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A history of Thanksgiving

By **DUSTIN POPE**
 Managing Editor

It's Thanksgiving! My favorite holiday. It's the day you can eat anything you want and watch football all day long. Now Thanksgiving is about much more than just food and football. I know we all learned about it in school, but I thought maybe I could do a quick breakdown of the history of Thanksgiving and the many traditions we have.

Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States, and this year's Thanksgiving will fall on Thursday, Nov 25. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag shared an Autumn harvest feast that is known as the first Thanksgiving feast. For over two centuries' days of Thanksgiving would be celebrated by individual colonies and states. IN 1863, amid the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. Thanksgiving at Plymouth in September 1620,

a ship named the Mayflower left Plymouth, England. The ship carried 102 passengers whom of which were religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith. There were also a few other individuals that were lured by thoughts of prosperity and land ownership in the "New World". They traveled for 66 days through treacherous and uncomfortable

grims, as they are more commonly referred to, established a village. They had to suffer through a brutal first winter. Many of the colonists remained on board the ship. They suffered from scurvy, and outbreaks of contagious disease.

Only about half of the original crew lived through the winter to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore,

where they revived an astonishing visit from a member of the Abenaki tribe who greeted them in English. A few days later, he returned with another tribe member named Squanto. Squanto was a member of the Patuxent tribe who was kidnapped by an English sea captain. He was sold into slavery before he escaped to London and returned to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. He realized the Pilgrims were weakened from malnutrition and illness. Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to grow corn, extract sap from trees, catch fish in the river, and how to



conditions, to drop anchor near the tip of Cape Cod. This was extremely far north of what their intended destination was. A month later, the Mayflower crossed the Massachusetts Bay where the Pil-

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Upcoming Events

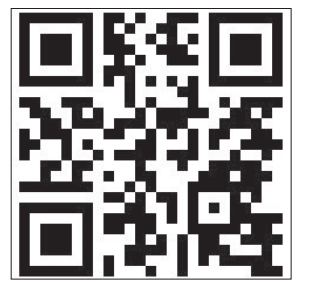
Dedication of the "P.J. the D.J." Pavilion in memory of the late P.J. Dominguez will be Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. in ABC Park, located in the 1200 block of West Fourth Street.

Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will be Dec. 11 from 3-6:30 p.m. Includes hayrides caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, coffee, cocoa, popcorn, cookies. Event sponsored by the Coahoma Lions

Senior Citizens Dances held third Friday of every month at 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center. Next dance is Dec. 17. Entry fee is \$5, includes a snack. For more info call 517-9097.

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Where was the first Thanksgiving?



By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

Where was the first Thanksgiving celebration in the New World?

Near Thanksgiving in 2017, the Herald ran a story concerning Spanish explorer Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca and a Thanksgiving celebration in 1535, 85 years before the traditional Plymouth Rock Thanksgiving event in 1620. Since then, a couple more Texas Thanksgivings

have come to light as potential first Turkey Days.

Of course, we're all familiar with the 1620 story. After the Puritan Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, they had a good harvest of wheat and corn and barley, and hunters brought back fowl – possibly wild turkeys. About 80 Native Americans, including their Chief Massasoit, were attracted by the sound of the hunters' guns and visited the colony, where they were entertained and feasted. The natives brought five deer to the feast. The Pilgrims

gave thanks to God for their bounty and peaceful relationship with the Indians.

Just southeast of El Paso, is the small town of San Elizario, Texas, another candidate for First Thanksgiving. According to that tale, Juan de Oñate's father owned rich mines in Zacatecas, Mexico. Oñate had also opened mines in San Luis Potosí, but wanted to make his mark by leading an expedition into unexplored territory.

The Spanish governor of Mexico granted him land along the northern Rio Grande among the Pueblo Indians. In 1598, he led his expedition, consisting of 500 people including soldiers and colonists and their wives and children, plus 7,000 head of livestock, north into the Chi-

huahuan Desert. The group faced many challenges, starting with a week-long rain storm followed by extended dry weather. Finally, five days short of their goal, the expedition ran out of food and water.

After suffering dehydration and heat exhaustion, the group finally reached the Rio Grande, where four horses died in their efforts to get to the water.

After recuperating for 10 days, Oñate ordered a Thanksgiving feast. The Spanish hunted game and local Indians provided fish for the event. Franciscan missionaries read Catholic Mass, and Oñate declared that the land drained by the Rio

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The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program: Making Christmas Dreams a Reality

Special to the Herald
 The Angel Tree Program, along with The Salvation Army's iconic Red Kettle Campaign, is one of The Salvation Army's best-known Christmas efforts. More than 100,000 children across Texas will experience the joy of opening presents on Christmas morning thanks to generous donors and the help of The Salvation Army.

"The Angel Tree program provides toys and clothing to children, seniors, and families who might be struggling to afford Christmas gifts this year. As we continue to navigate the lingering pandemic, families are still putting their lives back together and trying to make ends meet," said Major Dean Moretz of The Salvation Army. "Angels are available for adoption by community members and businesses, who in a small way

will deliver the magic and message of Christmas to those in need."

The Salvation Army Angel Tree is located at Walmart and Silver Angels (senior citizens) are at Higginbotham during the holidays. The trees are decorated with paper angels, each repre-

senting a child or senior who – without this program – may not receive a gift at Christmas. "We are forever grateful for the generous support of our community and local businesses that work alongside The Salvation Army to provide a joyous Christmas to those in need," said Moretz.

This year, The Salvation Army expects to have 400 children and seniors enrolled in the program. Gift distribution will take place at The Salvation Army on Saturday, December 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help sort and pass out the items to families who will come to collect them on distribution day.

"Last year, there was a brand-new way to support The Salvation Army An

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Obituaries

Albert Jesus Puga (Pops)

Albert Jesus Puga (Pops), 66, of Kyle, Texas, went home with The Lord Monday November 15, 2021.



Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, November 27, 2021, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Viewing will be held on Friday, November 26, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., with Rosary beginning at 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Albert was born April 14, 1954, in Big Spring, Texas, to Julia S. Lerma and Alberto Puga. He grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School, where he was very active in sports, and loved to play football for the Big Spring Steers. He then went on to join the Navy and served on the USS Midway, where he met his wife, Diane Puga of Blaine, Minn. Albert and Diane Puga were married in 1978 and spent their life together where they had a beautiful marriage and resided in Austin, Texas, from 1986 until death. Albert worked at the University of Texas from 1993 until he retired in 2007.

He enjoyed talking to people and telling them stories of his life experiences. He had a love for music and dancing and, of course, football Sundays, where he and his wife started a tradition and cheered on the Cowboys, Vikings and Longhorns, and always joked of a house divided. He continued that tradi-

tion with his children after his wife passed. He was a loving dog dad to Dinero Puga as well! He was a proud member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Austin. Albert had a huge heart and was loved and looked up to by many due to his kindness and understanding and want to help anyone out whom needed it. He always put family and friends above himself.

He is survived by a daughter, Melissa Puga of Kyle, Texas; two sons, Robert Puga Gonzales and wife, Andy Gonzales, of San Diego, Calif., Mario Puga and wife, Sandra Puga, of Austin, Texas; niece, Annissa Lerma, and great-nephew, Ezra Lerma, of Dallas, Texas; one sister, Edna Lerma of Big Spring, Texas; six grandchildren, Lauren and Mario J Puga of Austin, Texas, and Cash, Cayden, Cruz and Cabo Gonzales of San Diego, Calif.; and future son-in-law, Chris Curry of Kyle, Texas. He also had family in El Paso and Big Spring, and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Diane Puga; parents, Alberto Puga and Juila Lerma; and two brothers, Rudy and Joe Puga.

