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Anguiano indicted for murder

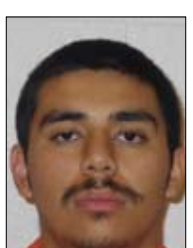
By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 A 19-year-old Big Spring man stands formally accused in the September fatal shooting of his girlfriend. Dakota Anguiano was indicted on a first-degree charge of murder during Tuesday's session of the Howard County Grand Jury. Anguiano, who is currently in custody at the county detention center, was indicted

in connection with the shooting death of 17-year-old Abigail Valencia on Sept. 19 in Big Spring. On that evening, police responded to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room in reference to a gunshot victim. Upon arrival, they found

Valencia suffering from a single gunshot wound to the left side of her head. Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Everett said Valencia had been brought to the emergency room by Anguiano, who said he and Valencia were walking in the area of Circle Drive and Sycamore Street when a black Cadillac Escalade came around the corner and fired on the

couple, wounding Valencia. Anguiano added a friend drove by and let him take his vehicle to transport Valencia to the hospital. "Patrol officers attempted the find the crime scene," Everett said. "As investigators talked to witnesses, Anguiano's story began to unravel." It was later determined, Everett said, that the shooting occurred at 1317 Tucson. At that point, Anguiano was

arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The charge was upgraded to murder after Valencia died from her wounds a few days later. If convicted, Anguiano could be sentenced to between five and 99 years, or life, in prison. Others indicted during Tuesday's grand jury session
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Anguiano

SA: Come have Thanksgiving dinner with us

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 The turkeys have been cooked and preparations are nearing the final stages for the Salvation Army's annual Thanksgiving Day dinner. As they have for the past several years, Salvation Army officials will open the agency's doors Thursday to anyone wanting to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Salvation Army headquarters, 811 W. Fifth. There's only one require-

ment people have to meet to enjoy the meal — an appetite. "This is free to anyone who wants a meal," said the Salvation Army's Ada Lafler. "All they have to do is show up — and for those who are homebound and can't get out, we'll deliver meals. All people
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Traffic on Wasson Road by Marcy Elementary School is forced into one lane as ground work continues near the Church of the Latter Day Saints. The work has been on going for the past couple of weeks.

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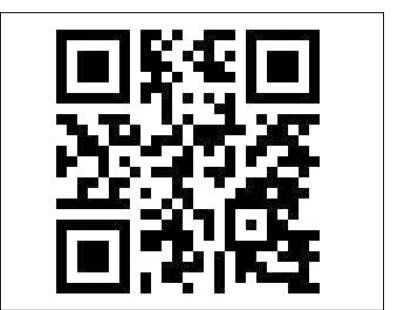
City attorney clarifies video recordings of meetings are not official

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Big Spring's city attorney has released a statement stressing that videotaped recordings of agency board meetings are not to be construed as official documentations of those proceedings. Economic Development Corporation Board President Don Avant recently expressed concerns about the completeness of a video recording of the board's meeting
 See **ATTORNEY**, Page 3

"I tried to record it twice and got two blanks screens. Sunday night I was watching it, and I saw about half of the meeting and then all of a sudden the Howard County Commissioners Court Judge came on," Avant told television station KOSA. The city of Big Spring records and broadcasts city council and other agency meetings (including the EDC board and Howard County
 See **ATTORNEY**, Page 3

Holidays bring random closures

Herald Staff Report
 Many area governmental agencies and schools will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. Those entities include:
 • City of Big Spring — All non-emergency offices, including the landfill and sanitation, will be closed Thursday and Friday. There will be no sanitation pickup on Thursday or Friday. Normal operations resume Monday.
 • Howard County — All non-emergency offices will be closed Thursday and Friday. Normal operations resume Monday.
 • Big Spring Independent School District — Classes will be dismissed today; students will return Monday.
 • Coahoma ISD — Classes dismissed Tuesday and will return Monday.
 • Forsan ISD — Classes dismissed Tuesday and will return Monday.
 • Howard College — Classes dismissed Tuesday and will return Monday.



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Lighting on Gail Mountain Friday to be activity filled

Herald Staff Report
 GAIL — After giving thanks, make your way to the tiny town of Gail, Texas, for refreshments, music and fellowship. Oh, and there's that star lighting thing, too. It all takes place on the Friday evening after Thanksgiving. This year marks the 20th time residents of Gail and Borden County

have presented the annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain. As always, everyone is welcome. Borden County Courthouse and County Museum will open for viewing, reminiscing and making new friends at 5:30 p.m. Friday. Santa Claus will be on hand to greet children, so bring a camera if you want
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Obituaries

Nell Grace Hart Parker



Nell Grace Hart Parker, 89, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 25, 2013, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013, at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church with Brother Jeff Harris, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Nell Grace Hart Parker, was born March 8, 1924, to Clarence C. and Ada Conaway Hart in the Conaway Community near Westbrook in Mitchell County, Texas. She graduated from Westbrook High School, attended Draughn's Business College and completed beauty school at Howard County Ju-

nior College. She was owner and operator of Nell's Beauty Shop and retired in 1986 after 30 years in the business. She married Leo Parker in 1942 and they were married for 57 plus years. He preceded her in death Sept. 19, 2000. She was also preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Olen Hart, Dolores Palmer, Annie Fairchild and John (Buster) Hart. She was a member of the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church and the Happy Crafters Club.

She is survived by two daughters, Dolores and Marco Westmoreland of Hillsboro, and Dena Howard of Big Spring; 18 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 21st St., Big Spring, Texas, 79720, or to the donor's charity of choice.

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

Rumaldo Del Bosque



Rumaldo Del Bosque, 86, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 25, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born Feb. 7, 1927, in Rivera, Texas, to Michaela (Narajo) and Rosendo Del Bosque. He was a longtime resident of Howard County. He moved to Big Spring over 50 years ago from Levelland.

He was a Catholic and a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion. He was a WWII Army Veteran serving in the 1st Lightening Division in Berlin, Germany. He worked for the Veterans Administration Medical Center before retiring after 55 years. He also raised livestock.

He is survived by two sons Oscar Del Bosque of Big Spring and Olivar Del Bosque of Houston;

three daughters Odila Morales and husband Alfredo of Midland, Olga Riepe and husband Steve of Henderson, Nev., and Orelia Kliebenstein and husband John of Brownwood; six stepchildren Jo Ann Mendez and husband Marcos of Big Spring, David Rodriguez and wife Liz of Big Spring, Brenda Espinoza and husband Ray of Snyder, Louisa Edmondson and husband Nuner of Big Spring, Betty Rodriguez of Midland and Guadalupe Rodriguez of Big Spring; three brothers Julio Del Bosque and wife Thelma of Kingsville, Gilbert Del Bosque and wife Lilly of Odessa and Rosendo Del Bosque of Odessa; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by the mother of his children Esther Del Bosque in 2008; his wife Lydia Del Bosque in 2009; one sister and four brothers.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police/Sheriff

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

- MELISSA GUADALUPE GOMEZ, 30, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- RICHARD ANDY OWENS III, 24, of 1700 North FM 700 was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- CHANCE FELKER COOKE, 28, of 1501 West 4th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal trespass - habitation/shelter.
- FRANCISCO RIOS VEGA, 20, of 1906 Winston, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of delivery of marijuana greater than 0.25 ounce but less than or equal to 5 pounds.
- BOBBY GENE BRICKER, 41, of 1909 Alabama, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for theft greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check.
- LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported at the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- HIT AND RUN was reported at the 2400 block of West Highway 80.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 2900 block of West Highway 80.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Birdwell and George, the 900 block of Nolan.

- THEFT was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80, the 2000 block of South Gregg.
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported at the 1100 block of Benton.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 500 block of Northwest 10th Street.
- FORGERY was reported at the 1000 block of South Main.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 500 block of Owens.

The Howard County Sheriff's office reported the following activity:

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.
- THOMAS AGUILAR was booked by HCSO on a capias warrant for no driver's license, violate promise to appear; a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- CHANCE FELKER COOKE was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- JUAN VALDEZ GONZALES was booked by BSPD on a charge of failure to attend school and delivery of marijuana less than or equal to 5 pounds but more than 0.25 ounces.
- FRANCISCO RIOS VEGA was booked by BSPD on a charge of delivery of marijuana less than or equal to 5 pounds but more than 0.25 ounces.

