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Waiting to shop



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Chris Gonzalez, April Van Zandt, left, Kyle Becker and Javier Silva, right, sit and talk Wednesday morning as they wait outside Best Buy to get door-buster deals on TVs on Black Friday. The electronics and appliance store will offer its Black Friday deals when the store opens at midnight today.

Black Friday sales creep into Thanksgiving

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Chris Gonzalez wants to be absolutely sure he will be among the handful able to purchase a 42-inch HDTV for $199.99 during Best Buy's Black Friday sale.

So, when he drove by Monday after his mom said there already might be someone in line outside of the store, Gonzalez decided to set up camp. He got out his tent, brought a sweatshirt with him and settled in on the sidewalk just to the west of Best Buy's sliding doors.

"There's a limited supply of them," he said, explaining his motives.

Tuesday evening, a group of friends also in search of a TV or XBox joined him, and the group passed the time Tuesday and Wednesday watching movies on their laptops.

With several stores pushing the start times of their Black Friday sales earlier than last year, shoppers like Gonzalez said they have little choice but to line up ever earlier if they want to be sure to get a specific item.

Other shoppers said they're disappointed stores are turning Thanksgiving into a time for sales. With Toys 'R' Us boasting the earliest official start time of 9 p.m., employees will have to arrive this evening, while those hoping for the best sales likely will line up long before most turkey dinners are served.

Following Toys 'R' Us, Walmart will launch its sales at 10 p.m., and numerous stores — including Best Buy, Target, Kohl's and eight shops at Midland Park Mall — will open at midnight.

Some stores, including Hastings Entertainment, Michael's Arts and Crafts and Old Navy also will be open for a short time today before closing and then re-opening with Black Friday specials.

"Basically, everything in the store is on sale," said Jessica Thomas, general manager at Old Navy.

She said when she hires employees, she makes it clear they may have to work on Thanksgiving. Thomas said she tries to schedule staff for short shifts during the holiday and then bring everyone back for at least part of Black Friday.

"We give our employees time and (a) half, and we provide them with lunch," she said.

At Ulta, which also is opening at midnight, manager Nicki Kern said she decided to open early mostly because everyone else was.

"The whole mall's doing it," she said.

And while the early openings may not be popular with everyone, according to surveys by the National Retail Federation (NRF), it's likely going to be profitable.

An estimated 152 million Americans plan to shop during Black Friday sales, according to the NRF's annual survey. That number is up from about 138 million who planned to shop after Thanksgiving in 2010.

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Stores' opening times for Thanksgiving and Black Friday:

Today

Hastings Entertainment: 1 p.m. to midnight
Michael's Arts and Crafts: 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Toys 'R' Us: 9 p.m.
Walmart: 10 p.m. (open 24 hours a day, but sales begin at 10 p.m.)
Aeropostale: midnight
American Eagle: midnight
Bath and Body Works: midnight
Best Buy: midnight
G by Guess: midnight
Kohl's: midnight
Old Navy: midnight (also open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today)
Target: midnight
Ulta: midnight
Victoria's Secret: midnight
Zumiez: midnight

Friday

Midland Park Mall: 4 a.m.
J.C. Penney: 4 a.m.
Academy Sports & Outdoors: 5 a.m.
Bed, Bath & Beyond: 5 a.m.
Big 5 Sporting Goods: 5 a.m.
Lowe's: 5 a.m.
Home Depot: 5 a.m.
Sam's Club: 5 a.m.
Michael's Arts and Crafts: 6 a.m.
Stein Mart: 6 a.m.
Mardel: 7 a.m.
Dillard's: 8 a.m.
Hastings Entertainment: 8 a.m.
Hobby Lobby: 8 a.m.
Pier 1 Imports: 8 a.m.
Barnes and Noble: 9 a.m. (normal hours)

For more, see BLACK FRIDAY/1B.

Soup kitchens overflow with help

■ Midland's two facilities had overabundance of volunteers to serve Thanksgiving meal.

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

For volunteer Nannette Nelson, serving this year during the annual Thanksgiving dinner at Midland Soup Kitchen Ministries was a family affair.

The Midland mom's two teenage sons and husband accompanied her Wednesday to serve an estimated 350 meals to community members.

"I have very much to be thankful for. I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve others," Nelson said. "I'm blessed, and I want to be a blessing to others."

The Tall City's two soup kitchens had an overabundance of volunteers for the Thanksgiving holiday. The ministries will be closed today, so the holiday dinner was served Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Holiday helping

Midland's Indian Guides and Princesses program will meet 7 a.m. today at Way Out West Restaurant to gather donated meals and make deliveries to elderly and homebound residents served through Meals On Wheels. The effort is part of the annual "Feed a Needy Teepee" program.

Nancy Ivy, Midland Soup Kitchen operator, said she received calls from many residents who wanted to volunteer this holiday. Because so many people want to help out, she already has started filling positions for shifts to serve during the Christmas holiday.

"A lot of people want to give back and show their young family what they have to be thankful for," she said.

The extra number of volunteers

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Cindelia Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Laura Carrillo visits with Brian Barraza, 10, center, and Ray Stone, 6, as they enjoy their Thanksgiving meal Wednesday at the Midland Soup Kitchen.

Area Mayflower colony celebrates its first Thanksgiving

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Just like their ancestors, the group's first Thanksgiving together was a new adventure.

About 20 West Texas Mayflower descendants gathered in Monahans earlier this month to celebrate their first Thanksgiving dinner.

Rick Denham, deputy governor of the Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society, said the West Texas Colony of Mayflower Descendants live in an area that covers 72,000 square miles of land, and each fall's meeting will be in a different town to give all the descendants a chance to participate.



Rick Denham: The deputy governor of the Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society said 20 Mayflower descendants gathered for a holiday feast on Nov. 13.

Denham said half of the descendants are from Midland and Odessa; the others are from Alpine, Abilene, Amarillo, Andrews and Lubbock.

After years of research, the Mayflower Society notified Denham in February that the group had accepted his application and that he was, in fact, the 13th descendant of pilgrim Stephen Hopkins.

There were 102 original pilgrims. Denham is the 82,909th member of the society.

The process of proving he is an official descendant started with his mother's death in 2003 and a challenge between him and his brothers to prove his mother's suspicion, the Reporter-Telegram previously reported.

With membership in the Mayflower Society, Denham began to contact other West Texas descendants to establish a local colony and chapter. Only 10 Mayflower descendants were needed to set it up.

"We all call each other 'cousin' because we all feel like we are related," Denham said. "Our being members of the colony give many of us a family in Texas that many of us who relocated here were without."

The chapter's first Thanksgiving feast was Nov. 13 at the Ward County Community Center. Kevin Acker, of Monahans, chaired the gathering.

The food served included items available at the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth as well as traditional foods such as turkey and trimmings, Dehnam said.

Denham said the West Texas colony is preparing a new project to share family recipes. Each member also will publish their memories and stories to demonstrate their families' link to the Mayflower and their journey to membership in the Mayflower Society.

"This is to share with future generations so they will understand the importance to keeping the memory of our ancestors and sharing family history alive," he said.

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Thanksgiving travel rush is under way

By Norman Merchant
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Undeterred by costlier gas and airfare, millions of Americans set out Wednesday to see friends and family in what is expected to be the nation's busiest Thanksgiving weekend since the financial meltdown more than three years ago.

Many people economized rather than stay home.

"We wouldn't think of missing it," said Bill Curtis, a retiree from Los Angeles who was with his wife at Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, Calif. "Family is important and we love the holiday. So we cut corners other places so we can afford to travel."

About 42.5 million people are expected to hit the road or take to the skies for Thanksgiving this year, according to travel tracker AAA. That's the highest number since the start of the recession at the end of 2007.

Heavy rain slowed down early travelers along the East Coast. Snow across parts of New England and upstate New York made for treacherous driving and thousands of power outages. And a mudslide covered train tracks in the Pacific Northwest. But most of the country is expected to have clear weather Thursday.

As afternoon traffic picked up, flight delays were reported in Boston, San Francisco, Newark, N.J., and New York.

The average round-trip airfare for the top 40 U.S. routes is $212, up 20 percent from last year. Tickets on most Amtrak one-way routes have climbed slightly, and drivers are paying an average $3.33 a gallon, or 16 percent more than last year, according to AAA.

Jake Pagel, a waiter from Denver, was flying to see his girlfriend's family in San Jose, Calif. He said he had to give up working during one of the restaurant industry's busiest and most profitable times.

"I think it's something you can't quantify in terms of monetary cost," he said. "I mean, being able to spend quality time with your family is fairly significant."

Most travelers — about 90 percent, according to AAA — are expected to hit the road.

John Mahoney acknowledged the economy has changed the way he travels, which is why he and his girlfriend slept in their car instead of getting a motel room when a heavy, wet snowstorm flared up along the New York State Thruway during their 20-hour drive from New Hampshire to St. Louis.

"Americans will still do what Americans do. We travel the roads," he said.

Some drivers who tried to get an early start along the Pennsylvania Turnpike found themselves stopped by — or stuck in — a gooey, tar-like mess after a tanker truck leaked driveway sealant along nearly 40 miles of highway. At least 150 vehicles were disabled Tuesday night.

Shun Tucker of suburban Chicago decided to spend the holiday with family in Memphis, Tenn., and booked a $49 bus ticket for a nine-hour trip south. "Yeah, I could go to the airport, but it's going to cost me $300," she said.

Lucretia Verner and her cousin set out on a drive from Tulsa, Okla., to Atlanta. They said they wouldn't stop to eat on the way, making do with the water, juice, lunch meat and bread they took with them. Colette Parr of Las Vegas took flights with connections and switched airlines to save almost $200 on her trip to Newark, N.J.

Investment manager Matt Rightmire and his family typically fly on Thanksgiving. This year, they are making the holiday pilgrimage by car from New Hampshire to his in-laws in Youngstown, Ohio. He figured he is saving $1,000.

"It's family," he said. "That's what the holidays are about: Spending time with family. I don't really think it's optional. You may try to find the least expensive way to get there, but you've got to see your family."

Obama pardons pair of gobblers for the holiday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With a wave of his hand, President Barack Obama on Wednesday gave two plump turkeys a Thanksgiving reprieve, noting that without his intervention, "they'd end up next to the mashed potatoes and stuffing."

The official national Thanksgiving turkey is a 19-week-old, 45-pound bird named Liberty. Its alternate, also spared, is a turkey of the same age and size named Peace.

Obituaries



Bobby Lee Hopkins

Bobby Lee Hopkins, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, November 19, 2011.

Bobby was born on May 21, 1932 as the fourth of 9 children to Barney and Thelma Hopkins, at Carter Nine Oil Camp in Oklahoma. He was raised and attended school in Brownstown, Illinois. He volunteered for the U. S. Army in January 30, 1951 and served in Korea. He was honorably discharged on November 2, 1959. Bobby attended the University of Southern Illinois and later moved to Midland, Texas where he worked for ARCO for 35 years. He was married to Carrie Ann Matlock for 35 years. Together, they had two sons: Douglas Dean and John Bob.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Barney and Thelma Hopkins; his son, Douglas Dean Hopkins; and his wife, Carrie Ann Matlock Hopkins.

Bobby is survived by his son, John Bob Hopkins; and his grandchildren, Shane Thomas Hopkins and Hailey Renee Hopkins.

Bobby requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity.

Family will receive friends for visitation on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Ellis Funeral Home. A graveside service will take place on Friday, November 25, 2011 at 10:00am at Resthaven Memorial Park with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating. Condolences may be made at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Brandon Glen Massey

Brandon Glen Massey, born August 14, 1993, went to be with God on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, both in Midland, TX.

Brandon was born to Wendy Boyd and Brian Massey and a large family that loved him very much. He and his twin brother Cameron came, as preemies, fighting hard for life. They grew up in Midland.

Brandon was a senior at Robert E. Lee High School. He loved mixing music, "dubstep." He loved skate boarding, food, music, old dogs, and family. He loved the family lake house at Colorado City Lake. But most of all he loved his sisters and brothers fiercely.

He will be missed so much by his family: mother, Wendy Boyd and Jeremy Sharp, father and stepmom Brian and Michelle Massey; twin brother Cameron, brother Kutter, sisters, Kaleigh, Mckayla, and Devyn. Also grandparents Bill and Sharon Boyd of Midland, Larry and Charlotte Massey of Midland, Glenda "gg" Harbert of San Angelo, and Frank and Jackie Collins of Artesia, New Mexico. Aunts and Uncles: Rob Boyd and Tara Harrison and cousin Alex, Jessica and Michael Swiney, Clay and Essie Collins, Mike and Holly Collins, special cousins Chris and Brian Evans, and stepmother Shelby Massey. Brandon also has numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family who love him dearly.

Visitation is slated for 6 -8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Thursday, November 24. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, November 25 at Memorial Christian Church in Midland with Rev. Glenda Harbert and Pastor Terry Rothermich.

Pallbearers will be Kutter Massey, Kenneth Welch, Dakota Kimble, Josh Tynes, Paul Deatherage, and Mike Swiney. Honorary pallbearers Jacob Moore, Clay Collins, and Michael Collins.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to Springboard Center, 200 Corporate Dr., Midland, TX 79705.

"Brandon is one of the most amazing, wonderful, funny, loving men I know. I love you Brandon. He lit the room up when he walked in," said by sister Mckayla and echoed by all his family.

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

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Dorothy M. Redden

Dorothy M. Redden 84, loving mother and grandmother, of Midland passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

Dorothy was born on December 15, 1926 to Archie Q. Self and Ella Callen (England) Self in Sweetwater, Texas. There was nothing that Dorothy held closer to her heart than her family and her faith. Dorothy was a member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church of Midland, and a former member of Broadway Baptist Church in Sweetwater, Texas. She was also a member of AT&T Pioneers.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Floyd Redden Jr, a retired fireman and Santa Fe Railroad employee.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters: Pat and husband, Carl Stracher, of Odessa, Texas and Clemeta D. Poynter of Midland, Texas; her brothers Dean Self and wife, Lisa, of Kerrville, Texas and Ray Self, of Kerrville, Texas; her grandchildren: Chris Millett of Altamonte Springs, Florida; Melissa Butler of Belmonte, Massachusetts; Matthew Millett of Buford, Georgia; Greta Millett of Lubbock, Texas; Terri Stephens of Odessa, Texas; and her great-grandchildren, Nicky, Mason, Hunter, Allison, Corey, Brenton, Noah, Kyle, Amanda, Julie, and Caleb.

Family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25, 2011. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Condolences may be offered at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Troy Bostwick

Services for Troy Wendell Bostwick will be held at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at 10 am. With Rev. Charles Carman officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. The family will receive visitors at Resthaven Funeral Home from 6 to 8 pm. Friday, November 25, 2011.

Troy was born in Cooper, Delta County, TX on September 15th, 1923 to Claude and Florence Bostwick. He served in the Army during WWII in the European theater, participating in Operation Overlord, landing on the beaches of Normandy in June, 1944. Both Troy and wife Opal worked at the U.S. Postal Service for decades, retiring in the early 80's. Troy continued working for many years thereafter in auto sales and petroleum equipment. He was a long standing member of First Baptist Church in Midland, TX.

He is preceded in death by wife, Opal Bostwick, a sister, Werdna Cates, a brother, Wayne Bostwick and a stepson, Gary Warren. Troy is survived by son, Patrick Bostwick of Lubbock, a daughter, Donna Bostwick Chaney of Tyler, TX, a brother, Darrel Bostwick of Melrose, NM, step-son, Joe Warren of San Antonio, TX, along with eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be offered at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com.



Murray D. Wilson

Murray Don Wilson, age 53, a long time resident of Midland, Texas, passed away surrounded by his loving family on November 16, 2011, following a brief illness. He was a devoted father, loving son, giving brother, caring uncle, mentor and good friend to many and he will be greatly missed by all.

He was born on June 9, 1958 in Monahans, Texas and was preceded in death by his father Don L. Wilson. He is survived by his daughter, Haley Wilson of Midland; mother, Linda Goff and stepfather James Goff of Monahans; stepmother, Kathryn Wilson of Midland; sisters, Melinda Valentine, Sara Wilson, and Amelia Wilson; brother, Michael Wilson; nieces, Kaitlin Valentine and Leah Romero; nephews, Logan Romero and Liam Romero; aunts, Nell Spieler and Jean Willey; and cousins, Jeff Bevers, Tammy Spieler, and Michelle McMahan and husband Tad.

Murray has been an avid collector of all things old since childhood and his interest in antiques and vintage collectibles has been a great source of enjoyment for him. He also loved to watch NASCAR racing and was an avid hunter. He worked for many years in the commercial heating and air conditioning industry in Midland.

Graveside services and internment will take place on Saturday, November 26, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Monahans Municipal Cemetery. Arrangements are by Martinez-Smith Funeral Chapels of Odessa.

Death Notices

Linda Sarinana

Linda Sosa Sarinana, 74, of Big Spring died on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Service will be at 6:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Life Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Survived by children, Rachel Copeland (Mike), Robert Barragan, Jr., Suzanne Salgado (Mando), Valerie Middleton; Fiancee Rey Hernandez, Jr.; 10 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; siblings, George Sosa (Yolanda), Louis Sosa (Celia), Fred Sosa (Dory), Robert Sosa (Maria), Beatice Kirkeeng (Eldon), Aggie Padilla, Nancy Coker (Jody), Delmira Selvera (Pete).

Occupy protests: Shop mom-and-pop on Black Friday

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Occupy protesters want shoppers to occupy something besides door-buster sales and crowded mall parking lots on Black Friday.

Some don't want people to shop at all. Others just want to divert shoppers from big chains and giant shopping malls to local mom-and-pops. And while the actions don't appear coordinated, they have similar themes: supporting small businesses while criticizing the day's dedication to conspicuous consumption and the shopping frenzy that fuels big corporations.

Nearly each one promises some kind of surprise action on the day after Thanksgiving, the traditional start of the holiday shopping season.

In Seattle, protesters are carpooling to Walmart stores to protest with other Occupy groups from around Washington state. Washington, D.C., is offering a "really, really free market," where people can donate items they don't want so others can go gift shopping for free.

Others plan to hit the mall, but not for shopping. The 75-person encampment in Boise, Idaho, will send "consumer zombies" to wander around in silent protest of what they view as unnecessary spending. In Chicago, protesters will serenade shoppers with revamped Christmas carols about buying local.

The Des Moines, Iowa, group plans flash mobs at three malls in an attempt to get people to think about what they're buying.

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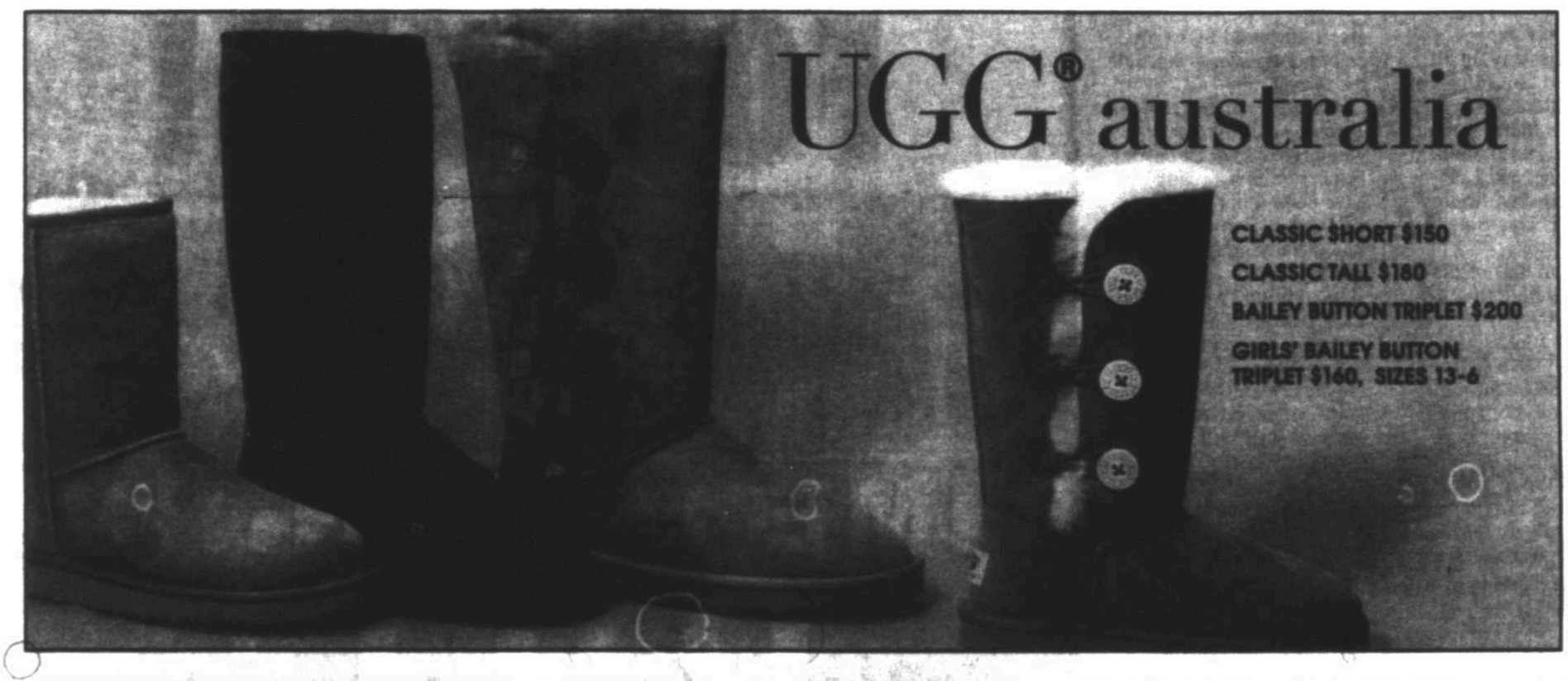



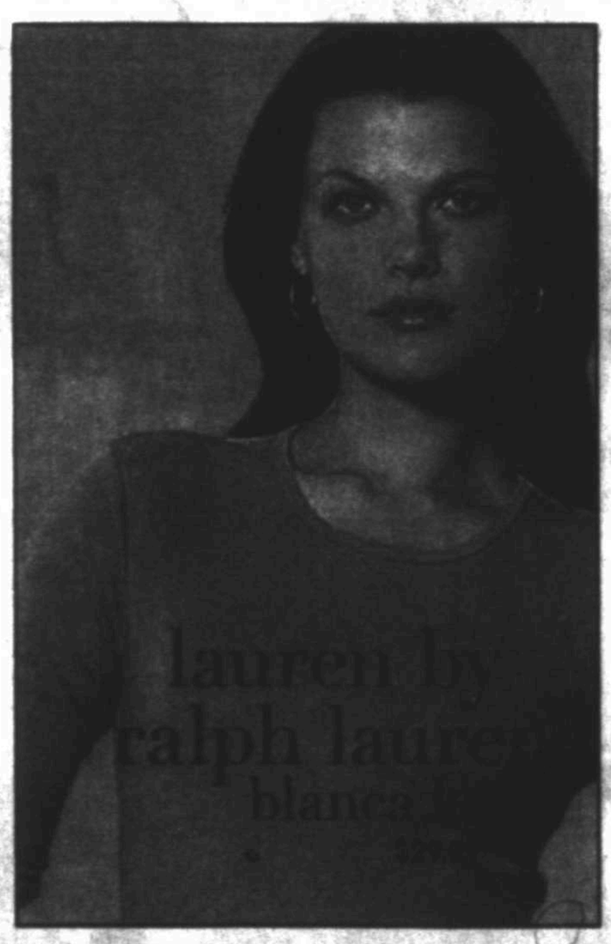

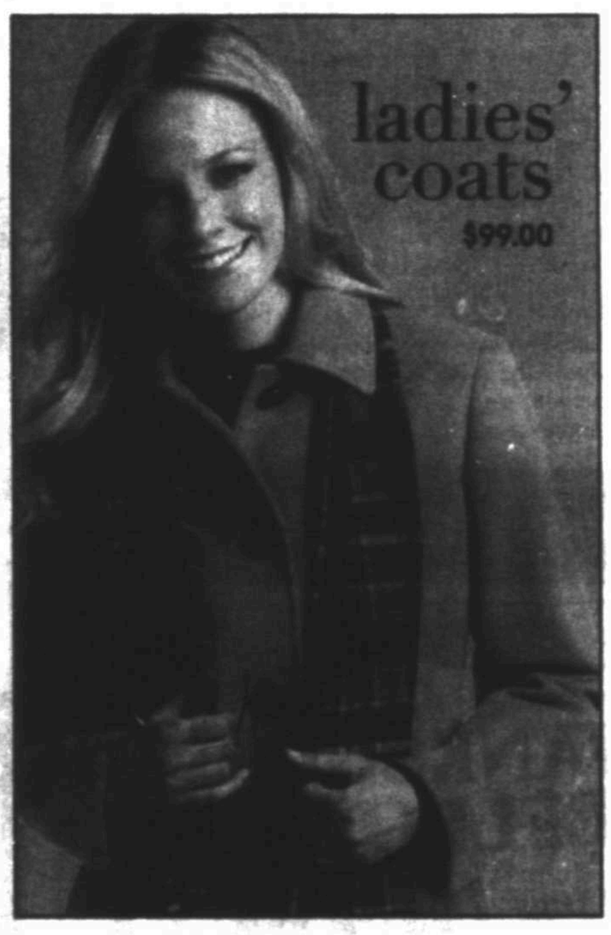





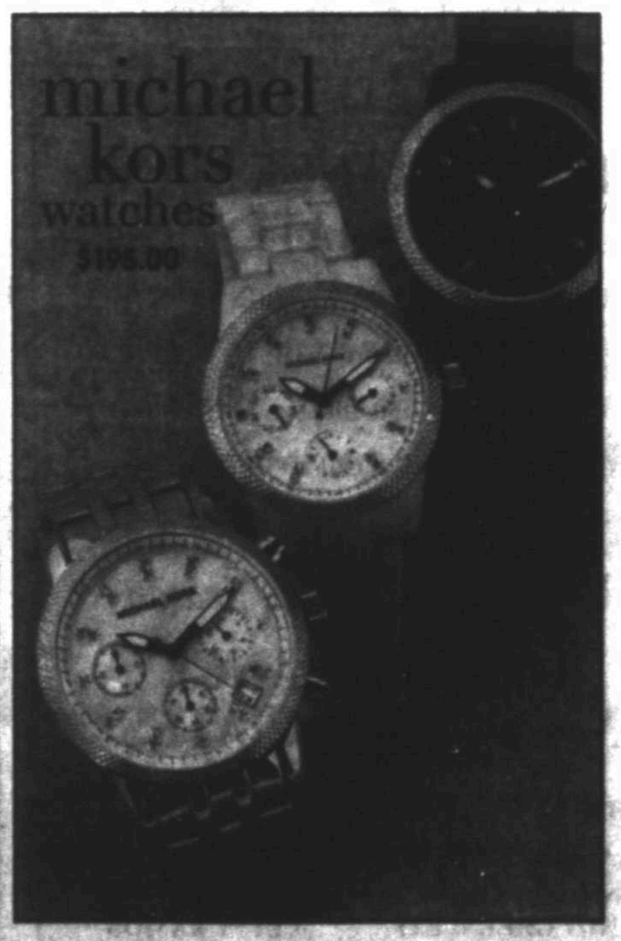

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Police will be among the crowds during holidays

From staff reports

A two-man ATV patrol will make its headquarters at Midland Park Mall starting Friday and will be there each weekend through the holiday season.