Pallbearers will be Orlando Montanez, Charlie Montanez, Chris Curry, Willie Rangel, Michael Mata, and Jose Mijares. Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Mosley, Angelo Rivera and Andrew Hernandez.

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

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Terry Bob Makowsky

Terry Bob Makowsky, age 69, of Big Spring passed away on Friday, November 19, 2021.



The family will receive friends from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born August 2, 1952 in Lamesa, Texas, to parents Daniel John Makowsky and Bobbie (Caraway) Makowsky.

Terry was born, raised and lived his entire life in West Texas. He graduated from Lamesa High School in 1970. He lived in Lamesa, Ackerly and Big Spring. For the last 33 years he lived in Big Spring, where he worked as a cotton farmer, hotoil operator and general contractor. He enjoyed spending time with friends, hanging out telling stories and having a "cold one" or "wettin' a hook" or better yet having a "cold one" while "wettin' a hook."

Survivors include sons, Daniel Makowsky of St. Louis, Mo., Monty Makowsky of Lamesa, Texas, and Matthew Makowsky of Lubbock, Texas; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Bobbie Makowsky; and brothers, Michael Makowsky and Jeff Makowsky.

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

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Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

• 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.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is

no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Those attending should enter at the main entrance of the church.

• 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.

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.

Earl Brown

Earl Brown, 91, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 15, 2021, in Midland. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born Sept. 5, 1930, in Harrisburg, Ark., to Baxter Brown and Celie Bell Nash Brown. He served in the United States Army, and worked as a mechanic for many years.

Survivors include three stepsons, James Booth, Garland Booth and Charles Booth; and a daughter, Mary Warren and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

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For more information about adopting an Angel or current volunteer opportunities, please call The Salvation Army at (432)

267-8239. Visit www.salvationarmytexas.org/BigSpring/ to learn how you can give or get involved this holiday season.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army annually assists more than 23 million Americans achieve their goals of overcoming poverty, addiction and economic hardships through a range of social services.

By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 7,600 centers of operation around the country.

HISTORY

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avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge a relationship with the Wampanoag tribe. November 1621, after the Pilgrim's first corn harvest, proved to be a success. Governor William Bradford organized a feast to celebrate. He invited a group of the fledglings Native Americans allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. This became remembered as “the First” Thanksgiving-although the Pilgrims themselves probably never used this term. The festival lasted for three days. While there is no record of what was on the first Thanksgiving menu much of what we think happened comes from a Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow, who wrote: “Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the Company almost a week, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest, their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.” Many historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. The Pilgrims had no oven and their sugar supply had been dwindled by the fall of 1621. The meal did not have pies or cakes or any other deserts, which have become a staple of the Thanksgiving we know and love now.

During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress appointed one or more days a year for Thanksgiving. George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation in 1789. He called upon all Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country's war of independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution. His successors John Adams and James Madison also appointed days of thanks during their presidencies. In 1987 noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale, author of the famous nursery rhyme “Mary had a little lamb” launched a campaign to have Thanksgiving set up as a national Holiday. Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863 at the height of the Civil War with a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to “commend to his tender care for all of those who became widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife” and to “heal the wounds of a Nation.” Lincoln scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939. Franklin D. Roosevelt then moved the holiday up a week to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plans were not met well and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November. In many American households, the Thanksgiving celebration has lost much of its religious significance. Nowadays it mostly centers on cooking and sharing a meal with family and friends. Turkey has become a Thanksgiving staple and is synonymous with the holiday. Almost 90% of Americans will have turkey on Thanksgiving, whether it be roasted, smoked, baked, or even deep-fried. Other traditional foods include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and, of course, pumpkin pie. Parades have also been an integral part of

the holiday in cities and towns across the United States. The Macy's Thanksgiving parade held in New York City is one of the largest and most famous parades of all time. It attracts 2 to 3 million spectators along its 2.5-mile route. It also draws an enormous television audience. We know the parade for its marching bands, performers, floats, and giant cartoon-shaped balloons. It has also been a tradition that the President has “pardoned” one or two turkeys each year, sparing the birds from slaughter and sending them to a farm for retirement.

Whether you are into history or not, Thanksgiving is one of the most beloved holidays of each year. It gives us all the opportunity to sit around with the one we love to eat a satisfying meal and give thanks for everything we should be thankful for. Plus, the Cowboys play every Thanksgiving which excuses me for the pun but is just the gravy on top. Everyone, please have a fun, safe Thanksgiving.

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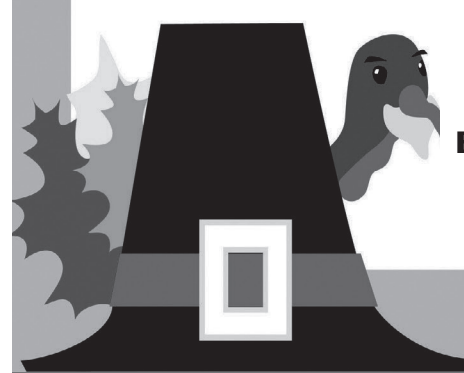
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President, VP and spouses assist food kitchen for holiday

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

NANTUCKET, Mass. — President Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, helped a Washington food kitchen prepare Thanksgiving meals for the needy before they left town — like millions of other Americans — to resume their family tradition of spending the holiday on tiny Nantucket island in Massachusetts.

The first family, including children and grandchildren, arrived on the island Tuesday night and were staying at the home of billionaire businessman David Rubenstein, a family friend, as they have previously. The president was expected to return to the White House on Sunday.

Earlier in the day Vice President Kamala Harris and her husband, Doug Emhoff, joined the Bidens at DC Central Kitchen, which serves cooked-from-scratch meals alongside training for culinary jobs.

Decked out in DC Central Kitchen aprons, the four dished out turkey, gravy, sweet potato casserole and green beans into trays to be packed up for needy D.C. residents.

Jill Biden kicked off the holiday season at the White House on Monday when she received the official White House Christmas tree — an 18 1/2-foot (5.6 meter) Fraser fir cut from a North Carolina farm that she declared "magnificent." The tree is destined for the Blue Room as the showstopper of Christmas at the White House — Biden's first as president.

The first lady also joined the president on a visit to the Army's Fort Bragg in North Carolina later Monday for an early Thanksgiving with service mem-

bers and their families.

The Bidens were still dating when they first visited Nantucket, with Biden's sons, Beau and Hunter, in the mid-1970s. The couple was looking for a way out of choosing which of their families to spend Thanksgiving with, the first lady wrote in her memoir.

Biden was a U.S. senator back then and his chief of staff suggested they go to Nantucket.

"And although neither Joe nor I had ever been, we decided that sounded as good as anywhere," she wrote. So they packed a cooler with sandwiches and sodas, loaded the boys into the station wagon and drove six hours to the Cape, where a ferry chugged them over to the island.

Thanksgiving on "Nana-tucket" — as their grandchildren call the island in a play on their "Nana" nickname for their grandmother — became the family tradition for the next several decades, though with a few exceptions, the first lady wrote.