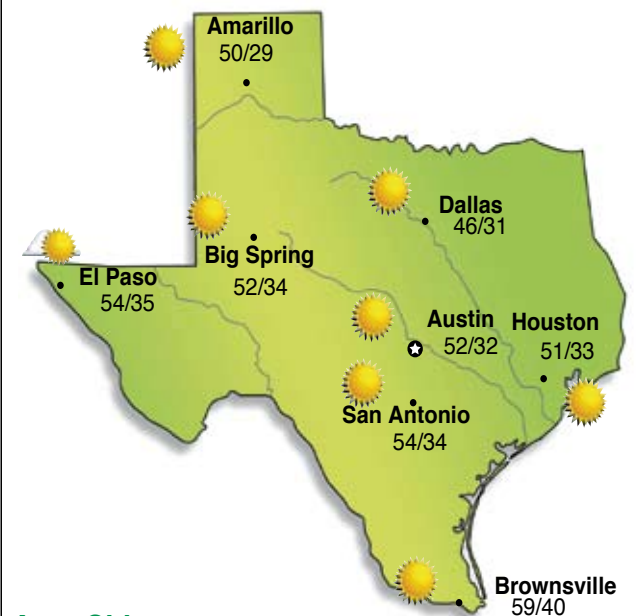
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 11/28	Fri 11/29	Sat 11/30
52/34 Mainly sunny. High 52F. Winds light and variable.	59/34 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	61/43 Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	51	34	sunny	Kingsville	58	37	sunny
Amarillo	50	29	sunny	Livingston	48	27	sunny
Austin	52	32	sunny	Longview	44	29	sunny
Beaumont	49	30	sunny	Lubbock	52	31	sunny
Brownsville	59	40	sunny	Lufkin	47	28	sunny
Brownwood	51	32	sunny	Midland	54	35	sunny
Corpus Christi	55	39	sunny	Raymondville	59	37	sunny
Corsicana	45	29	sunny	Rosenberg	51	33	sunny
Dallas	46	31	sunny	San Antonio	54	34	sunny
Del Rio	57	37	mst sunny	San Marcos	53	31	sunny
El Paso	54	35	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	44	29	sunny
Fort Stockton	55	34	mst sunny	Sweetwater	51	33	sunny
Gainesville	44	28	sunny	Tyler	45	29	sunny
Greenville	43	27	sunny	Weatherford	45	28	sunny
Houston	51	33	sunny	Wichita Falls	46	28	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	37	24	sn shower	Minneapolis	24	19	cloudy
Boston	61	31	rain	New York	59	29	rain
Chicago	29	22	sunny	Phoenix	67	47	pt sunny
Dallas	46	31	sunny	San Francisco	65	51	pt sunny
Denver	52	31	sunny	Seattle	54	36	pt sunny
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• Big Spring Professional Firefighters Honor Guard is giving away a Yeti Tundra 45-quart cooler, valued at \$330. Tickets are \$5 each. For ticket info and purchase, call Lt. Jay Holt at 432-264-2315 or FF. Albert Cavazos at 806-559-6722. The winner will be drawn at 1 p.m. Dec. 20 at Fire Station 1, 1401 Apron Dr.

• Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Canterbury (1700 Lancaster) will host its annual Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar will feature, Christmas décor, many type of homemade items and crafts. Gifts of every sort and type and treats for every taste. Canterbury cookbooks will be available and there will be burritos for sale.

• A fund has been set up at Western Bank, 607 South Scurry, for the Ean Cook family, who lost their house and belongings in a fire. The account is in name of Charlene Cook, Ean's mother. Donations of clothing, food and living supplies will be greatly appreciated. To donate

supplies call 816-5013 or 816-7810.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual fundraiser is coming up in January. The Silver Wings Ball will be Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at the Hotel Settles. Evening events begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Join us for a night of fine dining and dancing. Contact Hangar 25 Air Museum to purchase tickets for underwriting and sponsor opportunities. Underwriting opportunities range from \$250 to \$5,000. All underwriters will receive two tickets to the event and advertisement opportunities. Tickets for the event are \$50. Tickets for a chance to win a nights stay at the Hotel Settles are \$10 or six for \$50.

• The Big Spring Pow Wow Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main. Whether you are a Native American or interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary of the Big Spring Pow Wow, you are invited. For more information, call Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to pro-

vide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make

a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in-office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer, call 264-7599.

INDICTED

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include:
 • Nathaniel James Ausbie, 30, 107, E. 17th, delivery of a controlled substance (third degree felony).
 • Jennifer Deann Cate, 31, Forsan, possession of a controlled substance

(third degree felony).
 • Michelle Renee (aka Jetton) Cluck, 40, 303 Crow Rd., possession of a controlled substance (second degree felony).
 • Thomas Franklin Dunnam, 18, 2601 Fairchild, two counts of forgery (state jail felony).
 • Meliton Garza Jr., 42, 1511 Bluebird, theft over \$1,500/less than \$20,000 (state jail felony) and driving while

intoxicated (third degree felony).
 • Brandi Ann Hutchenson, 29, county detention center, attempted aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second degree felony).
 • Lahoma Jurdan, 45, 1606 Lark, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
 • Chance Ray Lang, 27, 4200 Hamilton, unlawfully carrying a weapon on alcohol premises (third degree

felony).
 • Theodore E. Rios, 43, county detention center, possession of a controlled substance (third degree felony), evading arrest (third degree felony) and theft under \$1,500 with two prior convictions (third degree felony).
Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

DINNER

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have to do is call us and give us their names, addresses, phone numbers and the num-

ber of plates they need." While most of the preparation will be completed today, Lafler said volunteers are needed Thursday, "We can always use more volunteers," she said. "We always seem to run short of

people to help us with clean-up after the meal ... and we could use some more drivers, as well." Delivery requests will be accepted up to 5 p.m. today. For more information, contact the local Salvation Army

office at 267-8239. Aside from the Salvation Army, Alive in Christ Lutheran Church will provide free Thanksgiving meals Thursday from noon to 3 p.m., organizer Jeannie Knocke said. Home delivery also is avail-

able by calling either 264-7818 or 213-0698, Knocke said.
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ATTORNEY

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commissioners) and broadcasts those videos on cable channel 17, the public education channel maintained by the city. Inresponsetoconcerns expressed by Avant and others, City Attorney Linda Sjogren released a statement saying that the recordings are not to be construed as an offi-

cial record of meetings. "The city makes no guarantee regarding the quality or reliability of any recording or broadcast made for the ... channel, but with the goal of keeping the public informed, will make every reasonable attempt to record and broadcast the meetings it is asked to record," Sjogren's statement read in part. No entity which requests video record-

ing of its meeting should rely on the city's recording as the official record on those meetings, Sjogren added. "Each governmental entity governed by the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Public Information Act is required under Section 551.021 of the Texas Government Code to maintain its own official record of its proceedings. Such entities are required to keep a tape

recording or written minutes that states the subject of each deliberation and indicates each vote, order, decision, or other action taken," she said. Recordings of meetings made for the PEG channel are maintained by the city under normal records management practices barring any unforeseen circumstances. At the end of the retention period any recordings are

delivered to the entity or destroyed pursuant to state law, Sjogren added.
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GAIL

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a photo of Jolly St. Nick with a family member. There will also be Christmas music provided by local musicians, storytime for children, hayrides, an ornament contest and door prizes. In addition, the county courthouse is the dropoff point for "Christmas for Kids," which makes gifts available to the Buckner Children's Home. Toys and gifts need to be dropped

off by Dec. 10. Gifts are needed for children age newborn through 18. For more information,

e-mail lightsforgail@yahoo.com. You may also want to check out the Facebook page: Light-

ing of the Star on Gail Mountain.

able by calling either 264-7818 or 213-0698, Knocke said.

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 24th & Johnson 267-8288
 Ray Turner, 74, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Cowboy Church in Barnhart, Texas. Burial will follow in Resthaven Cemetery in Barnhart. Rumaldo Del Bosque, 86, died Monday. Private family services will be held at a later date.

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Opinion

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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DAILY PRAYER

Let is never forget to be thankful for all that is around us.

Amen

Thankful I am an American

Tomorrow you and I will join a huge contingency of Americans and celebrate our blessings. We call this annual day of festivities Thanksgiving. Years ago, I began using the term "Thanks-living" because that's what I believe every American should adopt as their life standard. Even though millions will be genuinely thankful, many people will be focusing on things not so much worthy to be thankful for, but will rather be only appreciative for a day off work, massive amounts of food, hanging out with friends and watching football. While there is, of course, nothing wrong with any of those things, maybe it would be good if we took some time to ponder what merits our most sincere expressions of thanks.

As we gather with our families around the dinner table tomorrow we will be feasting on some of the best food in the world. My family and I will be thankful for every bite because The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that nearly 870 million people of the 7.1 billion people in the world, or one in eight, were suffering from chronic undernourishment in 2010-2012. Almost all the hungry people, 852 million, live in developing countries, representing 15 percent of the population of developing countries.

There are 16 million people undernourished in developed countries. Children are the most visible victims of under-nutrition. Children who are poorly nourished suffer up to 160 days of illness each year. Poor nutrition plays a role in at least half of the 10.9 million child deaths each year—five million deaths. Under-nutrition magnifies the effect of every disease, including measles and malaria.

