military spending. During the campaign, they wanted additional defense spending. Now they should settle for less. More Americans are asking why they spend as much on defense as the next 10 countries put together.

Deficit hawks must also look at entitlements. (The exception would be Social Security, an earned benefit.) The Affordable Care Act makes a start on slowing the rising costs of Medicare, and the Obama administration has long indicated a willingness to go further.

All this potential cooperation won't play very well at TPNN headquarters. No matter. The patriots can't do much harm anymore. What they think in Vegas can stay in Vegas. Anyhow, they have their hands full finding mystery votes in Florida for Allen West.

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FROMA HARROP



## News in brief

### Congolese rebels penetrate Goma, take airport, push toward Bukavu

GOMA, Congo (AP) — A rebel group created just seven months ago attacked the strategic provincial capital of Goma, home to more than 1 million people in eastern Congo, on Tuesday, seizing part of the city and the international airport, according to a rebel spokesman, residents and eyewitnesses.

Explosions and machine-gun fire rocked the lake-side city as the M23 rebels appeared to push forward on two fronts: toward the city center and along the road that leads to Bukavu, another provincial capital which lies to the south. The rebels are allegedly backed by neighboring Rwanda, which the Rwandan government denies.

"We already took the airport and part of the city," said rebel spokesman Col. Vianney Kazarama, reached by telephone on Tuesday. "We are now inside the city of Goma."

An official at the United Nations peacekeeping base in Goma, who requested anonymity because she was not authorized to speak to the press, confirmed that the airport had fallen. A factory owner whose business faces the airport said he saw the rebels go onto the tarmac. By late Tuesday morning, he said that the shooting had stopped there and that the airport appeared quiet.

### Obama dispatches Secretary of State Clinton to Jerusalem, Ramallah, Cairo amid crisis in Gaza

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — President Barack Obama dispatched Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to the Middle East on Tuesday as the U.S. urgently seeks to contain the bloody con-

flict between Israel and Hamas.

Clinton hastily departed for the region from Cambodia, where she had joined Obama for summit meetings with Asian leaders. The White House said she would make three stops, meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, Palestinian officials in Ramallah, in the West Bank, and Egyptian leaders in Cairo.

Clinton's trip marks the Obama administration's most forceful engagement in the weeklong conflict that has killed more than 100 Palestinians and three Israelis, with hundreds more wounded. While the U.S. has backed Israel's right to defend itself against rocket fire from Gaza, the Obama administration has warned its ally against pursuing a ground assault that would further escalate the violence and could dramatically increase casualties on both sides.

Still, Obama's deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes said the U.S. believes "Israel will make its own decisions about the military operations and decisions that it undertakes."

"At the same time, we believe that Israel, like the United States, like other countries, would prefer to see their interests met diplomatically and peacefully," Rhodes said. "It's in nobody's interest to see an escalation of the military conflict."

### Israeli premier Netanyahu conducts first major offensive, hoping campaign assures re-election

JERUSALEM (AP) — Throughout his long political career, Israel's prime minister has earned a reputation as a tough talker. An ardent hawk who wrote a book about how to defeat terrorism, Benjamin Netanyahu has previously threatened to at-

tack Iran, topple Gaza's Hamas leaders and strike hard at Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon.

But only now, after seven years in power, he has finally pulled the trigger, unleashing an offensive to stop Gaza rocket salvos. The public and even his political opponents have all lined up behind him.

Barring a fiasco involving heavy Israeli casualties, the operation should help Netanyahu coast to victory in the upcoming Israeli elections.

While his more dovish predecessors have carried out daring military operations in the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon and reportedly beyond, Netanyahu's reign has surprisingly been categorized by restraint. Just a month ago, in a speech before parliament, he boasted that as prime minister, he "didn't wage any unnecessary wars or any wars at all."

The comments appeared to be a swipe at his predecessor, centrist Ehud Olmert, who launched two wars in his three years as prime minister between 2006 and 2009.

### Obama meets Chinese, Japanese leaders amid tensions in South China Sea and island disputes

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — President Barack Obama closed his Asian tour in diplomatic talks with leaders of Japan and China, their economic message overshadowed by security tensions over disputed waters and territories. The crisis between Israel and Hamas militants intervened, too, as Obama rushed his top diplomat straight from Cambodia to the Mideast.

Obama was wrapping up four days in Southeast Asia on Tuesday and starting the long journey home, where fiscal deadlines and decisions await.

On the margins of the East Asia Summit here, Obama met with two Asian leaders, outgoing Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, who is likely to be replaced. The president is devoting attention to the region to broaden U.S. influence in a part of the world long dominated by China.

But talk of trade was overshadowed by discussions over how to prevent violence over South China Sea territories. Southeast Asian leaders meeting here in the Cambodian capital decided to ask China to start formal talks "as soon as possible" on crafting a binding agreement on how to resolve such disputes.

Tensions have flared recently over rival claims by China, the Philippines and Vietnam to South China Sea islands and waters that are believed to be rich in gas and oil and that comprise some of the world's main shipping routes. Two other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Brunei and Malaysia, also have been embroiled in South China Sea rifts.

### FBI: 4 Southern California men arrested on terrorism charges, planned to join al-Qaida

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Four Southern California men have been charged with plotting to kill Americans and destroy U.S. targets overseas by joining al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan, federal officials said Monday.

The defendants, including a man who served in the U.S. Air Force, were arrested for plotting to bomb military bases and government facilities, and for planning to engage in "violent jihad," FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said in a release.

A federal complaint unsealed Monday says 34-year-old Sohail Omar Kabir of Pomona introduced two of the other men to the radical Islamist doctrine of Anwar al-Awlaki, a deceased al-Qaida leader. Kabir served in the Air Force from 2000 to 2001.

The other two — 23-year-old Ralph Deleon of Ontario and 21-year-old Miguel Alejandro Santana Vidriales of Upland — converted to Islam in 2010 and began engaging with Kabir and others online in discussions about jihad, including posting radical content to Facebook and expressing extremist views in comments.

They later recruited 21-year-old Arifeen David Gojali of Riverside.

### Amid protests, Jordan's opposition says it's not seeking king's ouster — but some in street do

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — It's usually a few younger protesters who break out in the chant — startling and almost unheard of in this country where the monarchy has always been almost sacrosanct — "Down, down with the king."

The rest of the opposition, including its biggest and most powerful faction, the Muslim Brotherhood, are quick to make clear they don't demand the ouster of Jordan's King Abdullah II. But after the past week's angry protests sparked by a government hike in gas and fuel prices, they warn that this usually placid U.S. ally will be thrown into turmoil unless the king allows change.

The unusually violent protests have shifted the focus of discontent from the government, at which anger was focused in the past, squarely on Abdullah for the first time.

As a result, the monarch faces the biggest test yet of his democratic reform program, which his critics say does not do enough to end his monopoly on power. Anger over the price hikes has given the opposition, led by the Brotherhood, a rallying point to push him for more dramatic moves.