The officers who will patrol the parking lot and respond to problems from their ATVs are part of the Midland Police Department's initiative to keep shoppers safe during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, said MPD Deputy Chief Jeff Darr.

"They're primarily there just to keep an eye on the parking lots," he said. "The more people you concentrate in one area, the more our calls for service go up."

Darr said when traffic is at its height at Midland Park Mall and other shopping centers, it can be difficult for a patrol car to quickly get into the area. By having officers on ATVs during the weekends, they are able to quickly respond to issues and thwart crimes.

In addition to the ATVs, traffic patrol units will be near Midland Park Mall on Friday.

"We usually have quite a few wrecks around that area," he said.

The MPD's Mobile Command Unit also will be set up at shopping sites between Black Friday and Christmas.

Darr said the unit will be at Midland Park Mall on Friday and then remain at popular shopping destinations during the weekends until the holiday.

The main purpose of the unit is to provide a police presence, Darr said. It also allows shoppers a place to report incidents easily, he said.

Darr said he advises shoppers to do three things:

- Double check they've locked their car doors.
- Put all valuables in the trunk or out of sight.
- Be aware of the surroundings and take a survey of the area when getting in and out of the car.

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BLACK FRIDAY

From 1A

NRF President and CEO Matthew Shay said in a statement that many shoppers prefer staying up late to getting up early, so the midnight start times should be advantageous.

"We fully expect to see excited shoppers as early as midnight at stores around the country, as many holiday shoppers would rather stay up all night to take advantage of retailers' Black Friday deals rather than set their alarm to wake up the next morning," he said.

The method of finding deals also is changing this year.

More than half of the people who plan to shop told the NRF they'll scour today's ads touting the deals. Many also will rely on social media throughout the day today and Friday. With several phone apps available to help people map out their holiday shopping and to compare prices, there's no reason not to rely on the technology, store managers said.

Some stores, such as Old Navy, will update their Facebook pages throughout the day, while others will rely on online coupon sites such as "Living Social" to advertise additional sales.

"Social media will play a big role in how shoppers follow company sales announcements this holiday season," said Phil Rist, executive vice president of Strategic Initiatives at BIGresearch, which conducts the NRF's surveys.

Store managers said electronics and toys typically are the items that sell the fastest.

At Target, manager Ray Tercero said toys for young girls such as Disney Princess items already have been a hot seller, although electronics on sale usually go quickly, too.

In addition to discounted TVs, Best Buy is offering an HD camcorder, laptops and a washer and dryer set as part of its door-buster sales. Manager John Peterson said staff will finish preparing for the sale late today and then split shifts Friday to ensure there are enough employees to handle the crowds.

Most store managers said they expect sales to surpass those made in 2010. With its growing population and booming oil and gas economy, Midland is an ideal place to be a retailer this Black Friday, several said.

"It's a crazy economy," Tercero said. "This whole month, we've surpassed (last year's) sales every day."

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Meredith Moriak contributed to this report.

Friday snack:

McDonald's at Loop 250 and Midkiff Road will open at 2 a.m.

Chick-fil-A will open at 4 a.m.

Starbucks at Midkiff Road and Wadley Avenue opens at 5 a.m.

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Sue Trolinder, from left, and Carol Cockerham add pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce as Prissy Chambers takes a finished plate to the serving table Wednesday during the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner at Midland Soup Kitchen.

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VOLUNTEERS

From 1A

Wednesday afternoon — about 25 compared to the usual seven — were enough to serve those coming in for a meal.

Volunteer Prissy Chambers, who comes every Wednesday, said she enjoyed that the most about working Wednesday.

"My favorite part is that (diners) got to sit down, and we served them," she said.

Robert Dorn, chaplain and program director for Breaking Bread ministries, said with school out this week, his soup kitchen has had plenty of volunteers who helped serve.

"We have so many volunteers in here we can serve them each personally. We're tripping over each other," Dorn said. "There's just something about Midland and people who believe in giving and helping."

Dorn said the ministry will take any volunteer who arrives, even if the volunteers just want to sit with those eating or give them a pat on the back.

"It makes them feel like they're special," he said.

Dorn said he has noticed even some patrons help serve each other.

Breaking Bread will be closed today so staff and volunteers can spend the holiday with their families. But donated dinners of a whole turkey, frozen vegetables and sides and ice cream for dessert were distributed to clients to prepare today.

Another 26 turkeys were donated by Casa de Amigos to be passed out to those in need, Dorn said.

"Nobody will go away from here hungry," he said.

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Opinion

Once the bird is gone, enjoy these leftovers

■ 2011 will go down for the surprising things people — especially those on the left — say and do.



GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

"People who live in a Golden Age usually go around complaining how yellow everything looks."

— Randall Jarrell, "A Sad Heart at the Supermarket"

This is not a Golden Age, which distinguishes it from no other age.

Although we are told it is our duty to be morose about the nation's trajectory, many satisfying, edifying or entertaining things have happened this year. So on Thanksgiving, which still keeps Super Bowl Sunday in second place on the list of days when Americans eat the most, gorge yourself on some reasons for feeling at least a bit grateful for 2011:

A new genre of humor was born, the currency crisis joke. A Spaniard, an Italian and a Greek go into a bar. They drink until dawn. Who pays the tab? A German.

The euro is unraveling and might dissolve the European Union, that product of transnational progressivism based on the belief that national sovereignty should be leeched away to clever experts who, uninhibited by the consent of the governed, can create clever things like the euro.

In 2011, someone actually asked how an Amtrak employee with a $21,000 salary earned $149,000 in overtime.

A week after Barack Obama cited an Ohio restaurant as a beneficiary of the Chrysler bailout, the restaurant closed.

The reputation of a mass murderer was tweaked by Russia's chief investigator reporting that "there is no reliable document" proving the "instigation" of Lenin in the 1918 murder of Czar Nicholas II, his wife and five children.

No one saw the possible problem with the word "despite" in this headline: "Gun crime continues to decrease, despite increase in gun sales."

In Texas, Georgia, Wisconsin, Iowa, Pennsylvania and Maryland, lemonade stands run by scofflaw children were put out of business in a government crackdown against wee people who commit capitalism without getting the requisite bureaucratic permissions.

Ford Motor Co. issued a careful nondenial when some incorrigible cynics wondered whether political pressure from Detroit's Washington masters caused Ford to take down a YouTube ad in which a customer says he is in a Ford showroom because "I wasn't going to buy another car that was bailed out by our government."

In a television commercial for Ameriprise Financial, actor Tommy Lee Jones says: "Helping generations through tough times, good times, *never* taking a bailout."

Manning the ramparts on the wall of separation between church and state, a Seattle teacher required Easter eggs to be called "spring spheres."

Chicago's new mayor, Rahm Emanuel, told an interviewer — before bolting from the interview — that he sends his children to private schools because "my children are not an instrument of me being mayor. ... I'm making this decision as a father."

In the year when Americans became aware there is more student debt than credit card debt, Yale offered a course on how people with disabilities are portrayed in fiction: "We will examine how characters serve as figures of otherness, transcendence, physicality or abjection. Later may come examination questions on regulative discourse, performativity and frameworks of intelligibility."

"I carpooled this morning with my trooper," explained Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick when, during what he designated "Car-Free Week" to save the planet, be healthy, etc., he was seen commuting in his SUV.

When the Wisconsin Education Association Council, having spent liberally defending public-sector union privileges, announced it was laying off 40 percent of its staff, it was denounced by the National Staff Organization, a union for employees of education unions.

Picking up a theme from America's economist in chief, who suggested ATMs and ticket kiosks at airports aggravate unemployment, Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. said the iPad is "responsible for eliminating thousands of American jobs," such as "all of the jobs associated with paper."

A market research firm found people who buy the $43,000 Chevy Volt (seats four in space not taken by its 400-pound battery) or the $34,500 Nissan Leaf, and who get a $7,500 government bribe (aka tax credit) for doing so, have average annual incomes of $150,000, and half of the buyers own at least two other vehicles.

Under the Essential Air Service program — yes, *essential* — the federal government contributed $3,720 to subsidize the cost of flying each passenger between Denver and Ely, Nev.

Only about one in five drivers (according to State Farm research) admits to surfing the Internet while driving, which means that perhaps 80 percent of the drivers in front, behind and next to you are not.

Doris Day, 87, released an album of new songs. *Que sera, sera.*

OUR VIEW

This Thanksgiving, think about our past, future

We always take the time on Thanksgiving Day to ask our readers to pause and to give thanks on behalf of our nation, state and city because we think we have a lot to be thankful for through the course of a year.

In this particular year, we think Midlanders should be thankful for a lot of things. Our cup truly runneth over. We are currently in an unparalleled economic territory with virtually every economic indicator showing robust growth.

We, of all communities, should be most grateful because we have experienced the bust as well as the boom. We never should forget from where we came or take for granted what we have been given.

We should be thankful for the leadership of our community as they take on heady matters that control our future destiny, ranging from water resources and management to orderly city planning.

We are thankful to live in a state that still thinks an individual is allowed to make his mark and a land that still thinks family values are important. The rugged frontier spirit of the old West still rings true in this state and we hope we continue to safeguard this spirit for decades to come.

We are thankful to live in a nation that still holds liberty and freedom as precious gifts and we continue to stand behind those young men and women in our military who are willing to place their lives on the line so this nation can prosper and practice the art of liberty.

And while we remain thankful for much, we continue to love our nation enough to pray for its future. This, too, is appropriate for this day of thanksgiving. We pray we will elect people worthy of leadership. We desperately need more leaders willing to work for the nation instead of self.

We also continue to pray for rain in this time of severe drought, but we are thankful we have been able to persevere during a trying time. We remain thankful for the opportunity to live our lives here in the Permian Basin where the people care for each other and where we can work and play in an environment of growth and community togetherness.

We are truly blessed on this Thanksgiving Day.

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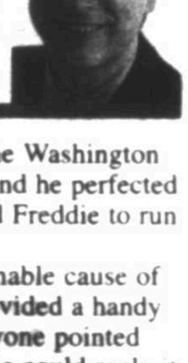
What to make of Freddie's friend Newt?

■ If there is someone who knows about the poisonous culture in Washington, it's Gingrich. He got rich because of it.



RICH LOWRY
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Newt Gingrich racked up between $1.6 million and $1.8 million in payments from Freddie Mac through the years for, the former speaker maintains, essentially doing nothing.

It's not inconceivable that he's right. Such was the incredible largesse available to the government-sponsored mortgage giant that one or two million dollars over the course of a decade was practically chump change. Gingrich says he didn't lobby for Freddie, and in response to a debate question about his payments, said he only offered advice to Freddie "as a historian" that its lending practices were insane.

Surely, though, there must have been historians available who were cheaper and had more expertise in the history of foolishly loaning money to poor credit risks. At the very least, Freddie wanted to keep Gingrich on a leash in order to prevent him from blasting it in public. Contra Gingrich, former Freddie officials say they paid him for his advice on its policy initiatives and his insight on how to reach out to conservatives. If Gingrich did chastise his benefactors, Frederick the Great's line about the hesitant Austrian empress at the partitioning of Poland in the late-18th century applies: "She wept but she took."

The Gingrich flap is a reminder of the dollar-fueled Washington-based influence-peddling that contributed to the housing collapse and our economic misery to this day. While Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac merrily degraded the nation's underwriting standards and made a fortune from it, they bought off or bulldozed anyone inclined to stop them. If Gingrich is truly turning over a new leaf in his suddenly resurgent bid for the White House, he might express some regret about how he allowed brackish overflow from one of the foulest tributaries of the Beltway Swamp to spill into his bank account.

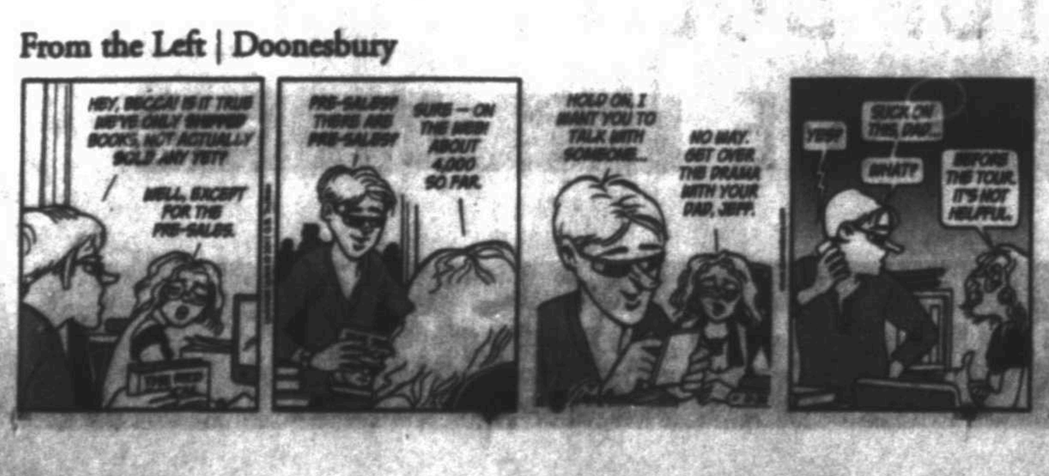
Gingrich profited from one of the greatest and most damaging Washington scandals of our time. The whole sorry tale is recounted in detail in Gretchen Morgenson and Joshua Rosner's maddening book "Reckless Endangerment." Fannie Mae realized in the early 1990s it was in the Washington business as much as the mortgage business; it had to preserve at all costs its government backstop to keep its advantage over other financial institutions. It hired the Washington fixer James Johnson as its CEO, and he perfected the model that allowed Fannie and Freddie to run amok.

He hitched Fannie to the fashionable cause of affordable housing knowing it provided a handy shield against criticism. When anyone pointed out its reckless profiteering, Fannie could reply it was only bringing the American Dream to poor households, in keeping with the wishes of Congress. Fannie hired a phalanx of lobbyists and even paid lobbyists simply not to work against it. It used its shrewdly selected directors to enhance its influence. It showered political supporters with contributions. It paid for outside experts. One bank lobbyist opposed to Fannie is quoted by Morgenson and Rosner complaining: "I tried to find academics that would do research on these issues, and Fannie had bought off all the academics in housing. I had people say to me, 'Are you going to give me stipends for the next 20 years like Fannie will?'"

Only Tom Wolfe could do full justice to the combination of saccharine sentiments and gross personal enrichment at the root of the housing mess. As Fannie and Freddie kept their regulators and critics at bay, their risky lending practices rippled throughout the mortgage market. When the bust came, taxpayers ponied up more than a $100 billion, in exactly the bailout Fannie and Freddie denied would ever happen. After everything, the two firms still backstop almost nine in 10 new mortgages.

The entire noxious episode explains why people are so desperate for Washington outsiders. Newt Gingrich channels that impulse masterfully, but he knows too well whereof he speaks. When the more respectable 21st century equivalent of the Watergate burglars came to him with their black bags, Gingrich took his cut.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



First Capital Bank donates 26 lots to Habitat

From staff reports

Habitat for Humanity will have lots with which to build on for more than two years after a donation from First Capital Bank.

First Capital Bank on Wednesday officially transferred the deeds of 26 lots to Habitat for Humanity to construct affordable homes. Habitat's lot inventory had been dwindling quickly and now will have all the home sites it needs for the next 2 1/2 years because of the donation.

"First Capital Bank has made a significant contribution to affordable housing in our community," Habitat staff wrote in an announcement of the donation.

Midland Habitat will begin fundraising for the needed infrastructure on these lots in 2012.

The local agency is a top Habitat producer nationwide for a community of Midland's size. In the past 20 years, the organization has built 107 homes. Three more are under construction.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Wanted: Input from Midland teens

Tell us what stores you would like to see open in Midland for a chance to win a giftcard from Best Buy or Starbucks. Post your ideas to our Tell City Teens Facebook page by 5 p.m. Dec. 8 and enter a random drawing for the giftcards. Winners will be announced Dec. 9, and entries may be used in the MRT's @tellcityteens section for December.

Thanksgiving grocery store hours

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Community Thanksgiving dinners

■ Polo Park Estates retirement community
Address: 2100 Castleford Road
Info: Opening its doors to senior citizens for a traditional Thanksgiving feast at noon today. There is no cost to attend, but guests are asked to RSVP to reserve a spot in the community's restaurant-style dining room.

Guests are also invited to other holiday festivities during the weekend. The community is hosting an open house and serving turkey sandwiches with pumpkin pie from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, and an open house Saturday and Sunday with entertainment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a complimentary lunch at noon.

To RSVP, or to learn more, please call Polo Park Estates at 432-682-5772.

■ VFW Post 4149,
Address: 409 Airpark Lane
Info: A Thanksgiving dinner for veterans and the public at 2 p.m. today.

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For a list of restaurants that are open today and other community dinners, see the Pulse.

Early deadline

The Midland Reporter-Telegram went to press early to allow employees to spend time with their families on the holiday. Because of this, the stocks report and lottery results are not in the today's paper.

Today in history

Today is Thursday, Nov. 24, the 328th day of 2011. There are 37 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.

Today's highlight:

On Nov. 24, 1971, a hijacker calling himself "Dan Cooper" (but who became popularly known as "D.B. Cooper") parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 somewhere over the Pacific Northwest after receiving $200,000 dollars in ransom — his fate remains unknown.

On this date:

In 1950, the musical "Guys and Dolls," based on the writings of Damon Runyon and featuring songs by Frank Loesser, opened on Broadway.

In 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

In 1969, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1987, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed on terms to scrap shorter- and medium-range missiles.

One year ago: A jury in Austin convicted former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, on charges he'd illegally funneled corporate money to Texas candidates in 2002. (DeLay, who was later sentenced to three years in prison, is free on bond as his legal team appeals.)

Today's birthdays: Basketball Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson is 73. Former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue is 71. Actress Katherine Heigl (TV: "Grey's Anatomy") is 33.

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Army Spc. Tyler G. Tidwell, son of Jim and Teresa Ballard, of Odessa, and Terry Tidwell, of Dallas, graduated from Midland High School in 2003 and attended Angelo State University. Tidwell joined the U.S. Army in 2008. He is stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and works as a satellite controller, monitoring and maintaining military communication links.

Tidwell

Message from home:

"Tyler, we are very proud of you and what you are doing for your country. I thank God every day for keeping you safe, for Skype and Yahoo messenger. Without the web, I would go crazy. You're just a click away (even though you're 12-13 hours ahead because of the time zone). Care package is on the way. Happy holidays, from all of us in Midland/Odessa."

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kyle L. Thomas, son of Robert and Sherry Thomas, graduated from Midland High School as a National Merit Scholar in 2004. He attended the University of Nebraska before joining the U.S. Navy in 2009. Thomas is stationed aboard the USS Makin Island on her maiden deployment.



Thomas

Message from home:

"We love you and are proud to call you son. Fair winds and following seas, Sailor. Prayers always and in all ways. Love, Mom and Dad"

Marine Lance Cpl. Brandon S. Herring, son of Kim and Larron Herring, graduated from Greenwood High School in 2008. He attended Midland College and joined the U.S. Marine Corps. in 2009. He is an AAV specialist stationed at Camp Lejuine, N.C.



Herring

Message from home:

"Brandon, you are a very strong, independent and courageous man. Your family and friends love and miss you very much and are very proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad and Blake"

Airman Aubrey W. Hill, son of Sabrina Hill and Rick Hill, graduated from Midland High School in 2008. He joined the U.S. Navy in 2009. He is stationed in San Diego.



Hill

Message from home:

"I wanted to let you and all the other military persons and their families know that you are doing a great job, and we are very thankful and proud!

I wish all could be home for Christmas; take care of yourselves.

Love, your mom"

Army Spc. Christopher Dickens, husband of Angelica (Navarrete) Dickens, graduated from Lee High School in 2005. He currently is serving in Afghanistan with Infantry 1-16 brigade of Fort Riley, Kan. The Dickenses have two children, 3-year-old Jordyn and 1-year-old Trenton.



Dickens

Message from home:

"Although you will be deployed over this holiday season, your family would like you to know how proud and thankful we are for all of the sacrifices you have made. You will be missed over this holiday season but definitely not forgotten. We love you, Daddy!"

Army Staff Sgt. Josh Johnson graduated from Midland High School in 2002. He is assigned to 1-7 Cavalry currently station in Camp Buering, Kuwait.



Johnson

Message from Kuwait:

"To my beautiful wife, Hannah, I love and miss you. I'm sorry we have to be apart for another Christmas."