I will also be thankful tomorrow that we live in the greatest country on Planet Earth. With all of her problems, the United States of America is still an incomparable place to call home and we should all be appreciative of our freedoms and blessings. People complain about our government here in the United States, and we have that freedom

to do so, but only a fool would take our freedom for granted.

Regardless of your party affiliation, religious beliefs, or socioeconomic standing, you need to be thankful for this country. Sure, we have problems. In fact, this is a great opportunity for me to use one of my favorite words and state that we have a plethora of problems in America. Common sense has been replaced with political chicanery and everyone thinks they are going to be healthy, wealthy and wise someday so they support stupid and greedy policies that they can only dream one day will impact them.

But then I look at other countries in the world and remind myself that it could be much, much worse. By all standards, the USA is a great place to live in comparison to much of the world.

Yes, our addiction to unhealthy processed food is killing us. Our roads are crumbling. We smile while putting a poison like fluoride in our waters. We sacrifice lives for corporate shareholder prices. Our faltering education system is putting us in lower and lower rankings of the world's population.

And then I pause and remember. At least we have food. We have roads. We have options for education. We can find clean water.

We can drive gas guzzlers so that millions of people weren't repressed, deprived and murdered for nothing. Many countries don't have any of these things outside of the mansion of a lone individual who rules with violence, repression and fear.

We have horrible and unacceptable levels of crime and violence in our nation and, according to hard data and all reliable sources, the U.S. is the world's leading consumer of illegal drugs, which continues to expand its devastating grip on the soul of our nation. Even with such deplorable conditions, think about living in Sudan, where despite the government denying the documented truth, people in the region of Darfur deal with not only disease and starvation but genocide of the southern Christians committed by the northern Islamic government. Rape and murder plagues this nation and just recently has the international community done anything to try to stop the genocide. Or study what un-



EDDY PRINCE

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imaginable atrocities citizens in North Korea, Chad, Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, Yemen, Somalia and any number of other countries live with every day. It's so much easier to be thankful for our living conditions when we compare them to what millions of the world's populace has to continually face.

During this annual season of holiday celebrations, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for being an American and enjoying the magnificent blessings associated with that citizenship. But far above everything else, I am thankful for the privilege of being a Christian. In fact, I am more thankful for knowing there is a loving God who is watching over us than anything else I can imagine. So often we get caught up in the worries and concerns of life and fail to acknowledge the scope of that blessing. I hope that doesn't happen to us this Thanksgiving season.

I want to close today's column with a wonderfully insightful and inspiring quote by the martyred missionary, Jim Elliot, who said, "I pray for you, that all your misgivings will be melted to thanksgivings. Remember that the shadow a thing casts often far exceeds the size of the thing itself (especially if the light be low on the horizon) and though some future fear may strut brave darkness as you approach, the thing itself will be but a speck when seen from beyond. Oh that He would restore us often with that 'aspect from beyond,' to see a thing as He sees it, to remember that He dealeth with us as with sons."

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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Winning the assisted-suicide debate

"Dilbert" cartoonist Scott Adams wants to kill Victoria Reggie Kennedy, Ted's widow. He also wants to kill my husband, author and anti-assisted suicide activist Wesley J. Smith — and me, because I, too, oppose assisted suicide.

"If you're a politician who has ever voted against doctor-assisted suicide, or you would vote against it in the future, I hate your f—guts and I would like you to die a long, horrible death. I would be happy to kill you personally and watch you bleed out. I won't do that, because I fear the consequences," Adams blogged Saturday as his 86-year-old father approached "possibly months" of "living Hell" ending in a bad death.

And: "I'm OK with any citizen who opposes doctor-assisted suicide on moral or practical grounds. But if you have acted on that thought, such as basing a vote on it, I would like you to die a slow, horrible death too."

Adams later added that his father died a few hours after the post. In his rage, perhaps, he turned to intimidation over the more arduous task of convincing people with different beliefs.

When Adams returned my

call, he told me that he probably doesn't want me to die. Oh, but you do, I responded. I've written against assisted suicide. "I would put you in that category," he conceded. "You are part of the problem."

Victoria Kennedy wrote that a 2012 Massachusetts ballot measure to legalize assisted suicide was bad policy because it was "harsh and extreme." I ask: Would the world be better off without her, too?

"Yes, I think she's part of the bad guys," Adams reluctantly replied.

Opponents of assisted suicide are responsible for the "torture" of his father.

"If my dad were a cat, we would have put him to sleep long ago," Adams wrote. That's the America-treats-pets-better-than-people argument for euthanasia. Yes, families put down cherished pets after much anguish, but also, according to The Humane Society of the United States, shelters put down 2.7 million adoptable dogs and cats every year.

Adams rejected my analogy about his analogy. He sees an enlightened system in which doctors put down the parents of doting adult children — only at the last minute. It works well elsewhere, he added.

The Dutch legalized physician-assisted suicide in 2002; last year, euthanasia accounted for 3 percent of Dutch deaths. There was a 13 percent bump after

mobile units could be dispatched to homes where family physicians refused to kill patients. So much for safeguards — like the patient's own doctor's having to approve. Advocates use safeguards to argue that a practice will not be abused; then they whittle away at them.

I believe in safeguards, too: liberal pain control and directives that allow sick people to stipulate which procedures they do not want. Love.

I told Adams I fear that if we legalize assisted suicide, over-worked providers will eliminate inconvenient people, just as shelters dispatch unwanted cats. He knows it could happen. He argued that "good things" — hospitals and police — come with risks.

Me, I don't want to live in a world where one group of people decides when another group should die.

For that, Adams wants me to die a horrible death. Once death becomes the solution for one condition, it becomes a remedy for others.

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News in brief

TxDOT urges travel care after bad weather

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas transportation officials have urged Thanksgiving holiday travelers to use care on the roads in a week that started with cold, icy weather in parts of the state.

The Texas Department of Transportation says Wednesday and the Sunday after Thanksgiving traditionally are the busiest travel days. The agen-

cy's website, drivetexas.org, provides information on highway conditions.

TxDOT says 48 people died from traffic accidents during the 2012 Thanksgiving holiday reporting period and more than 950 travelers were seriously hurt.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers will be on patrol through the weekend watching for people driving drunk and other traffic violations.

AAA estimates about 3.4 million

Texans will travel during the Thanksgiving holiday period.

Some in storm-affected West Texas still no power

DALLAS (AP) — Cold, icy weather in West Texas has moved on but lingering power outages could mean no electricity for hundreds of homes and businesses through Thanksgiving.

Nearly 2,400 customers of two utilities were still without power Wednesday as crews worked to restore service.

Dallas-based Oncor reported about 1,400 outages, mainly in the Midland and Odessa areas. Oncor says electricity might not be restored to all customers until late Thursday night.

AEP Texas had about 950 outages, mainly in the Alpine and Marfa areas, where a transmission line suffered damage amid wintry weather since last weekend.

ness as usual. It will be full service," Lt. Col. Joanne MacGregor, a Texas Guard spokeswoman, told the San Antonio Express-News, referring to the decision that came late Tuesday.

The Texas National Guard commander had ordered the Texas Military Forces, the umbrella command of all Texas National Guard units, not to process any applications from same-sex couples. Maj. Gen. John Nichols had said the Guard was a state agency bound by Texas law, which doesn't recognize same-sex marriage.

That had placed five National Guard facilities in Texas off-limits for same-sex couples seeking benefits until late Tuesday.

In a statement late Tuesday, the Texas Military Forces said federal personnel will handle the registrations, removing the legal conflict with state law.

"The Department of Defense has approved a new procedure for enrolling National Guard members and their dependents in benefits programs. The new procedure essentially recognizes the conflict between the Texas Constitution and DOD policy mandating the enrollment of same-gender dependent spouses in benefits programs," the statement read.

The decision will mean same-sex couples now can obtain the same services granted to heterosexual married couples.

Guard to let same-sex couples sign for benefits

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Texas National Guard will immediately begin letting same-sex couples register for benefits after the Defense Department approved a new procedure for enrolling National Guard members and their dependents for benefits.

