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MY TURN

by Annie Rowe



You know what was needed back when the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock?

A credit check.

That's right. The Native American welcoming committee needed to run some socials for a credit history before letting them move in.

Now before you get your corn bread dressing in a wad, let me explain, then you decide.

A group of Native Americans called the Wampanoag tribe had all the Plymouth real estate at that time. They had existed there for thousands of years until 1620 when 101 Pilgrims who had been evicted from their old place in England.

Now, the leader of the Wampanoag was a fellow named Chief Massasoit. He must've been a stand-up kind of guy because he opted for a little surveillance rather than killing the new neighbors right off.

Just imagine how those uptight white-collar settlers must have looked to the Chief. He must've felt sorry for the poor little boogers draggin' logs and some thatch. Ol' Massasoit was probably taking bets on when the raggedy little troop would pack up their starch and skee-daddle.

The Chief ended up choosing two of his bravest hands, Samoset and Squanto because they're pretty bright boys who learned some English and they pulled the short straws, to walk straight into the camp to make contact.

Imagine it, two half-dressed guys wearing jewelry are the first ones to walk into the pilgrim camp. Samoset is the speaker for the pair so he greets the stunned group by saying "Welcome Englishmen."

He was being polite, but if he knew then what he knows now he would've said "We want you and your English peas back on the boat pronto!"

Samoset and Squanto take some of the pilgrims back to their tribe to meet Chief Massasoit. He offers a little deer meat and tobacco and both groups sign a "Treaty of Friendship."

Trouble was, the law firm of Wampanoag & Wampanoag had not been established, so the Natives had no one to look over the contract before they signed.

Major mistake.

Had it not been for the help of Chief Massasoit and the Wampanoag, the English settlers would have died for sure.

Why, a Native named Hobbamock was so smitten with the pilgrims he up and moved his family right into the Plymouth settlement.

It came to pass that the little group of settlers made it in the New World for a whole year. They decided it would be nice to mark the occasion with a little get together. Sort of a potluck affair.

It's said that they actually fixed turkey, but I don't know if Detroit or Green Bay won that day.

DPS cautions motorists about holiday traffic

As the roads swell with anxious drivers, the Texas Department of Public Safety cautions motorists to drive responsibly and avoid road rage this Thanksgiving holiday.

"The increase of traffic congestion coupled with poor scheduling often triggers aggressive driving," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "An aggressive driver may commit several traffic violations to make up time. These violations place other travelers at risk and in the most severe cases can escalate into road rage."

When confronted with aggressive drivers, the DPS recommends that you:

- Put your pride in the back seat and move aside.
- Do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on brakes.
- Report extreme cases of reckless driving to the appropriate authorities.
- Do not retaliate, gesture or make eye contact.
- Make sure everyone is buckled up.

Some actions that may contribute to road rage include not using turn signals, driving in the passing lane, tailgating, flashing lights or using high beams in traffic, honking and not allowing adequate time for a given trip.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, Highway Patrol troopers, along with other law enforcement agencies across the state, will be out in force targeting speeders, drunk drivers, seat belt violators as well as aggressive drivers.

Texas DPS is participating in the "Click It or Ticket Texas" campaign that runs through Monday which will focus on increasing and enforcing seat belt and child seat usage in the state.

DPS has a zero tolerance policy toward seat belt violations and fines can range from $25 to $200.

Texas also participates in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort). Operation CARE is a nationwide effort by all state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods.



Rotary Thanksgiving dinner is set for today



Some 300 people are expected to be served today during the annual Snyder Rotary Club Thanksgiving Dinner.

The project for less fortunate and homebound citizens includes volunteer help from the staff at The Shack where the dinner will be held. Others assisting are members of the Snyder High School student council and the Western Texas College food service.

"The WTC food service is preparing 15 turkeys, plus dressing, green beans, pies and rolls," said Rotary dinner coordinator, Jeff Lowrance.