Last fall, Biden put tradition on hold over COVID-19 concerns, when people were being told to avoid traveling and gathering indoors in large groups for the holidays. Instead, the then-president-elect hunkered down for Thanksgiving with just his wife, their daughter and her husband.

Both the president and first lady since have received the main two-dose course of the Pfizer vaccine, as well as the third booster shot recommended by public health officials to provide more enduring protection against the coronavirus.

FIRST

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Grande was the possession of King Philip II of Spain.

Even earlier than Oñate's Thanksgiving was another celebrated by Vázquez de Coronado at Palo Duro Canyon.

In 1540, Coronado and his expedition of 1,500 were searching for the Seven Cities of Cibola, a legendary civilization of great wealth. During its travels, the expedition crossed Arizona, discovering the Grand Canyon before reaching the western border of New Mexico, where he actually found Cibola. Unfortunately for him, it wasn't the wealthy enclave he envisioned, but poor pueblos of agrarian Indians.

Coronado spent the winter of 1540-41 near present-day Albuquerque, but quickly overstayed their welcome when tension between the Spanish and the natives resulted in the deaths of several hundred of the latter.

An uneasy peace was restored. Apparently hoping the Spanish would move on, the Indians told him of a wealthy city called Quivera to the east, and offered one of their own to guide the expedition there.

The guide led them to the Texas plains, where they found Palo Duro.

During some harrowing times at the canyon, the guide — a native the Spanish had nicknamed "The Turk," admitted that he had intentionally tried to get the expedition lost rather than lead them to Quivera. The Turk was executed, and Coronado split his expedition, sending half back to Albuquerque while the rest headed north toward the actual Quivera, in modern-day Kansas.

Before they split, however, the expedition had a feast to celebrate Ascension on May 29, 1541. So that's a candidate for the first Thanksgiving, in Palo Duro Canyon.

Of course, Big Spring's Thanksgiving predates all of those.

After his expedition crash-landed on Galveston

Island, the four survivors began making their way across Texas, moving inland to avoid violent coastal tribes such as the Karankawas. In his journals, de Vaca describes four rivers the men tried to follow. One of the four wound northwest through what he termed "The Land of Tunas." At the time, "tuna" was a reference to the fruit of the prickly pear cactus.

Becoming separated from his three companions, de Vaca notes in his journals a unique set of "palisades," or mountains, at the base of which flows a nice spring. Modern-day scholars believe that the river he was tracing was the Colorado River. Striking out westward, he stumbled across a much larger spring at the base of two mountains, according to his notes.

Weary, naked, barefoot and starving, de Vaca stumbled into a tribe of Native Americans living at the spring. The tribe took de Vaca in, fed and clothed him, and nursed him back to health.

That spring, and Native American camp, was just right down the road in what we now call Comanche Trail Park...our Big Spring.

After de Vaca regained his strength, he wanted to continue his journey back to Mexico, and the Indians let him go. Before he left, however, he held a

meal of thanks — possibly in an attempt to convert the tribe to Christianity. That was in 1535, predating even the Palo Duro Thanksgiving by six years.

The meal likely consisted of fish, antelope venison, and prickly pear. It possibly also included buffalo. Was that really the first American Thanksgiving Dinner? It seems likely — at the very least, likely enough for a local legend and bragging point. Big Spring, Texas, home of the first American Thanksgiving.

After de Vaca left Big Spring, it took him two more years making his way through Texas to get back to Mexico, but he made it back alive.

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Fighting gas prices, US to release 50 million barrels of oil

By **JOSH BOAK** and **COLLEEN LONG**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Tuesday ordered 50 million barrels of oil released from America's strategic reserve to help bring down energy costs, in coordination with other major energy consuming nations, including India, the United Kingdom and China.

The U.S. action is aimed at global energy markets, but also at helping Americans coping with higher inflation and rising prices ahead of Thanksgiving and winter holiday travel. Gasoline prices are at about \$3.40 a gallon, more than 50% higher than a year ago, according to the American Automobile Association.

The government will begin to move barrels into the market in mid- to late-December. But the action is unlikely to immediately bring down gas prices significantly as families begin traveling for the holidays. Gasoline usually responds at a lag to changes in oil prices, and administration officials suggested this is one of several steps toward ultimately bringing down costs.

Oil prices had dropped in the days ahead of the announced withdrawals, a sign that investors were anticipating the moves that could bring a combined 70 million to 80 million barrels of oil onto global markets. But in Tuesday morning trading, prices shot up nearly 2% instead of falling.

The market was expecting the news, and traders may have been underwhelmed when they saw the details, said Claudio Galimberti, senior vice president for oil markets at Rystad Energy.

"The problem is that everybody knows that this measure is temporary," Galimberti said. "So once it is stopped, then if demand continues to be above supply like it is right now, then you're back to square one."

Shortly after the U.S. announcement, India said it would release 5 million barrels from its strategic reserves. The British government confirmed it will release up to 1.5 million barrels from its stockpile. Japan and South Korea are also participating. U.S. officials say it's the biggest coordinated release from global strategic reserves.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson's spokesman, Max Blain, said it was "a sensible and measured step to support global markets" during the pandemic recovery. Blain added that British companies will be authorized but not compelled to participate in the release.

The actions by the U.S. and others also risk counter moves by Gulf nations, especially Saudi Arabia, and by Russia. Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries have made clear they intend to control supply to keep prices high for the time being.

As word spread in recent days of a coming joint release from U.S. and other countries' reserves, there were warnings from OPEC interests that those countries may respond in turn, reneging on promises to increase supplies in coming months.

Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso was among Republicans who criticized Biden's announcement. The No. 3 Senate Republican said the underlying issue is restrictions on domestic production by the Biden administration.

"Begging OPEC and Russia to increase production and now using the Strategic Petroleum Reserve are desperate attempts to address a Biden-caused disaster," Barrasso said. "They're not substitutes for American energy production."

Biden has scrambled to reshape much of his economic agenda around the issue of inflation, saying that his recently passed \$1 trillion infrastructure package will reduce price pressures by making it more efficient and cheaper to transport goods.

Republican lawmakers have hammered the administration for inflation hitting a 31-year high in October. The consumer price index soared 6.2% from a year ago — the biggest 12-month jump since 1990.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky tore into the White House in a speech last week, saying the victims of higher prices were middle class Americans. The GOP argument is that the Biden \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package in March sent too much money into the economy, sending prices up and hurting middle-class and lower-income families.

"The three biggest drivers of the staggering 6.2% inflation rate we logged last month were housing, transportation, and food," McConnell said. "Those aren't luxuries, they're essentials."

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve is an emergency stockpile to preserve access to oil in case of natural disasters, national security issues and other events. Maintained by the Energy Department, the reserves are stored in caverns created in salt domes along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coasts. There are roughly 605 million barrels of petroleum in the reserve.

"As we come out of an unprecedented global

Jennifer Granholm said in a statement. "This action underscores the president's commitment to using the tools available to bring down costs for working families and to continue our economic recovery."

The Biden administration argues that the reserve is the right tool to help ease the supply problem. Americans used an average of 20.7 million barrels a day during September, according to the Energy Information Administration. That means that the release nearly equals about two-and-a-half days of additional supply.