"We're going to go back to busi-



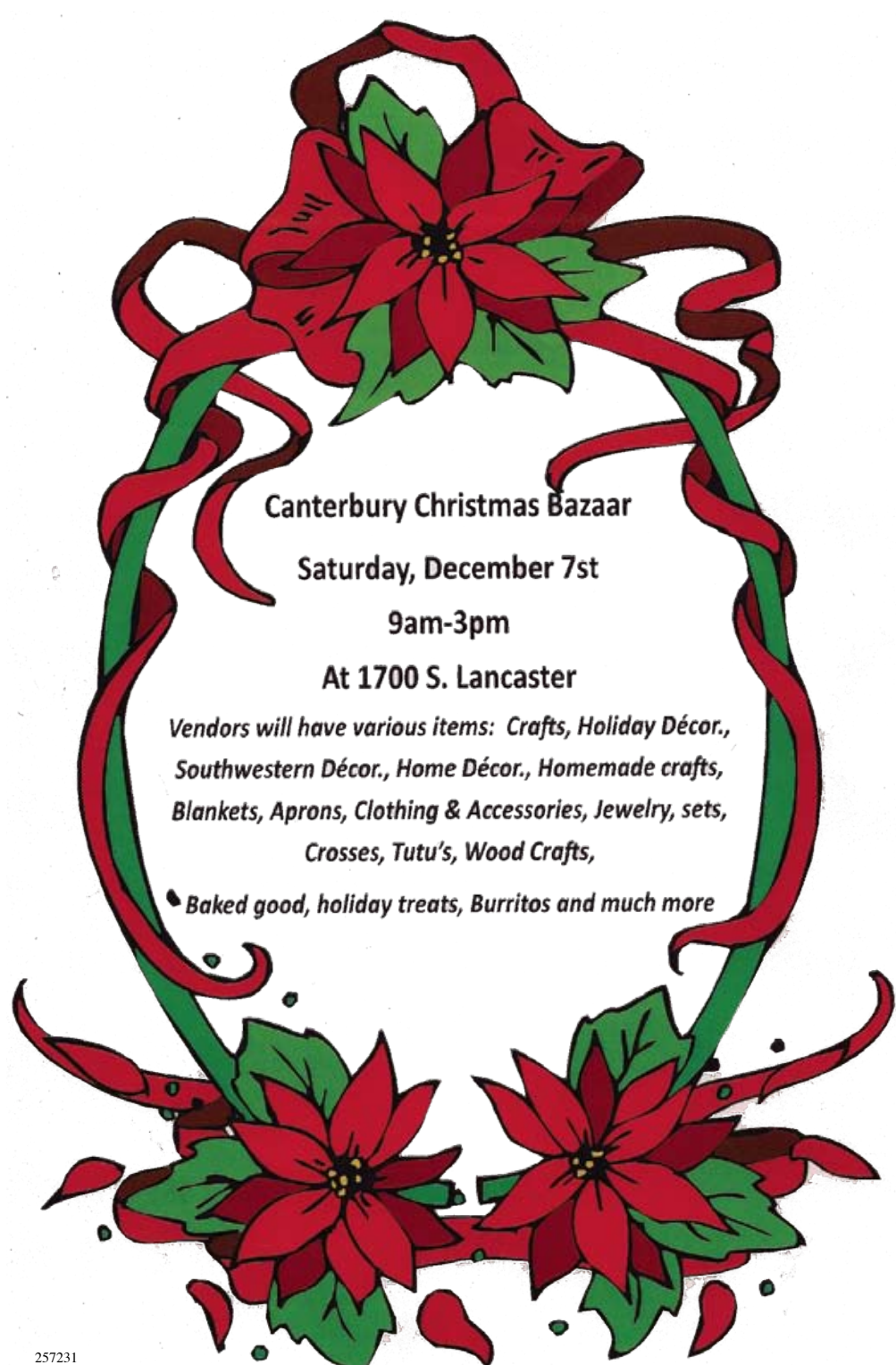
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury and Jupiter Trine

Mercury and Jupiter are lining up to create a portal of easy-going communication and general good will. This offsets some of the recent Saturn activity and works cooperatively with the moon in industrious Virgo. It's a productive day. The action flies by quickly, and for the most part, it's easy to get what you need if you just ask.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You create an experience for anyone who is getting to know you. It's not that you're trying to put on a show or make an impression, but it's what happens naturally when you do what you feel compelled to do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't need to know how just yet. Just know that you can succeed, and you will. Much good will comes because you believe on a deep level that this is true.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There may be a misunderstanding among friends. You're not going to view this the same way tomorrow, so don't make any big public statements about it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Love who you are now. You will always be developing into someone new, but it's wrong to save up all of your love for that person. Act now. Give yourself what you need. You deserve it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today is best played conservatively. Many of the risks aren't worth taking. Use your head and don't be impulsive. If there's no prize, don't compete. If there's nothing to win by battling, don't fight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know your perspective is realistic when

you recognize that things have a beginning, middle and end. An unrealistic perspective is one that only sees one part of this cycle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What some people consider a crisis is just an average day in the life of others. Your stellar attitude allows you to objectively decide what to get excited or upset about and what to laugh at, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are tempted to do good deeds with humility so as not to draw too much attention to yourself. This is a bad idea, though. The world needs to see people doing admirable and helpful things, because others will follow suit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may have a difficult time persuading people directly, so try other strategies. For instance, present a number of baffling alternatives that will make your preferred choice seem like the easy route.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Math allows us to grapple with numbers that are too big or small for us to really wrap our brains around. You'll use math in interesting ways to fix something today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have to enjoy a process to find it fulfilling. Keep this in mind as you work. The joy may not exactly overflow, and yet you'll look back and feel satisfied, even completely so.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't like to base your emotional tone on external forces, but sometimes it just can't be helped. Being around someone you adore will make you happy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 27). Your habit of thinking ahead will give you a competitive edge when you need it. You'll apply your sharp mind to debate and politics. When it comes to love, though, you don't hold back or play it like a game. You're all

heart, and the love you give comes right back to you. 2014 will be one of your most romantic years. Libra and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 40, 44, 25 and 16.

PUPPY PROFILE: If you know when your pet was born, check out his or her sun sign and the personality that goes with it.

VIRGO: Neatness and order are the trademarks of Virgo people and dogs alike, making both a pleasure to live with. This Mercury-ruled puppy learns the rules of the house quickly, and a more considerate dog would be hard to find. Bonus: This pooch doesn't share the bad habits of some of his canine counterparts, and you won't find him digging in the garbage unless there's truly no other food around.

Impeccable grooming is important to this pretty dog, who is happiest when smelling fresh with a shiny trimmed coat and sweet breath. You might not think such things matter to a mutt, but they are essential to the Virgo dog's self-esteem. A healthy diet and regular exercise will contribute to the happiness of any dog, but for Virgo, it's an absolute must.

Virgo dogs are into their routines, and once those habits are established, Virgo pups don't like those rituals to be interrupted or changed. Therefore, when you're going out of town, the Virgo dog might prefer to be cared for by a pet sitter who will check in on him at home rather than being kenneled off-sight.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My supervisor rarely states his desires clearly. But if I take the initiative or ask him to clarify, he makes me feel like an idiot. He is condescending and highly critical of most people. He also is a nonstop gossip. He has portrayed me to others as racist, womanizing and incompetent.

He has control over my payable time and my vacation requests. He has the ear of management and lives in the same neighborhood as many of my co-workers. I fear that bringing any of this up for discussion will create a level of retaliation far worse than the existing reality. Any suggestions? — *Kansas*

Dear Kansas: First, examine your own behavior to see whether there is cause for such rumors to take hold, and if so, correct it. Still, it is no excuse for your supervisor to spread gossip. He also seems ineffectual as a leader, because he does not make his wishes clear and stifles attempts by employees to clarify. Normally, these would be issues to document and then discuss with human resources or the supervisor's boss. However, if you worry that doing so will create more problems, you have two choices: Either conduct yourself in a way that is beyond reproach and do your best to put up with it, or start looking for another job.

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By Steve Becker

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♥ K 10 6 3
♦ Q J 8
♣ A K 5

WEST
♠ A K 9 7 3 2
♥ 5
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ Q 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 6
♥ J 9 8 4
♦ 9 7 2
♣ J 10 2

SOUTH
♠ 5
♥ A Q 7 2
♦ K 10 4
♣ 9 8 7 6 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♥ 1♠
2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — king of spades.
When declarer appears to be in a hopeless position, he might do well to remember the old baseball adage, "The game isn't over till the last man's out." South did exactly that in today's deal, and as a result succeeded in a situation that many would have considered a lost cause.

He ruffed the second spade lead

and cashed the A-Q of hearts. When West failed to follow to the second heart, it appeared declarer would have to lose a trick in each suit and go down one.

But South did not give up, and continued to play on in the hope that East had started with a 3-4-3-3 distribution, in which case the contract could still be made. At trick five, he led the king of diamonds, losing to West's ace. West's spade return was ruffed by South with his last trump, and the Q-J of diamonds were cashed, East following suit to both.

At this point, East was known to have started with four hearts and at least three diamonds and three spades. Declarer had to hope that East did not have another spade or the 13th diamond, which would leave him room for at most two clubs.