Lowrance said student council members will deliver meals to the homebound, and Rotary members, as well as The Shack employees, will assist during the dinner from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

"If you otherwise would not have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, you are invited to the Rotary meal," Lowrance added.



HIGH HONOR — Sterling Williams (right) congratulates his father, Garlan Williams. Garlan Williams was presented the Melvin Newton Award by his son at the 74th Snyder Fire Department Thanksgiving Awards Banquet. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cuero trussed by heritage

CUERO (AP) — Ruby Begonia, the most famous turkey in Texas, knows when to run and she knows when to hide.

The running is done in early October during this town's annual Turkeyfest, a weekend of fun and games to revisit the days when DeWitt County's turkey ranches raised tens of thousands of toms and hens each year.

Ruby is matched up in a block-long sprint against a rival bird called Paycheck — as in, "Nothing goes faster than a paycheck" — from Worthington, Minn. The prize for the winning town is the right to boast that it's the Turkey Capital of the World, at least until the next race.

Not long after the running comes the hiding, just to make sure the pleasingly plump piece of poultry doesn't go from race course to main course.

"She don't want to end up on the table," deadpanned Jason Rogers, incoming head of the local group that stages Turkeyfest.

It's been years since the turkey business died out in Cuero, but the town and its residents are still tightly trussed to the memories.

"Turkeys are part of Cuero's heritage," said Annette Rath, who runs a downtown kitchen-gadgets store. "It's an identity for our town because it's so well-known."

Rath, born and raised here, admits she's a little obsessive when it comes to turkeys. In various forms they anchor the decor inside her shop, and on the outside she has commissioned a few murals centering on wild turkeys.

"When I did my building, I wanted to go back into history," she said.

DeWitt County became a turkey-growing center in the early 20th century, when the first dressing plant opened in Cuero.

Each November, the ranchers would herd their market-ready birds along county roads and city streets to the plant. The sight of thousands of turkeys on the march turned into a local spectacle, and later the so-called "Turkey Trot" started bringing in out-of-towners as well.

The industry continued as a cornerstone of the county's economy until the 1970s, when small-time growers had been mostly replaced by large-scale, operations.

"The small rancher couldn't compete at all," said Sara Post, who heads the Cuero Chamber of Commerce. The chamber is home to a small, turkey-dominated museum.

Early voting pace continues

Early voting totals for the Dec. 6 hospital district vote stood at 462 through Wednesday afternoon.

Monday and Tuesday are the last two days of early voting since the courthouse is closed today and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The county clerk's office is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and voters may cast early ballots during those times.

Star on Gail Mountain will shine Friday

The nighttime scenery will change when the star on Gail Mountain in Borden County is lighted at 7 p.m. Friday.

The 20x20-foot star was built 10 years ago by Ross Sharp and hauled in pieces up to Gail Mountain. The lighting ceremony has been a yearly tradition since.

Sarah Sharp, Lights for Gail committee member, is proud of the tradition. "This is just a wonderful custom that we have here. It's really a neat thing for everyone. It's a time when we get together to visit and reminisce with friends."

The public is invited to the courthouse and the Borden County Museum starting at 5 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will have their picture made, free of charge, with children in the district courtroom. There will also be refreshments served and the museum will remain open through the ceremony.

Hayrides will be accessible for everyone and the public is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Donated toys should be appropriate for toddlers through 18 years.

At 7 p.m. everyone will gather on the courthouse lawn to see the star light up.

"This is our 10th year to do this, so we've got some special things planned for the anniversary. We're expecting lots of people to come out here for this," said Sharp.

The Star on Gail Mountain will remain lit through Jan. 1.

ASK US

Q—When did the work on College Ave. begin and when is the projected completion date?

A—It began on the weekend of July 20 and is due for completion in the winter of 2004, about a year from now.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Cody Rowe...

... has only lived in Snyder for about a month, moving here from Colorado. He is the son of Tom and Annie Rowe and he has a sister, Lacey Rowe. Cody enjoys playing guitar, fishing, spending time with his girlfriend and driving his pick-up.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Getting people to like you is merely the other side of liking them.
—Norman Vincent Peale

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Poinsettia sale

The SHS choir poinsettia sale continues through Monday when deliveries will be made. Cost is $10 and can be ordered from any SHS choir member.