The coronavirus pandemic roiled energy markets. As closures began in April, 2020, demand collapsed and oil futures prices turned negative. Energy traders did not want to get stuck with crude that they could not store. But as the economy recovered, prices jumped to a seven-year high in October.

U.S. production has not recovered. Energy Information Administration figures indicate that domestic production is averaging roughly 11 million barrels daily, down from 12.8 million before the pandemic started.

Republicans have also seized on Biden's efforts to minimize drilling and support renewable energy as a reason for the decreased production, though there are multiple market dynamics at play as fossil fuel prices are higher around the world.

Biden and administration officials insist that tapping more oil from the reserve does not conflict with the president's long-term climate goals, because this short-term fix meets a specific problem, while climate policies are a long-term answer over decades.

They argue that the administration's push to boost renewable energy will eventually mean less dependence in the U.S. on fossil fuels. But that's a politically convenient argument — in simple terms, higher prices reduce usage, and significantly higher gasoline prices could force Americans into less reliance on fossil fuels.

"The only long term solution to rising gas prices is to continue our march to eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels and create a robust green energy economy," Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said in support of the release.

The White House decision comes after weeks of diplomatic negotiations. Biden and President Xi Jinping of China talked over steps to counter tight petroleum supplies in their virtual meeting earlier this month and "discussed the importance of taking measures to address global energy supplies," according to the White House.

The Department of Energy will make the oil available from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in two ways; 32 million barrels will be released in the next few months and will return to the reserve in the years ahead, the White House said. Another 18 million barrels will be part of a sale of oil that Congress authorized.

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said Monday evening the White House would keep tabs on the oil companies and watch for price-gouging "when there's a supply of oil or the price of oil is coming down and the price of gas is not coming down."



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'Mama, are you OK?' In Waukesha, minutes of terror recounted

By **SARA BURNETT, KATHLEEN FOODY**
and **TIM SULLIVAN**

Associated Press

Hours before it started, they were already there — people sitting on lawn chairs or wrapped in blankets, awaiting an event the city's mayor described as straight out of Norman Rockwell. The Waukesha Christmas Parade, a tradition in its Milwaukee suburb for six decades, was to be particularly special this time around after its pandemic-related cancellation last year.

Stepping off a few blocks to the east, parade participants were in the holiday spirit, too. Members of the Milwaukee Dancing Grannies, a crowd favorite on the Wisconsin parade circuit, donned white fur hats and waved white pompoms as they danced down Main Street to "Jingle Bell Rock." Realtors and bankers handed out candy, and the percussion section of a high school band wore Santa hats as they banged drums and clanged cymbals.

As they reveled, a red SUV was also heading down Main Street behind them, moving at a pace far faster than the parade.

The SUV's driver, police say, had just left the scene of a domestic disturbance that involved a knife. A couple blocks to the east of where the parade started, police say, he drove past a police squad car and barricade and onto the parade route.

For a short time, the driver sped alongside the marchers in a mostly empty parking lane, narrowly missing people both in the parade and along the street, according to multiple videos and witness accounts. Some on the route wondered aloud what was happening. And as police — first an officer on foot, then cars with lights and sirens — followed in pursuit, their alarm grew.

The SUV approached the core of downtown, where sidewalks are wider, tree planters jut into parts of the road and the crowd was more dense. There the vehicle's path became more erratic — and deadly.

The parade was noisy, and most of the people in it had their backs to the vehicle. So they had no warning before the driver started hitting people, sending bodies flying or crumpling while others fled or rushed to help.

Later, well after the chaos had calmed, authorities said five people had been killed and 48 injured. How they fared depended on where each person or group was positioned in the parade as the SUV barreled forward.

Four of the dead were with the Dancing Grannies — three dancers and a volunteer helper. The fifth victim, a woman who worked for Citizens Bank, was with co-workers in the group just behind the grandmothers.

Also among the injured: youth baseball players, a priest, members of a school marching band, and young girls in a dance troupe.

Before the SUV hit them, it raced past Margie Dougherty and her friends from the Wisconsin Diamond Dancers a few positions back. One moment they were dancing to the Christmas song "Feliz Navidad."

And then, the joyous, mingled bedlam of the parade — the drums of different bands, the cheers of the crowd, the recorded music for various dance groups — seemed to just stop. The Diamond Dancers, most of them retired women, stood in the street, confused.

"All of a sudden," Dougherty said, "there wasn't any music."

In spot No. 49 of the parade, just in front of the Diamond Dancers and a few spots behind the Dancing Grannies, was the RE/MAX Service First parade contingent. Among them: Ken Walter, his wife and their youngest son.

It was at least the 20th time that Walter, 58, a Waukesha native, had participated in the Christ-

mas event. Walter was inside a hot air balloon basket on the back of a RE/MAX van. Occasionally fire would shoot up from the basket and into the sky as if to fuel a massive — but nonexistent — balloon, drawing onlookers' cheers. The arrangement allowed Walter to look backward, behind him, as his group reached the heart of downtown.

That stretch of the parade route is typically crowded with people, Walter says. Participants are closer to the sidewalks, which are wider than the other stretch of Main Street, so people and vehicles are forced to move more slowly.

"I always tell my crew, whoever's driving, to be careful because everybody's really close," Walter said. "There's not much room between our vehicle and the crowd."

From his vantage point, Walter watched a red SUV careen into view. It hit a member of the real estate group walking behind the van where his family was riding. "You just knew they were going to hit people not expecting it," Walter said.

The SUV kept going, narrowly missing the van and a golf cart in front of it. Then, Walter said, it drove straight into members of the Waukesha South High School Marching Band.

On video shot from above, the vehicle is seen plowing into musicians in their Santa hats. It doesn't appear to slow, even as it leaves bodies in its wake.

"It's a parade, so people were laughing and cheering," Walter said. When they heard screaming, he said, they didn't immediately know something was wrong.

Behind the speeding vehicle, though, people yelled. They ran. They searched for family and friends. Amid it all, they were unsure: Were they still in danger? Was there more to come?

"It was like everything went into slow motion, and I couldn't hear anything," Walter said.

He hurried his 11-year-old son and a few other children from the real estate group inside a nearby business, frightened by talk in the crowd that someone in the car had also fired a gun. Then he ran back outside to find his wife, Kay, who was trying to treat people hurt when the car hit them. A former intensive care unit nurse and a nurse practitioner, she wanted to do something to help.

"There were these piles of blankets with cops standing over them that you just knew were bodies," Walter said. "(Y)ou see this vehicle going down the road like they're going over a bumpy road. And you know they're driving over people. We just watch as it continued up to the other floats in front of us, and we didn't know how far it went."

On the sidewalk a block ahead of Walter and his group, Nicole Schneider watched the parade with her children and grandchildren. They had arrived two hours early to set up lawn chairs at their favorite spot in front of Burlap & Lace Marketplace, halfway along the parade route.

As the Xtreme Dance team, a troupe of girls dressed in black and shaking white pompoms, passed by, Schneider said to her 6-year-old granddaughter: You could do that someday.

Seconds later, she said, "I just seen a car flying through and just bodies. It looked like dummies being thrown in the air."

"It took a second to register, like, 'Is that what we really just saw?' And then you looked in the road and there were just people laying in the road."

People began shouting: "Get in the store! Get in the store!" Schneider grabbed her 9-year-old son and helped her older children get two grandchildren, who'd been sitting in a wagon, into the store. Someone ushered them into a back room. One of her daughters cradled her 6-month-old.