Army Sgt. Jacob Rodriguez, son of Billy Rodriguez, graduated from Midland High School in 2007. He joined the U.S. Army four years ago and currently is stationed in the Khost Province of Afghanistan on his second tour with the 1st Infantry out of Fort Knox, Ky. With about 40 days left in his deployment, his family is hoping he will be home before Christmas.



Rodriguez

Army Sgt. Justin D. Norton, son of James and Thelma Norton and Karen Jo Norton, was born in Midland and graduated from Smithson Valley High School in Spring Branch in 1993. He joined the U.S. Army the same year. He has completed three tours in Iraq and currently is serving at a detainee facility in Parwan, Afghanistan.

Message from home:

"We would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and pray for your safe return home.

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Black Friday

Local groups to help shoppers, seek donations

By Joan Huff
Reporter-Telegram

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, traditionally marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. Retailers open at 4 a.m. or earlier, and many offer huge discounts. This gives consumers an incentive to jump out of bed before sunrise with newspaper advertisements in hand and join other shoppers as they search for bargains.

Several groups plan to be out among shoppers who brave the Black Friday crowds.

■ Stonegate Fellowship once again will be at Midland Park Mall handing out bottled water and snacks to weary shoppers.

"This is our sixth year to be at the mall," staff pastor Joe Russo said. "After looking into several options for a service project that could be done during the holidays, this has turned into a blessing for shoppers, workers and the Stonegate volunteers, as well."

"We will be handing out about 72,000 bottles of water and 45,000 bags of snacks. It takes more than 600 volunteers to make it work," he said.

Some are giving out food, while others pick up the trash shoppers may leave behind.

"It's always heartwarming to see a mom or dad with kids who are tired and cranky who take what we offer, sit down and relax, and then they are all smiles again," Russo said.

Stonegate Fellowship members will be at the mall starting 10 a.m. Friday and throughout the weekend. They will continue the project on the second weekend in December and the following weekends, as well.

■ The Midland High School band will be back at the mall for its second year wrapping gifts. Not only will someone end up with a nicely wrapped gift, but he or she also will help the students earn money to pay their band fees and expenses for band trips that they are planning. The band will supply the wrapping paper and ribbons. Customers can make a donation for the service.

The band will be at Genghis Grill 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 1. The drum line will perform outside the restaurant, while other members will serve diners. Tips from customers and a percentage of sales will be donated to the band.

■ Lee Freshman High School Student Council will wrap gifts from noon-6 p.m. Friday and Sunday at Barnes and Noble. The money raised will be used for expenses incurred by the many projects the students do throughout the year, including purchasing gifts for an Angel Tree child, said sponsor Tim Cates.

■ The Salvation Army once again has the Angel Tree program. The trees have tags with names of potential recipients and their needs and wishes. More than 500 clients' names are on the tags this year. Trees can be found outside Old Navy, Olive Garden, Shoe Carnival, Mardel, Family Fitness, both Walmart stores, Texas Roadhouse, Dickey's Barbecue and the Midland-Reporter Telegram.

Gifts should be returned by Dec. 16 to

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Mike Bynum points at a Rachel Ray cutlery set Nov. 16 at Bear Claw Knife and Shear. Bynum carries a large selection of high quality Wusthof, Messermeister and Shun knife and block sets.

New stores await first taste of Black Friday

By Kay Crites
Reporter-Telegram

Several new stores in Midland hope Black Friday and Small Business Saturday will kick off a successful Christmas shopping season for them, and they're banking on a good economy to make their hopes a reality.

"We are prepared for a prosperous Black Friday," said Kate Beal, owner of Hyacinth for the Home, an upscale boutique offering unique items for the home and gift-giver. "In recent years, Midland has proven that Black Friday is a big shopping day. Since we opened in July, Hyacinth has been very well-received, and we expect the trend to continue through the holidays."

Hyacinth's offerings include whimsical items; French antiques; high-design décor; featured handmade pieces; hard-to-find gifts; Manuel Canovas and Vie Luxe candles in a variety of scents and sizes; soap, bath and body products; fine linens by Sferra, Matouk and Julia B., including monogrammed linen cocktail napkins, dinner napkins and placemats; bath towels by Sferra and Matouk; coffee table books, antique jewelry; handbags; speciality notepads and iPad covers.

While Beal said most people focus on gifts for others during holiday buying, she has had clients making wish lists of items from her store, including large furniture pieces and accessories. "As a shop, we have been amazed at the insurgence of young professional families moving to the area that are decorating newly purchased homes and are acquiring items to accessorize their surroundings for holiday gatherings. It is exciting to witness what appears to be a revitalization of youth in Midland. It is a vibrant time."



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Mike Bynum sharpens a knife for a customer Nov. 16 at Bear Claw Knife and Shear. Bynum also sells knives, cutlery, tactical weapons and gear. He also sharpens anything that needs a sharp edge.

In addition to preparations for Black Friday, Hyacinth officially will celebrate its opening on Dec. 2, as part of the first annual Holiday in the Square at Oakridge Square. Charles Faudree, one of America's top 100 designers, will be in the shop to meet guests and autograph copies of his book "Details." Merchants in the square are hosting special open houses and many are contributing a portion of their sales to charity. Hyacinth will donate to the West Texas Food Bank. There also will be a visit from Santa Claus and music from Lone Star Brass.

For fishing afficianados, Desert Anglers opened this summer at 3419 Caldera Blvd.

"We've been very encouraged with our start, so far," said owner Cameron Smith. "We will be interested to see what this Christmas season looks like." Smith said the store carries a large collection of Patagonia jackets that he believes Midlanders will appreciate, as

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Small businesses to have their day Saturday

By Joan Huff
Reporter-Telegram

On your mark, get set, go!

Black Friday is almost here, and with it are huge sales and incentives to get you up bright and early and out the door to the nearest store offering the best deals.

You probably have seen the lines outside the larger retailers where shoppers camp out to make sure they can get the products they want. If you do not want to stay up all night waiting in line and want to enjoy some of the perks of shopping small, you are in luck. Many local retailers are planning special events for the day after Black Friday.

Some smaller stores are focusing on "Small Business Saturday," a national campaign designed to encourage people to support their hometown stores. This is the second year of this promotion, which is the Saturday between Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Here are a few of stores in Midland that are open and ready to help you with your Christmas list.

■ AJ's Girlfriend Boutique: 2215 N. Midland Drive, Suite 3D, 262-2272.

The boutique offers clothing, shoes, boots, jewelry, canvas paintings, salsa and a selection of kid's clothing.

To celebrate Small Business Saturday, it will offer 20 percent off everything in the store except clearance items. The shop is closed Friday; Saturday hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

■ Alldredge Gardens: 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road, 682-4500.

Alldredge offers living Christmas trees and pre-lit artificial trees, wreaths, garlands, ornaments and gifts. The store also offers the service of putting up customers' Christmas lights. This weekend's hours are 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

■ Bedazzle: 3211 W. Wadley Ave. No. 18, 689-3104.

Bedazzle offers a wide selection of gifts and unique items. On Saturday customers will receive 25 percent off their total purchase (some exclusions apply). The shop will be open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

■ Boutique: 2101 W. Wadley Ave., 683-1699.

The shop is planning "Pink Friday" and is offering $10, $20, $30 and $40 racks and other promotions. The weekend hours are 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

■ Canopy: 22 Plaza Center, 683-8474.

The shop will be open 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday.

■ Chelsea Rae's: 4410 N. Midkiff Road, next to Toys 'R' Us, 699-0607.

Black Friday customers who bring in a toy for Toys for Tots will have their name entered in a prize drawing. The shop's hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

■ Common Scents: 3303 N. Midkiff Road (San Miguel Square).

The shop will be serving freshly baked cookies and hot chocolate. Fashion

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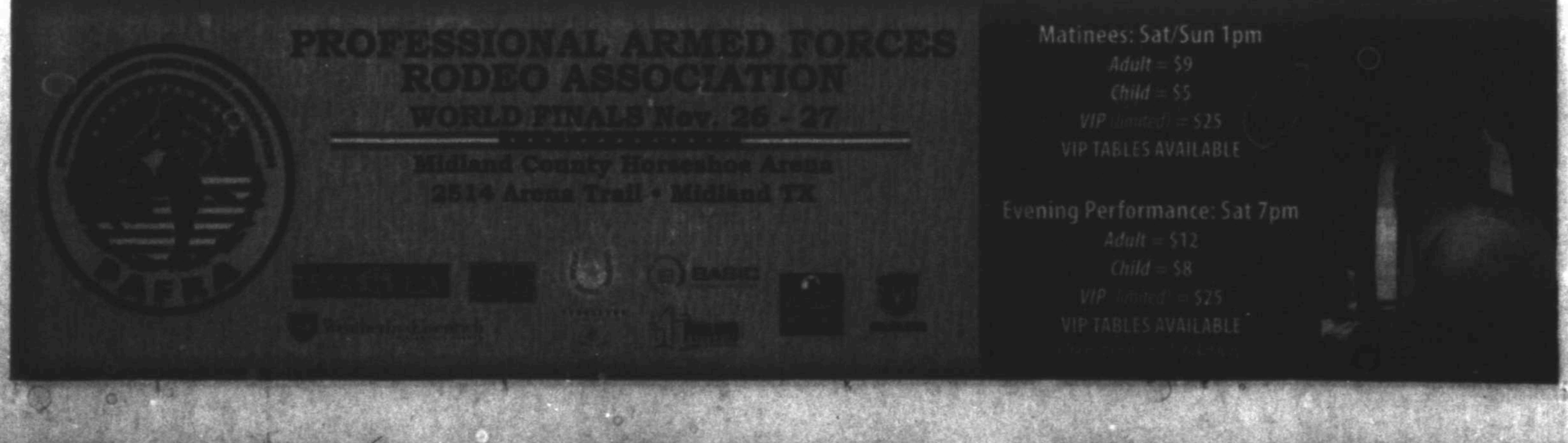

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well as a complete line of Sage fly rods and equipment for the expert and beginning fisherman. He said that much of the apparel in the shop will be on sale on Black Friday.

Chelsea Balderaz, owner of Chelsea Rae's, also is looking forward to Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. The store, located at 4410 N. Midkiff Road, Suite D-8A, next to Toys 'R' Us, will open at 8 a.m. Friday with 15 percent off of anything in the store. In addition, shoppers who bring a toy for Toys for Tots will be entered into a drawing for one of three Christmas décor prizes. Chelsea Rae's carries home décor, jewelry, candles, accessories, rugs and lamps. For those who don't have the time or, perhaps, the inclination to decorate for the holidays, Chelsea Rae's can handle that chore.

Shoppers looking for the perfect gift for cooking enthusiasts, hunters and outdoorsmen, might want to check out Bear Claw Knife and Shear at 403 Andrews Highway. "We're fortunate in this area that the economy is still doing well," said owner Richard Steinberg. "We're looking forward to a stellar season, and that season starts with Black Friday." Steinberg said the cooler weather already has kicked off some strong sales.

Steinberg and his wife, Suzy, opened the shop in Midland in March. Recently, they closed their store in Big Spring and combined the merchandise with the Midland store.

Bear Claw Knife and Shear carries kitchen cutlery, Paracord bracelets in all the local school colors, tactical knives, pocket knives, bamboo cutting boards and kitchen tools such as decorative measuring spoons and micro planes for the serious or professional chef. The store also can laser engrave logos or text on items.

While many might not think of Black Friday for a furniture store, Jeff Seaman, president of Rooms to Go, said this is a changing trend.

"In the past, it hasn't been a big furniture retail day, but it's getting bigger and bigger. I think Black Friday is going to be very big this year." Seaman expects sales in Midland will be strong because of the good economy. "We love Midland, and we're really happy with our store there."

Seaman said the store will offer coffee and breakfast pastries or donuts for shoppers.

Rooms to Go is located at 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. in the old Lack's Furniture building.

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jewelry is available for buy one, get one half off. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

■ Escents Candle Company: 438 Andrews Highway, 570-5163.

Door prizes will be given away, and wassail and cookies will be served. The shop will be open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday.

■ Flowerland: 413 Andrews Highway, 682-1634.

The shop offers fresh plants and flowers in addition to Christmas décor and gifts. Hours are 8 a.m.-5:30 Friday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

■ Ivy Cottage: 3101 N. Big Spring St., 687-6010.

The shop offers unique gifts, decorative accessories and custom florals. Weekend hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday.

■ JoAnne's Fine Gifts: 3211 W. Wadley Ave., 694-9812.

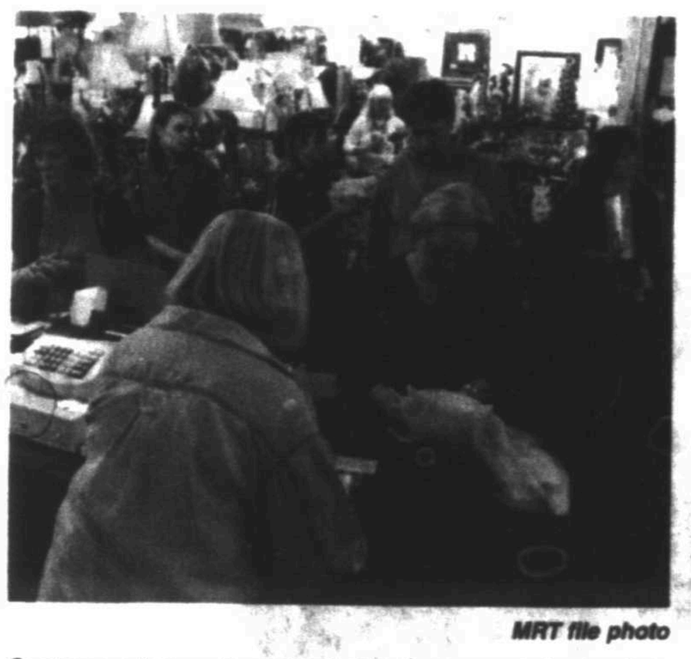
Many brides register for their wedding gifts on Black Friday, staff members said. Weekend hours are 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

■ La Casa Verde Nursery, 2615 N. Midland Drive, 520-2144.

The nursery offers Christmas trees, lights, poinsettias and gifts. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

■ Merle Norman, Ada Marie's Boutique: 3209 Courtyard Drive, 694-1505.

During the first two hours on Friday, shoppers can pop a balloon to win a gift certificate or prize. Shoppers who make a purchase of $50 or more on Saturday will receive a Vera Bradley gift. Hot cocoa and coffee will be served. Hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday.



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Customers line up to make their purchases at the Ivy Cottage in 2009.

■ Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 3323 N. Midland Drive, 689-7192.

The shop offers Christmas décor, gifts and made-to-order wreaths and decorations. Santa will be at Miss Cayce's on Sunday; milk and cookies will be served. The shop will be open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

■ Posh Pony: 3303 N. Midkiff Road. San Miguel Square, 689-7669.

The store is offering 20 percent to 50 percent off selected items and gift with purchase (while supplies last). Weekend hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday.

■ Spirit Creations, 3211 W. Wadley Ave., 697-4900.

The shop offers unique gift items; embroidery is available. Door prizes will be given away and and hot cocoa will be served. Weekend hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

■ Susie's South Forty Confections, 2101 W. Wadley Ave., 687-4040.

Susie's offers chocolate selections, coffees, gift baskets and sets. Weekend hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

■ Wild Designs: 321 Dodson, 699-8838.

The shop will have a coupon drawing on Friday and sales throughout the store. Weekend hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

■ Wine Rack, 4610 N. Garfield St., 570-9463.

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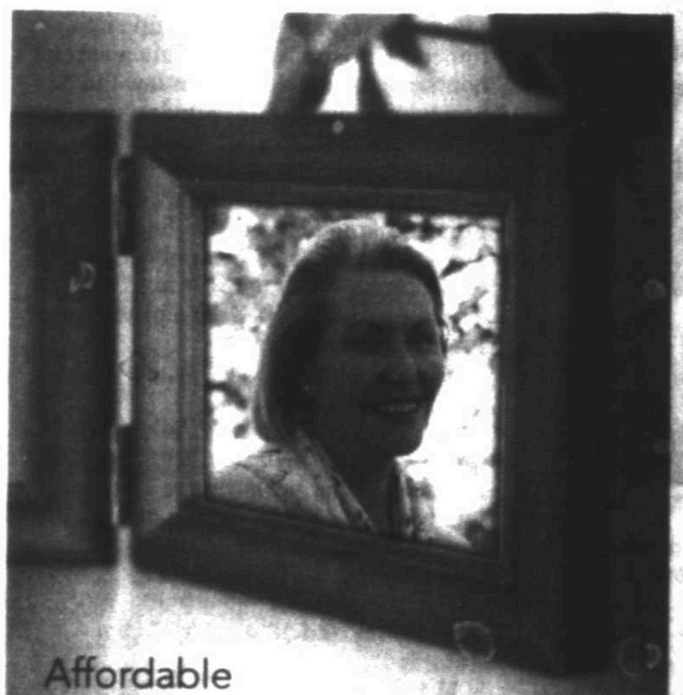
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Texas kitchen delights are featured in cookbooks

By Joan Huff
Reporter-Telegram

Gifts for someone who likes to cook are not too hard to find. There always is something new to help make life easier in the kitchen. But if you are tired of giving gadgets, you might want consider buying a cookbook.

"The Homesick Texan" is by seventh-generation Texan Lisa Fain. When she moved to New York City, she missed her Texas roots, especially the food. She began cooking chili, Tex-Mex and country comfort dishes for her friends.

In 2006, Fain began her blog, Homesicktexan.com, and shared her love of Texas dishes with others. Times of London named it one of the top 50 food blogs in the world, and Saveur named it the best regional food blog. "The Homesick Texan," Fain's first cookbook, features more than 125 recipes. Each chapter is introduced with a story that shows how much she enjoys the traditional Texas dishes.

Chef Louis Lambert, who originally is from Odessa, just published "Big Ranch, Big City Cookbook." The book is a collection of more than 100 recipes from his popular restaurants — Lambert's Downtown Barbecue in Austin and Lambert's Steaks, Seafood and Whiskey in Fort Worth.

Lambert graduated from the Culinary Institute of America, and this book combines his West Texas heritage and his expertise as a chef. Lambert enjoys creating dishes that depict where he came from and show his love of food. This book is illustrated with photographs of food and sights of Texas. As you read the book and the bonus tips and information, you will realize Lambert not only is a food lover, but also a teacher.

"Texas Cowboy Cooking" by Tom Perini, of Abilene, shows how delicious simple cowboy cooking can be. Growing up in the ranching business, he learned recipes and cooking techniques that have made him famous. The book shares everything from his steak rub to his classic bread pudding with whiskey sauce and is illustrated with pictures that depict cowboys and the dishes they enjoy. Perini has been on the cover of Texas Monthly and was featured on the "Today" show. His Perini Ranch restaurant in Buffalo Gap features the recipes found in the cookbook.

"The Pastry Queen Parties" is the third cookbook written by Rebecca Rather, chef and owner of the Rather Sweet Bakery and Cafe in Fredericksburg. This book offers suggestions for all types of parties — from simple ranch-style suppers to cocktail parties, and more than 100 recipes for appetizers, side and main dishes, desserts and drinks. Her other two books are "The Pastry Queen" and "The Pastry Queen Christmas."

"Reata, Legendary Texas Cuisine" focuses on members of the Micallef family, who exemplify how hard work and big dreams enabled them to open two Reata restaurants — one in Alpine and one in Fort Worth. Both serve Texas dishes with new culinary trends. Menu favorites such as the pepper-crusted tenderloin and tenderloin tamales and jalapeno cheese grits will entice the cook to turn the book's pages.

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the location where the tag was retrieved or to the Salvation Army, 300 S. Baird St.

For more information, call Shelley Futrelle at 697-7262.

■ Texas Department of Family and Protective Services will have its Giving Tree outside Dillard's.

"There will be a tree with ornaments on it," said Gay Mobley, with the department. "Each (ornament will have) the first name of a child who is one way or the other involved with our office."

Shoppers are asked to return the gifts to Dillard's for collection before the date on the ornament, she said.

■ AT&T Pioneers will be at the mall each Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 11 with the "Longest Letter to Santa." The pioneers — active and retired At&T employees — are trying to make it into "Ripley's Believe it or Not" with the length of the letter.

"Come by, and for a $1 donation, you may include your letter to Santa on our scroll," said Del Bowie, secretary and treasurer of the group. "The money raised goes to Toys for Tots for the Salvation Army. Students may obtain Legacy, Texas Scholar and Teen Court hours by volunteering."

For more information on volunteering, call Bowie at 553-3143.

Holiday lights exempt from efficiency law

Associated Press

Love to deck the halls with old-fashioned incandescent lights? Don't worry: Holiday lights are exempt from the new energy-saving standards for light bulbs that will take effect next year.

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Heavenly Father, Giver of all things, we give You thanks on this day for the countless blessings You have so freely bestowed on us and all people. Blessed are You for this wondrous world, for its beauty and bounty. Blessed are You for the good gifts of harvest. Blessed are You for food and drink, for clothing and shoes, for warmth and shelter, for house and home, for family and friends. Blessed are You for every smile of a child and every kindness that is shown. Blessed are You.

But of all the gifts You have given us, none can begin to compare with that boundless love You showed when we were in so bad a state that nothing but death and eternal damnation awaited us and no creature in heaven or on earth could help us. Then You sent forth Your Only begotten Son, who is of the same divine nature as Yourself, caused Him to be born for us of the Blessed Virgin Mary, laid on Him all our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. You raised Him from the dead and seated Him, our brother, at Your Right hand, where He never ceases to plead on our behalf, and from whence He will come again in glory. Blessed are You for the gift of forgiveness, life and salvation in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Blessed are You!

And that we might never forget this boundless love of Yours, You give us even more. You have sent us Your Spirit that we may know You, trust in You, and rejoice in our Savior. You have poured into us Your Spirit as the pledge and down payment of the redemption that will be ours on the day of our Lord's return. You offer us a share in Your Spirit's love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control; and He never ceases to pray within us and to ask for us all good things from You.

Blessed are You, King of all goodness! Blessed are You for such unimaginable love and pity! Blessed are You, Lover of Mankind! Receive today our thanks and praise for all Your goodness; pardon us for the times we have been blind to Your gifts; remember all who cry to You in this hour for Your mercy, and bring us all to share in the Feast that has no end. We offer to You these prayers and praises in the name of Your beloved Son and in the communion of Your life-giving Spirit, to whom be all glory, now and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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T- Thanks for the THOUSANDS of blessings I receive and don't know about and those I don't. H- Thanks for my wonderful home and all its warm comfort. A- Thanks for AMERICA and the freedom we enjoy. The wonderful men and women who gave and give their lives so N- Thanks for the great NAME that is ours. That through Him we are blessed. K- Thanks KING OF KINGS for your love and S- Thanks for the wonderful variety of SAINTS who support us in all for my children and sweet GRANDCHILDREN — they make rich and full. I- Thanks for my INHERITANCE of eternal VICTORY over trials and sorrows and discouragement. For the great JOY of my life. N- Thanks for the good NEWS that can and will set men free from sin. G- Thanks for being a GOD.