VFW auxiliary meeting

The VFW Auxiliary Post 8231 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home. Members are urged to attend.

Deadline for Tiger's Lair

The deadline for senior dedications in the Tiger's Lair Yearbook is Monday. A message of up to 35 words, a picture and $45 should be mailed to SHS Student Publications, 2901 37th. Call 574-6138 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Making the Most of It," followed by "The King Who Played the Fool."

Ira School photos

The following Ira students will be photographed Tuesday: K-11 retakes and new students. Also, class favorites 6-12; junior and high school basketball. Group pictures (and officers): Junior and high school FFA, FCA, NHS, Student Council. Envelopes for basketball pictures and retakes will be passed out on Monday.

Ira 2004 calendars

Ira's junior class is selling 2004 calendars featuring students from K-12. Cost is $10. Contact sponsors Vicki Flowers or Ron Baker at 573-2628 for orders. Deadline is next Thursday for Christmas delivery.

GED test registration

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. next Thursday at the GED testing center on the campus of Western Texas College, Building 7B. The math segment of the GED will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5. For more information about the GED test, call Betty Thompson, 573-2310, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

Sophomore family night out

Sophomore family night out will be next Thursday at the Spanish Inn. You must present your coupon with your receipt. For more information, call Lynette Cooper at 573-1558.

G/T parents meeting

A meeting for parents of gifted and talented students will be held at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday at West Elementary auditorium.

Annual Christmas parade

Snyder's annual lighted Christmas parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Line-up begins at 6 p.m. at Moffett Field. For parade entries call 573-3558 for more information. Santa will be at Towle Park from 4-6 p.m. the same day. Anyone interested in having a booth in the park may call 573-9811.

Child welfare board fundraiser

The Scurry County child welfare board is offering tickets for $1,000 worth of merchandise. A donation of $10 per ticket is requested for a drawing to be held Saturday, Dec. 6. Tickets are available from any board member or by calling 573-7053 or 573-2376.

Choir Christmas program

"The Christmas Suite" will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Worsham Auditorium by the combined choirs of Snyder High School, Snyder Junior High and West Elementary. The concert will follow a Christmas dessert buffet in the student center. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased from any choir member.

Early Head Start's new building

Scurry Community Services invite you to the grand opening of Scurry County Early Head Start's new building at 2802 Second St. from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

LVN testing dates

Testing dates at WTC for LVN ASSET will be 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 9, Jan. 20 and Jan. 27. To reserve a time, you must contact the WTC counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313. Limited seating is available.

WTC spring pre-registration

Pre-registration at WTC continues through Dec. 12. Students should call or go by the counseling center to make an appointment. The number is 573-8511, ext. 313. Students who have not passed THEA (formerly TASP) and are in DRE, DMT and DEN classes must wait until grades are posted.

Madrigal Christmas dinners

The annual Madrigal Christmas dinners presented by the SHS choral department will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15-16 at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Tickets are $15 and can be obtained by calling 573-6301 after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Extra cookbooks available

Extra Home for the Holidays cookbooks can be purchased at the Scurry County Extension Office for $5 each.

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbook

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbooks can still be ordered for $45 for the book only with additional options available for an extra costs. For more information, call 574-6138.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church sponsors a support group for persons facing difficulties – including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. It meets on the first floor Adult 6 Department at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

WTC Lions Club raffle

WTC Lions Club is selling chances for two spring season passes for either baseball or softball. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. Tickets are available from any WTC Lions Club member. The drawing will be held Dec. 10.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders through Jan. 31 for windbreak trees. Large trees available are Oaks, Pines, Desert Willows, Golden Raintree, Texas Redbud and Chinese Pistache and more. To place orders, call 573-6317

Enron Corp. auctioning headquarters

HOUSTON (AP) — Two years after Enron Corp.'s scandalous collapse, its rented 50-story headquarters is going on the auction block.