At the heart of the political standoff is a half-British king trying to forestall Arab Spring-style uprisings that have toppled autocratic regimes in Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen and Libya and led to the civil war in Syria.

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# Bird Pool: Hawk greets windshield

With all new tires on his trailer, the trucker was once again on the road to deliver oil field equipment. Companies in Montana and North Dakota were just as eager to receive equipment as the ones in the Permian Basin. The day's run had him somewhere between Big Lake and Rankin. Endless miles of sameness were actually a relief from the long hauls up north.



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In the distance he saw another truck come over a rise. No one could travel very far without meeting equipment coming or going.

As the truck came closer, he could easily see the large tank in tow. After it eventually passed him, it wouldn't be long until another appeared.

When he could start to detect the outlines of the massive cab, he also detected a movement outside and to his right.

From the top of a lonesome mesquite, a large hawk had suddenly decided to take flight.

"Oh, my God!" he thought. "It's going to fly right between us."

Reflex action took over. With his foot pushing on the brake as hard as he could, he held the steering wheel tightly to keep straight on the road.

With his right leg stiff from the pressure on the pedal, he hoped and prayed the other truck

would slow and not hit the hawk.

As the raptor entered the roadway, it was suddenly moving upward. Barely missing the rising bird, the other trucker never slowed down.

After the raptor had cleared the top of the other cab, it suddenly turned back and headed downward into the roadway. Long, broad wings managed to start lifting the hawk upward again.

"He's going to miss me," thought the trucker as the bird rose from just left of his truck. Only when he heard a thump did he realize it hadn't cleared the top of his windshield.

In the next few seconds, the hawk slid down the glass and on to the front of his truck. Because of his efforts to slow his truck to avoid hitting the bird, it rolled off the hood and to the side of the road.

With his rig at a standstill, the trucker glanced at the crack at the top of his windshield. "Must be where it hit," he thought. Opening his door and climbing down from the cab, he was greeted with the strong aroma of smoking tires.

As he hurried toward the hawk that was sprawled in the gravel and dirt adjacent to the shoulder, he could see the brown of its upper parts. By the splayed, rusty feathers of its tail he knew it was a red-tailed hawk.

When he pressed its wings against its body and raised it, the raptor seemed to be unaware of what was happening. Using that brief opportunity to carry it to the truck, he opened

the passenger-side door, and placed it on the floor mat.

Having delivered his load, he drove back to the Warfield Truck Stop on Interstate 20. There, he would spend the night. Calling his son, who lived in Midland, he told him of hitting the hawk. "We have to get this bird some help."

Fortunately, his son knew of Carol Griffin, who volunteers to transport raptors for us.

When she called to say she had driven to the truck stop on the west side of Odessa and had the hawk, she added, "It has a broken leg."

Advising her to call Juli Marshall in Odessa, I knew that as a vet tech, she and her veterinarian, Steve Wade, could give the red-tail immediate attention. Later, Juli called to describe the extent of the injury.

X-rays showed four fragments of bone caused by the impact against the windshield. After swelling had been reduced, Dr. Wade said he thought the bird could recover.

Having been given our phone number by Carol, the trucker called the next day to inquire about the status of the hawk. He was still at the truck stop to await word on his next load. "If I hadn't slowed from 60-65 to 20-30 mph, the hawk might not have had a chance."

Lamenting what had happened, he said it was the first time he had ever hit a hawk or any other raptor. In the thousands of miles he had traveled, he admitted that his truck would strike an occasional



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**One hour after surgery, this red-tailed hawk is standing. Avian rehabilitation has increased due to medical and technological advancements. Public awareness has been a key to many survivals.**

dove.

"Did you ever notice how a dove suddenly lifts up before hitting your cab?" He admitted he had. "And did you ever see in the rear view mirror a bird swooping downward after you had passed?" "Yeah," he said softly.

As we talked about the turbulence surrounding the large trucks, I told him what I thought had happened. An updraft had lifted the red-tail out of the path of the approaching truck. As the truck passed under the bird, a vacuum had been created that pulled the hawk back downward into the path of his truck.

"If you have ever stood on the shoulder of an interstate and had the big rigs whiz by, you've felt the intensity of the winds they create. Your hawk

encountered the same forces that controlled its inability to escape."

As we started to close our conversation, I asked him where home was. "Lubbock," he replied.

In the ensuing days, Juli maintained the hawk and delighted in its ready appetite.

Twelve days after being hit by a truck, the red-tail was ready for another chance.

With Juli administering anesthesia, and the skill and knowledge of Dr. Wade, the leg was wired. An hour later, the bird of prey was standing.

The next day, I called the trucker. At that moment he was in Oklahoma City. Cautioning him, I wanted him to know that the hawk still had a lengthy recovery. Only in time would we know if the use of its leg could serve its hunting needs.

Well into the month of November 2012, we have seen an increase in the number of incidents with large birds of prey. With traffic increasing and climate changing, volunteers and their efforts are needed more than ever to offer the knights of the sky every chance for survival and recovery.

*Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop from Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*

## Thanksgiving: Why in November?

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I like the idea

of being grateful and showing it, but I got to wondering, why in November?

With this question lurking in my mind I decided to do a bit of research to see exactly why

was November chosen for the national celebration.

There is a bit of controversy as when the very first Thanksgiving was held. The Colonial tradition proclaims that the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated in 1621 by the pilgrims in the Plymouth Colony.

Other research shows the Plymouth Colony celebrating the holiday in the summer of 1623, probably July.

The Pilgrims didn't plan to establish a yearly Thanksgiving holiday, but as the American colonies grew, Thanksgiving celebrations were held in many towns and settlements. In 1721, the governor of the Connecticut Colony issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation naming November 8 as a thanksgiving day, but that day was a Wednesday.

Some researchers consider the first Thanksgiving proclamation to be the one issued by the Charlestown, Mass., governing council on June 29, 1676. I also read that the Continental Congress urged the newly formed American states to observe Thursday, Nov. 28, 1782, as a day of thanksgiving; then on Nov. 26,

1789, George Washington proclaimed a day of thanksgiving.

The next mention is President Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation of 1863, which declared that the last Thursday of November should be celebrated as a day of thanksgiving. It was during the Civil War, and Lincoln liked the idea of a holiday that celebrated family, religion and community.

Succeeding U.S. presidents followed Lincoln's lead, and this began an annual practice of presidential proclamations calling on the people to celebrate a Thanksgiving holiday on the last Thursday of November. Years later, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday of November to create a longer Christmas shop-

ping season, but many states refused to adopt this change. For two years, Thanksgiving was celebrated on two different days around the country. To end the confusion, Congress stepped in and decided to make Thanksgiving legally fall on the fourth Thursday in November and declared that in the years thereafter, it would be classified as a national legal holiday.

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By Steve Becker

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♦ 9 7 4 2  
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Many contracts stand or fall depending on the opening lead. The defender saddled with the lead has only the bidding he hears and the 13 cards he sees to guide him to the best opening shot.