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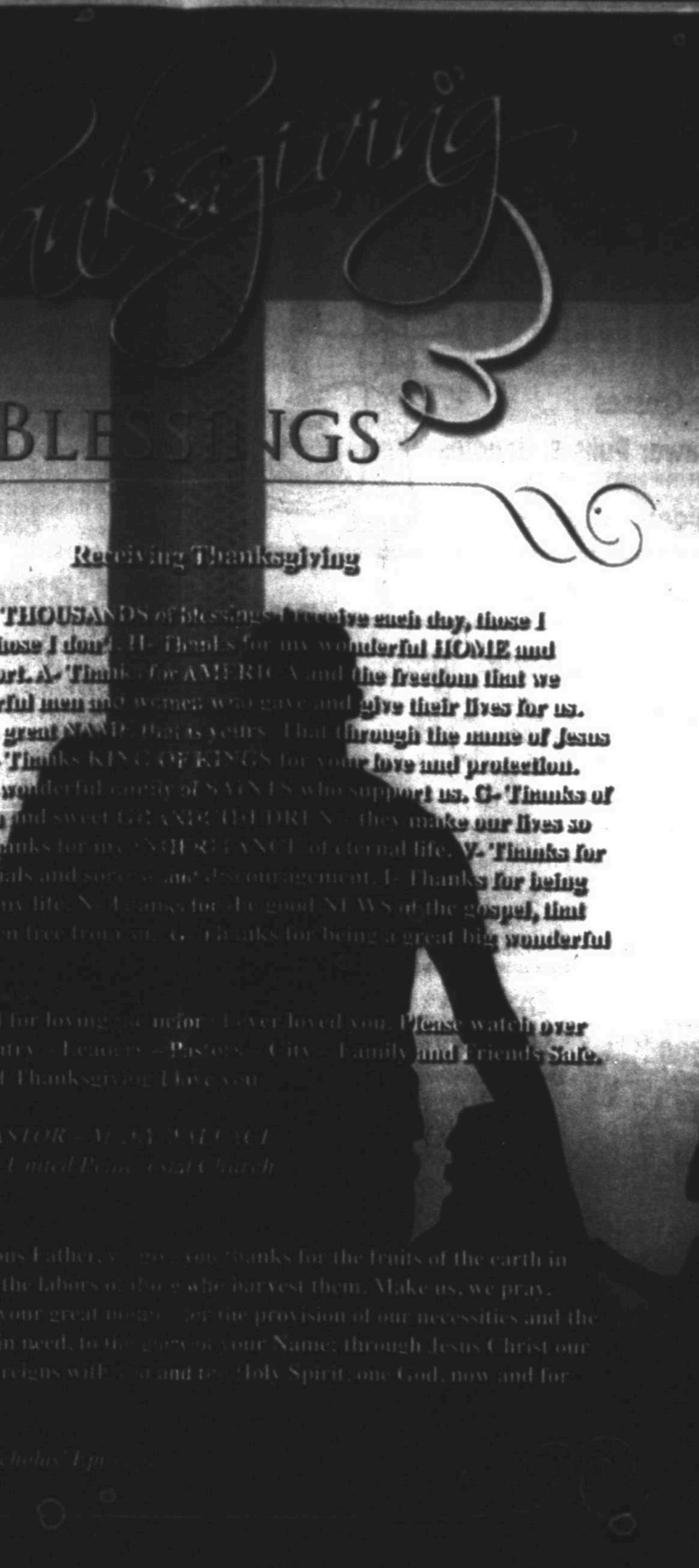

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for loving me more I ever loved you. Please watch over try - Leaders - Pastors - City - Family and Friends Safe. Thanksgiving I love you

STOR - Wes Caldwell
United Pentecostal Church

In Christ's name I come to you Father. I love you, thank you for your love to me. Thank you for what America has been, please come back to her and bless her with your presence and rule. Lord, you are really all we have. Lord, thanks for so many loving friends.

Brother Bob Porterfield
West Kentucky Baptist

Father, we thank you for protecting us and providing for us throughout this year, as individuals, a community, and as a nation. We pray for your continued blessings and favor to rest upon our land. We thank you for your grace and mercy extended toward us, even in spite of our shortcomings. Forgive us our trespasses, and heal our land. In the name of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Pastor Chris Cochran, Senior Pastor
Cornerstone Christian Fellowship

It's time, again, Lord, to go "over the river and through the woods" in thanksgiving for all we've received. This year, though, our prayer is this . . . Make us into the gift you have always been!

Bob Barndt, pastor
Midland Lutheran Church

Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father we pause before you as a city, a nation, families and individuals for the express purpose of giving thanks. For some the giving of thanks and the expression of gratitude is without much effort. The year has been filled with blessings of all sorts, abundant mercies observed and comforting peace experienced. Yet, for others the giving of thanks is as the Psalmist described, a sacrifice of Thanksgiving requiring not only great effort but unwavering faith in your perfect character regardless of circumstances. For those struggling with a sacrifice of thanksgiving the year has seen little that would be described as blessing, mercy has been hard to see and peace has remained a stranger and all the hurting soul has left is an unwavering trust in your love and your righteous hand of Providence. So no matter our station in this journey of life while we pause in this annual national reminder to give thanks we will remember and apply the words of the apostle, "That in all things we will give thanks: for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus"; and in all things this season we will lean not on our own understanding but in all our ways we will acknowledge the Lord and trust that you will direct our footsteps. For indeed you are our Creator, Lord, Sustainer, Redeemer, and Savior and for these things, and many more, we are eternally grateful. Amen.

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Food, furniture from the Lone Star State available online

By Joan Huff
Reporter-Telegram

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■ **Heritage Pie Company**
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■ **Collin Street Bakery**
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Holiday home décor emphasizes the natural

Associated Press

There's nothing quite like a winter walk through snowy woods. This holiday season, trend watchers are encouraging us to bring some of those evocative, forest-y elements home to decorate our outdoor and indoor spaces.

It's a look that's soothing and seasonal, and easy to attain without spending tons of money.

Simple and natural are where it's at this year; spike if you wish with a bit of bling or a festive bow. You can buy or scrounge your greenery locally, and add a few found or inexpensive elements.

Even a traditional cedar, pine or boxwood wreath can be given a contemporary tweak if you dispense with the usual embellishments. There's something elegant about a spare, unadorned circle of green. Add a few small apples, oranges, pomegranates or pepperberries for a natural color touch. Wrap or bow-tie the wreath with burlap for a rustic vibe, or use velvet ribbon in an unexpected hue like persimmon, purple or mustard.

Wreaths made completely out of cushion moss look striking, as do those made of bay, sage or magnolia leaves. Freeze-dried fruit or flowers can look beautiful for years; just keep wreaths made of these delicate materials out of direct weather.

Richard Waite, author of the new "Decorating with Evergreens" (Gibbs-Smith, 2011), twins wreaths on double doors, or stacks them on single doors. He also fits a smaller, store-bought wreath inside a larger evergreen one.

Glam up the greenery with metallic ribbon — copper and pewter are on trend. Add some flair for free by entwining an old necklace through the boughs, or affixing an old brooch.

Wreaths don't have to be round. Find square and star forms at nurseries and craft stores, or use old picture frames. Take apart a supermarket bundle of evergreens, and get creative with jute, hemp, wire or a glue gun.

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BRAVO	65	63		41		(5:00) ★★★ The Patriot ('00, Dra) Mel Gibson.					★★★ The Patriot (2000, Drama) Heath Ledger, Joely Richardson, Mel Gibson.						
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Pepsi's Challenge		Walt: The Man A biography of Walt Disney.				Wizardin	Enron: Smartest Guys The rise and collapse of Enron.				
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	American Guns		Punkin Chunkin 2011						Punkin Chunkin 2011			
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Shake Up	Jessie	A.N.T.	Hannah Montana: The Mov...			(:05) Jessie	A.N.T.	Shake Up	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		NCAA Football Texas vs. Texas A&M (L)						SportsC. The day's news in the world of sports.			
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Old Spice Classic (L)				NCAA Basketball Old Spice Classic Arz. St./Fair. (L)					NCAA Basketball 76 Classic (L)		
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★ Monsters, Inc. John Goodman.				★★★★ WALL-E ('08, Ani) Ben Burtt.				The 700 Club		Line?	Line?
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Hunter "Wilshire" (N)		Hunter "Les Halles"		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	SEC Gridiron LIVE!		SportsDay OnAir	Randy White	Champions Tennis Agassi vs. Sampras -- Philadelphia, Pa.				Cowboys Game (L)	SW Outdoors	Cowboys Insider	Randy White
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) Monsters vs...		★★★ Kung Fu Panda Jack Black.				★★★ Kung Fu Panda Jack Black.				The Family Stone	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) A Family Th...		Lucky Christmas Elizabeth Berkley.				★★ Silver Bells ('05, Dra) Anne Heche.				Frasier	Frasier
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Strange Home (N)		Holiday Special (N)		Holiday Inc. (N)		HouseH	House	Holiday Special	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Roads "The Hangover"		Real Thanksgiving		Swampsgiving		Big Shrimpin'		Real Christmas		Real Thanksgiving	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) A Very Merry Daughter of the Bride		A Christmas Proposal (2008, Comedy) Tom Arnold, David DeLuise, Nicole Eggert.				Holiday Switch (2007, Drama) Maya Ritter, Kristen Harris, Nicole Eggert.				A Christmas Proposal	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Brain	Victorious	Sponge	Sponge	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	★★ The Keeper ('09, Act) Steven Seagal.				Impact Wrestling (N)				MANswer	MANswer	MANswer	Game TV
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Quantum of Solace				★★ Die Another Day ('02, Act) Halle Berry, Pierce Brosnan.						License to Kill	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:00) ★★ Hitch ('05, Com) Will Smith.		Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Louis C.K		The Office	The Office
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) Miracle on...		★★ Anything Goes Bing Crosby.				★★★ The Lady Eve			(:45) A Night at the Opera		
TELE	20	8	10	20		★★★ El padrecito ('64, Dra) Cantinflas.				★★★ El bolero de Raquel Cantinflas.				Noticiero	Titulares	Sin senos	Decision
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TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The X in the File"		CSI: NY "All in the Family"		CSI: NY "Playing With Matches"		CSI: NY "DOA for a Day"		CSI: NY "Right Next Door"		CSI: NY "Like Water for Murder"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Silent Night"		★★★ Elf (2003, Comedy) James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell.				★★★ Elf (2003, Comedy) James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell.				NCIS "Child's Play"	
VERSUS	38	39				3 Gun	Instinct	Wild	Legends	Federal P.	AdvSprt	★★★ North Dallas Forty Nick Nolte.				NFL Turning Point	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News	Special Report	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Always Sunny

Shoppers can get a glimpse mall's renovation

By Kay Crites
Reporter-Telegram

Although Black Friday shoppers at Midland Park Mall won't see a completely remodeled facility, they will be treated to a taste of what's to come.

As part of the remodeling — which originally was scheduled to be completed by Friday — mall management is adding new flooring, new ceilings, soft seating, a remodeled food court and new restrooms. In addition, new entrances and signage will be constructed.

Kevin Church, director of marketing and business development for the mall, said it was anticipated that the remodeling project would be completed by Black Friday, but "now, it's scheduled to be completed by Feb. 24."

The construction of new entrances is perhaps the most noticeable thing for shoppers. Church said the new flooring, new interior paint and a new roof have been completed. In addition, a new sprinkler system has been added.

Work continues on the food court, new restrooms (including a family rest room) and a children's play area. A soft seating area near the Sears court will give shoppers a sample of the seating areas that are to be added and provide a comfortable place to wait while children visit Santa. Still to come are new kiosks and food court furniture, Church said.

Construction will not interfere with shopping because all work takes place at night.

"It will not impede our customers' movements," Church said. "Our whole construction process has been handled this way."

While the mall officially will open at 4 a.m. on Black Friday, the doors will be open at midnight to provide access to a number of stores that wanted to offer earlier hours.

Stores that plan to open at midnight are Victoria's Secret, Ulta, Old Navy, G by Guess, Zumiez, Aeropostale and American Eagle, Church said.

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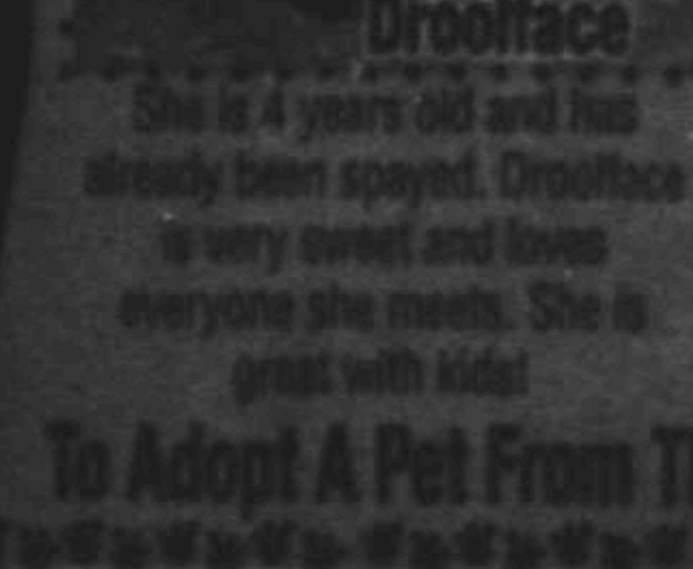

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Party Management 101: It's all about the guests

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It would be so easy to give holiday parties if it weren't for the guests.

Guests who fail to RSVP, then show up with friends. Guests who arrive late and stay past your bedtime. Guests who clean out your shrimp cocktail but won't touch your pasta salad. Guests who knock over drinks and nearly set their sleeves on fire reaching over your candles.

And the worst guest of all: the one who's busy the night of your holiday party and can't make it.

But you can outsmart them all and host a party as carefree for you as it is fun for them. Here are some tips for Party Management 101, from the invite to the "Goodnight!"

TIMING: Send the invitation for a holiday party too early and people forget. Wait too long and everyone's booked.

Kaity Eagle, a marketing specialist with Invitation-Consultants.com, recommends sending invitations "no later than one month before the party. November and December are busy months."

Sunday evenings are a good alternative to busy Friday and Saturday nights. Yes, everyone has to go to work or school the next day, but if you schedule your party for late Sunday afternoon or early evening, you could end up with a crowd.

INVITES AND RSVPS: Paper, electronic or phone invitations? So many options, and yet so few result in RSVPs.

The paper invite makes an impression, but it's more work for you. It also may suggest an unintended formality or level of fuss for your party.

On the other end of the spectrum is the phone or text invite. That may be a little too casual and easy to lose track of, especially if you're sending them several weeks out.

Electronic invitations — Evite, email, Paperless Post, Facebook and other sites — have become the default for many people, and may yield the most responses in our no-RSVP culture simply because responding requires just one click.

FOOD AND DÉCOR: Food that's good at room temperature is easiest on the host, though it limits the menu.

See what prepared foods your supermarket is offering before you splurge at specialty stores; you might be surprised by the selection and quality of cold party platters and easy-to-bake frozen hors d'oeuvres. Safeway's Lilly says it's easy to dress up frozen puffs with fresh herbs, fruit slivers, a drizzle of balsamic cream or shaved parmesan. "The trick," she said, "is to elevate them."

And remember that variety is a virtue. I used to offer pasta salad as a side dish for potato pancakes until someone pointed out that it was just too many carbs. Fruit platters with berries, toothpicked pineapple chunks and melon balls, on the other hand, proved much more popular, as did chicken wings.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: Some folks will come early; some will stay late. Minimize stress by having everything ready a half-hour before your start time, and deputize someone else to answer the door and take coats.

Set the tone by listing a clear start and end time on the invitation. Open house is nice and informal, but it also means some folks will drop by just when you were hoping everyone would leave.

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Sports



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Midland Christian defensive lineman Payton Ray sacks Grapevine Faith quarterback Jared Pruett earlier this season. Ray and the Mustangs will travel to Aledo on Saturday to take on Tyler Grace Community at 2 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium in a TAPPS Division II state semifinal.

Mustangs relaxed but focused as semifinals approach

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Midland Christian vs. Tyler Grace Community

- When: 2 p.m. Saturday
- Where: Bearcat Stadium, Aledo
- Web: www.midlandchristian-school.org & twitter.com/mwtsports

The Midland Christian football team has won 10 straight games and is in the second half of what they hope is a run to a TAPPS Division II state championship.

And this is usually the time of year when coach Greg McClendon and his staff have to remind teams about the grind they are going through is something good, but tough. This season, though, McClendon said he hasn't had to do that.

When he sees this year's Mustangs on the practice field and on game day, he sees a team that is confident and ready to play no matter the day, and paying little attention to what the date is on the calendar.

"I usually tell them, 'We've been at it a long time, and we are bearing down and finishing a playoff run,'" McClendon said Tuesday. "I usually talk to them about the grind, but I haven't talked to them this year because I don't see a grind in them. I see a bunch of guys that are glad to be coming to practice everyday."

McClendon added that the best sign he has seen is that the team is taking it upon themselves to schedule functions over Thanksgiving to work to stay focused on Saturday's TAPPS Division II state semifinal against Tyler Grace Community.

Yes, the practice times will change, including a traditional 8 a.m. practice scheduled for today, but McClendon said the squad has worked hard to maintain a steady routine.

"I see some determination, and they know other teams have gotten to this next round, but they also know that if we take care of business and get to the next round we are 4-0," McClendon said. "When it comes to the Thanksgiving holidays, you've got days off from school and you can very easily lose focus. But those guys on their own are already out things they are going to do together to maintain team focus."

UP NEXT, TYLER GRACE: McClendon said that Tyler Grace is one of the better teams the Mustangs have faced this season, adding that they are more than just a powerful offense. The Cougars are averaging

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The Last Hurrah

Aggies, Longhorns set for what could be final game in series for a long time





TOP PHOTO: Texas A&M players celebrate after last week's 61-7 win against Kansas at Kyle field.

LEFT PHOTO: Texas running back Malcolm Brown celebratse after scoring a touchdown against Oklahoma State earlier this season.

Top Photo: Houston Chronicle File Photo
Left photo: San Antonio Express-News File Photo

Texas at Texas A&M

- When: 7 p.m. today
- Where: Kyle Field, College Station
- TV: ESPN

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — The winner of Texas and Texas A&M's annual game usually gets a year of bragging rights in this football-crazy state.

The victor of tonight's showdown will get to boast about this one for a lot longer than that.

It is Texas A&M's last Big 12 game before the Aggies move to the Southeastern Conference next season. They hoped to continue the rivalry, which began in 1894, but the Longhorns have said their schedule is full through 2018.

The possibility that this could be the last meeting between these rivals has taken this already heated matchup to another level.

Texas coach Mack Brown talked to his players about the shot to go out on top.

"You should enjoy this because this could the last time that Texas ever plays Texas A&M," Brown said he told them. "If that happens, you've got something to talk to your kids about, your grandkids about, you'll be part of history. I also told them ... you'd like for it to be a good memory."

The Longhorns got Brown's point loud and clear.

"This game will be remembered. The score will be remembered, just because it is the last one in a long series," Texas safety Blake Gideon said.

Texas A&M defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter and coach Mike Sherman conveyed a similar message to the Aggies.

"This game's never just another game," DeRuyter said. "The fact that it's the last one for a long time has coach Sherman and I have (saying): 'It's the one you're going to remember for years, 15 or 20 years down the road you'll be talking about it. It's your chance to affect that."

There's never been any love lost between the state's two largest universities separated by little more than 100 miles. They pride themselves on their differences. But the circumstances surrounding the end of the rivalry have caused even more animosity.

After all those years, all the storied games and players, the end came in a hurry. Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin said in

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Aggies, 'Horns with Midland connections saddened by final game

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Before the 12th man, Bevo, the bonfire, Big Bertha, Gig 'Em and Hook 'Em, there was the Lone Star Showdown. Well before it was even called the Lone Star Showdown, the Texas A&M-Texas rivalry was taking center stage in the Lone Star State.

It's a tradition that trumps all other traditions for both programs. Since 1894, the Aggies and Longhorns have played each other 117 times. In the 116 years since this rivalry began, there are only six seasons when the two teams didn't play and the Aggies and Longhorns have met every season since 1915.



Brockman



McCoy

But that streak comes to an end next season. On Sept. 25, A&M was formally accepted into the Southeastern Conference, ending a 15-year affiliation with the Big 12 Conference. However, one of the casualties of the Aggies' move to the SEC is their yearly Thanksgiving matchup with in-state rival Texas.

"I hate seeing it end," said Lee Brockman, who is the defensive coordinator at Greenwood and played linebacker for the Longhorns from 1985-1988. "To me, it's a part of the Texas culture. The people in Texas take some pride in having a game that is so meaningful in their state. It's kind of indicative of who we are as Texans."

Turkey, dressing and football. It's a Thanksgiving tradition for so many in the nation. But in Texas, the football part of the tradition consists of the Dallas Cowboys in

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Cowboys assistant draws Romo-Rodgers comparison

Tom Osborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — Gone are the protective vest and pain-killing injections. His nights again are spent sleeping in a bed, not a chair.

With his broken rib and punctured lung healed, Tony Romo is himself again. That was apparent last week against Washington when he slid around the pocket like a water moccasin in the Guadalupe.

Commentary

For most right-handed quarterbacks, throwing on the move while rolling left is fraught with peril. But in Sunday's 27-24 overtime win over Washington, Romo made it look easy, hitting Jason Witten for a 59-yard touchdown in regulation and Dez Bryant for a 26-yard gain that set up the winning field goal.

Cowboys receivers coach Jimmy Robinson watched it all with a distinct sense of déjà vu. He was with Green Bay last season when Aaron Rodgers proved to be the best in the NFL at throwing on the run, leading the Packers to a title in the process.

"Tony certainly has a lot of the same qualities Aaron had (last season)," Robinson said Wednesday. "You can make a favorable comparison without a doubt.

"More than anything, there's the intelligence factor of seeing what's happening around them, having a great ability to move around and make some throws on the run. Tony does that really, really well. Aaron certainly does it well."

Tony Sparano didn't make a Romo-Rodgers comparison when he spoke with the Dallas media on Tuesday, but the Dolphins coach knows his defense will face an escape artist of the highest order today.

"The trait this guy has is tremendous, tremendous awareness," said Sparano, a Dallas

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Miami Dolphins at Dallas Cowboyws

- When: 3:15 p.m. today
- Where: Cowboys Stadium, Arlington
- TV: CBS
- Radio: KNFM, 92.3 FM

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REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

WEEK 14
NOV. 24-28


Oscar Lafoy
Last week: 17-0
Season: 239-66
Pct.: .738


Jonathan Hull
Last week: 20-0
Season: 239-66
Pct.: .738


Jordan Mason
Last week: 17-0
Season: 233-72
Pct.: .717


Lan Hayward
Last week: 16-9
Season: 230-85
Pct.: .708


Terry Williamson
Last week: 17-0
Season: 230-85
Pct.: .708


Travis Metcalf
Last week: 14-11
Season: 228-96
Pct.: .705


Guest Picker
Chris Jaso
Trinity School Football and Golf Coach

HIGH SCHOOL						
Midland Christian vs. Tyler Grace Community	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian
Seminole vs. Alvarado	Alvarado	Alvarado	Alvarado	Alvarado	Alvarado	Seminole
Shallowater vs. Snyder	Snyder	Snyder	Snyder	Snyder	Snyder	Snyder
Monahans vs. Brownwood	Monahans	Monahans	Monahans	Brownwood	Monahans	Monahans
Canyon Randall vs. Aledo	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo
Abilene High vs. Mansfield	Mansfield	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High
Abilene Cooper vs. Mansfield Timberview	Mans. Timberview	Mans. Timberview	Mans. Timberview	Mans. Timberview	Mans. Timberview	Abilene Cooper
Class vs. Idalou	Idalou	Idalou	Idalou	Idalou	Idalou	Idalou
Borden County vs. Ira	Ira	Ira	Ira	Ira	Borden County	Ira
Sterling City vs. Grandalls-Royalty	Sterling City	Sterling City	Sterling City	Sterling City	Sterling City	Sterling City
COLLEGE						
Texas at Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
Texas Tech vs. Baylor	Texas Tech	Baylor	Baylor	Texas Tech	Baylor	Baylor
Iowa State at Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Missouri vs. Kansas	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
UTEP vs. Central Florida	Central Florida	Central Florida	UTEP	Central Florida	Central Florida	Central Florida
Houston at Tulsa	Tulsa	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Arkansas at LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
Alabama at Auburn	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Notre Dame at Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford
Penn State at Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Penn State	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
Mary Hardin-Baylor vs. McMurry	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Mary Hardin-Baylor	McMurry	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Mary Hardin-Baylor
PRO						
Miami at Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Miami	Dallas
Houston at Jacksonville	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Green Bay at Detroit	Green Bay	Detroit	Detroit	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
San Francisco at Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	Baltimore

Last week's guest picker KOSA News Anchor Jay Hendricks was 15-10. This year's guest pickers are 228-132 (.633).