With five tricks remaining to be played, declarer cashed the A-K of clubs and then, with fingers crossed, led a third club, hoping East would have to win the trick. When East unhappily won with the jack, he was compelled to lead from the J-9 of hearts into dummy's K-10 at trick 12, and the contract was home.

Tomorrow: Assumptions are essential.

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Happy 'Holidaze'

Actress Jennie Garth, who got her start on *Beverly Hills: 90210*, talks about her latest role in the TV movie *Holidaze*.

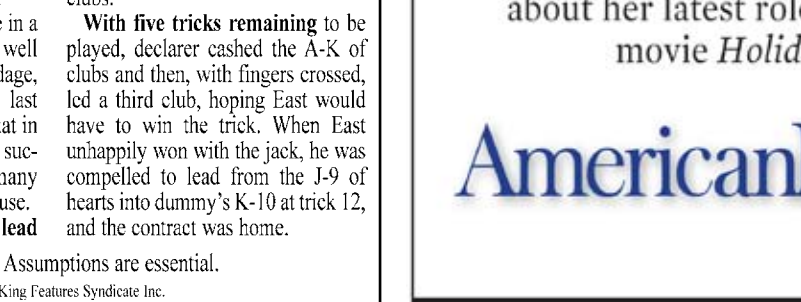
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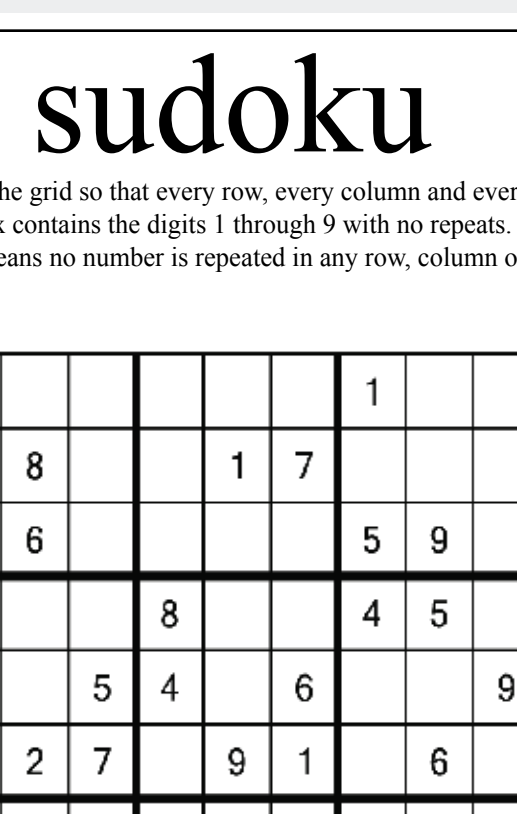


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AP Food Industry Writer
NEW YORK — Three different types of stuffing will be offered on Stacy Fox's table this Thanksgiving: traditional, gluten-free and vegan.

There will be steak for people who don't like turkey. No eggs will be used in the latkes, or Jewish potato pancakes. And the sweet potato pie will be topped with vegan marshmallows she buys at a health food store.

"My life used to be simple," said Fox, who's entertaining 18 guests in Suffern, N.Y.

At homes across the country this Thursday, tables will be set to accommodate everyone from vegans and vegetarians to those trying to eat like cavemen. The increasingly complicated feasts reflect the growing ranks of Americans who are paying closer attention to the food they put into their bodies.

The reasons vary. With two-thirds of the U.S. population either overweight or obese, many find setting rules helps ward off temptation. In other cases, people steer clear of ingredients such as dairy to alleviate bloating or to boost energy. Others worry about the long-term impact of artificial dyes, preservatives and antibiotics in their food.

While the dietary quirks of relatives or friends may seem like a mere curiosity on Thanksgiving, they're reshaping the food industry. Sales of organic packaged foods rose 24 percent to \$11.48 billion over the past five years, according to market researcher Euromonitor International. Gluten-free packaged foods, made for those who are sensitive to wheat, more than doubled to \$419.8



million. And the broader market of packaged foods targeted toward people with food intolerances to things like wheat, dairy or sugar rose 12 percent to \$2.89 billion.

By introducing gluten-free varieties of Chex cereal in recent years, General Mills says it was able to reverse years of declines and get sales growing again. So far this year, the company says sales are up 6 percent from the same time last year, although it did not give the actual figure.

Hillshire Brands has expanded the number of sausages and meatballs made without antibiotics under its higher-end Aidells brand, which has been a bright spot for the company. And sales of Tofurky, the tofu-based turkey alternative for vegetarians, have grown each year since it was introduced in 1995, said founder and president Seth Tibbott.

Back when Tofurky was rolled out, only about 500 were sold in health food stores in Portland and Seattle. This year, Tibbott expects to sell about 350,000 of the loaves, which resemble round, boneless turkey breasts filled with stuffing.

"People do say it's close to turkey," Tibbott said, noting that the company has worked to achieve the hint of gaminess that distinguishes turkey from chicken.

Even with all the new food options, however,

many remain Thanksgiving traditionalists. As a result, some with dietary restrictions find that they still have to make concessions when eating at relatives' houses.

Alison Johnson, for instance, realizes it would be unreasonable to expect her in-laws to cater to her many preferences this holiday. She's a vegetarian and she and her husband are on a Paleo diet that shuns processed foods, legumes and most sugars. So for Thanksgiving, she plans to relax her rules a bit, stick to the side dishes and bring along her own Paleo-friendly pumpkin bars for dessert.

"When you start saying you're diabetic and Paleo and vegetarian, they would just throw their hands up and give up," said Johnson, who runs a recruiting firm in the Albany, N.Y., region. "I have to accom-

modate myself."

In other households, those with dietary restrictions have taken control. Daniel Albaugh, personal trainer in Houston, said his family feasts on Tofurky and stopped bothering with a turkey a few years ago. He and his fiancée are vegans, as are his mother and sister.

"We outnumber them now," said Albaugh, 31, of his stepfather and grandmother. "They don't mind it. We gradually stopped accommodating the meat eaters."

Making special dishes for those with dietary restrictions isn't just about pacifying the

squeaky wheel either. When one family member makes a change to their diet, it can have a ripple effect, particularly during the holidays when food is center stage.

Eddie Garza, a sustainability coordinator for a real estate company in Dallas, said he became a vegan 10 years ago after growing up on the "typical American diet."

Over the years, he made it a point to educate his family about the health, environmental and ethical reasons for his lifestyle. And while there will still be a turkey on the table this year, a tofu alter-

native is now a staple too. In fact, Garza, 36, is bringing four Gardein-brand tofu alternatives to dinner because his relatives always end up eating some.

His mother, Emma Martinez, says she grew up on a meat-centric diet in Mexico. But the retired school nurse has cut down on significantly on meat and other animal products, even when Eddie isn't at home. She even likes the tofu roast as much as the turkey.

"I don't really see too much of a difference, it's just a matter of getting used to something," said Martinez, 64.

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Howard College Men

Freshman Travis Charles scored a game-high 24 points and sophomore David Joseph chipped in 10 as Howard College (8-1) took down Ranger College 60-44 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Tuesday.

Ranger — which defeated the Hawks by two points in overtime in Ranger Monday — kept paced with Howard early in the first half, but 10 quick points scored by Joseph and newcomer Joesph Weary Jr. put the Hawks on top and they never looked back.

The Hawks enjoyed a double digit lead for the majority of the game, but midway through the second period, Ranger pulled within seven. Charles answered the call, scoring six straight points for HC while the Rangers were forced to play from the line. Eleven of Ranger's 30 second half points came via a free throw.

Though off to a free start with just a single loss, HC Head Coach Scott Raines said the young team is still trying to find its identity.

"I think we're trying to figure ourselves out right now," Raines, who took over when former coach Mark Adams of basketball operations at Texas Tech. "We think we play hard and can guard people, but we've got some guys really

struggling confidence-wise on offense right now. But I thought against a Ranger team — who makes the game really, really hard to play because they just grind out possessions and they make you play defense for 30 seconds — we held together and got a good win."

Raines also said to keep an eye out for Charles, whom he expects to play a major part in the offense, as well as David Joseph, the lone return

starter from last season and someone Raines looks to for leadership.

"It was a tremendous effort by Travis Charles," he added. "His kind of relentlessness on the glass in the second half enabled us when we were teetering there with only a six or seven point lead. He got three or four offensive rebounds which helped us pull away again."

"We really think we have 10 or 11 really good players. We don't know

if we have a star yet, we think we just have 10 or 11 guys that are coachable and play hard and different night, it might be different guys, but Travis is somebody we think is going to have a super year and a super career here. David (Joseph) is the only guy who has ever work a Howard Hawk uniform before this year. We need him to be solid. He made some good plays tonight."

Howard College will

resume play Friday in Roswell, N.M., where they will play Eastern Arizona College, then Trinidad Community College before the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener against Midland on Dec. 4.