Despite this handicap, in the majority of cases the problem is essentially one of inference rather than guesswork. Sound conclusions

can often be reached by paying close attention to the opposing bidding. Declarer and his partner, in the process of reaching their final contract, usually reveal illuminating details about their respective holdings.

In the present case, for example, South has described a two-suited hand powerful enough to insist on game. North's bidding is weak and merely shows a preference for spades over hearts.

West, on lead, is looking at heart strength that might be neutralized if declarer is allowed to ruff his heart losers in dummy. To protect his heart holding as much as possible, West should lead a trump. A good case can be made for leading the ace rather than a low trump, but the all-important point is that no other suit should be led.

After a trump lead, South cannot make the contract. The ace and another spade, as soon as West regains the lead with a heart, settle declarer's hash. He must lose a spade and three hearts.

But if West, through force of habit, selects the attractive-looking opening lead of the diamond queen instead of a trump, declarer cannot be stopped from ruffing a heart in dummy and eventually scores 10 tricks.

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1	8	6	5	9	2	4	7	3
9	7	4	3	6	8	5	1	2
2	5	3	4	7	1	6	9	8
6	2	1	8	3	7	9	4	5
7	4	9	1	2	5	3	8	6
8	3	5	9	4	6	1	2	7
4	9	7	2	5	3	8	6	1
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By Steve Becker

### The Bidding Tells the Tale

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**NORTH**  
♠ 9 8 7  
♥ 6 2  
♦ 8 6 5 3  
♣ J 6 5 2

**WEST**  
♠ A 6 4  
♥ K J 9 7  
♦ Q J 10  
♣ 9 8 7

**EAST**  
♠ 3 2  
♥ 8 4  
♦ 9 7 4 2  
♣ K Q 10 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q J 10 5  
♥ A Q 10 5 3  
♦ A K  
♣ A

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2♠\* Pass 2♦\*\* Pass  
2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass  
3♦ Pass 3♣ Pass  
4♣

\* artificial, strong  
\*\* negative  
Opening lead — four of spades.  
Many contracts stand or fall depending on the opening lead. The defender saddled with the lead has only the bidding he hears and the 13 cards he sees to guide him to the best opening shot.

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# Curry leads Warriors past Mavericks in OT

DAVID JIMENEZ

Associated Press

DALLAS — Stephen Curry had a big finish in the fourth quarter to help Golden State force overtime.

When Dallas made it tougher for Curry to score, the fourth-year guard became a willing passer in overtime.

Curry scored 20 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter and overtime, and his assist on David Lee's go-ahead layup with 32.8 seconds left helped the Warriors beat the Mavericks 105-101 Monday night.

With the score tied at 99, the Mavs' defense collapsed on Curry in the lane, but he quickly shuffled a pass to an open Lee for the go-ahead basket.

That was the last of three assists Curry had in overtime.

"It's really whatever the defense gives you," said Curry, who finished with nine assists. "When (Lee) is finishing that bucket at the end, we're celebrating.

It doesn't matter who's finishing, as long as we get it done."

Curry was only 4 of 12 shooting after three quarters and rolled his right ankle early in the fourth before he picked it up offensively, scoring 14 of Golden State's last 17 points in regulation. Curry added six points in overtime.

"He certainly ran this team down the stretch the way that I envision him running it," Warriors coach Mark Jackson said.

O.J. Mayo scored 27 points, including all 11 of the Mavericks' points in overtime. His eight-footer in the lane tied it at 99 with 41.2 seconds left.

Dallas has lost five of seven since starting the season 4-1.

Lee had 17 points and a season-high 19 rebounds, and rookie Harrison Barnes had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Golden State.

The Warriors were coming off a 119-109 loss at Oklahoma City on Sunday night. Despite

the back-to-back games, Golden State mustered enough energy late to finish off Dallas.

Curry hit a 14-footer on Golden State's first possession of overtime. He then fed Festus Ezeli for a dunk and found Barnes for a 3-pointer to give the Warriors a 97-90 lead.

Mayo scored the next seven points and his layup tied it at 97 with 1:38 left in overtime.

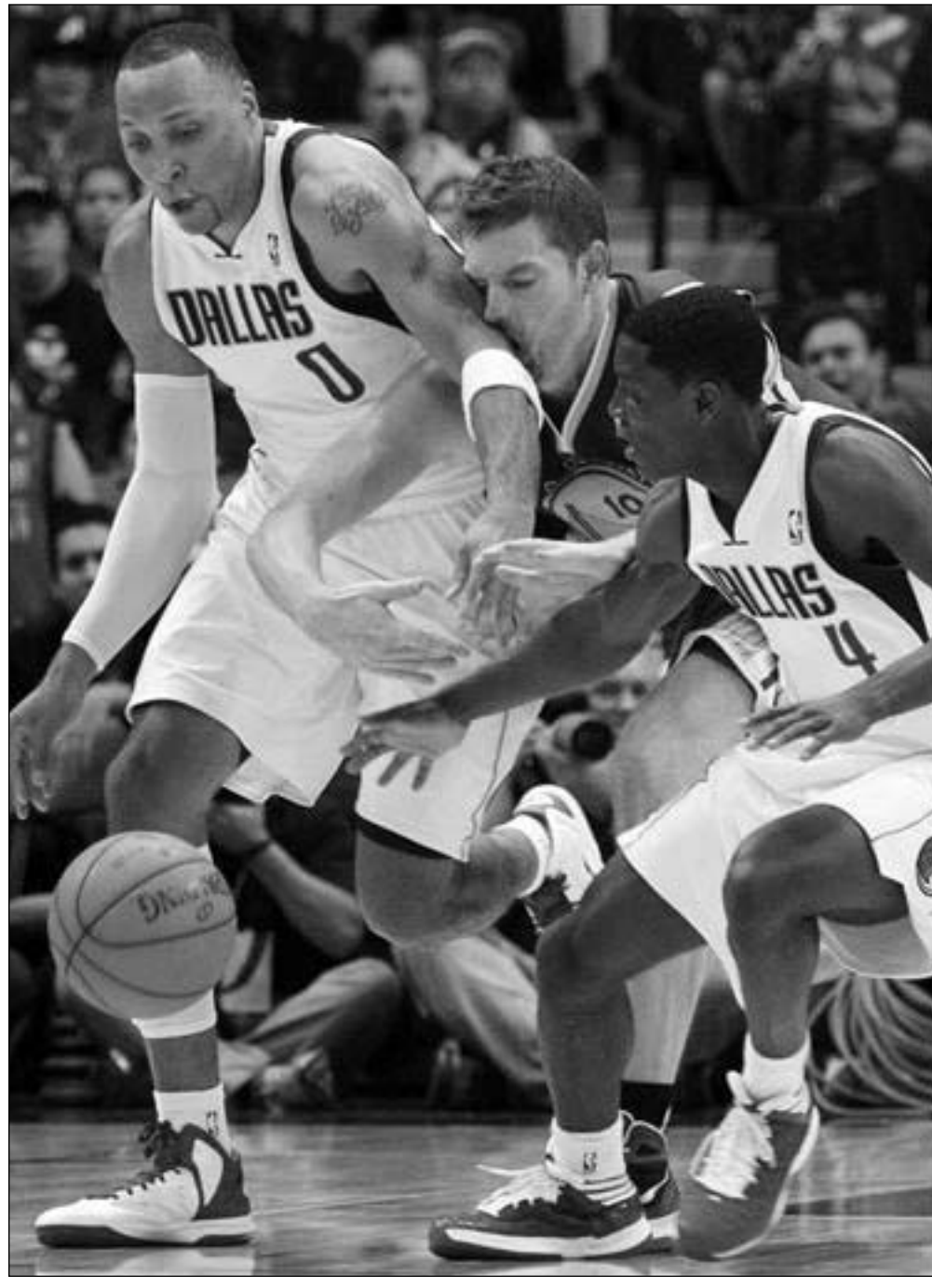
Curry hit two free throws to give the Warriors a 99-97 advantage with 51.1 seconds remaining.