TODAY'S NFL GAMES

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREEN BAY (10-0) AT DETROIT (7-3)
11:30 a.m., Fox

OPENING LINE — Packers by 6 1-2

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Green Bay 7-3; Detroit 6-3-1

SERIES RECORD — Packers lead 91-65-7

LAST MEETING — Lions beat Packers 7-3, Dec. 12, 2010

LAST WEEK: Packers beat Buccaneers 35-26; Lions beat Panthers 49-35

PACKERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (4), RUSH (21), PASS (3)

PACKERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (30), RUSH (12), PASS (31)

LIONS OFFENSE — OVERALL (11), RUSH (22), PASS (8)

LIONS DEFENSE — OVERALL (9), RUSH (27), PASS (5)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Detroit beat Green Bay last year at Ford Field after knocking Aaron Rodgers out of the game with a concussion, starting a nine-game winning streak that ended after a 5-0 start this season. ... In their 72nd Thanksgiving game, the Lions are playing the Packers for the 20th time. ... Detroit has lost a franchise-record seven straight in its annual showcase — by an average of almost 23 points a game. ... The defending Super Bowl champion Packers have won a franchise-record 16 straight games, including the postseason, since losing to New England on Dec. 19, 2010. ... Rodgers is the first NFL player to have a 100-plus QB rating in 10 straight games in a season. ... Lions QB Matthew Stafford matched a career high with five TD passes in last week's comeback win over Carolina and is the only player in the Super Bowl era to throw that many TD passes twice in his first 23 games.

MIAMI (3-7) AT DALLAS (6-4)
3:15 p.m., CBS

OPENING LINE — Dallas by 7

2011 RECORD VS. SPREAD — Miami 5-5, Dallas 4-5-1

SERIES RECORD — Dolphins lead 7-5

LAST MEETING — Cowboys beat Dolphins 37-20, Sept. 16, 2007

LAST WEEK — Dolphins beat Bills 38-5; Cowboys beat Redskins 27-24, OT

DOLPHINS OFFENSE — OVERALL (23), RUSH (15), PASS (25)

DOLPHINS DEFENSE — OVERALL (16), RUSH (7), PASS (25)

COWBOYS OFFENSE — OVERALL (6), RUSH (10), PASS (6)

COWBOYS DEFENSE — OVERALL (10), RUSH (11), PASS (13)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Dolphins and Cowboys both have won three consecutive games. Miami is only the third NFL team to win three in a row after starting a season 0-7. ... Before becoming Miami's head coach, Tony Sparano was on the Cowboys' staff from 2003-07. ... Prior to going to Dallas in 2007 to be on that staff and later replacing Wade Phillips as head coach, Jason Garrett was the Dolphins quarterbacks coach from 2005-06 after having been a backup player there. ... Miami is 3-1 against the Cowboys on Thanksgiving Day. The Dolphins won 40-21 in 2003 in their last holiday matchup. ... Cowboys are 27-15-1 on Thanksgiving Day, the Dolphins 3-3. ... Dallas is 85-66 vs. AFC teams. That .563 winning percentage is the best among NFC teams. The Cowboys need one more win to match San Francisco for the most wins by an NFC team against the AFC. ... Cowboys QB Tony Romo is 18-2 in November games. ... The 14 sacks by LB DeMarcus Ware lead the NFL. ... Rookie K Dan Bailey has made 24 consecutive field goals, three from matching the team record. He has two overtime winners.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (9-1) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (7-3)
7:20 P.M., NFL NETWORK

OPENING LINE — Ravens by 3 1/2

RECORD VS. SPREAD — San Francisco 8-0-1; Baltimore 5-4

SERIES RECORD — Ravens lead 2-1

LAST MEETING — Ravens beat 49ers 9-7, Oct. 7, 2007

LAST WEEK — 49ers beat Cardinals 23-7; Ravens beat Bengals 31-24

49ERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (20), RUSH (6), PASS (27)

49ERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (8), RUSH (1), PASS (23)

RAVENS OFFENSE — OVERALL (15), RUSH (23T), PASS (12)

RAVENS DEFENSE — OVERALL (4), RUSH (5), PASS (7)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — First game in NFL history that two brothers face each other as head coaches. John Harbaugh is in his fourth year with Baltimore, and younger brother Jim Harbaugh is enjoying an outstanding rookie season with the 49ers. ... Jim Harbaugh played QB for Ravens in 1998. ... San Francisco leads NFL with fewest points allowed per game, and Baltimore ranks third. ... It's the fourth Thanksgiving game in 49ers history, the first since 1972. Ravens have never played in one. ... San Francisco's seeking first nine-game winning streak since 1997 and looking to go 5-0 on road for first time since 1990. ... 49ers RB Frank Gore needs 61 yards to pass Joe Perry (7,344) as leading rusher in franchise history.

Texans place Schaub on IR, sign Clemens

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texans quarterback Matt Schaub was placed on injured reserve Wednesday, ending his season, and the team signed quarterback Kellen Clemens.

Schaub hurt his right foot in Houston's win over Tampa Bay on Nov. 13. He met with several doctors, including a specialist in Charlotte, who determined he'll need season-ending surgery on the Lisfranc injury.

"We held out hope and he went down there and he met with the doctor this morning very early," coach Gary Kubiak said. "I hurt for him, because he was having a Pro Bowl season. But he will be back and he will play at a high level for a very long time."

Matt Leinart will start for Houston (7-3) at Jacksonville (3-7) on Sunday. Clemens becomes the backup and rookie T.J. Yates, a fifth-round pick, is No. 3 on the depth chart.

Looking to reach the playoffs for the first time in franchise history, the Texans have a two-game lead in the AFC South with six to play.

Clemens tried out for the Texans on Monday, along with Jeff Garcia, Trent Edwards, Brodie Croyle and Chase Clement.

Clemens had an edge because he was in training camp with Washington and coach Mike Shanahan, Kubiak's former mentor.

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assistant coach from 2003-2007. "As a line coach there, I always appreciated that. I always thought he had eyes in the back of his head. This guy can sense things and feel things and get the ball out and find the open guy, and that stuff can kill you if you're a visiting coach."

Even though Miami is flying high after winning three straight following an 0-7 start, Sparano probably didn't sleep well last night knowing Romo is 4-0 on Thanksgiving Day, with 12 TDs and only two interceptions.

Romo first played on the holiday in 2006, when Sparano was Dallas' playcaller. He stood on the sideline that day, watching Romo toss a career-high five TDs in a rout of Tampa Bay.

"Tony was a special player when I was there," Sparano said, "and he's a special player right now."

Statistics support Sparano's assessment. Since his three-interception meltdown against Detroit, Romo has been intercepted only twice while throwing 194 passes over his last six games.

During that same span, he's tossed 12 TDs. Over the Cowboys' three-game winning streak, Romo is 65 for 94 for 841 yards with eight TDs, no interceptions and a 125.4 passer rating.

What makes those numbers even more impressive is that he's been outstanding at protecting the ball even while scrambling.

"Sometimes," Jason Garrett said, "guys focus on taking care of the football so much they go into a shell and don't make any plays."

Rodgers doesn't do that. And neither does Romo.

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just over 42 point and nearly 500 yards of offense a game this season, but McClendon said Tyler Grace's defense has played well the last few weeks in the playoffs.

"A lot has been said about their offense, but what I see is a team playing their best football right now," McClendon said. "On defense we will face a front eight or a front nine, and they can gang it up in there and try to strop the run. But you still have some really good athletes back in their secondary in coverage."

STATE GAME: If the Mustangs win this week they will take on either Tomball Concordia or San Antonio Christian in the TAPPS Division II State Championship game. The game is scheduled for noon, Dec. 3 at Kileen's Leo Buckley Stadium.

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Rangers offer LHP Wilson salary arbitration

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers have offered salary arbitration to C.J. Wilson, guaranteeing them two extra draft picks next year if the free agent left-hander signs with another team.

Wilson was ranked a Type A free agent after going 16-7 with a 2.94 ERA last season. He has until Dec. 7 to accept the offer. The Rangers added free agent closer Joe Nathan this week and said they planned to move closer Neftali Feliz to the rotation.

The Rangers said Wednesday the new labor deal also allows them to receive compensation for Type A free agent left-hander Darren Oliver without having to offer him arbitration.

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STATEWIDE H.S. FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

SA Reagan (11-1) vs. Abilene Memorial (10-0), 3 p.m. Saturday, McAllen

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Arlington Seguin (9-3) vs. Southlake Carroll (12-0), 5 p.m. Saturday, Bedford's Pennington Field

Arlington Martin (11-1) vs. Dallas Sixby (12-0), noon Saturday, Bedford's Pennington Field
Region II
Regional
Dallas Skyline (13-0) vs. Klein Oak (9-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

Mansfield (7-5) vs. The Woodlands (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium
Region III
Regional
Cypress Fairbanks (12-0) vs. Fort Bend Hightower (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Tully Stadium

Houston Lamar (10-2) vs. Pearland (12-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Delmar Field, ISD Stadium
Region IV
Regional
SA Warren (11-1) vs. Harlingen (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Corpus Christi's Buccaneer Stadium

SA Madison (8-4) vs. Laredo United (9-3), 6 p.m. Friday, Corpus Christi's Buccaneer Stadium

CLASS 5A
DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Abilene (9-3) vs. Mansfield (11-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Abilene Cooper (9-3) vs. Mansfield Timberview (10-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Region II
Regional
Longview (11-1) vs. Spring Lekaney (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Constance Gartland Rosebud (8-4) vs. Spring Westfield (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Georgetown
Region III
Regional
Katy (12-0) vs. La Porte (11-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Tully Stadium

Houston Memorial (8-3) vs. Port Arthur Memorial (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Humble's Turner Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Cibolo Steele (12-0) vs. Laredo Alexander (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Laredo's Student Activity Complex

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Sandoval (11-1) vs. Alvarado (10-4), 6:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Foster Field

Celina (11-1) vs. Hondo (10-0), 6 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Marble Falls

Van Vleck Hitt (12-0) vs. Navasota (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Floyd Casey Stadium, La Vernia (7-5) vs. West Columbia (12-0), 6 p.m. Friday, Cypress Creek Complex
CLASS 3A
DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Shallowater (10-2) vs. Snyder (11-1), 2 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Communications Stadium

Monahans (10-0) vs. Brownwood (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Snyder
Region II
Regional
Angleton (11-1) vs. Carthage (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Angleton's Heroman Stadium

Van Alstyne (9-3) vs. Gilmer (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Forney
Region III
Regional
Bullard (9-4) vs. West Orange-Stark (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium

Lorena (7-5) vs. Coldspring-Oakhurst (12-0), 6 p.m. Friday, Brenham
Region IV
Regional
Devine (12-0) vs. Wharton (6-6), 6 p.m. Saturday, Sinton

Wimberley (12-0) vs. Sweeny (8-4), 2 p.m. Friday, Victoria

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Muleshoe (10-1) vs. Markel (9-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth

Eastland (11-0) vs. Wall (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wylie HS
Region II
Regional
New Boston (10-2) vs. Melissa (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Paris

Daingerfield (9-3) vs. Redwater (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hallsville
Region III
Regional
Big Sandy Harmony (9-3) vs. Crockett (10-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Nacogdoches' Bryce Stadium

East Chambers (9-3) vs. Tatum (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin
Region IV
Regional
Lago Vista (10-1) vs. Blanco (7-6), 7 p.m. Saturday, Austin's Houze Park

Rankin (11-0) vs. Hallettsville (7-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Giddings
CLASS 1A
DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Abernathy (10-1) vs. Holliday (9-2), 3 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

Cisco (11-0) vs. Idalou (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Colorado City
Region II
Regional
Gunter (9-2) vs. Lone Oak (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Royse City

Corsicana Mildred (11-0) vs. Hughes Springs (8-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Van
Region III
Regional
Arp (9-4) vs. Corrigan-Camden (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buffalo

Franklin (10-2) vs. Lexington (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday, A&M Consolidated HS
Region IV
Regional
Sonora (13-0) vs. East Bernard (10-1), noon Saturday, Alamodome

Poth (11-0) vs. Refugio (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria

CLASS A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Seymour (9-3) vs. Sundown (11-0), 1 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wylie HS

Albany (11-0) vs. Stamford (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Region II
Regional
Mukeator (11-0) vs. Lindsay (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denton's Collins Complex

Celina (11-1) vs. Mart (9-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Whitehouse
Region III
Regional
Price Carlisle (11-0) vs. Lovelady (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Athens

Garrison (10-1) vs. Big Sandy (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Tyler's Rose Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Mason (11-0) vs. Bandera (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, New Braunfels Canyon

Skidmore (7-5) vs. Winters (9-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, Mathis Field
CLASS A
DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Roscoe (8-7) vs. Stanton Early (8-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Ballinger's Bobby Wilson Field

Morton (7-3) vs. Wellington (11-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kingsbury Stadium
Region II
Regional
Munday (10-2) vs. Crosbyton (9-3), 1 p.m. Friday, Colorado City

Bronte (10-1) vs. Windthorst (9-1), 1 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Region III
Regional
Mount Enterprise (10-1) vs. Chilton (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Teague

Hubbard (12-0) vs. Tenaha (10-0), 1 p.m. Friday, Tyler's Rose Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Grainger (10-1) vs. Burton (10-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Elgin

Brum (7-4) vs. Falls City (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, CC Calallen
SIX-MAN
DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Turkey Valley (11-1) vs. Meadow (9-3), 4 p.m. Friday, Plainview

Borden County (11-1) vs. Iraan (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Colorado City

Throckmorton (11-0) vs. Knox City (7-5), 5 p.m. Friday, Graham

Lometa (8-3) vs. Abbott (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hico
SIX-MAN
DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Amherst (11-1) vs. Matador Motley County (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview

Sterling City (10-2) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (11-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Ranger

Bryson (7-5) vs. Newcastle (11-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Graham

Richland Springs (12-0) vs. Calvert (7-4) 4 p.m. Friday, Hico

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Texas at Texas A&M, 7 p.m., ESPN

GOLF
European PGA Tour, South African Open, first round, (same-day tape), 8 a.m., TGC

Australian PGA Championship, first round, (same-day tape), 11 a.m., TGC

Mission Hills World Cup, second round, 9:30 a.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Old Spice Classic, first round, Texas Tech vs. Indiana St., 11 a.m., ESPN2

Old Spice Classic, first round, Minnesota vs. DePaul, 1 p.m., ESPN2

Battle 4 Atlantis, first round, UCF vs. Coll. of Charleston and UNC Asheville vs. Harvard, 1 p.m.,Versus

76 Classic, first round, Villanova vs. UC Riverside, 3:30 p.m.,ESPN2

Old Spice Classic, first round, Dayton vs. Wake Forest, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Old Spice Classic, first round, Arizona St. vs. Fairfield, 8 p.m., ESPN2

76 Classic, first round, Oklahoma vs. Washington St., 10:30 p.m.,ESPN2

NFL
Green Bay at Detroit, 11:30 a.m., Fox

Miami at Dallas, 3 p.m., CBS

San Francisco at Baltimore, 7 p.m., NFL Network

What's on Radio

NFL
Miami at Dallas, 2:30 p.m., KNFM, 92.3 FM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with OF Shelly Starmore on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with assistant general manager Matt Klentak on a multiyear contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with C Ryan Doumit on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed C Brian Jeroloman off waivers from Pittsburgh.

National League
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with OF Brandon Boggs, RHP Kyle Collelid, RHP Jose Diaz, C Jake Fox, RHP Shairon Martis and INF Stefian Welch on minor league contracts.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed LB Bruce Davis to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Waived S Rosey Ventrone. Signed OL Josh Victorian to the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Fined Los Angeles D Drew Doughty $2,500 for cross-checking St. Louis F T.J. Oshie into the boards during Tuesday's game.

American Hockey League
BINGHAMTON SENATORS — Assigned G Brian Stewart to Elmira (ECHL).

PROVIDENCE BRUINS — Signed F Adam Pineau to a professional tryout agreement.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION — Waived F Alan Koger, D Otto Loewy and M Andrew Souza.

PHILADELPHIA UNION — Waived G Thorne Holder and D Justin Diego Gonzalez.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Waived D Scott Lorenz, M Jeterson, M Milos Stojcev and M Craig Rocastle.

Major Indoor Soccer League
BALTIMORE BLAST — Signed F Shaun David.

COLLEGE
CAMPBELL — Named Phil Schuman women's lacrosse coach.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	3	0	.700	293	203
N.Y. Jets	5	5	0	.500	228	217
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	237	253
Miami	3	7	0	.300	193	186
South						
Houston	7	3	0	.700	273	186
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	203	195
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	128	180
Indianapolis	0	10	0	.000	131	300
North						
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	256	176
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	220	170
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	236	195
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	146	193
West						
Oakland	6	4	0	.600	235	254
Denver	5	5	0	.500	205	247
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	236	259
Kansas City	4	6	0	.400	144	252

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	4	0	.636	264	216
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	228	228
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	237	213
Washington	3	7	0	.300	213	268
South						
New Orleans	7	3	0	.700	313	228
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	235	213
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	182	288
Carolina	2	8	0	.200	188	264
North						
Green Bay	10	0	0	1.000	356	212
Detroit	7	3	0	.700	301	219
Chicago	7	3	0	.700	258	207
Minnesota	2	8	0	.200	200	271
West						
San Francisco	9	1	0	.900	256	145
Seattle	4	6	0	.400	168	209
Arizona	4	7	0	.300	192	239
St. Louis	2	8	0	.200	120	247

Today's Games
Green Bay at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Miami at Dallas, 3:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Baltimore, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Arizona at St. Louis, Noon
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, Noon
Cleveland at Cincinnati, Noon
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, Noon
Houston at Jacksonville, Noon
Carolina at Washington, Noon
Minnesota at Atlanta, Noon
Chicago at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 3:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Games
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	21	12	8	3	27	65	50
Philadelphia	20	11	8	3	25	73	62
N.Y. Rangers	17	10	4	3	23	47	38
New Jersey	19	10	9	1	21	52	54
N.Y. Islanders	18	5	10	3	13	35	61
Northeast Division							
Toronto	22	12	8	2	26	70	69
Boston	19	12	7	0	24	65	39
Buffalo	20	12	8	0	24	58	51
Ottawa	21	10	9	2	22	62	74
Montreal	21	9	9	3	21	53	50
Southeast Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	20	11	6	3	25	60	52
Washington	19	11	7	1	23	62	59
Tampa Bay	20	10	8	2	22	59	59
Winnipeg	20	8	9	3	19	58	65
Carolina	22	11	9	2	24	59	72
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	20	14	5	1	29	71	47
Nashville	20	11	6	3	25	55	54
Detroit	19	11	7	1	23	53	43
St. Louis	20	10	8	2	22	54	50
Columbus	20	5	13	2	12	47	70
Northwest Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	20	12	5	3	27	47	40
Edmonton	21	11	8	2	24	57	51
Vancouver	20	10	8	2	22	54	49
Colorado	21	9	11	1	19	56	65
Calgary	19	8	10	1	17	42	51
Pacific Division							
San Jose	19	12	5	1	25	57	43
Los Angeles	21	11	7	3	25	54	49
Dallas	20	12	8	0	24	53	50
Phoenix	19	10	6	3	23	54	48
Anaheim	20	10	8	2	22	54	49

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's Scores
Boston at Buffalo, late
Edmonton at Ottawa, late
Montreal at Pittsburgh, late
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, late
Winnipeg at Columbus, late
Montreal at Carolina, late
Calgary at Dallas, late
N.Y. Rangers at Phoenix, late
Los Angeles at Minnesota, late
San Jose at Anaheim, late
Vancouver at Colorado, late
Chicago at San Jose, late

Today's Games
No games scheduled

Ski Report

ROCKIES
Red River — Plan to Open 11/23
Sipapu — Wed: 7:00 am packed powder machine groomed 10-20 base 0 of 41 trails, 13% open 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Ski Apache — Plan to Open 11/24 Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p
Ski Cloudcroft — Plan to Open 11/24 Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Enchanted Forest XC — Wed: No Report
Information packed powder machine groomed 10-20 base 0 of 18 trails, 0% open Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Wed: 5/62 on 2 new packed powder w/ 20-22 base 8 of 103 trails, 14% open, 119 acres, 3 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Aspen Highlands — Plan to Open 12/10
Aspen Mountain — Plan to Open 12/10
Beaver Creek — Plan to Open 11/23
Breckenridge — Wed: 7/17 cm 3 new packed powder 22-28 base 12 of 155 trails, 8% open, 214 acres, 5 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Buttermilk — Plan to Open 12/10
Copper Mountain — Wed: 5/18 cm 2 new packed powder groomed 21-27 base 0 of 130 trails, 6% open, 154 acres, 5 of 22 lifts, 4 open Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Crested Butte — Plan to Open 11/23
Echo Mountain — Plan to Open 11/26
Eldora Mountain — Wed: 6/12 cm 1 new packed powder groomed 10-20 base 0 of 53 trails, 30% open 16 acres, 0 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Keystone — Wed: 7/17 cm 4 new packed powder groomed 20-22 base 0 of 135 trails, 9% open, 180 acres, 5 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p
Loveland — Wed: 7/18 cm 3 new packed powder 24-34 base 11 of 80 trails, 13% open, 169 acres, 4 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

NJCAA

Men's Division I Basketball Poll
Wednesday
First-place votes in parentheses

School	Record	Pts
1. Monroe College N.Y. (19)	8-0	314
2. Coffeyville CC	8-0	295
3. NW Florida State Coll (1)	6-0	264
4. Indian Hills CC	8-0	260
5. Palm Beach St College	7-0	254
6. South Plains College	7-0	243
7. Vincennes University Ind	9-0	189
8. E Oklahoma State College	7-0	171
9. Midland College	5-1	153
10. Salt Lake CC	5-0	155
11. Coll. of Southern Idaho	8-1	138
12. Howard College	7-1	122
13. Hutchinson CC	7-0	118
14. Utah St.-Coll of E Utah	8-0	82
15. Lamar St Coll-Port Arthur	7-1	81
16. Barton CC	9-0	59
17. San Jacinto College	7-1	51
18. Seward County CC	6-0	44
19. Connors St Coll	7-1	41
20. Shelton State CC	5-0	29

NJCAA Women's Division I Basketball Poll
Wednesday
First-place votes in parentheses

School	Record	Pts
1. Trinity Valley CC (8)	8-0	160
2. Gulf Coast St College, Fla.	8-0	152
3. Hutchinson CC	6-0	144
4. NW Florida State College	8-0	133
5. Tyler Junior College	7-0	122
6. Cowper College, Miss.	7-0	117
7. Central Arizona College	6-1	109
8. Indian Hills CC	6-0	92
9. Independence CC	6-0	91
10. Seward County CC	7-0	76
11. Shelton State CC	5-0	68
12. Pensacola St College	5-1	61
13. N Okla College-Enid	5-1	57
14. Jefferson College, Mo.	5-0	51
15. Chipola College, Fla.	6-2	48
16. State Fair CC	4-1	41
17. Weatherford College	6-0	31
18. Snow College, Utah	3-2	23
19. Middle Georgia College	3-2	20
20. Gulf-Lincoln CC	3-2	9