"There was a lady in there freaking out because she was missing a kid. There was another man in there covered in blood that wasn't his," Schneider said. "I felt like we were in a movie."

Schneider began receiving frantic messages from her 14-year-old daughter, with a friend's family on another part of the route. "Mama, are you OK?" her daughter texted. But reception was poor, and Schneider was unable to reply. Later, her daughter told her she saw a little boy next to her get run over.

The SUV continued on its lethal path. It reached the group from Citizens Bank, most of whom walked alongside a parade float dressed in red ponchos and handing out candy to spectators. Authorities said Jane Kulich, 52, was among those killed. According to local news reports, Kulich worked for a local branch of the bank, which said in a statement that an employee — one it didn't name — was "walking with our parade float" when she was struck and died.

The next victims were with the group of grandmas just ahead. Dead were Virginia Sorenson, 79; LeAnna Owen, 71; Tamara Durand, 52; and Wilhelm Hospel, 81. The three women were members of the Grannies, and Hospel reportedly helped the troupe with their shows.

The Milwaukee Dancing Grannies had posted on their Facebook page earlier that day, excited to be kicking off holiday parades.

"Waukesha here we come!!!" the post read. On Monday, in the aftermath, they posted again, saying the group had been "doing what they loved" by putting smiles on people's faces and "filling them with joy and happiness."

When those holed up in the store emerged, they found a street filled with the chaotic aftermath — strollers, chairs, candy, random shoes. And bodies.

Yet it remains unclear exactly how the tragedy actually came to an end.

Police have released few details. They do say that at one point, an officer fired a gun toward the SUV. They also say the driver, Darrell Brooks Jr., 39, of Milwaukee, was taken into custody shortly after the SUV left the parade route near Veterans Park, a grassy area at the end of Main Street where the road takes a sharp left.

Brooks, who was uninjured, has a history with the law, police say, including a recent case in which he was accused of deliberately running down a woman with his vehicle. Police Chief Dan Thompson said he acted alone, and authorities say there is no evidence he knew anyone in the parade or that his actions were any kind of terrorist attack.

Thompson also said police didn't have time to respond to the Sunday afternoon domestic disturbance call before Brooks — who is believed to have left that location — drove onto the parade route.

Dougherty, the 62-year-old member of the Wisconsin Diamond Dancers, said that before the parade, she and the other dancers had worried aloud about a few potential perils — stepping in a pothole maybe, or slipping on the street's painted lines.

"It never, even for one second, crossed my mind," she said, "that being in a parade could be tragically dangerous."



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Bulldog basketball team drops to 1-1 after first loss of the season



By STEVE BELVIN
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA - They were only six. But they stood strong and tall, indicated by Midessa's 55-32 win over the Coahoma Bulldogs in basketball action here Tuesday afternoon.

The Midessa Warriors is a home schooled institution. They play in a independent league in the state. Due to the holiday season and injuries, the Warriors brought a scaled down squad. But the six

and Ryan Shiflett kept Coahoma close in the first quarter, combining for seven points. Ashford began hot, making his first three baskets, but then went on to missing his next six shots. He finished the game with nine points.

Shiflett finished the contest strong, leading the Bulldogs with 15 points on a 5 of 12 shooting night.

The Warriors outrebounded Coahoma 38-23, led by Steve Cooley's 13 rebounds to go along with 16 points. Jeff Bond, also scored 16 points to go

players defied the odds with a strong win, not even struggling with foul trouble. The win brings Midessa's record to 5-4 while Coahoma falls to 1-1.

After the first quarter Midessa dominated the game. The Warriors only led 14-10 after the first quarter, stretched it to 26-15 at the half and led 37-23 going into the final quarter. The Warriors did it by dominating the boards against the smaller Bulldogs, time and time again they turned offensive rebounds into points.

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along with seven rebounds. Jerrod Smith added 11 points and eight rebounds.

Coahoma coach Brandon Lucas said its good experience for his team to play a team of this caliber which has a handful of games under its belt. "They've played quite a few more games than we have. They are basketball heady and they are fundamentally sound. We've got to play teams like that to get better," said Lucas. "It shows we've got much to work on, me myself and the kids. I did not thought we did a good job later in the game of sliding over to help against their drives."

The Bulldogs next game will be No. 30 on the road against Grady.

COAHOMA - Arian Emerson 1 2 4; Ryan Shiflett 5-5-15; Ashford 4 1 9; totals 11-44, Billy Bailey 0 1 1; Raheem Ashford 4 1 9; totals 11-44, 9-13 32.

MIDESSA - Sean Williams 1 0 3; Steve Cooley 7 1 16; Jeff Pond 8 0 16; Jerrod Smitty 5 1 11; Cole Rawls 2 1 5; Nate Pannus 2 0 6; totals 26-54, 3-12 55.

Coahoma - 10-05-08-09 - 32.
Midessa - 14-12-11-18 - 55.

Turnovers - Coahoma 9, Midessa 9; Three-Pointers (Coahoma Vaneoy 1)Midessa - Cooley 2, Williams 1); Rebounds - Coahoma 23 (Emerson 6, Ashford 5); Midessa 37 (Cooley 13, Smitty 8, Pond 7); Assists - ; Coahoma (Ky Kemper 2); Midessa (Williams 3, Pond 2); Steals - Coahoma (Emmerson 2); Midessa (Smitty 2), Blocked Shots - Coahoma (Shiflett 1, Ashford 1); Midessa (Pond 2).

The Howard Hawks mens basketball team loses to Ranger 81-72



Courtesy Photos/ Tony Claxton

Top Left: Ognjen Lacmanovic makes a free throw during last nights basketball game between the Hawks and Ranger. Top Right: Rahkiem Petterson drives to the hoop to lay in the ball. Unfortunately it was not enough for Howard as they fell to Ranger 81-72.

The Big Spring Steer Boys basketball team defeats the Andrews Mustangs



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Top Left: Gavin Newsome gets fouled on a shot against Andrews. Top Right: Kaegen Mitchell doing what he does driving to the basket to help the Steers to a 55-43 win over Andrews.

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2. Theodore Cannady #028 - garage equipment, step ladder, household/personal items.
3. Tessa Hughes #039 - storage tubs, clothes, personal items.
4. Carlos Villatoro #050 - 2 flat screen tv, propane BBQ grill, household items.
5. Julian R Larez #113 - clothes, various items.
6. Darla Swindell #114 - household/personal items, stereo, boxes.
7. Jessica Rogers #130 - bowflex, washer, dryer, refrigerator, household items.
8. Melissa Castillo 3159 - Personal items, boxes, dresser.
9. Dustin Higgins #179 - workout equipment, weights, water cooler.
10. Audry Keys #184 - clothes, christmas items, personal items.
11. Margie Harper #194 - household furniture, tables, personal items.
12. Eddie Roberts #206 - household items, furniture, personal items, 20 ton bottle jack.

#11127



How to reduce risk of home fires this holiday season

Safety might not be the first thing people think of as the holiday season approaches. Faith, celebrations, decorations, and holiday dinners all come to mind when considering the holiday season. But that doesn't mean safety should be left out of holiday planning.

Fire safety bears special consideration during the holiday season, when the prevalence of fire hazards like Christmas trees, holiday lighting displays and other decorative items increase the risk for home fires. Such tragedies can be averted with a few simple safety measures.