After Lee's basket, Shawn Marion missed a potential tying jumper. Curry and Draymond Green each hit a pair of free throws to give Golden State just its third win in its last 11 games against Dallas.

"It was a big-time win for a young basketball team," Jackson said.

Chris Kaman had 18 points and a season-high 17 rebounds for Dallas, and reserve Troy

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Mavericks Shawn Marion (0) and Darren Collison (4) fight for the ball with Golden State's David Lee during Monday's game in Dallas. The Mavs lost 105-101 in overtime.

AP photo

## HC wins, BSHS to host teams today

BY BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The Howard College women's basketball program improved its record to 5-3 with a 63-45 win over Ranger College on Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks played well, according to Earl Diddle, HC head coach.

"I was pleased with the way we came out," Diddle said.

"I thought we defended the ball well. I was a little disappointed with our rebounding. Overall, I was pleased with the effort and our focus is on wrapping up the possession and rebounding the ball."

The men's team stayed perfect on the season.

The Hawks defeated Ranger College 84-71 to stay perfect on the season and now hold a 7-0 record.

Both teams will return to action next week after Thanksgiving break.

The Coahoma varsity boys squad defeated Midland Classical by a score of 41-37 Monday. Leading the Bulldogs were Tanner Ruiz with 13 points and Namen McCullough with 12. Alex Hill had nine rebounds and sophomore Braxton Iden contributed with eight rebounds.

The Bulldogs and the Bulldogettes will travel to Miles for game today.

Forsan (boys and girls) will play Water Valley at home today.

Big Spring (boys) will be hosting Lubbock High, with varsity set to play at 7:30 p.m. at Steer Gym, while the girls will host Andrews with their game slated for 7:30 p.m. at the junior high gym.

## Conference realignment revs up again

Just when it looked as if there would be peace, that the conferences were done realigning, the Big Ten struck another blow that will send shock waves across the country.

Financially strapped Maryland grabbed the Big Ten's lifeline on Monday, agreeing to become the conference's new southern base along the East Coast.

On Tuesday, Rutgers will gleefully jump aboard, too, and complete the Big Ten's new Mid-Atlantic bookends.

Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany said the move was about demographics and claiming new territory, to keep the conference vibrant and competitive for decades to come.

Simply put: The Midwest is not growing fast enough to sustain the Big Ten long term, so it needs to go where the people are.

It was a move not for 2014, when the Terps and Scarlet Knights will settle into the Lead-

ers Division with Ohio State and Wisconsin, but with an eye toward 2030.

"I think the best of both worlds is to have traditions, but also to be able to pivot toward creative innovations when the opportunity presents or is required," he said.

Delany noted how when the Southeastern Conference and Big 12 expanded, they planted their flags on new turf.

The Big 12 took West Virginia. The SEC added Texas A&M and Missouri, a school not far from what has always been considered Big Ten territory.

It should be noted that Maryland is about half as far from Lincoln, Neb..

"We're very proud of the fact that the Big Ten has been Midwest-centric," Michigan athletic director David Brandon said. "But with population growth and shifts that have taken place over time, we know we need to grow into those

areas where there's more people, fans, alumni and recruits."

So what's next for college football's most powerful and prominent conferences.

### ACC

When the ACC added Notre Dame, without its football program, and increased its exit fee to \$50 million, the conventional wisdom was that the league had been locked down.

But Maryland's departure is a reminder that the ACC is not on equal footing with the Big Ten — or the SEC, Pac-12 and Big 12 for that matter because football drives revenue and ACC football generally lags behind the other four.

SI.com reported that Maryland officials forecast the Big Ten will be paying each of its members \$43 million in shared TV and media rights in 2017. The ACC projection for that season is \$24 million per member.

There were rumblings of discontent from Florida State circles last summer, and rumors about Clemson and even Virginia Tech looking for better football competition.

Now those will no doubt start again.

"All of this conference jumping seems as if it keeps going and going," Florida State President Eric Barron said. "I don't necessarily understand it. The ACC is a fine conference, a fine conference academically and a fine conference athletically."

As for replacing Maryland, the ACC has already been getting phone calls from potential applicants, and should be familiar with the candidates since the league just went through the expansion process last year. That resulted in Pittsburgh and Syracuse leaving the Big East for the ACC. They arrive next year.

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## Local Sports Calendar

### TODAY

#### Boy's Basketball

- Lubbock High at Big Spring, J.V., 5 p.m., freshmen, 6:15 p.m., varsity, 7:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Miles, 8 p.m.
- Water Valley at Forsan, J.V., 5 p.m., varsity, 7:30 p.m.

#### Girl's Basketball

- Andrews at Big Spring, J.V. 5 p.m., freshmen 6:15 p.m., varsity, 7:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Miles, TBA.
- Water Valley at Forsan, J.V., 5 p.m., varsity, 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY

#### Football

- Grady (8-3) vs. Petersburg (10-1) at Hermeleigh, 6 p.m.

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## Los Angeles rallies, clips Spurs 92-87

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs had rallied within a basket of the Los Angeles Clippers with less than 30 seconds remaining and the crowd was buzzing.

Some would call it a tense situation. Chris Paul calls it "winning time."

Paul had 19 points and eight assists and the Clippers beat San Antonio 92-87 on Monday night for their second win against the Spurs this season.

Paul's 10-foot jumper in the lane with 24.6 seconds left gave the Clippers a 91-87 lead.

"Yeah, I wanted to shoot; I didn't know how, I just needed a little space," Paul said. "I love those situations — when it's winning time. We're up two with 24 seconds left, I want it."

Spurs guard Gary Neal missed a 3-point attempt on the subsequent possession, which Eric Bledsoe gathered for his fifth rebound. Bledsoe, who had nine points, made one of two free throws for the final margin.

Matt Barnes added 14 points, DeAndre Jordan 13 and Blake Griffin had 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Clippers (8-2).

Tim Duncan had 20 points and 14 rebounds for the Spurs (8-3), who suffered their second home loss this season. Manu Ginobili added 15 points and Tony Parker 11.