"We'd like for as many fans as possible to come to Midland next Wednesday," Raines said.

Individual stats: Travis Charles, 24 pts,

6 rebs; David Joseph, 10 pts., 2 rebs; Torian Epps, 9 pts, 3 rebs; Eric Weary Jr., 7 pts, 12 rebs; Jalin Barnes, 6 pts, 4 rebs; Lis Shoshi, 2 pts, 4 rebs; Darius Johnson, 2 pts, 1 reb.

Big Spring Boys

A very short-staffed Steer squad played a competitive game against San Angelo Central Tuesday at Steer Gym. Big Spring lost 75-60, but Head Coach Ian Ritchey said his team is

making strides.

"We played much better than we did in our first game," he explained. "We're still short-handed with our football guys. San Angelo pressed us. It was only a one-point game going into the fourth quarter, but we were just worn down."

Now 0-2, the Steers will surely improve when the roster is full.

"We will be getting

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HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

The Howard College Hawks (8-1) gather around Head Coach Scott Raines during a timeout at Tuesday's 60-44 win over Ranger College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Maddux, Glavine, Thomas, Nomo on Hall of Fame ballot

NEW YORK (AP) — Four-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux, two-time winner Tom Glavine and two-time AL MVP Frank Thomas are among this year's Hall of Fame ballot, joining steroid-tainted holdovers Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

Mike Mussina, Hideo Nomo, Kenny Rogers, Jeff Kent, Moises Alou and Luis Gonzalez also are among the players eligible to be voted on for the first time by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

The 36-player ballot will include Armando Benitez, Sean Casey, Ray Durham, Eric Gagne, Jacques Jones, Todd Jones, Paul Lo Duca, Richie Sexson, J.T. Snow and Mike Timlin, the Hall said Tuesday.

Voters are the approximately 600 writers who have been members of the BBWAA for 10 consecutive years at any point.

Ballots are due by Dec. 31, and results will be announced Jan. 8.

Players elected along with choices announced Dec. 9 by the expansion era committee (1973 and later) will be inducted July 27 at Cooperstown.

Among those on the committee ballot are retired managers Bobby Cox, Tony La Russa and Joe Torre; late Yankees owner George Steinbrenner; and late players' union head Marvin Miller.

Last year, the BBWAA failed for the first time since 1996 to produce any inductees.

Craig Biggio came closest to receiving the necessary 75 percent, falling 39 shy with 388 (68.2 percent).

Jack Morris, who will be on the ballot for the final time this year, was second with 67.7 percent, followed by Jeff Bagwell (59.6), Mike Piazza (57.8), Tim Lincecum (52.2), Lee Smith (47.8) and Curt Schilling (38.8).

Making their first appearances on the ballot, Clemens was at 37.6 percent, Bonds at 36.2 and Sosa at 12.5. McGwire received 16.9 percent on his seventh try.

Players remain on the ballot if they receive at least 5 percent support and can stay in the voting for up to 15 years.

Other returnees include Don Mattingly, Edgar Martinez, Fred McGriff, Rafael Palmeiro, Alan Trammell and Larry Walker.

Seattle's Thurmond suspended 5 games

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Back from their bye week, with the best record in the NFL and heading into a Monday night showdown with the Saints, Pete Carroll and the Seattle Seahawks spent Tuesday dealing with the kinds of distractions they believed were over.

Instead, the Seahawks are adding to the list of player suspensions they've faced since Carroll took over in 2010.

"We're still trying to work through it. I'll say it again, I've always found myself looking for guys that maybe other people don't see something special in and we take a chance on a guy here or there that needs some extra consideration and care," Carroll said. "And sometimes guys they have issues and things pop up but I've always been kind of hopeful and make guys

find the best in them and bring it out. Sometimes it works out and sometimes it doesn't. We'll certainly hang with our guys and take care of them."

Starting cornerback Walter Thurmond was officially suspended Tuesday by the NFL for the team's next four games for violating the league's substance abuse policy, leaving the Seahawks short-handed going into Monday's matchup against New Orleans.

Thurmond will be eligible to return to the active roster on Monday, Dec. 23, before the final game of the regular season, but his absence leaves a hole in a secondary that was previously missing starting cornerback Brandon Browner because of a groin injury.

Thurmond's suspension was first reported by NFL.com over

the weekend. Thurmond took to Twitter and apologized on Sunday, writing, "Yes I made a mistake and I have to live with the consequences. I'm disappointed in myself for letting my teammates and family down."

Thurmond's is the sixth Seattle player officially suspended for substance-abuse or performance-enhancing drugs violations by the league since 2011. That doesn't include Richard Sherman, whose suspension was overturned on appeal late last season.

"I don't know that we can expect to be perfect. We would like to be, but that isn't the case," Carroll said. "It's a big challenge for these guys to do right and we want them to do it and

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No. 18 Baylor rallies past Dayton in Maui

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Baylor led Dayton for a little more than 16 seconds in the second half Tuesday night. They were the right 16 seconds.

Cory Jefferson had a go-ahead putback in the waning moments and the 18th-ranked Bears rallied for a 67-66 victory in the semifinals of the Maui Invitational.

"We led 1-0 and we finished leading by one," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "Everything else was chasing Dayton."

The Bears will play No. 8 Syracuse for the tournament

championship Wednesday night.

After trailing nearly the entire game, Baylor (6-0) whittled away a 10-point deficit over the final 7 minutes. The Bears were down by one when Kenny Chery missed a jumper off the front of the rim, but Jefferson was all alone for the rebound and his layup gave Baylor a 67-66 lead with 16 seconds to go.

Ve Sanford missed a contested shot in close for Dayton with 2 seconds left, Devin Oliver's tip-in attempt bounced off the rim and Baylor grabbed the

rebound as the final buzzer sounded.

"I don't know how I missed it," Oliver said.

Royce O'Neale and Chery had 13 points each for the Bears. Jefferson, Gary Franklin and Isaiah Austin added 10 apiece.

"We just wanted to be tough. Our mental toughness was in question as a team, so we just wanted to stay together, be tough and try to pull one out and that's what we did," Chery said.

Jordan Sibert led Dayton (5-1) with 20 points and Oliver had 14.

Baylor trailed by 14 with less than 5 minutes left in the first half before going on a nine-point run to cut it to 33-28 at halftime.

The Flyers built the lead back up over the first part of the second half behind Sibert, but missed seven of their last 10 shots.

"For about 30 minutes in that game our guys looked about as good as any team in college basketball," Dayton coach Archie Miller said.

But he thought the Flyers lost the necessary intensity in the final minutes of the game.

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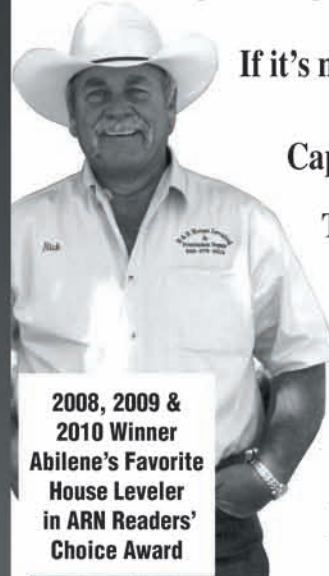
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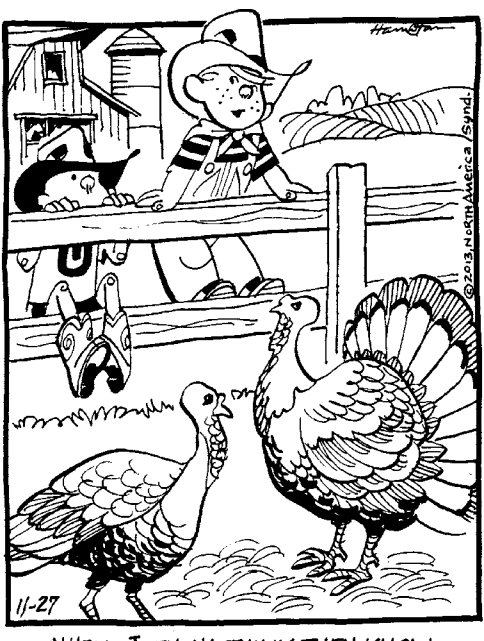
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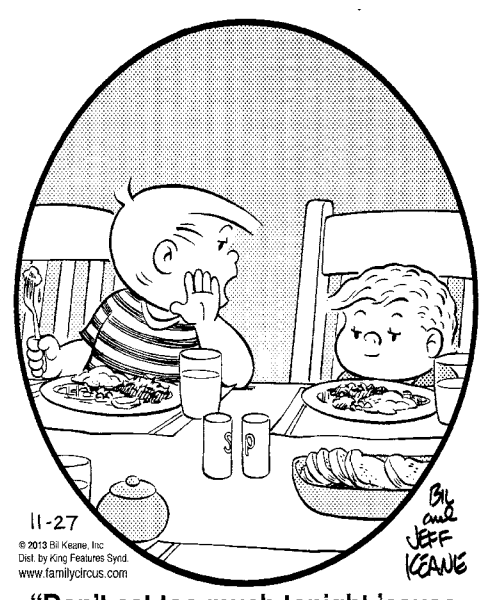
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"Well, Joey, ya think they know what day tomorrow is?"