- Tend to your tree. Live Christmas trees are awe-inspiring, but they also pose a significant fire risk. The

National Fire Protection Association urges celebrants to purchase only healthy trees with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Such trees are less likely to dry out, especially when well-watered throughout the season. Dry trees can catch fire more easily than healthy trees if embers from nearby fireplaces or candles drift in their direction.

- Recognize that location matters when decorating. The NFPA notes that Christmas trees should always be placed at least three feet away from any heat source, including fireplaces, space heaters, heat vents, candles, and even

overhead lights. If decorating with candles, never place them on the tree or on tables where other flammable decorations have already been placed. Chanukah menorahs should never be placed near curtains or other decorations.

- Turn off all lights and extinguish all lit decorative items when leaving the home or going to bed. Lit candles and menorahs should never be left unattended. The NFPA recommends turning tree lights and exterior decorative lights off when leaving the home or going to bed.

- Utilize a fire screen on fireplaces. Embers

can catch on trees, decorations or anything else that's flammable if they escape the fire place. Fire screens prevent that from happening by ensuring embers from burning logs stay in the fireplace.

Like candles and menorahs, fires burning in a fireplace should never be left unattended. Make sure all embers have been extinguished before leaving the home or going to bed.

- Keep discarded trees away from your home. A 2014 analysis from the NFPA found that none of the ten days with the largest share of Christmas tree fires were before Christmas. Dried out trees still pose a fire

risk even after they've been removed from a home. When discarding a tree at the end of the holiday season, place it at the curb or keep it a safe distance away from your home and garage until you can.

Fire safety measures are an important component of the holiday season that can prevent this joyous time of year from turning tragic



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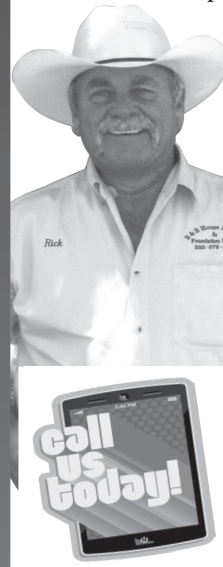
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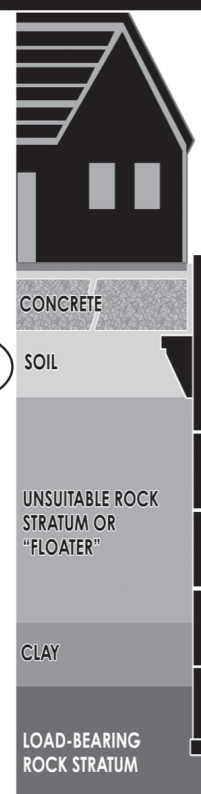


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Table with 30 columns representing different TV channels and their programming schedules for Thursday, Nov 25. Columns include KMidland, UNISpanish, KPEJ5 Odessa, KOSA7 Odessa, KTL8 Telemundo, KWES9 Midland, KMLM12 Odessa, KPBT13 Odessa, KWWT14 Odessa, KOSA216 Midland, WTBS33 Atlanta, TNT34 Atlanta, ESPN35 Sports, ESPN236 Sports, FSN38 Sports, USA55 New York, A&E58 New York, and DISC60 Discovery.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
It's easy when you know how

South dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: ♠J9852, ♥A6, ♦8, ♣AJ973. WEST: ♠74, ♥KQ107, ♦Q9632, ♣82. EAST: ♠6, ♥J9532, ♦KJ74, ♣Q54. SOUTH: ♠AKQ103, ♥84, ♦A105, ♣K106.

The bidding: South West North East. 1♠ Pass 4♦ Pass. 4NT Pass 5♥ Pass. 6♠ Opening lead — king of hearts.

Consider this deal where South got to six spades on the bidding shown. North's four-diamond bid (a "splinter") indicated the values for a game in spades while at the same time showing a singleton (or void) in diamonds. West led the king of hearts, taken by dummy's ace. Superficially, it seemed declarer would have to

guess which way to take the two-way club finesse to make the slam. But South had been to the wars before and was not inclined to stake the outcome on guessing which defender had the queen of clubs. Instead, he embarked on a line of play that assured the slam regardless of where the queen of clubs was located. After cashing the ace of trump at trick two, he played the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond in dummy. This was followed by a low trump to the king and another diamond ruff in dummy, setting the stage for a sure-fire endplay. Declarer exited from dummy with a heart, and it did not matter which defender won the trick. Whoever wound up on lead would next have to return either a club (trapping the queen) or a heart or a diamond (allowing South to discard a club as he ruffed in dummy). The elimination play executed by South followed standard procedure. First, he eliminated suit No. 1 (spades), followed by suit No. 2 (diamonds). He then put the enemy on lead with suit No. 3 (hearts) to force the return of suit No. 4 (clubs). That's how most elimination plays work.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc.

I Feel Like a Second Choice

Dear Readers: As I'm sure you all know, today is Thanksgiving, a holiday dedicated to celebrating the things we're grateful for. To get in the spirit, I'd love to hear what you are grateful for this year. Send your responses to dearannie@creators.com.

Here's a letter from a reader who got creative when it comes to holiday scheduling:

Dear Annie: I hated Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday since I worked the day before and the day after. My husband suggested we could celebrate Thanksgiving on Saturday instead. That was 45 years ago.

It's worked beautifully, as my daughters have never had to choose where to spend Thanksgiving Day. These days, Thanksgiving Saturday is open to family and loved ones, and it's a joyful celebration. -- Thankful

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Thankful: Thanks for sharing this tip. I'm sure it will be helpful for other readers who have to work on or around Thanksgiving Day. And for those who do get Thursday off, why not enjoy two celebrations?

Dear Annie: My husband of 50 years had an affair with an old college lover for about a year. Both are in their late 70s. I found out two months ago, by accident, on his text messages and confronted him.

He denied it at first, but after I mentioned to him specifically their intimate email exchanges, he admitted it. The thing that hurts me more is that he told her that he didn't marry me for love but rather for making a family and that she is his soul mate. He said that she is the one he wants to be with but can't because he doesn't want to hurt others. We have two adult children. After I confronted

him, he insisted that he loves me and doesn't want a divorce. He agreed to end the affair but hasn't confirmed to me that he has. He behaves like nothing has happened, and I am kind of going along with that, but it really bothers me and I've been losing sleep over it.

On top of everything, he has not really apologized or owned up to his actions.

Of course, I am devastated and feel betrayed. I think about it all the time.

Should I tell him that I am not well with everything? I am the one who brings it up all the time. He hasn't initiated any conversation about it or clarification. I don't like nagging him all the time, but I can't shake things up and move forward.

I don't really want a divorce, nor do I want to be his second choice. Do I give him an ultimatum? How do I move forward? -- Hurt and Confused

Dear Hurt and Confused: What your husband did to you was heartless and cruel. I don't blame you for losing sleep over it.

It is true that sometimes people say things they don't mean. But his actions afterward are telling -- not explicitly ending the affair, not communicating with you, and not going above and beyond to repair the damage he did to your relationship.