Men

TODAY'S GAMES
TOURNAMENTS
Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout
At Anchorage, Alaska
First Round
Cent.Michigan vs. Hartford St., 8:30p.m.
UC Irvine vs. Southern Miss., 11:30 p.m.
76 Classic
At Anaheim, Calif.
First Round
Boston College vs. Saint Louis, 1 p.m.
Villanova vs. UC Riverside, 3:30 p.m.
New Mexico vs. Santa Clara, 5 p.m.
Oklahoma vs. Washington St., 10:30 p.m.
Battle 4 Atlantis
At Atlantis, Bahamas
First Round
UCF vs. Coll. of Charleston, Noon
Florida St. vs. Mississippi St., 2:30 p.m.
Connecticut vs. UNC Asheville, 5 p.m.
Utah vs. Harvard, 7:30 p.m.
Old Spice Classic
At Orlando, Fla.
First Round
Texas Tech vs. Indiana St., 11 a.m.
Minnesota vs. DePaul, 1 p.m.
Arizona St. vs. Fairfield, 8 p.m.
Dayton vs. Wake Forest, 8 p.m.
Fairfield vs. Arizona St., 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Florida A&M vs. Southern U. at South Padre Island (Texas) Convention Center, Noon
N. Colorado at W. Carolina at South Padre Island (Texas) Convention Center, 2 p.m.
Providence at Iowa St. at South Padre Island (Texas) Convention Center, 5:30 p.m.
EAST
James Madison vs. Rider at the Palestra, 1 p.m.
Mt. William St. vs. Morehead St. at Sojka Pavilion, Lewisburg, Pa., 2:30 p.m.
Navy at Albany (NY), 3 p.m.
Cleveland St. vs. Bucknell at Thomas M. Pyon Center, Kingston, R.I., 3:30 p.m.
Robert Morris vs. La Salle at the Palestra, 3:30 p.m.
Hofstra at Rhode Island, 4 p.m.
Princeton at Bucknell, 5 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Penn, 6 p.m.
SOUTH
Texas-Pan American at SC-Upstate, 2 p.m.
Miami at Mississippi, 3 p.m.
San Diego vs. New Orleans at Pogeiman Arena, New Orleans, 4:30 p.m.
Savannah St. at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
Furman at Clemson, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at Florida, 6 p.m.
Ohio at Louisville, 6 p.m.
Florida Gulf Coast at Maryland, 6 p.m.
Boston College at N.C. A&T, 6 p.m.
Elon at NC State, 6 p.m.
Jackson St. at North Florida, 6 p.m.
Green Bay at Virginia, 6 p.m.
Nicholls St. at Auburn, 7 p.m.
UT-Martin at Mississippi St., 7 p.m.
Lamar at Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.
Alcorn St. at Tulane, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at Northwestern St., 7:45 p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m.
MIDWEST
Stony Brook at Northwestern, Noon
Longwood at Ball St., 1 p.m.
Serra at Serra Centre Arena, Hoffman Estates, Ill., Noon
Wofford vs. UMKC at Sears Centre Arena, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 5 p.m.
BYU vs. Nevada at Sears Centre Arena, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 5 p.m.
Valparaiso at Ohio St., 5:30 p.m.
Marshall at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Utah Valley at Oakland, 6 p.m.
Georgia at Xavier, 7 p.m.
Campbell at Creighton, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago St. at S. Illinois, 7:05 p.m.
UAB at Wichita St., 7:05 p.m.
Wisconsin vs. Bradley at Sears Centre Arena, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 7:30 p.m.
FAR WEST
Cal Poly vs. Morgan St. at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 1:30 p.m.
Tennessee St. vs. MVSU at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 4 p.m.
Mid.-Eastern Illinois vs. Louisiana Tech at the Anaheim Anthem, Laguna Hills, Calif., 5:30 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Washington, 6 p.m.
Southern Cal vs. UNLV at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 6:30 p.m.
Portland St. at Wyoming, 8 p.m.
South Carolina vs. North Carolina at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 8:30 p.m.
Pacific at Hawaii, 11:30 p.m.
TOURNAMENTS
Dick's Sporting Goods Int' Season Tipoff
At New York
Third Place, 1:30 p.m.
Championship, 7 p.m.
Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout
At Anchorage, Alaska
First Round
Murray St.-Alaska Anchorage winner vs. Dartmouth-San Francisco winner, 6:30 p.m.
Cent. Michigan-New Mexico St. winner vs. UC Irvine-Southern Miss. loser, 9:30 p.m.
Consolation Bracket
Murray St.-Alaska Anchorage loser vs. Dartmouth-San Francisco loser, 3 p.m.
Cent. Michigan-New Mexico St. loser vs. UC Irvine-Southern Miss. loser, 5 p.m.
76 Classic
At Anaheim, Calif.
Semifinals
Boston College-Saint Louis winner vs. Villanova-UC Riverside winner, 1:30 p.m.
New Mexico-Santa Clara winner vs. Oklahoma-Washington St. winner, 11 p.m.
Consolation Bracket
Boston College-Saint Louis loser vs. Villanova-UC Riverside loser, 4 p.m.
New Mexico-Santa Clara loser vs. Oklahoma-Washington St. loser, 8:30 p.m.
Old Spice Classic
At Orlando, Fla.
Semifinals
Texas Tech-Indiana St. winner vs. Minnesota-DePaul winner, 11 a.m.
Arizona St.-Fairfield winner vs. Dayton-Wake Forest winner vs. Fairfield-Arizona St. loser, 6:30 p.m.

Women

TODAY'S GAMES
TOURNAMENTS
Chattanooga vs. Idaho St. at Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico, 10:30 a.m.
Kansas St. vs. Hofstra at Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico, 10:30 a.m.
Marist vs. Drake at Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico, 5:30 p.m.
S. Dakota St. vs. Cincinnati at Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico, 8 p.m.
SOUTH
Alabama vs. Old Dominion at USVI Sports & Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Noon
Louisiana Tech vs. Seton Hall at USVI Sports & Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 2:15 p.m.
Green Bay vs. Illinois at Mario Morales Coliseum, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 4:30 p.m.
Michigan vs. Prairie View at USVI Sports & Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 4:45 p.m.
Marquette vs. Washington at USVI Sports & Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 7 p.m.
FAR WEST
Nicholls St. vs. UC Irvine at Matthew Knight Arena, Eugene, Ore., 3:30 p.m.
Weber St. at Oregon, 7 p.m.
TOURNAMENTS
Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout
At Anchorage, Alaska
Third Place, 5 p.m.
Championship, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Tulane vs. Idaho St. at Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico, 11 a.m.
Drake vs. Hofstra at Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico, 1:30 p.m.
Chattanooga vs. Cincinnati at Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico, 4 p.m.
McNeese St. vs. Texas-Pan American at Hofheinz Pavilion, Houston, 5 p.m.
Texas A&M-CC vs. Texas Southern at Sharp Gym, Houston, 5 p.m.
Detroit vs. Utah at the Connecticut Center, Hartford, Conn., 5:30 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas vs. Louisiana-Monroe at United Spirit Arena, Lafayette, La., 6 p.m.
Marist vs. S. Dakota St. at Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico, 6:30 p.m.
Northwestern St. vs. Texas-Pan American at Hofheinz Pavilion, Houston, 7 p.m.
Texas A&M at Texas, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY
EAST
Bowling Green at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
Kent St. at Temple, 11 a.m.
Pittsburgh at West Virginia, 6 p.m.
SOUTH
Louisville at South Florida, 10 a.m.
Arkansas at LSU, 1:30 p.m.
Boston College at Miami, 2:30 p.m.
UTEP at UCF, 6 p.m.
MIDWEST
E. Michigan at N. Illinois, 10 a.m.
Iowa at Nebraska, 11 a.m.
Akron at W. Michigan, Noon
Toledo at Ball St., 1 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
Houston at Tulsa, 11 a.m.
Rice at SMU, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Utah, 2:30 p.m.
California at Arizona St., 9:15 p.m.
SATURDAY
EAST
Cincinnati at Syracuse, 11 a.m.
Rutgers at UConn, 11 a.m.
SOUTH
Georgia at Georgia Tech, 11 a.m.
Tennessee at Kentucky, 11:20 a.m.
Maryland at NC State, 11:30 a.m.
Troy at W Kentucky, 11:30 a.m.
Grambling St. vs. Southern U. at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Alabama at Auburn, 2:30 p.m.
East Carolina at Marshall, 2:30 p.m.
FIU at Middle Tennessee, 2:30 p.m.
Duke at North Carolina, 2:30 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Virginia, 2:30 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Wake Forest, 2:30 p.m.
UAB at FAU, 3 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m.
Memphis at Southern Miss., 3 p.m.
Florida St. at Florida, 6 p.m.
Mississippi at Mississippi St., 6 p.m.
Clemson at South Carolina, 6:45 p.m.
MIDWEST
Ohio St. at Michigan, 11 a.m.
Michigan St. at Northwestern, 11 a.m.
Purdue at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
Missouri vs. Kansas at Kansas City, Mo., 2:30 p.m.
Illinois at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Penn St. at Wisconsin, 2:30 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
Utah St. at Oklahoma, 11 a.m.
Rice at SMU, 11 a.m.
Texas Tech vs. Baylor at Arlington, Texas, 6 p.m.
FAR WEST
Wyoming at Boise St., 1 p.m.
Nevada at Utah St., 1 p.m.
Oregon St. at Oregon, 2:30 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette at Arizona, 3 p.m.
Air Force at Colorado St., 5 p.m.
Texas at Texas A&M, 7 p.m.
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Vanderbilt at Wake Forest, 2:30 p.m.
UAB at FAU, 3 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m.
Memphis at Southern Miss., 3 p.m.
Florida St. at Florida, 6 p.m.
Mississippi at Mississippi St., 6 p.m.
Clemson at South Carolina, 6:45 p.m.
MIDWEST
Ohio St. at Michigan, 11 a.m.
Michigan St. at Northwestern, 11 a.m.
Purdue at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
Missouri vs. Kansas at Kansas City, Mo., 2:30 p.m.
Illinois at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Penn St. at Wisconsin, 2:30 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
Utah St. at Oklahoma, 11 a.m.
Rice at SMU, 11 a.m.
Texas Tech vs. Baylor at Arlington, Texas, 6 p.m.
FAR WEST
Wyoming at Boise St., 1 p.m.
Nevada at

TODAY'S GAME

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TEXAS (8-4, 3-4 BIG 12) AT TEXAS A&M (9-5, 4-4), 7 P.M. (ESPN)

LINE: Texas A&M by 8.

SERIES RECORD: Texas leads the series 75-37-5

WHAT'S AT STAKE: It could be the last game in a rivalry that began in 1894 with Texas A&M leaving for the Southeastern Conference after this season. Since neither team is ranked or in contention for the Big 12 title, about the only thing up for grabs is the chance to be remembered as the team that won the last game in the rivalry.

KEY MATCHUP: Texas A&M run defense vs. Texas running backs. The Aggies are allowing just more than 107 yards rushing a game. The Longhorns are running for almost 224 yards a game.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Texas: QB Case McCoy could start this week after David Ash had another multi-turnover game in last week's 17-13 loss to Kansas State. McCoy went 2-1 as a starter this season before being replaced by Ash after a loss to Oklahoma.

Texas A&M: RBs Ben Malena and Will Randolph. Malena and Randolph could figure big in this game if Cyrus Gray can't play. Gray, who has more than 1,000 yards rushing this season, is questionable with a stress fracture in his left shoulder. Malena has just 99 yards rushing in limited action, and Randolph made his college debut last week.

RIVALRY

From 1C

August that the Aggies were considering a departure from the Big 12 after months of barely disguised angst over Texas and its Longhorn Network as well as the future of the league. Loftin called it a "100-year decision" and said he had approached the SEC commissioner back in July.

From then on, it was just a matter of time before the Aggies left.

"We would love to see A&M in the conference," Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said then. "(But) if they feel they have to go, we wish them the very best."

Loftin has been outspoken about his desire to continue the rivalry with Texas.

"I think that Texas A&M-Texas can continue to be one of these great rivalries that captures the attention of fans from both the SEC and the Big 12, as well as of college football fans across the country," he said. "This game is truly bigger than the presidents, athletic directors and coaches of these two great universities, and I fully hope that we will meet again on the football field at some point in the future."

Brown, who is 9-4 against A&M, said he wasn't asked by his bosses whether the game should continue.

"I'm just a simple little football coach trying to win games," he said. "I don't get into the big stuff. That's regents and obviously much bigger than me ... realignment has been really emotional for everybody in college football. We've seen changes I never thought we'd see."

Though the game is always meaningful because of the rivalry, there isn't a lot riding on this year's matchup, with both teams mired in mediocre seasons. Neither team is ranked or in contention for the Big 12 title. Since both teams already have six wins the game won't be like last season when A&M's 24-17 win kept the Longhorns from qualifying for a bowl game.

Still, players from both teams know that fans are never OK with a loss in this game.

"If you lose to them, the whole town turns on you," Texas A&M defensive back Terrence Frederick said. "That's every year. We lost a few games this year, but people say: 'It doesn't matter as long as you beat Texas.'"

REACTION

From 1C

the afternoon and the Aggies playing the Longhorns that evening. But fans of the Lone Star Showdown better savor this year's version of the game.

With the Aggies departure from the Big 12, they don't appear on the Longhorns' schedule for the foreseeable future. Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds is on record saying the Longhorns have a full schedule until 2017 and doesn't plan on making room for the Aggies in that span.

It's a decision that's not sitting well with fans and alumni on both sides. Former Lee and Longhorns running back Cedric Benson is among those saddened by the end of the rivalry.

"It's unfortunate," said Benson, who is currently the starting running back for the Cincinnati Bengals. "It's a traditional game, a rivalry for a long time. During the time I was at Texas, it was all about beat OU and beat A&M. It was one of our biggest games. They hated us and we hated them."

Certainly Texas Tech and Baylor have their own rivalries with A&M that will also be ending as the Aggies move to the SEC, but when former Aggies and Longhorns are asked about their best memories playing for their respective program, it's the results of the Lone Star Showdown that stick with them.

Former Lee quarterback and Aggies tight end Jamie McCoy, who is currently on the Pittsburgh Steelers' practice squad, shares those sentiments.

"Getting to play on Thanksgiving, you knew everybody was watching," McCoy said. "It really showed who the best in Texas was."

Legends were often made based on the outcome of the A&M-UT game. For example, statistically Reggie McNeal should be considered one of the best quarterbacks to ever play for Texas A&M. But the Aggies were 0-4 against the Longhorns during his time with the program from 2002 to 2005.

However, McNeal's successor Stephen McGee posted similar statistics, but led the Aggies to back-to-back wins against the Longhorns in 2006 and 2007. Aggies will recall McGee much more fondly than McNeal as a result.

Brockman remembers the games he played for the Longhorns against A&M almost too well. Texas never defeated the Aggies during Brockman's four seasons at linebacker for the Longhorns. It's a fact that haunts him still today.

"On a personal note, those were never my best games," Brockman recalled. "That bothers me greatly. There are a few plays in particular that I could allow to keep me up at night if I choose to dwell on it too much."

Former Big Spring quarterback Ryan Tannehill finds himself in a situation no Aggie signal-caller has been in before. Tannehill will be behind center leading the Aggies against the Longhorns for what could be the final time. It's a setting Tannehill is obviously well aware of.

"It's exciting to play in this game under these circumstances," Tannehill said. "It's something only one team will experience. ... It's huge and we realize that and we're excited to play in this game. I think the rivalry should continue, but that's not really for me to decide. A lot of people get paid a lot of money to decide that, not me."

And it's money that's at the center of the entire breakup in the first place.

"There's a tradition dying, a positive tradition," Brockman said. "The cause of the death is not a positive thing. I hate how everything seems to have a price on it, including these traditions. Traditions are getting lost for the almighty dollar."

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MEMORABLE TEXAS-TEXAS A&M GAMES & PLAYERS

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Games

The Texas-Texas A&M rivalry has seen its share of great plays, bad teams, close calls and blowouts since the Longhorns won the first meeting 38-0 in 1894.

The annual conflict is set to end when the Longhorns and Aggies play Thanksgiving night in College Station, Texas. Texas A&M is leaving the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference next season and no future games with the Longhorns are scheduled.

So if it really is the end of the rivalry — there seems little doubt that it will take at least a long break — here's a look back at a handful of the greatest games in the rivalry's storied history:

1920

Texas 7-3

Makes the list not for the thrilling action but because it launched the rivalry into what it would become. The game was first played on Thanksgiving two years earlier, but 1920 was a matchup of two powerhouse teams in front of an estimated crowd of 20,000, at that point the largest to watch a game in state history. Texas set up the winning touchdown with a reverse pass from Bill Berry to Tom Dennis, the only time the Longhorns used that play all season. On the next play, Texas Francis Dominguez ran in for the TD, the first points the Aggies had surrendered in two years.

1956

Texas A&M 34-21

Texas had one of its worst teams in school history and this game stands out as one of the Aggies' biggest wins over the Longhorns because it was their first in Texas' Memorial Stadium. The Aggies' John David Crow, who won the Heisman Trophy in 1957, scored a touchdown that helped finish off the Longhorns and coach Ed Price, who had already announced he would resign. Darrell Royal took over Texas the next year and the Longhorns won 17 of the next 18 meetings.

1963

Texas 15-13

The undefeated Longhorns won their first national championship that season but struggled at muddy Kyle Field six days after President Kennedy was assassinated. Texas trailed at halftime in the slop when UT Regent Frank Erwin put out a statement: "The condition of the playing field is a disgrace and a reflection on A&M. No university with a pretense at having a major athletic program would permit any condition to exist." Texas A&M President Earl Rudder apologized but noted someone — surely a Longhorns fan — had burned the word Bevo into what grass was there, further damaging the field. Texas drove 80 yards for Duke Carlisle's winning touchdown in the final two minutes and got some help when an apparent A&M interception was ruled out of bounds

1998

Texas 26-24

The Longhorns' Ricky Williams wrapped up the Heisman Trophy and the NCAA career rushing record with his 60-yard touchdown run in the first quarter on his way to 259 yards on the day. The Aggies, who had already clinched the Big 12 South championship, roared back from a 23-7 deficit to take the lead before the Longhorns got Kris Stockton's winning field goal.

1999

Texas A&M 20-16

Eight days after the collapse of Texas A&M's traditional pregame bonfire that killed 12 people and injured dozens more, the teams finally took the field. Aggies players wore commemorative bonfire patches on their helmets. Texas led 16-6 by halftime behind freshman quarterback Chris Simms. But A&M rallied behind Ja'Mar Toombs' career-high 126 yards rushing, and Randy McDown passed to Matt Bumgardner for the winning touchdown with 5 minutes left.

2009

Texas 49-39

Texas was on a crash course for the national championship game but nearly got tripped up by A&M in College Station in a wild battle between quarterbacks Colt McCoy and Jerrod Johnson. The Longhorns' McCoy passed for 304 yards with four touchdowns and ran for 175 yards with a 65-yard TD dash. Johnson nearly matched him with 342 yards passing and four touchdowns and another 97 yards rushing. Texas didn't put the game away until freshman Marquise Goodwin's 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown with 7 minutes to play.

Players

Texas A&M

RB John David Crow

The only Aggie to win the Heisman Trophy was on the first Texas A&M team to beat Texas at Memorial Stadium in 1956 on a team coached by Paul "Bear" Bryant. Crow's touchdown in the first quarter of that 34-21 win marked the first time the Aggies had scored in the south end zone at the stadium.

Texas RB Earl Campbell

The Tyler Rose had the best game of his career by rushing for 222 yards and three touchdowns and catching the only touchdown pass of his career in a 57-28 win in 1977. The nationally televised game capped his Heisman Trophy winning season.

Texas A&M

QB Kevin Murray

Threw for 185 yards and three touchdowns in Texas A&M's 42-10 win over Texas in 1985. He added 277 yards passing and one TD pass in the Aggies' 16-3 win over Texas the next season. The two wins were part of a six-game winning streak by A&M from 1984-89.

Texas A&M

RB Leeland McElroy

Helped the Aggies to two wins in his three-year career in College Station. His 100-yard kickoff return as a freshman in 1993 was part of an 18-9 victory that gave A&M the Southwest Conference title. He ran for 74 yards and a touchdown and had an 83-yard kickoff return to the 1-yard line that set up another score in a 34-10 win the next season.

Texas RB Ricky Williams

In four games against A&M, the 1998 Heisman winner averaged 188 yards and scored 6 touchdowns. He went 3-1 against the Aggies and his 259-yard game in 1998 included a 60-yard touchdown run that broke the major college career rushing record.



NASCAR THIS WEEK

ON THE TUBE

Sprint Cup 2012
Daytona 500,
Feb. 26, Time TBA
FOX SPORTS

Nationwide Series 2012
DRIVE4COPD 300,
Feb. 25, Time, TV TBA

Truck Series 2012
Yet-to-be-named race,
Feb. 24, Time TBA
SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

▶ For the first time in NASCAR history, two drivers ended up at season's end with the same number of points. Tony Stewart won five times to Carl Edwards' one, so his 2,403 points were worth more than Edwards', which is the way tiebreakers work.

▶ It almost happened in 1992, when Bill Elliott could have won the championship had he led one more lap in the season finale at Atlanta. He didn't, and as such, Alan Kulwicki won the championship by 10 points.

▶ Edwards finished second in each of the final three races. Stewart finished first, third and first.

▶ Overlooked a bit: Stewart also was the season's biggest winner, his five victories eclipsing the four of Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch.

▶ Eighteen drivers won races in 2011, one shy of the all-time record.

▶ Stewart became the first Cup champion to win the final race in 13 years.

▶ Stewart a bookend? Why, yes. He won before Jimmie Johnson (2006) and after Johnson's fifth straight. Kurt Busch was the last champion not named Johnson or Stewart.

▶ Stewart's three championships have been titled Winston Cup (2002), Nextel Cup (2005) and Sprint Cup (2011).

▶ The 40-year-old Columbus, Ind., native is the only champion to win under both the Chase (2005, 2011) and previous, season-long format (2002). He was the last driver to win the title in a Pontiac (2002).

▶ Edwards has lost a position via tiebreaker before. In 2005, teammate Greg Biffle was credited with second behind Stewart by virtue of more victories, and Edwards settled for third.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Tony Stewart*	2,403
2. Carl Edwards	2,403
3. Kevin Harvick	- 56
4. Matt Kenseth	- 73
5. Brad Keselowski	- 84
6. Jimmie Johnson	- 99
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	- 113
8. Jeff Gordon	- 116
9. Denny Hamlin	- 119
Ryan Newman	- 119
11. Kurt Busch	- 141
12. Kyle Busch	- 157

*takes tiebreaker based on wins.

Nationwide Series	
1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	1,222
2. Elliott Sadler	- 45
3. Justin Allgaier	- 117
4. Aric Almirola	- 127
5. Reed Sorenson	- 160
6. Jason Leffler	- 194
7. Kenny Wallace	- 259
8. Brian Scott	- 275
9. Michael Annett	- 278
10. Steve Wallace	- 301

Camping World Truck Series	
1. Austin Dillon	888
2. Johnny Sauter	- 6
3. James Buescher	- 29
4. Ron Hornaday Jr.	- 50
5. Timothy Peters	- 56
6. Todd Bodine	- 85
7. Joey Coulter	- 92
8. Matt Crafton	- 103
9. Cole Whitt	- 124
10. Nelson Piquet Jr.	- 138

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IT'S A WRAP

Ford 400

In what was likely the most memorable championship battle in NASCAR history, Tony Stewart and Carl Edwards finished first and second at Homestead-Miami Speedway in both the Chase ... and the race.
Stewart, 40, won the Ford 400 by slightly over a second. Edwards, however, led the most laps. As a result, both completed the 36-race season with 2,403 points. Stewart was declared champion -- for the third time, by the way -- by virtue of the tie-breaker. He won five times, while Edwards won only once. Edwards, however, compiled the best average finish, 4.9, in the eight-year history of the Chase format. All five of Stewart's victories occurred in the 10-race Chase. Edwards finished second in each of the final three races.