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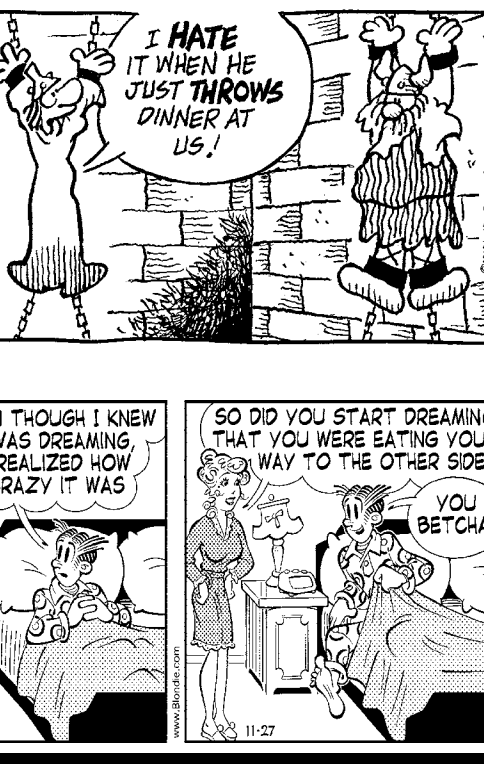


"Don't eat too much tonight 'cause you need to start makin' room for tomorrow."

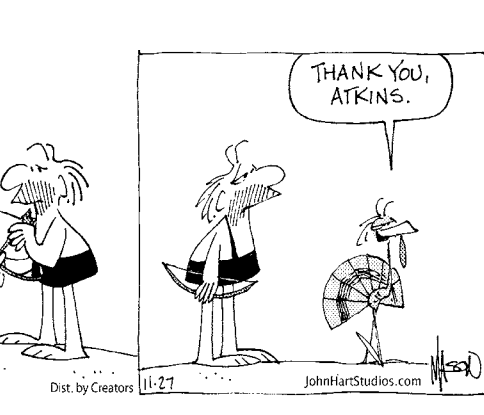
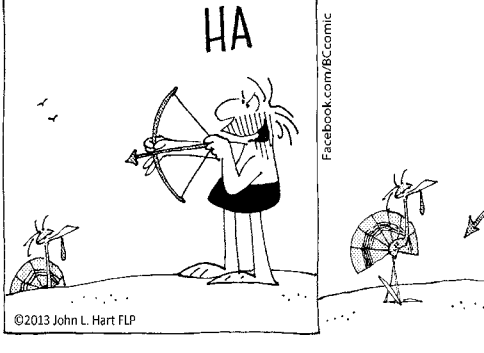
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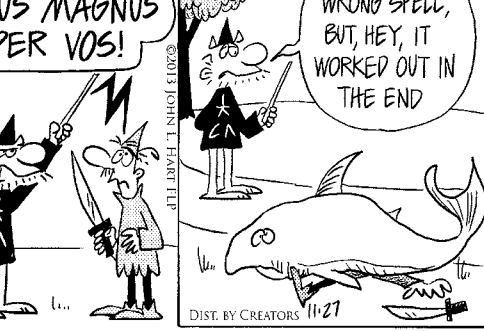
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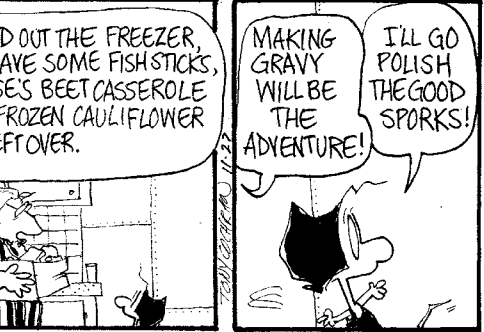
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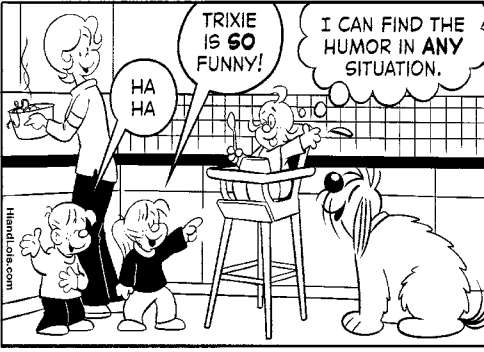
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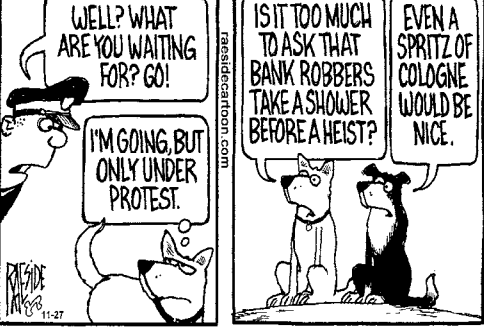
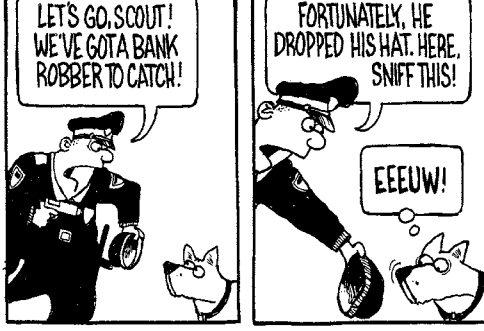
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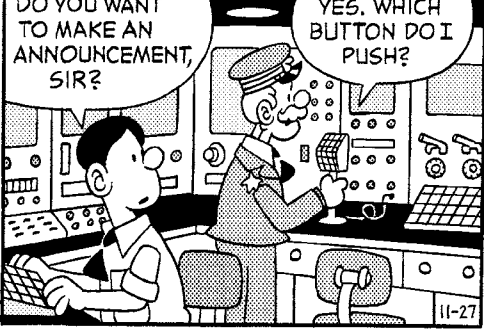
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2013. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone (mahs-KOH'-nee) and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

On this date:

In 1701, astronomer Anders Celsius, inventor of the Celsius temperature scale, was born in Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, the Pennsylvania Railroad began regularly serving New York's Pennsylvania Station.

In 1942, during World War II, the French navy at Toulon (too-LOHN') scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.

In 1983, 181 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport.

In 1989, a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca Boeing 727, killing all 107 people on board and three people on

the ground.

In 1999, Northern Ireland's biggest party, the Ulster Unionists, cleared the way for the speedy formation of an unprecedented Protestant-Catholic administration.

In 2009, Tiger Woods crashed his SUV outside his Florida mansion, sparking widespread attention to reports of marital infidelity.

Thought for Today: "Man's loneliness is but his fear of life." - Ai Eugene O'Neill, American playwright (born 1888, died this date in 1953).

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Answer to previous puzzle

PITA	DANCE	ALSO
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- ACROSS**
- 1 G sharp alias
 - 6 Freeway access
 - 10 Digs for pigs
 - 13 Get in touch with
 - 14 Homeric epic
 - 16 "Bingo!"
 - 17 Kids' dyed-egg source
 - 19 Innovative
 - 20 Back from work
 - 21 Demeanor
 - 22 Take __ (rest)
 - 23 Uncool one
 - 25 Adventure tale
 - 27 Vet's patient
 - 30 Oozes
 - 33 A whole lot
 - 35 Cease
 - 37 Help, as in a heist
 - 38 Fuel tanker
 - 40 "Get lost!"
 - 41 Ticket, informally
 - 43 Sprinter's assignment
 - 44 Boxer's quest
 - 46 Alliance acronym
 - 47 Desert formation
 - 48 Boxer's target
 - 49 Small knob
 - 51 Down in the dumps
 - 52 Thwart
 - 54 Fitness centers
 - 56 Alias initials
 - 58 Capricorn's symbol
 - 61 Factory yield
 - 65 Nintendo game system
- DOWN**
- 1 General vicinity
 - 2 Heroic deed
 - 3 Part of an eyelid
 - 4 Follow, as a tip
 - 5 Central ideas
 - 6 Poke fun at
 - 7 Grad
 - 8 Very small
 - 9 Sheets of glass
 - 10 Kids' toy source
 - 11 Fifth word of "America"
 - 12 Show boredom
 - 15 Bundle of energy
 - 18 Peruse again
 - 24 Show to be a hoax
 - 26 Trade group
 - 27 Call for attention
 - 28 Code of conduct
 - 29 Kids' overnight-payment source
 - 31 Pie nut
 - 32 Social standing
 - 34 Reddish hair dye
 - 36 Dr. Salk's conquest
 - 39 Clarinet insert
 - 42 Sluggishness
 - 45 Puzzling situation
 - 50 Comic's quest
 - 53 Lake birds
 - 55 Bend down
 - 56 Greatly impresses
 - 57 Star Trek captain
 - 59 Bar assn. member
 - 60 Subsequently
 - 62 Worse than fair
 - 63 Govt. food grader
 - 64 Midterm, for one
 - 67 Key near F1

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Seattle

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carry through and be there when we need them and count on them. It doesn't always work that way. It presents opportunities for other guys. We've always championed that and our guys have always come through and they'll do that again in this instance."