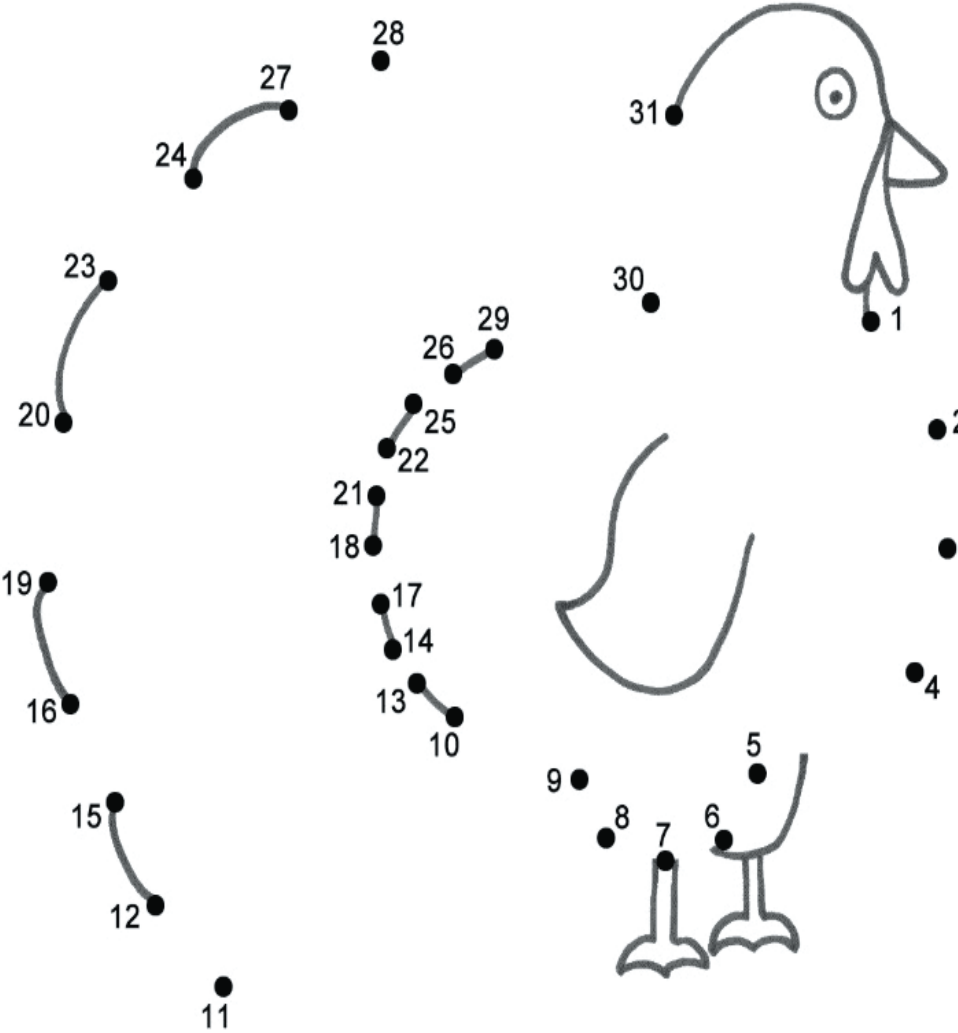
A couples counselor can help you two move past these communication roadblocks and determine whether this marriage is something you want to save. Start there.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 25, the 329th day of 2021. There are 36 days left in the year. Today is Thanksgiving.

Today's Highlight in History:

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

On this date:

In 1783, the British evacuated New York during the Revolutionary War.

In 1835, American industrialist Andrew Carnegie was born in Dunfermline, Scotland.

In 1947, movie studio executives meeting in New York agreed to blacklist the

"Hollywood Ten" who'd been cited for contempt of Congress the day before.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower suffered a slight stroke.

In 1961, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, was commissioned.

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

In 1987, Harold Washington, the first black mayor of Chicago, died in office at age 65.

In 1999, Elian Gonzalez, a 5-year-old Cuban boy, was rescued by a pair of sport fishermen off the coast of Florida, setting off an inter-

national custody battle.

In 2001, as the war in Afghanistan entered its eighth week, CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann was killed during a prison uprising in Mazar-e-Sharif, becoming America's first combat casualty of the conflict.

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

In 2009, Toyota said it would replace the gas pedals on 4 million vehicles in the United States because the pedals could get stuck in the floor mats and cause sudden acceleration.

In 2014, President Barack Obama sharply rebuked protesters for racially charged violence in Ferguson, Missouri, saying there was no excuse for burning buildings, torching cars and destroying other property in response to

the police shooting death of Michael Brown.

Ten years ago: The U.S. increased pressure on Egypt's military rulers to hand over power to civilian leaders, and the generals turned to Kamal el-Ganzouri, a Mubarak-era politician to head a new government in a move that failed to satisfy more than 100,000 protesters jamming Tahrir Square.

Five years ago: Fidel Castro, who led his rebels to victorious revolution in 1959, embraced Soviet-style communism and defied the power of 10 U.S. presidents during his half-century of rule in Cuba, died at age 90.

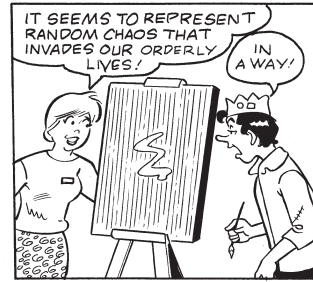
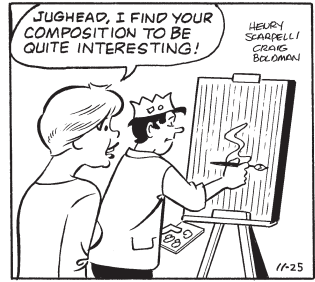
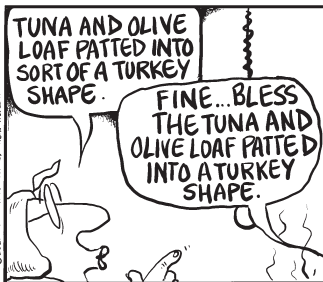
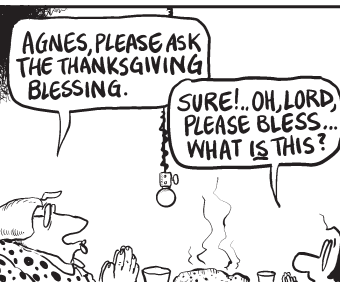
One year ago: Phoning in to an event held by Pennsylvania Republicans to investigate unproven allegations of voter fraud, President Donald Trump again made baseless claims that he had won the election against Joe Biden; Trump said, "This election has to be turned

around." Trump pardoned former national security adviser Michael Flynn, who had twice pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his Russia contacts. Millions of Americans took to the skies and the highways ahead of Thanksgiving, disregarding increasingly dire warnings to stay home and limit holiday gatherings to members of their own household. Former Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona died of a heart attack at the age of 60, two weeks after being released from an Argentine hospital following brain surgery.