The Spurs rallied when Matt Bonner made a pair of 3s sandwiched around one from Parker to pull to 88-85 with 2 minutes remaining.

San Antonio needed the late

rally after losing a lead and Stephen Jackson after the first quarter. Jackson, who suffered a non-displaced fracture to his right pinkie finger late in the first quarter, is expected to miss four to six weeks.

Jackson finished with two points and two rebounds, but the team missed his toughness most.

"Of all our games, this game was in the soft category," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We never had five guys that competed hard enough to win the basketball games. The Clippers took it with their aggressiveness and their toughness, both mentally and physically."

The Spurs were outscored 29-14 in the second quarter while shooting 3 for 18 from the field.



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**Annie's Mailbox**

write off those sums. Even if my colleagues aren't doing this intentionally, I can't help thinking that in some way, I'm encouraging irresponsible behavior. Is there a professionally appropriate way of saying no the next time I'm asked for cash? — *California Casey*

**Dear California:** You have apparently been tagged as an "easy mark" in your office. It's perfectly OK to say pleasantly and politely, "I'm so sorry, but I can't loan you the cash today." You don't have to give a reason. If you say it often enough, they will assume you don't carry that much money any longer or that you aren't willing to part with it. Either way, they will leave you alone.

**Dear Annie:** I would appreciate an objective viewpoint regarding my (just) 16-year-old daughter's request to have her belly button pierced. "Olivia" is an honor student and all-around wonderful daughter. But I am having trouble being objective about the piercing. I am opposed on several levels. First, it is a waste of money. Second, there is pain and, more

importantly, the risk of infection or worse. I also feel she is too young and still growing. She is very slender, but I've advised her that her shape is likely to "fill out" in the next several years. Her twin sister, her mom and I enjoy reading your column every morning at breakfast. Am I being overly concerned? — *Worried Papa*

**Dear Worried:** Your concerns are perfectly valid, but Olivia could present a counterargument to each. The pain is something she is apparently willing to tolerate, the "waste of money" is a matter of opinion, and the risk of infection (or worse) is lessened if the piercing is done by a reputable professional under hygienic circumstances. As for her shape, her navel is not likely to do all that much growing.

The better reason, Dad, is that you object. You are still her father and can say no if this makes you uncomfortable. She always has the option of piercing her navel at a later date. We think you and your wife should have an honest discussion with Olivia about this and see whether you can reach an agreement.

**Dear Annie:** "Thwarted" was right on the money. Women my age are definitely in a "trapped" situation. We did everything the good girls were supposed to do. But men are looking for someone in their 20s who will take care of their every dream. Their trophy wives will inherit the bulk of the assets that women like "Thwarted" enabled their husbands to acquire — everything from education to taking care of them and their mothers. It sounds lovely and glib to say just go out there and volunteer, get involved in activities and churches, and hopefully meet other women who are in the same place. But what about the men? The majority are looking for a nurse and a purse once their libidos and bodies start to wane. — *62 Married to a 75-Year-Old with No Reciprocity in Sight*

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# How Hungry Girl shed the pounds without guilt

By JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — She never set out to become the maven of guilt-free, fun-food dieting, the go-to girl for people who want to have their cake — and cheeseburgers and chili fries — and eat them, too, without getting fat.

No, 10 years ago, Lisa Lillien says, she was just another 30-something LA “Hungry Girl.” Someone who needed to drop 15 or 20 pounds and would do so periodically by following an all-liquid diet or a one-meal-a-day diet or whatever other weight-loss regimen was in vogue.

Afterward, she’d return to her beloved jam-slathered bagels and french fries and gain it all back.

“Then one day I just woke up and I said, ‘You know what? That’s not the way to tackle a weight problem,’” says the trim but not skinny Lillien who, presides over a multimillion-dollar empire of Hungry Girl cookbooks, low-calorie recipes, specialty products and TV shows, all of them geared to letting people eat the junk food they love and not get fat.

The trick is discovering why you’re eating too many calories, says Lillien, as she dashes from a couch at Hungry Girl headquarters to the kitchen, to help an assistant whip up baked potato skins stuffed with cheese and bacon.

In her case and, she believes, most everybody else’s, too many people are unwilling to give up comfort foods like pizza, spaghetti, cookies and cake in the name of better health.

Neither is Lillien, who likes to joke there was a time when she’d climb over a table to steal a companion’s french fries.

These days she just

remakes them — and a thousand other foods.

Her baked potato skins, for example, are really made out of zucchini stuffed with low-calorie cheese and bacon flavoring.

She bakes her chili-cheese fries and uses butternut squash, not potatoes. They clock in at 268 calories, about a quarter the amount in traditional fries.

Recipes for those and other feel-good foods like lasagna, pizza and spongecake have placed Lillien atop a brand that has grown phenomenally in the eight years since the former TV executive came up with the name (it just popped into her head one day) and blasted a daily email to 75 people.

Today, 1.2 million subscribers get a mix of recipes, advice and ads for food companies like Star Kist and General Mills, whose products she endorses.

Lillien, who started the business at home, now oversees a staff of 12 at a sprawling office in Los Angeles’ San Fernando Valley.

To some extent, the headquarters more closely resembles a huge teenage girl’s room with a kitchen thrown in. Pillows and cushions scattered about are decorated with pictures of Tootsie Rolls, Sweet Tarts and other candies. Cans of soup, packages of nuts, bowls of chips and other ingredients are stacked here and there. On one wall a silk-screen depicts a can of Campbell’s Soup, with Dino the dinosaur from “The Flintstones” TV show, on the label.

It’s here that Lillien and her staff experiment, mad-scientist-like, she says, with thousands of recipes. The result is Italian, Mexican, Chinese and even unique Hungry Girl food, the latter

including all kinds of egg-white concoctions that can be microwaved in a mug. That came about because even before she began counting calories she was often too lazy to pull out a skillet and fry anything.

The recipes she whips up can be found on her Food Network and Cooking Channel TV shows and in her seven books, which have sold more than 2.5 million copies, according to her publisher, St. Martin’s Press. Her latest, “Hungry Girl to the Max: The Ultimate Guilt-Free Cookbook,” debuted at No. 1 on The New York Times best-seller list for paperback advice books last month.

Although food bloggers sometimes snipe about her recipes being as low in nutritional value as they are in calories, Matthew Shear, St. Martin’s executive vice president, says she “speaks to an audience that loves to eat and is looking for a way to eat the things they love at a fraction of the calories.”

That audience, he adds, includes himself. He professes to be a big fan of her Lord of the Onion Rings recipe (155 calories) and her various mug cake desserts (you microwave them in a mug).

Dawn Jackson Blatner, a registered dietitian who has published her own cookbooks, calls Lillien’s recipes low-calorie junk food.

But, Blatner quickly adds, that’s not necessarily a bad thing.