Thurmond has started three games this season

for Seattle, including the team's last game against Minnesota when he had his first interception of the season and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown. Even when he wasn't starting, Thurmond was a critical member of one of the NFL's best secondary units as the fifth defensive back in passing situations.

Thurmond beat out veteran Antoine Winfield, whom Seattle signed in the offsea-

son, for the nickel cornerback spot during training camp. He had struggled with injuries throughout his career but was finally healthy and playing well ahead of an offseason where he will be a free agent.

Seattle moved quickly to fill Thurmond's roster spot, signing veteran Perrish Cox, who worked out for the team recently after being released by San Francisco on Nov. 12. Cox played in 25 games over two

seasons with the 49ers in a reserve role after starting nine games for Denver in 2010. Seattle had also worked out former cornerback Marcus Trufant, who has not played this season, before deciding on signing Cox.

The Seahawks are likely to lean on young backups Byron Maxwell and Jeremy Lane. Maxwell had been seeing more playing time, especially on passing downs when Thurmond would

move inside to cover slot receivers. Lane started three games late last season when Browner was serving a four-game suspension for using performance enhancing drugs and Thurmond was injured.

Carroll also indicated that DeShawn Shead will be promoted from the practice squad to the active roster, but that move was not made

official on Tuesday. Presumably, Shead's promotion will coincide with a roster move involving Browner, who is also reportedly facing a suspension for a substance-abuse violation. Shead can play both cornerback and safety. It's his second season with the Seahawks, most of that spent on the practice squad.

HOOPS

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a lot of experience," Ritchey said. "Some guys have played on varsity for two or three years. Most importantly for us, it will add depth."

Ty Sealy had a moster game for the Steers, scoring a game-high 28 points. Tyler Bryan added 13.

The next test will come Dec. 3 on the road against San Angelo Lake View.

Coahoma Boys

COAHOMA — In a father-son coaching battle, father knew best.

CHS Head Coach Kim Nichols led his squad to a 54-46 win over O'Donnell — which is coached by Nichols' son, Blake Nichols.

O'Donnell had command of the game early, but the Bulldogs (2-1) outscored O'Donnell 20-10 in the second quarter, then 17-14 in the fourth to put the game away.

Braxton Iden registered a game-high 19 points, while senior Shanan Warneke added 14.

Also putting up points for Coahoma included Hayden Adamson (6), Tyler Franks (5), Cam Crabtree (4), Caige Miller (2) and Kody Barber (2).

The Bulldogs will host Grady on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Forsan Boys

SAN ANGELO — The Buffaloes won their season opener Tuesday against Grape Creek. Forsan powered past GCHS in the second and third quarters, outscoring the Eagles 29-16 during that stretch.

Leading the charge for the Buffs was Matthew Mims, who had a game-high 17 points and Tyler Evans, who contributed 15.

It was a good start to the season, according to Head Coach Gary Huckabee.

"We got off to a quick start," he said. "It was sloppy at times, but the Buffs showed a lot of tenacity. It was a great start for Forsan."

Forsan will play its second game of the year against Post on Dec. 3.

Forsan Girls

SAN ANGELO — A 19-0 second frame was one key to the game for Forsan (3-1), as the Lady Buffaloes beat down Grape Creek 55-20 Tuesday.

Led by Mary-Ashley McDaniel's 13 points, Maria Ortiz's 12 and Brittney Hergert's 11, the Lady Buffs had no problem dispatching GCHS, which was held to single digits in each period.

Next up for Forsan will be a home game against

Post on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Individual stats:
Mary-Ashley McDaniel, 13; Maria Ortiz, 12; Brittney Hergert,

11; Kendall Phillips, 5; Madi Roman, 4; Raegan Haggard, 4; Ali Knight, 3; Rachel Haggard, 3.

Other area scores
• Garden City (girls)

defeated Grady, 54-26.

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Roxy Belew

**Holiday Meatloaf**

Ingredients:

3 pounds hamburger meat or
1 pound hamburger
1 pound ground turkey
1 pound sausage
3/4-1 cups oats
1/2 cup breadcrumbs
1 medium onion, diced
1 green pepper, diced
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup tomato sauce
salt, pepper, garlic salt to taste

Directions:

Mix meat, oats, breadcrumbs, onion, and pepper together. Add eggs to mixture. Add tomato sauce and season to taste. Shape in a pan, bake at 350 degrees for 1 hours. Pour off grease. Top with 1/4 cup canned tomato sauce or catsup, dash worchester-shire sauce, 1 tsp mustard, 1/2 cup brown sugar and cook for 15 more minutes. Let rest 5-10 minutes. Options for changing flavors: for Italian version, use Italian bread crumbs and Italian spices; for mexican version, add cumin and chili powder.

Ellen Austin

**Cheese Steak Stuffed Potato Casserole**

Ingredients:

1 large onion
2 tablespoons butter
4 medium potatoes, peeled and cooked
1/2 stick butter
1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper
1 tablespoon chives
1/2 cup sour cream
4 thinly sliced steak sandwich steak
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

Directions:

In a skillet, saute onions in 2 tablespoons butter. Remove onions, add steak. Cook until browned. Add back onions, stir to combine and take off heat. While potatoes are still hot, smash with fork. Add 1/2 stick butter, salt, pepper, chives, and sour cream. Mix together, however potatoes should still be lumpy. Put potato mixture in bottom of well greased 8x8 square pan. Top with steak and onions. Sprinkle well with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until cheese is melted about 10-12 minutes.

Banana Lush Slush

Ingredients:

1 (8-oz.) can crushed pineapple
2 bananas, mashed
1 cup sugar
1 (6-oz.) can frozen orange juice concentrate
1 bottle cold ginger ale

Directions:

Blend first four ingredients in a blender. Pour into a container. Freeze until slushy. Put slush into a punch bowl, pour cold ginger ale over it and serve.

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HOLIDAY COOKBOOK CONTEST WINNERS

Peggy Skiles

**Cranberry Salad**

Ingredients:

6 oz. pkg. strawberry Jello
(regular or sugar-free)
2 cups boiling water
2 cups sugar
2 red apples, unpeeled and finely chopped
4 cups fresh cranberries,
coarsely chopped
15 1/4 oz. can crushed pineapple,
undrained
1/2 cup (or more) chopped pecans

Directions:

Pour boiling water over the Jello and dissolve well. Add sugar and stir until dissolve. Put mixture in refrigerator until it is the consistency of unbeaten egg white. Stir in the rest of the ingredients and chill until set. Makes 10-12 servings.

Deborah Kirklen

**A Very Good Dip**

Ingredients:

1 (8-oz.) cream cheese
1 (4-oz.) can green chilies
1/2 cup mayonnaise
5 teaspoons chopped green onions
sprinkle of paprika
dip size Fritos

Directions:

Let cream cheese melt and mix with other ingredients.



Carl & Vonna Wyrick

**Fabulous Apple Fritter Bread Pudding**

We buy 6 apple fritters or bear claws, eat two and let the other 4 dry out for our fabulous bread pudding.

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 45 minutes

Ingredients:

4-day old apple fritters or bear claws
1 Tbsp butter melted
1/2 cup raisins
4 eggs beaten
2 cups milk (real)
3/4 cups sugar
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1-1/2 tsp vanilla extract
1 Tbsp Brandy or Brandy extract
(any alcohol cooks off)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 deg F
2. Cut fritters or claws into 1/2" pieces and arrange in 8" square baking dish
3. Mix eggs, milk, sugar, cinnamon, vanilla and raisins. Pour over the fritters' or claws' pieces. Push down to soak. Soak several minutes in the egg mixture. Spread raisins evenly over top.
4. Bake in preheated oven 45 to 50 minutes, or until the top springs back when lightly tapped.

This is so good it does not need a topping other than vanilla ice cream.