Ford 300

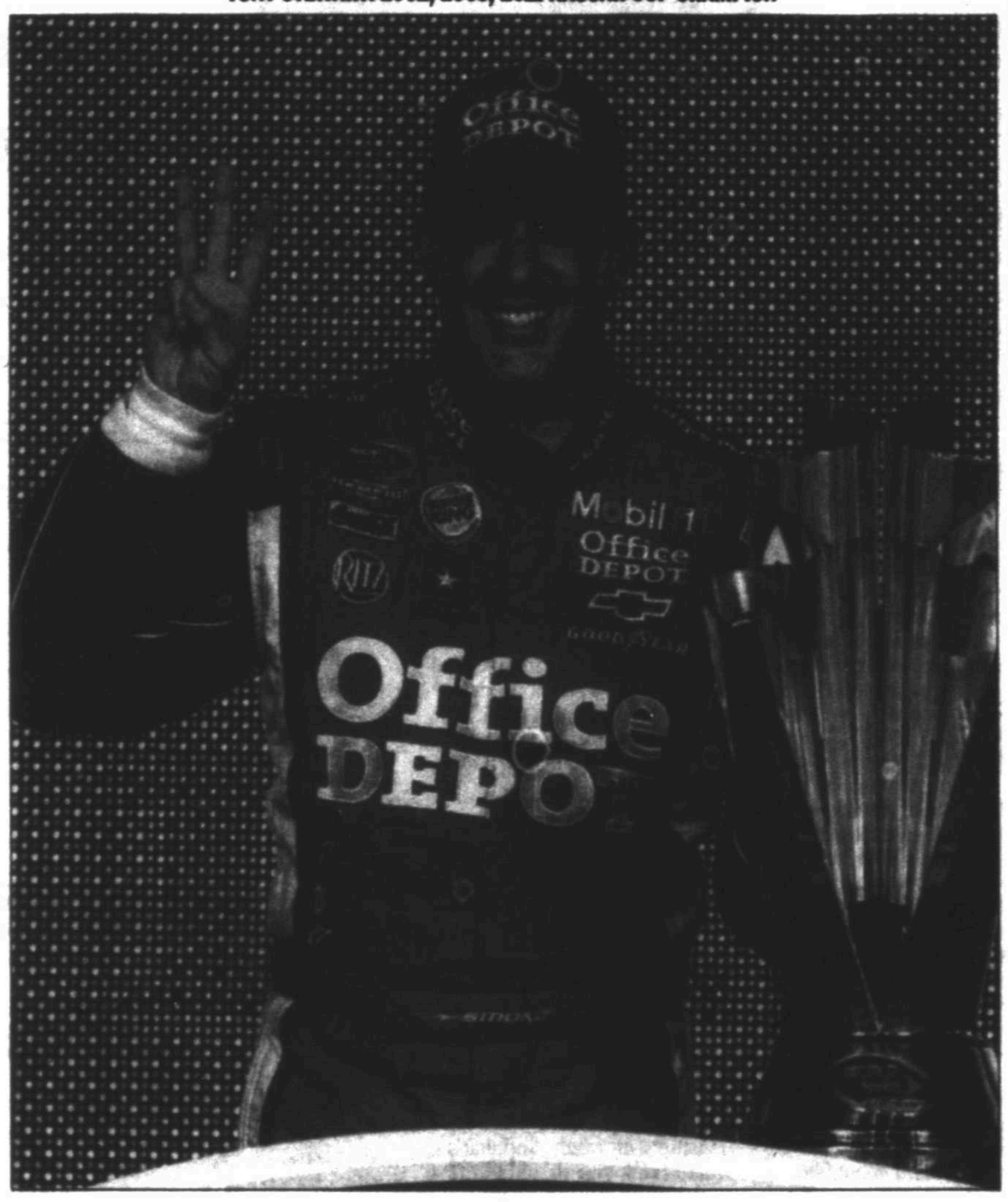
Brad Keselowski, in a Dodge, picked up his fifth win of the season in the Ford 300 at Homestead-Miami Speedway. It was Keselowski's 17th career victory.
Meanwhile, Ford driver Ricky Stenhouse Jr. wrapped up the series championship.
Keselowski started on the pole but had to fend off the Fords of Stenhouse and Carl Edwards in the final 25 laps. Another Penske Racing driver, Sam Hornish Jr., finished seventh.
Roger Penske-owned cars have won 350 races all-time in a wide variety of racing series. Keselowski, the 2010 series champion, was ineligible for the title this year by virtue of his full-time participation in the Sprint Cup Series.

Ford 200

Johnny Sauter, driving a Chevy, captured the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway and finished second in the point standings.
The series champion, Austin Dillon, finished 10th but held on to a six-point edge over Sauter in the final standings. Dillon, the grandson of owner Richard Childress, drove a Silverado carrying the No. 3 once made popular in Cup by the late Dale Earnhardt.
"I remember my first championship with Dale Earnhardt," Childress said. "I had the same feeling watching my grandson." Rain shortened the race by 15 laps. Dillon became the youngest-ever series champion at age 21.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

TONY STEWART: 2002, 2005, 2011 NASCAR CUP CHAMPION



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Three-time Cup champion Tony Stewart holds up three fingers after winning Sunday's Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway. After suffering some damage to his car, Stewart worked his way back, defeating Carl Edwards to win. Stewart won the tiebreaker, finishing with more wins than Edwards.

In All His Glory

For Stewart, who says having all the points means the title?

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — One isn't actually the loneliest number. It's zero.

Zero was Tony Stewart's margin in the closest championship battle in NASCAR history. Zero was no margin at all.

Try to tell Carl Edwards that.

Edwards finished second for the third week in a row, and as a result, he finished second for the season. Two isn't supposed to be lonely, but on Sunday night at Homestead-Miami Speedway, it was. Two was the position of the first loser. The gentlemanly Edwards lost to the aggressive Stewart in the on-again, off-again rain of Homestead-Miami Speedway.

During the latter of two rain delays, Stewart did exactly what he had been doing for a month. He talked smack. Then he delivered the smack he talked about.

"We are fixing to wear him (Edwards) out," Stewart said. "We get up there and get some more track position, and we've got a pretty good Chevy. We've been able to match his lap times, and we just have to hang in there with him. We're going to make this interesting before it's over if we haven't already."

Edwards led 119 laps, nearly twice as many as Stewart. Stewart, however, led the final 36. Stewart didn't pit when the race resumed under a yellow flag, and Stewart stayed on the track for track position he never relinquished. For 33 of those final 36 laps Stewart led, Edwards was in second, but he could never get much closer than a second behind and crossed the finish line trailing by 1.306, which may not be much but was, yes, infinitely greater than Stewart's wacky and extraordinary Chase margin of, uh, zero points.

"At least we know we can compete with any of these people," Edwards said. "We know we can compete with a three-time champion (Stewart) who wins five races in the Chase and still wind up with the same number of points as he got."

In the end, it was small consolation. No, it was cold consolation. Ruthless consolation.

Stewart won the race. Edwards, who began the twice-rain-delayed Ford 400 three points ahead, finished second. They each finished with 2,403 points. Srewart won the championship by tiebreaker. He won five races. Edwards won only one.

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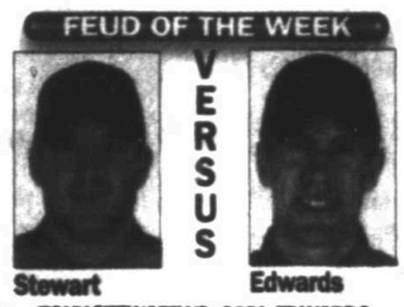

Stewart Edwards

TONY STEWART VS. CARL EDWARDS

Who else? They tied for the championship, though Stewart won it by virtue of his five Chase victories. Stewart played mind games; Edwards took the high road. Neither yielded. One just had to win, and, gloriously as it turned out, it was Stewart.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Edwards was classy in defeat, but it gnaws at him. The main topic of his remarks was how determined he was to get back in the fray, preferably with Stewart."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

'Dega Was A Downer

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053. Questions can also be sent by email, Facebook and Twitter (see directions at the top of this page).

Dear NASCAR This Week,

... Many fans were disgusted after (the) race at Talladega. I cannot imagine any other sport where 'professional' athletes would decide to play in the last inning, or last few minutes of a game.

NASCAR has some issues with attendance and this certainly won't help. Carl Edwards may now win the title, but he is no champion.

The fans expect and deserve better. I'm about done.

Rick Jones
Atlanta, Ga.

All sports use strategy that is within the rules. Long-distance runners, for instance, pace themselves. Golfers "play it safe" to protect a lead. We don't like it either, but it's hard to force drivers to do what they perceive to be against their long-range interests.

FAN TIPS

Top Honor For Jeff Gordon



Jeff Gordon

Four-time champion Jeff Gordon is the 2011 NASCAR Illustrated Person of the Year. Gordon is the first three-time recipient of the award, but this marks the first time he is the sole recipient. Gordon and Darrell Waltrip were named co-persons of the year in 1997. Gordon also shared the title when Hendrick Motorsports was named Person of the Year (really) in 2004. Other past recipients include Joe Gibbs, Mark Martin, Kyle Petty and Tony Stewart for their influence on the NASCAR community, as well as admirable charitable efforts. Gordon was cited for his philanthropic efforts "across borders and around the world."

LEGENDS AND LORE

More Jeff For Your Fancy

On Nov. 8, 1998, Jeff Gordon wrapped up his third Winston Cup championship with a victory in the season's final race, the NAPA 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga. Until Tony Stewart wrapped up his third championship on Sunday in Homestead, Fla., Gordon was the most recent champion to win the final race of a season. Dale Jarrett and Mark Martin finished second and third, respectively, in the race, and third and second in the season-long points battle, which wasn't much of one. At season's end, Gordon led Martin by 364 points and Jarrett by 709.



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TODAY Partly cloudy high 71 low 51

FRIDAY Mostly cloudy high 65 low 46

SATURDAY Mostly sunny high 55 low 35

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect partly cloudy skies today with a high around 74 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 51 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for mostly cloudy skies with a high around 65, a low around 46 and southwest winds between 15 and 20 mph with a 20 percent chance of precipitation.

Saturday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 55 and a low around 35.

The high on Wednesday reached 70 while the low dropped to 47. The record high for Nov. 23 is 81 set in 2003. The record low is 22 set in 1988.

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Thanksgiving will be free of any rain or snow with dry high pressure in control in the Northeast. Skies will be partly cloudy over the interior but sunny east of the mountains and in the South. Windy conditions will target the Outer Banks, eastern Florida and the southern Plains. Southwest winds will increase from Kansas to the Great Lakes with gusts higher than 40 mph in Kansas. The next storm approaches the Pacific Northwest. Showers will increase across southeast Arizona and southern New Mexico.

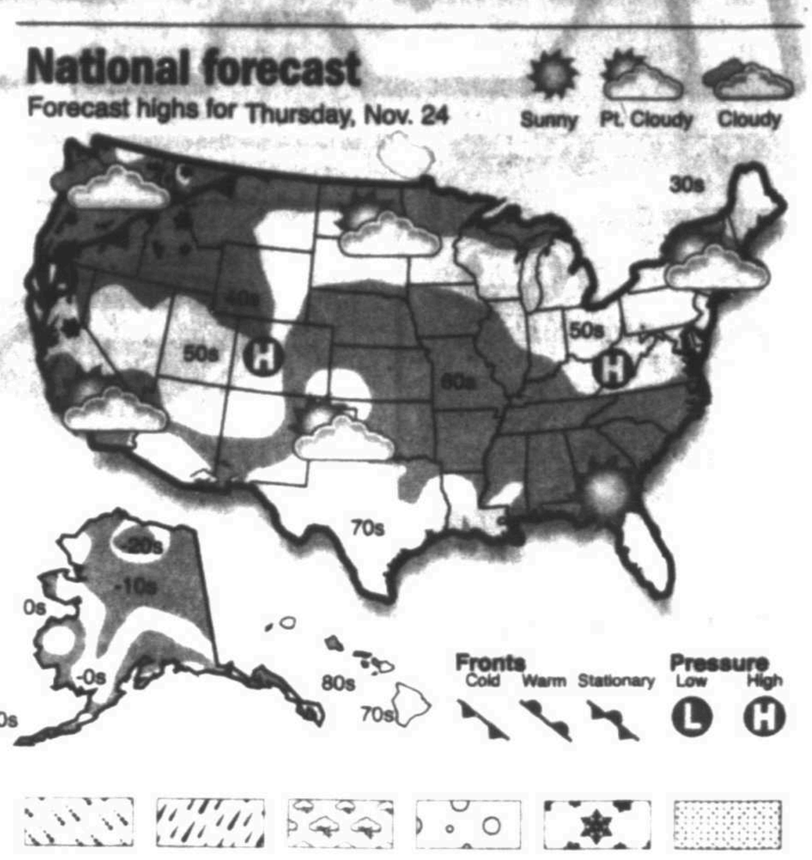


Precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.20 in.
Total for year	3.86 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.83 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	70
Low	47
Normal high	64
Normal low	36
Sunrise	7:25 a.m.
Sunset	5:45 p.m.



Everyday heroes perform deeds that deserve thanks

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: A while back you asked your readers to name their heroes. May I contribute?

My heroes are nameless, often faceless and, in most cases, unsung. They will never have 15 minutes of fame. Their deeds won't be recorded in history books, but their kindness inspires and their good deeds will forever affect the lives of others — though some may not realize it.

My heroes are parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, foster parents, teachers, playground monitors and crossing guards who teach others to have values and common sense and to be ethical in their treatment of others.

My heroes are young girls who spend a year grooming and conditioning their hair, then cut it off so it may be given to a child who has none; those who pick up trash along the highways and byways to keep America clean; police officers who stop you because you've done something stupid then let you go because they know you made an honest mistake, and you'll be sure not to do it again.

My heroes are the guys on the garbage truck who take a few extra seconds to pick up the items that didn't make it into the truck and make sure your receptacle is upright and undamaged before moving on to the next house; grownups who hold children's hands in parking lots to keep them safe; teachers who stay after school to help a student struggling with homework; a troubled home life or homelessness.

My heroes are strangers on streets and in buildings who take a moment to ask if they can help you because of the uncertain expression on your face; every shelter worker who has ever cried when a homeless or abused creature was euthanized; my dear father, whose strong hands, often bruised and bloodied, made a living for his family, who gently held his frightened little girl and who often shared more than he could afford with others less fortunate than he. These are my heroes. — JULIE IN SCOTT CITY, MO.

DEAR JULIE: Thank you for taking the time to describe your many heroes. On this day of all days, let us all give thanks for those individuals who have made — and continue to make — a positive difference in our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! — Love, ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Louis," is retired. I'm in school studying law, which means heavy reading assignments, tons of projects and a tremendous amount of homework. It's like a full-time job.

At night when I should be studying, Louis gets upset if I don't knock off by 9 or 9:30. He also gets upset if I start before 9 in the morning. He has never asked me what I need from him to help me accomplish what I have to do. He also never asks what I'm doing in my classes without turning around and accusing me of doing the professor's job. This pattern is repeated several times a week, his blowing up because I don't spend more time with him and less on my studies.

Abby, this man insists he has never been so much in love, and that's why he wants to spend so much time with me. I think he should show his love by supporting me in challenging times. Your opinion? — ROSE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ROSE: Your boyfriend is self-centered. He's clearly less interested in your interests than in his own. Law school is challenging, even when a student doesn't have someone trying to sabotage her efforts — which Louis appears to be doing morning and night. You have an important decision to make about your future, because your law degree is likely to last longer than your relationship with Louis, and that's what I think you should put first even if it means ending the "romance."

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Long Live the Queen

Both vulnerable. North deals.

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♡ 7
◇ K 8 2
♣ A K 6 5

WEST
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◇ J 6 5
♣ J 9 4 3

EAST
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♡ A J 10 5 3
◇ Q 9 7 4
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ A 2
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◇ A 10 3
♣ Q 10 8 7 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
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Opening lead: Six of ♡

We continue with deals from world championships. This one is from a France-Canada World Team Olympiad match. Sitting South was the many-time French and world champion Gerard Bourcharoff.

Here, the French North-South had a routine auction to three no-trump, and West led the six of hearts to East's ace. East returned the jack, which was allowed to hold, and a third heart was won with dummy's king. On this trick West jettisoned the queen of hearts to unblock the suit.

From this play declarer deduced that East had started with five hearts, hence West was more likely to have club length than East. To make his contract, declarer had to bring in his club suit without loss so, to cater to length with West, declarer led the queen of clubs from hand! When East showed out, it was a simple matter to take repeat club finesses and bring in the suit without loss and, with it, the contract.

In the other room the Canadians reached six clubs. Here, too, the Canadian declarer guessed to lay down the queen of clubs, but he misguessed the spade situation — down one.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011:

This could be a very special year. A New Moon christens this day, indicating an increase in your creativity and charisma. You attract people with ease and are full of ideas. Curb a tendency to be a little too me-oriented. Take time out for some alone time. Use these periods to recharge your battery. If you are single, sort through the many potential suitors. If you are attached, allow greater give-and-take. Your partner needs extra time, as you are so strong this year. SAGITTARIUS could be a potential soul mate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Rethink a personal decision with a partner. Whether it is about the turkey or excess, you are likely to be focused on this holiday. Someone from a distance surprises you. A new beginning becomes possible. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your ability to make a difference, to touch base with others and to feel deeply emerges. Someone seeks advice or direction. The unexpected action promotes insight about this person. Allow others to play a bigger role. Tonight: An important conversation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Your pace is erratic, as you are distracted by phone calls or remembering phone calls you didn't make. Get into the celebration and relax. You could be quite surprised by a friend or what a group does. Forget the judgment — enjoy. Tonight: Reviving your energy by socializing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your ability to move past issues and make loved ones relax emerges. You simply cannot get enough of people today. Honor today's rituals. Catch up on news, share some happy events and relax. Tonight: Helping out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Stay close to home, and share an easy morning. Though you might want to toss yourself into the festivities, you are taken aback by recent events and activities. Be an observer until late afternoon, when you feel like plunging into the happening. Tonight: Loving the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Reach out for those you cannot be with this Thanksgiving. Exchange well wishes and news. As a result of the interchange, you will feel much more abundant and flowing. Try to make the social rounds before dinner; otherwise, you won't be in the mood. Tonight: Stay home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Have you considered the fact that you might be spoiling a partner or a trusted pal? Such is the case if you aren't careful. A child or loved one creates so much cheer, you can scarcely see anything else. Do you really care? Tonight: Visit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your smiling manner takes you far. Realize what is happening with others. Let it be said that not everyone is as upbeat as you. You also might not be able to change anyone's mood. Put on an invigorating piece of music. Curb indulgence, if possible. There is a tomorrow. Tonight: Slow down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You could feel out of sorts and in a bah-humbug mood. You cannot change what is going on; you can be more sensitive to your needs for a few hours. You might be surprised by how rapidly your mood changes with a favorite pastime or some fresh air. Tonight: In your element.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Make calls, if not visit with some friends. Someone could be lonely, and you might want to ask this person to join you in this Thanksgiving Day. Remember, some people cannot be forced no matter what. Let them be. Tonight: Some private time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Somehow you might be more instrumental in another person's day than you realize. Allow greater give-and-take. You might not always be right, you know! After the festivities, visit with a loved one or friend you don't see all that often. Tonight: All smiles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ A thought, a call or someone's sharing inspires not only you but also others. Remember the true meaning of the holiday. Touch base with a loner before you partake in your turkey. An invitation just might be appropriate. Tonight: Others definitely notice you!

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BORN TODAY

Self-help guru Dale Carnegie (1888), actress Katherine Heigl (1978), actress Sarah Hyland (1990)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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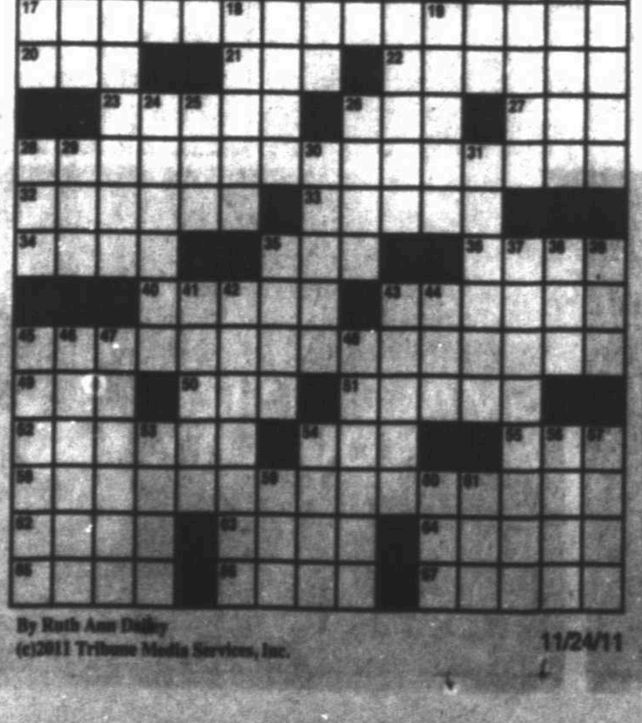

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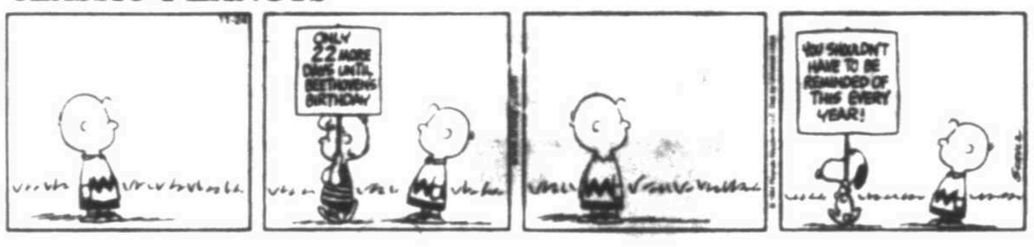

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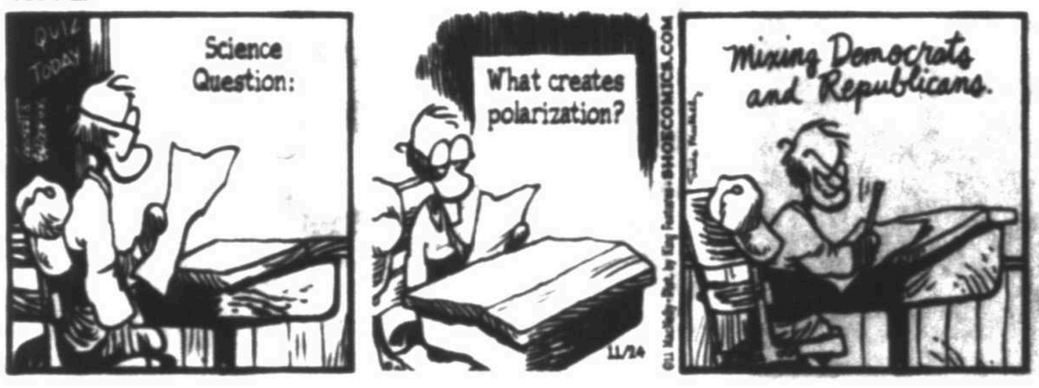

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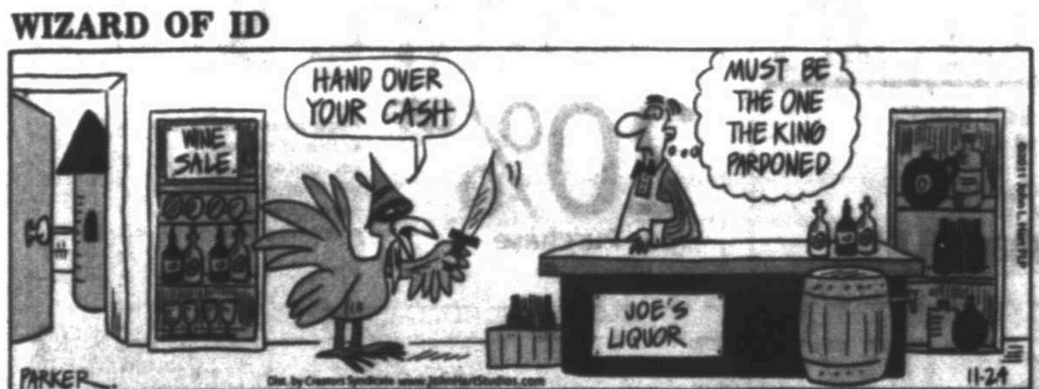

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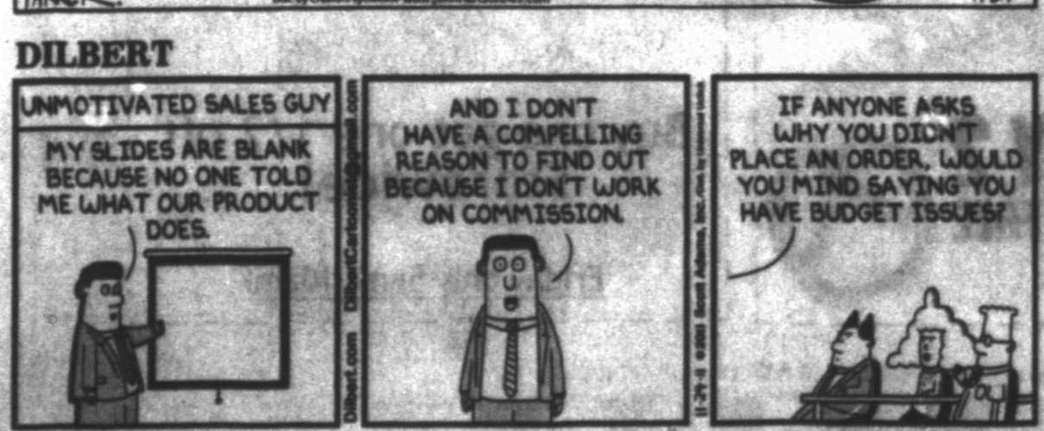

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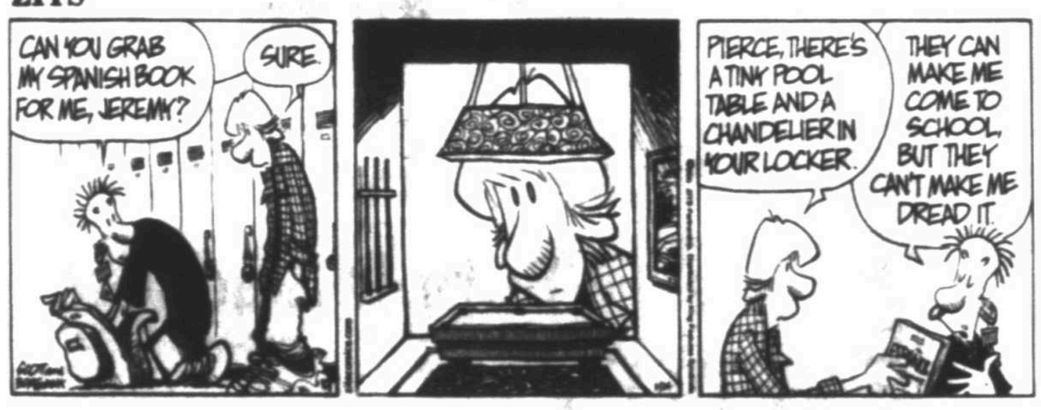

BABY BLUES



MUTTS



CLOSE TO HOME



"We're very short-staffed."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"DOES THIS MEAN WE'RE HAVIN' PIZZA FOR THANKSGIVING?"