“Two out of three people in this country are overweight. Do they need fewer calories? Is her whole enterprise teaching ways to achieve that? Yes,” says Blatner from her Chicago office. For people who won’t give up pizza and cheese-



burgers, the Hungry Girl diet might not be a bad alternative.

Even Blatner says she’s sampled some of Lillien’s recipes, although she stays away from ones that use processed food products, preferring fresh fruit and vegetables.

“The spaghetti squash and butternut squash, the fun things she does with apples, I get most excited about those,” she said.

Lillien believes her lack of credentials as a dietitian or a nutritionist actually gives her more credibility with her audience, which realizes she’s one of them, just another foodie who doesn’t want to sacrifice taste for trimness.



“If I’m helping people learn how to maintain a healthier weight, then I’m doing good work,” she says.

## Tomorrow’s Horoscope

an action by trying to convince yourself that there are important reasons why you must. The proof of an action will be in the results.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Keep trying. You’ve heard it before, but right now you truly believe it in every cell and atom of your being: The only people who truly fail are those who never try.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Dysfunctional people are in your world for a reason — perhaps to teach you tolerance. You’ll find it easier to be around difficult people when you stop trying to fix them.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your memory will serve you well and perhaps better than you want it to. Processing past events will be a crucial step in your future planning. You’re too aware to make the same mistake twice.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes that which you imagine will bring you happiness doesn’t, or you underestimate the joy you could derive from simple experiences. But today your visioning powers will be both strong and accurate.

**TODAY’S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 20). Change is a constant this year as you careen into the future (which you also happen to be creating as you go). In the next three months, your personal and professional passions will intermingle. Cultivate your burgeoning talent in January; try apprenticeship or internship. Confidence is your pheromone. Pisces and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 38, 20 and 17.

**HOLIDAY COPING STRATEGIES BY SIGN:** It’s been said that families are like fudge: mostly sweet with a few nuts. Here’s how to enjoy them without bellyaching. **CANCER:** There’s no getting around it, so you may as well own it: Most of the cooking, entertaining and general managing will fall on your shoulders. And it should. You’re the best at it. But don’t let anyone take you for granted just because they happen to share your last name. Make sure everyone gets the pleasure of contributing, helping and most of all cleaning up. It’s the least they can do! **LEO:** Because you aim to make even daily experiences special, the added pressure of publicly sanctioned special occasions sometimes seems overwhelming. So your first order of business is to calm down and realize that you don’t

## Goodbye, Scorpio Sun

When you start to believe that change is hard, think again. It’s more true that your growth as a human often has been automatic. You’ve already experienced many incarnations, from infant to toddler to child and beyond. On the last full day of the 2012 Scorpio solar transit, look back and celebrate all the people you’ve been.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It’s important to you to keep up a certain level of appearances, but when this is difficult, consider dropping the ruse. It’s really OK to be a loveable mess at times, too.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You feel unpredictable and fun. You’ve already taken care of the ones who really need you, so avoid getting saddled with any other responsibility or obligation that could limit your ability to seize the day’s opportunities.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Insincerity turns you off, and you’re not interested in being sold on anything. So the one asking fluff questions obviously crafted in an effort to gain rapport is probably up to no good, at least as far as you’re concerned.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You want to be loved, but not if it means giving up your freedom. Your independence is of premium importance. You are careful not to accept favors from anyone who might want to own you in return.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Those who have been stuck in big city traffic know that under the right circumstances a person on foot can travel much faster than a vehicle. Small steps may seem inconsequential, but only to the inexperienced traveler.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You like people and take the time to get to know them. You’re not trying to figure out “their deal” so you can offer advice and fix it. You’re genuinely interested. Your curiosity endears you to others.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Blood is thicker than water. You’ll remember this when the one who seems intent on driving you crazy also happens to be a person you’re obligated to be nice to for familial reasons.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If it makes you feel good at the end of the day, do it. If not, don’t justify



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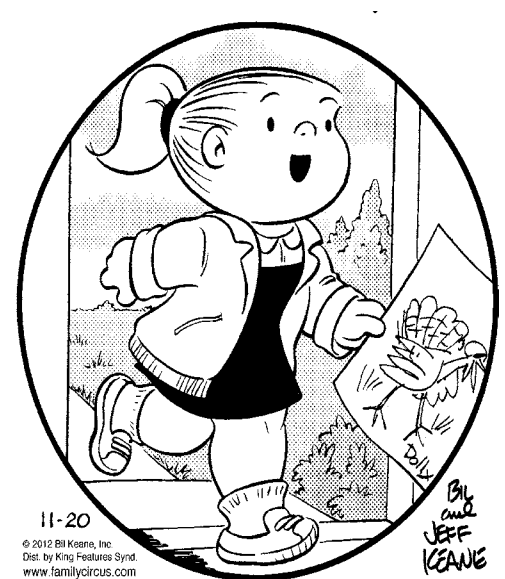
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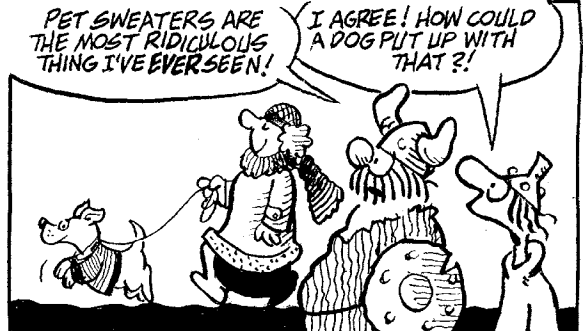
"WHAT DOES THANKSGIVING MEAN TO YOU?"  
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Guess what! For the school play I'm s'posed to dress up like my aunt's sisters!"

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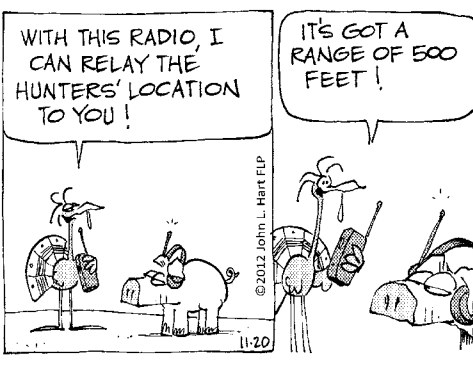
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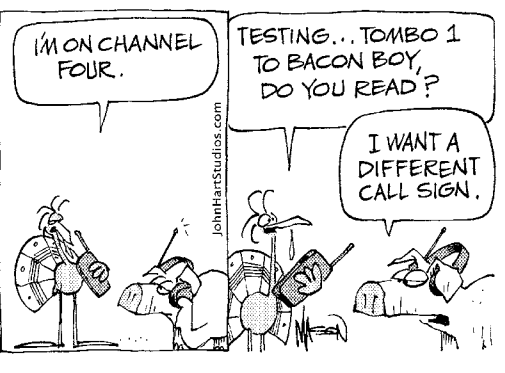


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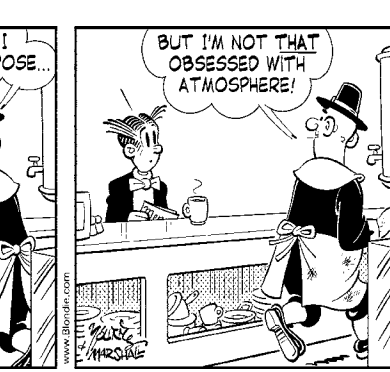


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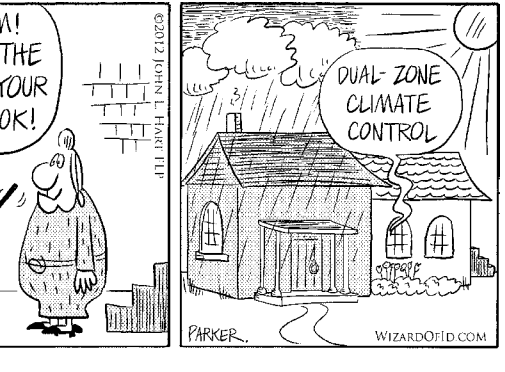


I SUPPOSE...