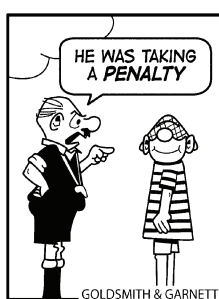
Today's Birthdays: Actor Kathryn Crosby is 88. Actor Christopher Riordan is 84. Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs is 81. Singer Bob Lind is 79. Author, actor and economist Ben Stein is 77. Actor John Larroquette is 74. Actor Tracey Walter is 74. Movie director Jonathan Kaplan is 74. Author Charlene Harris is 70. Retired MLB All-Star Bucky Dent is 70. Dance judge

Bruno Tonioli (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 66. Singer Amy Grant is 61. Former NFL quarterback Bernie Kosar is 58. Rock musician Eric Grossman (K's Choice) is 57. Rock musician Scott Mercado is 57. Rock singer Mark Lanegan is 57. Rock singer-musician Tim Armstrong is 56. Actor Steve Harris is 56. Actor Billy Burke is 55. Singer Stacy Lattisaw is 55. Rock musician Rodney Sheppard (Sugar Ray) is 55. Rapper-producer Erick Sermon is 53. Actor Jill Hennessy is 52. Actor Christina Applegate is 50. Actor Eddie Steeples is 48. Actor Kristian Nairn is 46. Former NFL quarterback Donovan McNabb is 45. Actor Jill Flint is 44. Actor Jerry Ferrara is 42. Actor Joel Kinnaman is 42. Actor Valerie Azlynn is 41. Former first daughter Barbara Pierce Bush is 40. Former first daughter Jenna Bush Hager is 40. Actor Katie Cassidy is 35. Actor Stephanie Hsu is 31. Contemporary Christian singer Jamie Grace is 30.

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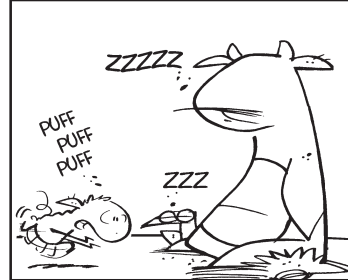


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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2021

Lunar Spice Jar

The Leo moon throws in a few odd aspects -- a tug on Saturn, an eye roll to Uranus, a playful punch to Mars. To endure the lunar jabs, stay focused on the common ground. "The turkey. The sweet potatoes. The stuffing. The pumpkin pie. Is there anything else we all can agree so vehemently about? I don't think so." -- Nora Ephron

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You probably don't realize how much your loved ones need you, but your support is a healing balm. They care what you think of them. They also know you'll be loving even when you don't agree or approve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The story of your life is always being created. It's running through your thoughts, through the narrative your mind weaves as you go about your day. Just remember, as the writer, you can always sway, finesse or spin this.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll have ample opportunity to play and worthy playmates too. You'll avoid the transactional and overly competitive games and gravitate toward the ones where everyone can have fun and feel like a winner.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know it in your heart -- what matters is the assessment of a circumstance, not the circumstance itself. You'll look for the interpretation of events which will provide the most ease and goodwill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). An invisible thread draws you together with kindred souls. Every positive interaction weaves the network. Together you are making a strong dream catcher for collective ambitions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When people you know do things you admire, it doesn't make you jealous; rather, it ignites in you new hope. You're comfortable in yourself and therefore can be truly supportive of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't have to be perfect to be worthy. Give yourself credit. More often than not, you say the pleasant words, do the noble thing and live the gracious way that keeps you churning out the good decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll appreciate a little and receive quite a lot. You're an excellent steward of resources and will spread out the good fortune in a way others wouldn't think to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your work feels seamlessly connected to your heart and so you execute the tasks of the day without noticing the effort they take. You are fueled by love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What seems like a regular ol' thing when you have it, is absolutely essential when you need it. For this reason, you take nothing for granted. You celebrate the minor and major blessings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll think about the people who make a difference in your life, then you'll find that you can't think of anyone you know who doesn't! You're forti-

fied in the knowledge of just how gloriously connected you are to all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your warmth and hospitality are legendary and will be felt when you are the guest, when you are the host, and in the private rituals of radiating gratitude into the ether.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 25). Wrapped inside your talent for empathy is the chameleon-esque ability to match the success of your guides. You'll quickly absorb the qualities and skills of a mentor. You may get the material goal you aim for but what's accomplished will go far beyond the tangible, into the realm of the sublime. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 33, 31, 40 and 27.

12 GOLDEN KEYS OF GRATITUDE: Ideas for extending your joy with a gratitude practice to buoy your spirit through this day of thanksgiving and beyond.

No. 1: Gratitude takes root in pleasure. Sensitize yourself to pleasure and you are on the trail of what there is before you to appreciate.

No. 2: You can't be grateful for what you do not enjoy.

No. 3: There's nothing wrong with displeasure as long as you do not use displeasure as a soapbox, a voting box or a complaint box. Displeasure is only useful as a compass, steering you to more promising pastures and a better fit.

No. 4: Gratitude must be cultivated. This is why it's a practice and not a one-off achievement. Commit to having a grateful heart just as you would commit to having a strong body, with full knowledge that the exercises must be done more or less daily.

No. 5: It may help to think of gratitude as an orientation. It is orienting yourself and reorienting yourself to the sweetness of the moment.

No. 6: The expression is essential. Many times, you will not know what you're thankful for until you try to communicate it.

No. 7: Happiness is not getting what you want, but wanting what you get.

No. 8: Don't be afraid that loving what you have will make you complacent. Love is a lifter, an attractor and a multiplier. Love the gifts around you and more goodness comes.

in the Netflix comedy crime drama "Dead to Me."

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fruity concoction
 - 4 Car wash supply
 - 8 Substantial gap
 - 13 River at Pittsburgh
 - 15 Skin care brand
 - 16 Cheyenne Frontier Days event
 - 17 Water source
 - 18 Hemmed, say
 - 19 Old Testament patriarch
 - 20 Historic Court activity
 - 23 Arid expanse
 - 24 Causes of hiccups
 - 28 Ask too much
 - 29 Extremely, so to speak
 - 31 Tent bed
 - 32 High anxiety
 - 35 What an RSVP may come back in
 - 36 Frat letter
 - 37 Yuletide trifle
 - 40 Well-equipped
 - 41 Intake regimen
 - 42 Searches (through)
 - 43 Back muscle, briefly
 - 44 Sci-fi characters
 - 45 Hawaiian pizza topping
 - 46 High pt. of Sicily
 - 49 Group in power
 - 52 Source of downy wool
 - 56 West Coast capital
 - 59 Mark successor
 - 60 Gardener's tool

- DOWN**
- 1 Bottom of the face
 - 2 In the future
 - 3 Kanga creator
 - 4 Prayer string
 - 5 Clearheaded
 - 6 Stare vacantly
 - 7 Harmonize
 - 8 Lively, as prose
 - 9 A minor prophet
 - 10 Prosecutorial designation
 - 11 Lunar plain
 - 12 Soft shoe
 - 14 Men's grooming brand
 - 21 Pfizer competitor
 - 22 Up to now
 - 25 Express derision
 - 26 Sacred choral work
 - 27 Stage or sports celebrities
 - 29 Union issue
 - 30 Subordinate, for short
 - 32 King David creation
 - 33 Trip to the plate
 - 34 Nick of the movies
 - 35 Perturbed state
 - 36 "Let me help . . ."
 - 38 "Any ___?"
 - 39 Utility bill stat
 - 45 "Great blue" birds
 - 47 Immunity agent
 - 48 When doubled, gets specific
 - 49 Showed over
 - 50 Copied cattle
 - 51 Made less onerous
 - 53 Composter's creation
 - 54 Balky beast
 - 55 Till bills
 - 56 ___ Fernando Valley
 - 57 Before now
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Today's Answers

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4	1	7	3	6	2	8	9	5
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