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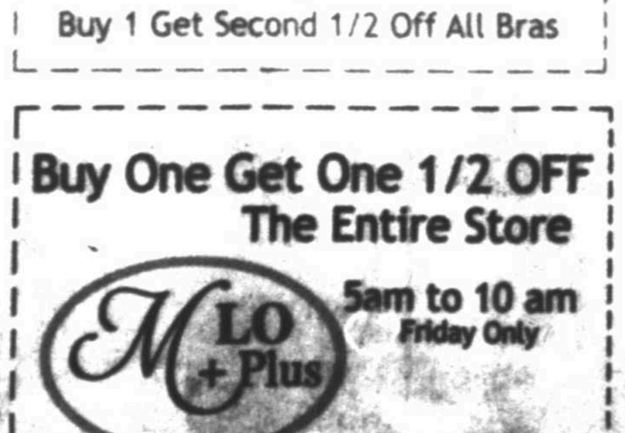





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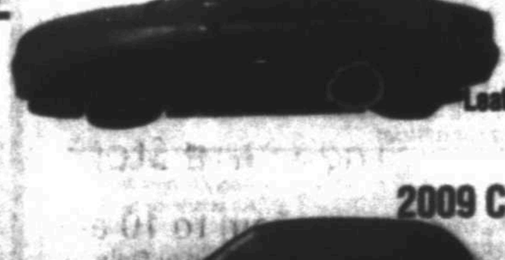

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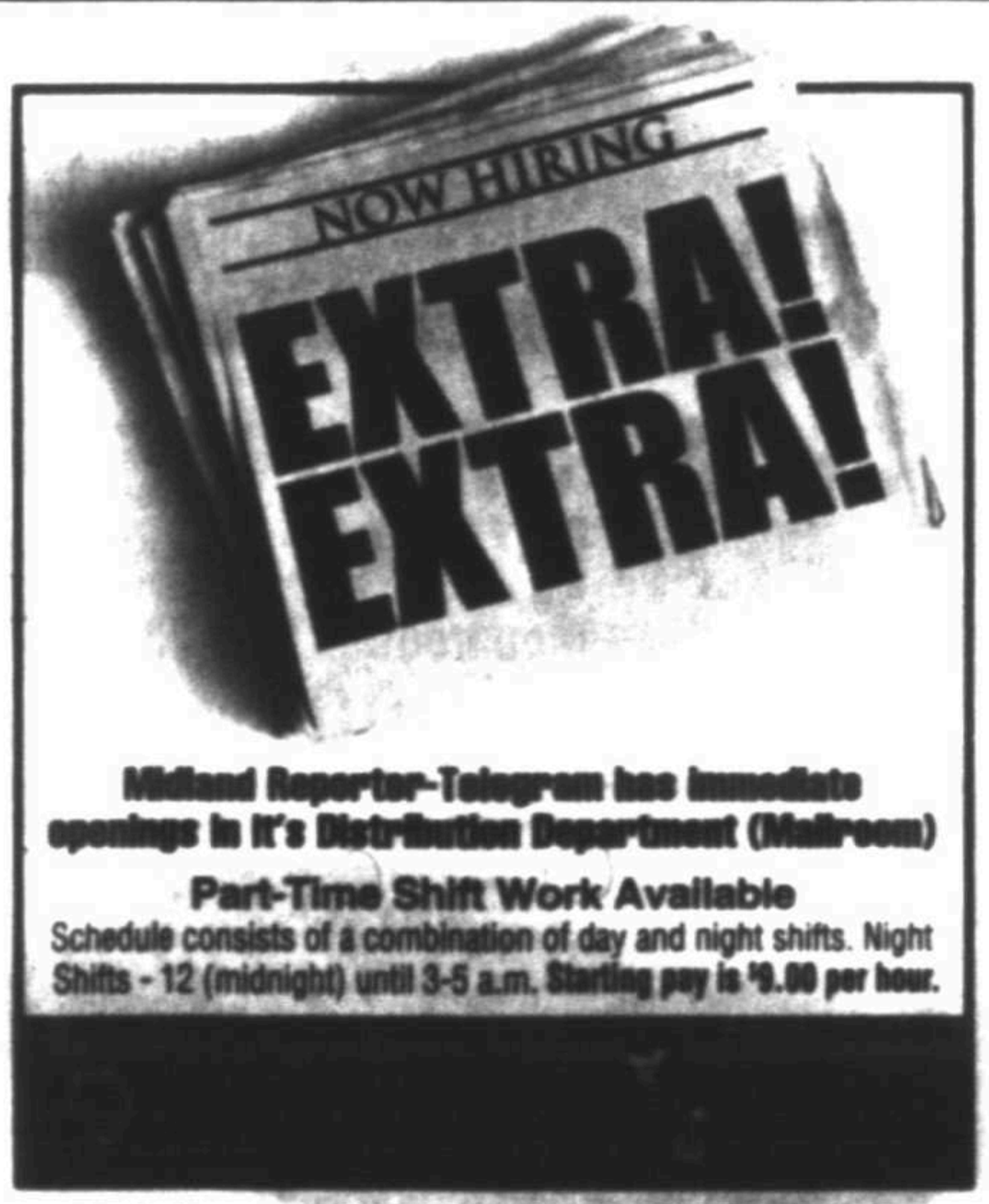

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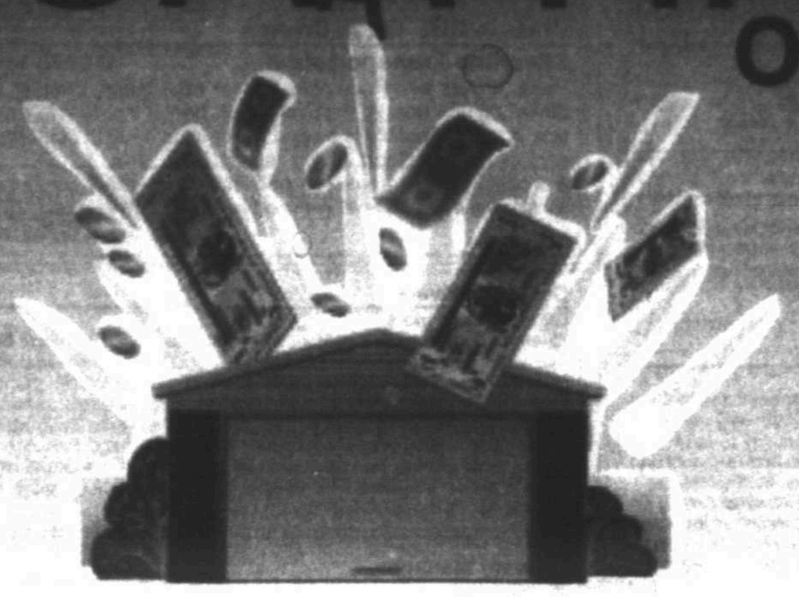

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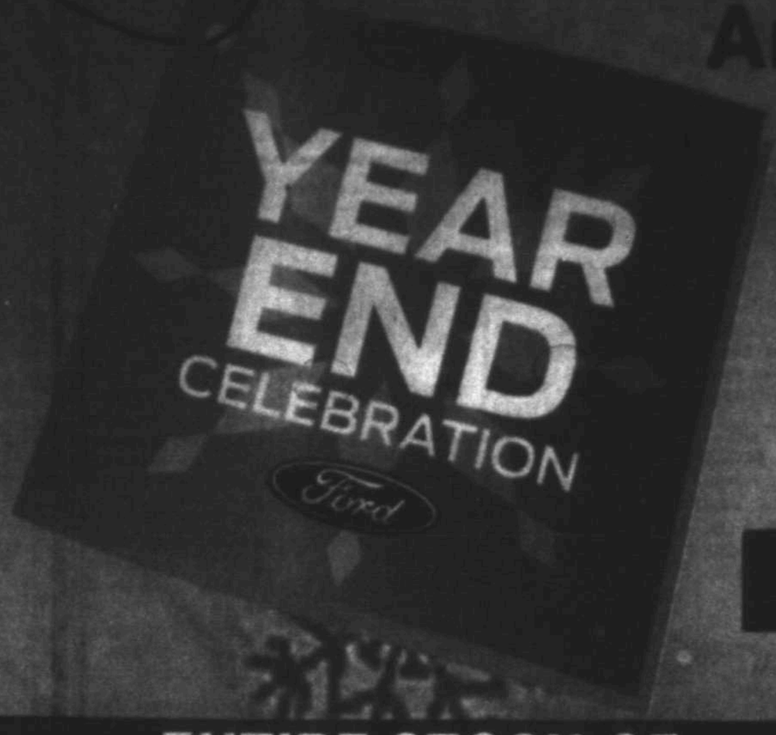

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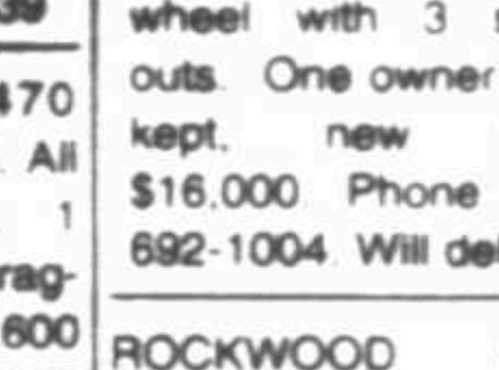

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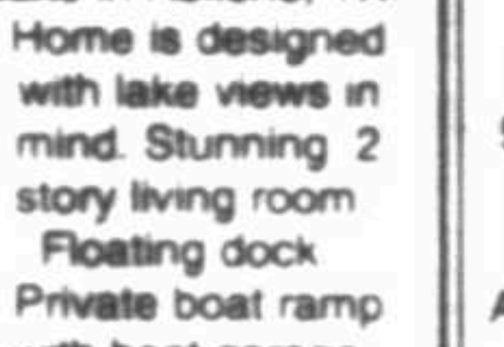

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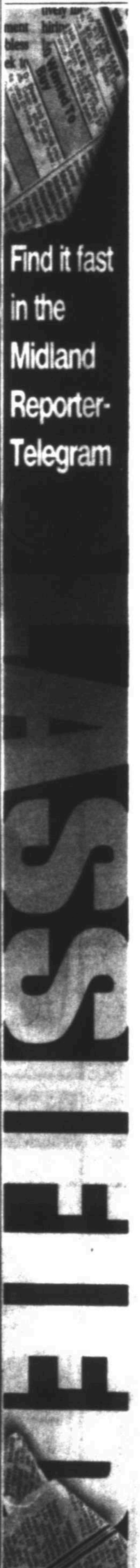

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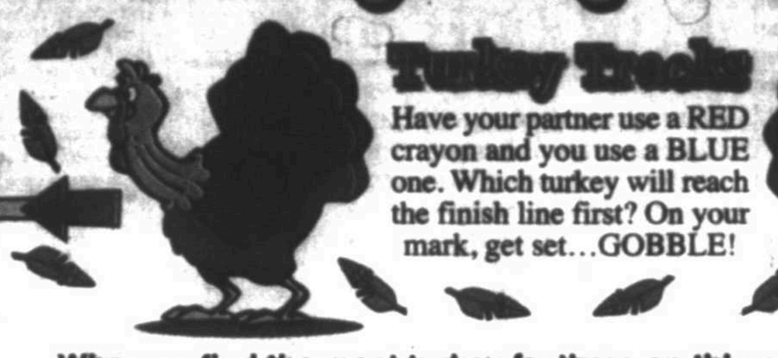
DON'T DO THIS PAGE ALONE: This special Kid Scoop Thanksgiving page is designed for you to do with a friend or family member. So find someone to share the fun!

Thanksgiving Together!

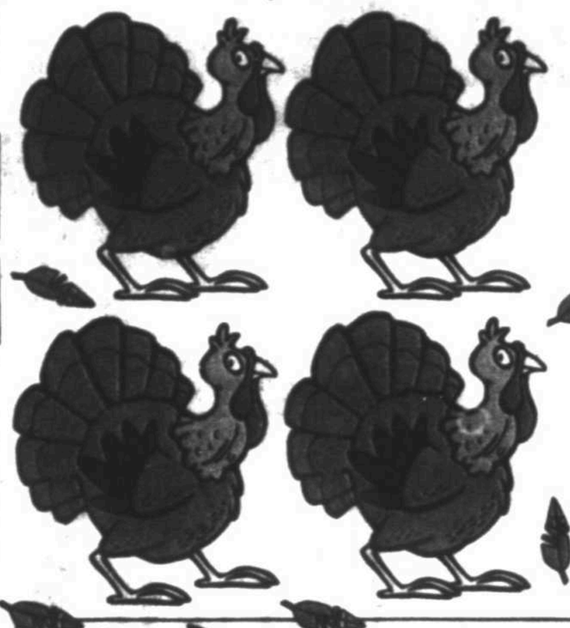
Turkey Tracks



Have your partner use a RED crayon and you use a BLUE one. Which turkey will reach the finish line first? On your mark, get set...GOBBLE!

Who can find the most turkey feathers on this page in 60 seconds?

Find the two turkeys that are the same.



A Slice of PI

All of these words start with the letters P-I. Read the clues and work together to fill in the missing letters.

1. _ _ _ _ _ O
2. _ _ _ _ K _
3. _ _ C _ _ _
4. _ _ _ _ T _
5. _ _ _ _ _

1. A heavy musical instrument with keys
2. A small cucumber preserved in brine
3. A meal packed to eat outdoors
4. A person who robs ships at sea
5. A platform over water that starts at the shore

Your Riddle, My Riddle

You circle every third letter to reveal the punch line to your riddle. Your partner circles every third letter to reveal his or her punch line.

What's the best thing to put in a pumpkin pie?

ACYTBONMUSQRP
BTJSENBEKWTGZH

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

What smells the best at Thanksgiving?

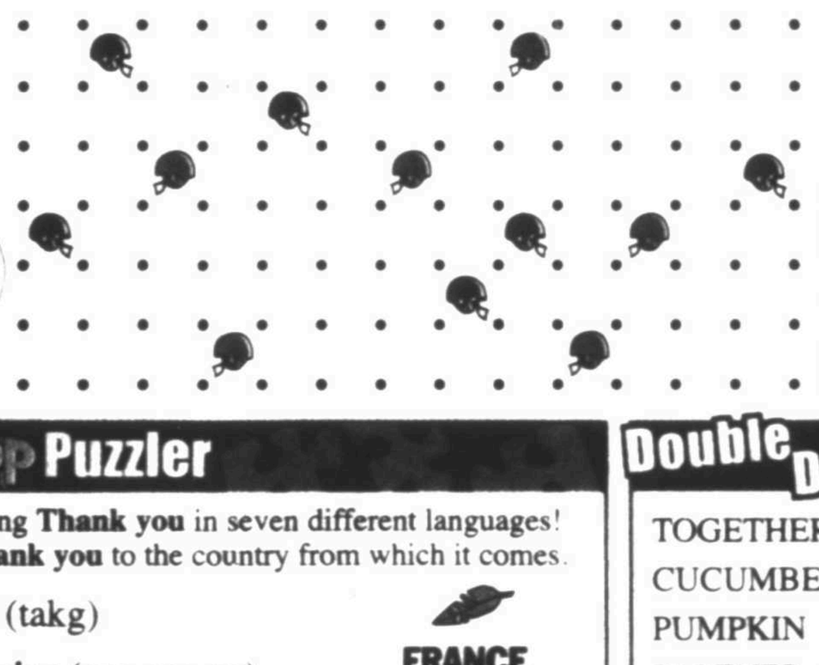
ACYTBONMUSQR
VWNJSOCWSUTE

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Standards Links: Life Skills: Share a task with others.

Football Fun

You use a BLUE crayon and your opponent uses a RED crayon. Take turns connecting two dots each time. The person who completes a square gets one point. A square with a football helmet in it is worth three points!



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Extra! Extra! Rhyme Time

Browse the newspaper for 10 words that would make good halves of a rhyming pair. Then have your partner scour the newspaper for words that rhyme with each of the ones you chose. Switch roles and try it again.

Standards Links: Vocabulary: Identify rhyming patterns and words.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Practice saying **Thank you** in seven different languages! Match the **Thank you** to the country from which it comes.

- **Tak** (takg)
- **Gracias** (gra-see-us)
- **Merci** (mehr-see)
- **Kiitos** (kee-toas)
- **Danke** (dahn-kah)
- **Arigato** (ahree-gah-tow)
- **Dziekuje** (dsyne-koo-yeh)

FRANCE
DENMARK
JAPAN
POLAND
FINLAND
MEXICO
GERMANY

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

The Online Scoop

Learn how to draw a football fan, a cheerleader or a football player in eight easy steps. Go to: **www.kidscoop.com/kids**

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

TOGETHER
CUCUMBER
PUMPKIN
PARTNER
MUSICAL
FAMILY
TURKEY
BRINE
SHORE
WATER
SHARE
HOUSE
CLUES
PIE

C H R E N T R A P R
L W A T E R E L F E
U A P U E P B A H H
E N I R B S M C O T
S Y O K C I U I U E
F H E E L A C S S G
S I N Y M I U U E O
P E R A H S C M L T
N I K P M U P I E S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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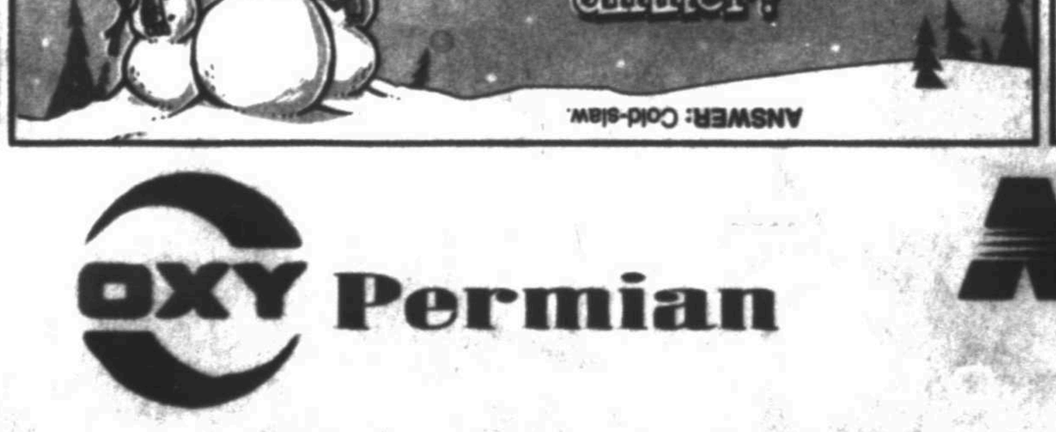
Black Friday

The day after Thanksgiving is usually the busiest U.S. shopping day of the year. Imagine you have $100 to spend. Look through today's newspaper and list what you'd buy. Did your partner choose any of the same items?

Standards Links: Mathematics: Calculate sums to 100.



Weekly Writing Corner

"I am thankful for..."

– Midland's young writers share what they are most thankful for this Thanksgiving.

I always give thanks about how every night I have a bed to sleep in and a roof over my head. Also I give thanks that I have three meals every day, when some kids only get food on school days. Family and friends are also things I give thanks for, but I always thank God for the things he gives me.

Avery Evans, 6th grade, Hillander

I am thankful for my family, friends and my pets. I am thankful for my family because they love me very much. I am thankful for my friends because they will not turn their backs on me. The last thing I am thankful for is my pets because they will always cuddle with me.

Avery Drake, St. Ann's

I am thankful for Jesus who gives me new life. I am thankful for the turkey that we carve with a fork and a knife. I am thankful for family who comes around each year. I love to see their faces when they come to the front door. I am thankful for this season and all its love. But especially I am thankful for my Lord and Savior.

Tripp Hankins, 6th grade, Hillander

There are a few things that I am thankful for. I am thankful for food, life and parents. I am thankful for food to nourish my body. I am thankful for my life because I can walk on this earth. The last thing I am thankful for are my parents. If I didn't have my parents I would not know what to do. Now you know what I am thankful for.

Dominic Durgin, St. Ann's

Living in the United States there are many things to be thankful for. One of the things I am thankful for is family. Without my parents I wouldn't even be here at Hillander School today! I am also thankful for shelter. Living in a home with people who love me is a blessing. I am blessed in so many ways.

Caroline Harper, 6th grade, Hillander

I am thankful for having my family and that we have a home. I am also thankful that I live in the United States. I am thankful that I can have an education and a relationship with God. I am thankful that we have liberty. I am also thankful for all the things that I have done.

Wyatt Matott, St. Ann's

I am thankful for my family, clothing and friends. I am thankful for my family because they give me food and shelter. I am thankful for clothing because it keeps me warm and comforts me. The last thing I am thankful for are my friends because they help me when I'm sad and when I'm hurt.

Krista Ochoa, St. Ann's

I am thankful for the life I have, my parents, this amazing school, food, shelter and water. I am thankful for a house, freedom, clothes, friends and an education. Those are some of the things I am thankful for.

Neil Patel, 6th grade, Hillander

Write On!

Fortune Cookie

Pretend it is your job to write the fortunes in fortune cookies. What would you write?

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