WIZARD OF ID



I LOVE THESE DARK, GLOOMY DAYS



WELL, I WISH IT WERE SUNNY... THIS WEATHER DEPRESSES ME

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CUTTING THE PRICE OF THE SPECIALS IN HALF WOULD REALLY MAKE IT MORE FESTIVE IN HERE

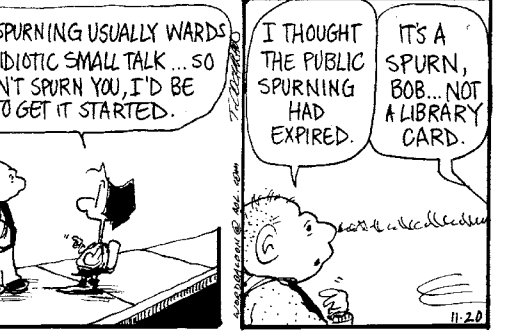


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HI, AGNES!



BOB... DID YOU JUST SPEAK TO ME? I ONLY ASK BECAUSE I THOUGHT I'D ALREADY SPURNED YOU PUBLICLY.

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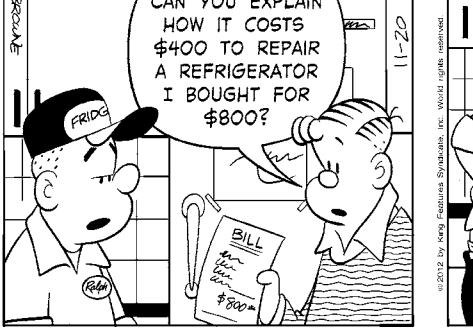


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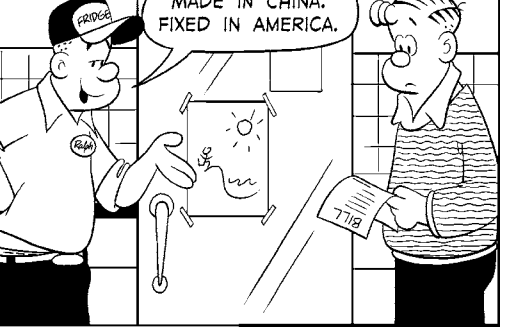


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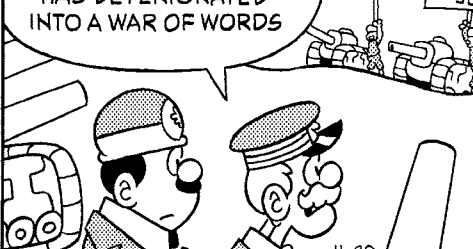


HM... BARN DANCE...?



NICE SOFT BED...?

BEEBLE BAILEY



LOOKS LIKE OUR BATTLE EXERCISE HAS DETERIORATED INTO A WAR OF WORDS



YOU'RE A BUNCH OF JERKS!

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 20, the 325th day of 2012. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 20, 1962, President John F. Kennedy held a news conference in which he announced the end of the naval quarantine of Cuba imposed during the missile crisis, and the signing of an executive order prohibiting discrimination in federal housing facilities.

On this date:

In 1620, Peregrine White was born aboard the Mayflower in Massachusetts Bay; he was the first child born of English parents in present-day New England.

In 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

In 1910, the Mexican Revolution of 1910 had its beginnings under the Plan of San Luis Potosi issued by Francisco I. Madero.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

In 1929, the radio program "The Rise of the Goldbergs" debuted on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, at Westminster Abbey.

In 1952, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower announced his selection of John Foster Dulles to be his secretary of state.

In 1959, the United Nations issued its Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

In 1967, the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

In 1969, the Nixon administration announced a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phaseout. A group of American Indian activists began a 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's General Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

In 1982, in one of college football's oddest finales, the University of California used

Answer to previous puzzle

HELPS	ODOR	SNAP
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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Horse-hoof sound

5 Falcon cousin

9 Amounts of medicine

14 Exist

15 Spiny houseplant

16 Musical beginning

17 Puts to work

18 Cease

19 Laundry challenge

20 Brit who founded Maryland

23 Make a mistake

24 Maple syrup source

25 Orangutan's Malaysian home

29 Reach via phone

31 Police alert: Abbr.

34 In the future

35 "Filet" fish

36 Opera solo

37 Very low-priced historical periods

41 Curiosity rover's destination

42 Tither's portion

43 \_\_\_ Andreas fault

44 Mama's partner

45 Sentence excerpt

46 Droop

47 \_\_\_ Baba

48 Power-failure data savers

56 Cockpit boss

57 \_\_\_ moss (soil conditioner)

DOWN

1 Rotary or Kiwanis

2 Mona \_\_\_

3 Above

4 Mexican money

5 Mattel competitor

6 Wedding locale

7 Sweater material

8 Didn't throw out

9 Gloomy

10 In first place

11 Name on a marquee

12 A Great Lake

13 Prince, to a king

21 "I \_\_\_ vacation!"

22 Maui and Aruba

25 Infants

26 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*

27 Aired again on TV

28 Pestors

29 Snake charmer's snake

30 "Too bad!"

31 Sports stadium

32 Quart fractions

33 Soak in the tub

35 Crisp cookie

36 Part of USA

38 Public perception

39 Moral principle

44 Sound of little feet

45 Covered, as with gold

46 Mall tenant

47 Diminish

48 \_\_\_ one's time (wait)

49 Frequently

50 Tachometer readings: Abbr.

51 Informal assent

52 Kindergarten students

53 "Yikes!"

54 Game on horseback

55 Gush

56 Writing tablet

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# Texans looking forward to first Thanksgiving game

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans won't have long to lament the mistakes they made against the Jacksonville Jaguars before rallying for a wild 43-37 overtime win.

They've got a quick turnaround before playing their first Thanksgiving game against Detroit where they'll look to improve on their franchise-best 9-1 start.

Coach Gary Kubiak said playing four days after an overtime game, "is tough, but I think that's what builds the character of your team."

He said they'll have very light workouts this week and most of their preparations for the Lions will be mental instead of physical.

The good news for his team is that it won't play again until Dec. 2 after this one.

"As hard as it is, you get a chance to give the guys a break after the game," he said.

"You've got a big period between that and your next game, so I think that gets them excited."

Now the Texans face the NFC's top offense as they begin a three-game road swing that could be critical to their play-off positioning. They'll play AFC South foe Tennessee before a Monday night matchup at New England.

Houston receiver Andre Johnson, who has been with the team since its second season, is thrilled to be doing so well after years of struggling. But he isn't surprised by the success this season.

"It just feels like it's supposed to happen. This is where we are supposed to be," he said of being tied for the NFL's best record.

"It feels normal. I think if we had a worse record, guys would be upset and probably going crazy around here. But we knew what type of team we had coming into the

season and we knew what we had to do to get to where we want to go. So far we've been doing it."

Houston's normally dominant defense struggled Sunday. The Texans made up for it on offense. Their 640 yards were a franchise record, and Matt Schaub and Johnson both had career days.

Schaub threw for 527 yards and career-high five scores as the Texans rallied from a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit.

Schaub's yards tied for second most in NFL history. Johnson's 273 yards receiving on 14 receptions — both career highs — were the most in the NFL since 2000.

Johnson, who scored the game-winning touchdown in overtime, enjoyed the game, but noted that it isn't how they prefer to play offensively.

"It was fun as an of-

fense, but we try to run the ball, that's our main thing," he said. "When we run the ball well we have a lot of control of the game, so it hasn't changed. It was just situations in that game where we had to throw the ball more to win."

Kubiak has been pleased with the work of Arian Foster, who is fourth in the NFL with 949 yards rushing, but leads the league with 249 carries.

Houston has had to rely more heavily on him in the past three games with backup Ben Tate out with a hamstring injury. Tate has made significant progress in the past few days, and Kubiak said there's a "good chance" he could play Thursday.

The Texans gave up a season-high 458 yards on Sunday and cornerback Kareem Jackson said a lot of the problems came down to poor tackling.

## MAVS

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Murphy chipped in 12 points.

Curry hit a 16-foot jumper off one leg to give Golden State a 90-88 lead with 1:57 left in regulation before Darren Collison connected on a 20-foot jumper with the shot clock running down to tie it at 90 with 36.9 seconds remaining.

The Mavericks had a chance to win it after that. But Vince Carter, who had left earlier in the fourth with a right hamstring

injury, missed a long jumper over Barnes on the last play of regulation.

"It's very disappointing," said Mayo, who scored 23 points in the second half. "It's a game we should have had. But hats off to them, they played well tonight."

The Warriors outrebounded the Mavericks 62-43 and had a 19-7 edge in second chance points.

When Ezeli put back an offensive board over Kaman early in the third quarter, Dallas coach Rick Carlisle kicked the scoring table in frustration.

"Sometimes guys are bigger,

stronger, quicker and faster," Carlisle said. "It's got to be part of who we are that we scramble and stay in there and battle."

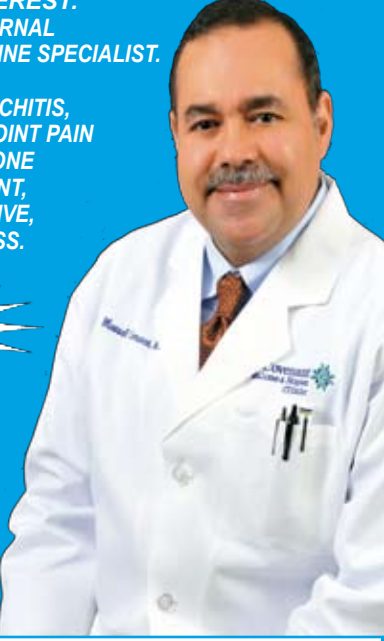
Lee had 10 points and 12 rebounds in the first half, helping the Warriors take a 43-38 halftime lead. He had a pair of baskets in a 12-2 run in the second quarter that gave Golden State a 35-25 advantage, its largest of the first half.

It was nip-and-tuck in the second half. The Mavericks took their first lead with less than 5 minutes left in the third.

That was the first of 18 lead changes in the second half.

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## REALIGN

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The ACC will look toward the Big East again. Connecticut and Louisville have both made it clear they'd like to upgrade. Maybe South Florida or Central Florida get into the mix.

This should not take long.

### BIG EAST

Another conference that had to be thinking it was in the clear. The Big East just landed the access point it needed in college football's new postseason, rolled out its divisional alignment for its rebuilt 12-team football conference, which starts next year, and now it's scrambling again — while trying to negotiate a crucial TV deal.

New Commissioner Mike Aresco's job just got even tougher.

With Rutgers leaving, the Big East loses one of its best chips, a football member in the New York media market. Losing Connecticut would also chip into the Big East's foothold in the New York metropolitan area.

The Big Apple is becoming Big Ten and ACC country, and that's a big problem for the Big East.

The league countered its eastern losses by building a west wing with Boise State and San Diego State, and dipping into Texas with SMU and Houston. Are all those schools still on board with joining next year?

The Big East was already looking west for a 14th member to balance out the conference when Navy joins in 2015. BYU and Air Force are the top targets. Now it might need both, and one more because the pickings are slim in the east.

### BIG 12

Currently with 10 members, and apparently happy that way, the Big 12 in many ways holds the key to whether conference realignment turns into a frenzy again.

Chuck Neinas, who spent about 10 months

as the Big 12's interim commissioner and helped hold the conference together when Texas A&M and Missouri left, said there is still no indication from the league's leaders that they want to go back to 12 members.

"Let's face it, they're making as much money as for the (Sugar Bowl) as the SEC and as the Pac-12 and Big Ten are making for the Rose Bowl and they only have to share it with 10 teams," he said in a phone interview Monday.

The new deal the Big 12 and SEC just signed with ESPN for the rights to the Sugar Bowl will pay the conferences about \$40 million apiece per year.

Plus, the Big 12's new television deal included a grant of rights that makes it all but impossible for its current members to leave for the next dozen years.

### PAC-12

Commissioner Larry Scott tried to go really big a couple years ago, when he targeted Texas and half the Big 12.

The Pac-12 settled for Utah and Colorado, then passed at a shot to possibly grab Oklahoma and Oklahoma State without Texas, because the conference leaders weren't ready to share their newfound riches.

With the Big 12 teams off the table, the Pac-12 simply doesn't have a lot of schools to choose from even if it did want to expand.

"They're in a difficult spot geographically," Neinas said.

### SEC

The SEC has shown no desire to add members in states where it already has members.

That precludes the SEC from adding the most desirable and logical programs, such as Florida State and Clemson. That also knocks Louisville and Georgia Tech off the list.

Until the SEC ends that "gentlemen's agreement," as Neinas called it, its potential for growth is limited. Not that it really needs to grow as it works on starting its own network, a la the Big Ten.

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