On Tuesday — two years to the day after Enron went bankrupt amid a string of damaging revelations of hidden debt and inflated profits — interested buyers whose bids were deemed acceptable will attend a quiet auction at the Houston offices of the company's main bankruptcy attorneys.

Enron spokesman Eric Thode said Wednesday the highest bid will be presented to U.S. Bankrutpcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez in New York for approval. A sale is expected to close early next year, coinciding with the relocation of the roughly 1,000 workers still at the headquarters to smaller digs near Houston's convention center.

A consortium of banks, led by J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., one of Enron's largest creditors, own the oval-shaped glass tower, which has an appraised value of $92.5 million. Proceeds of the sale will be divided among those lenders.

All bids must be submitted by noon Monday with a cash deposit of $3 million and can't be lower than $50 million, according to documents filed in Enron's bankruptcy case. Enron, with input from its main creditors committee — which includes J.P. Morgan — will evaluate bids and invite qualified buyers to Tuesday's auction.

Enron followed a similar procedure late last year when the company sold its newer adjacent 40-story glass tower once intended to showcase its defunct trading operation. That building, which had been owned by Enron, sold for $102 million — less than half its $240 million construction cost.

Most outward indications that the headquarters is Enron's home are gone. The trademark tilted "E" logos were sold at property auctions last year. On Dec. 3, 2001, the day after Enron filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, thousands of abruptly laid-off employees streamed out of the building, many given just half an hour to pack their belongings.

Since then, the building that once housed more than 7,000 workers has steadily emptied as employees quit or worked themselves out of a job by wrapping up contracts or helping Enron prepare to emerge from Chapter 11 protection.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Reaching out to others makes a day of thanks a giving day

DEAR READERS: Today is Thanksgiving, the time we pause to consider the blessings for which we have to be thankful. In many homes across the country turkeys are being stuffed, just as the people who consume them will be later in the day.

But for many individuals, these holidays can be an intensely difficult time, triggering feelings of stress, loneliness and loss. If the person is prone to depression, these feelings can be further magnified.

How can anyone feel depressed at this time of year, you ask? It's not that far-fetched. People who are separated from their families often feel isolated because they can't celebrate in the traditional way. Families who have lost a loved one during the year often feel the absence especially keenly at this time. Others become depressed because they imagine that everyone else is enjoying a warm, idealized family experience, while they are on the outside looking in.

Even people who enjoy the holidays can find them stressful. This is a time of year when people are stretched for time, energy and money — particularly the latter. They may become embarrassed because they can't celebrate the way they would like to, or in the style they have in years past.

Some ways to ward off the holiday blues:

Keep expectations reasonable. Don't take on more activities than you can handle — financially or otherwise.

Don't overspend. Plan a holiday budget and live within it — regardless of the temptation.

Do not run up credit card debt, or January will be like a serious hangover.

And speaking of hangovers — watch your alcohol intake. Remember, although alcohol seems to be a mood elevator, it is actually a depressant. If you have a problem with alcohol, get whatever support you need to make it through the holidays.

A final thought: If you're feeling down and want an instant "upper," the surest way to accomplish it is to do something nice for someone else. Call someone who lives alone and invite that person to dinner. Better yet, say, "I'm coming to get you, and I'll see that you get safely home." (Some older people don't drive at night, and those who do might prefer not to be behind the wheel after dark.) Give it a try! You'll be glad you did.

And now, I'll repeat the Thanksgiving Prayer that was penned by my mother years ago. My Thanksgiving would not be complete without it:

O, Heavenly Father,

We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service.

That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

P.S. We have much for which to be grateful this Thanksgiving Day. For those of you with a little time to spare, how about showing our gratitude to veterans by visiting a veterans hospital and raising the spirits of those who have served our country?

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!
— LOVE, ABBY

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By Phil

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Smartt presents program on American Revolution to GS



Ann Smartt

Ann Smartt, member of the Genealogical Society and the Martin Preuitt Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented the program for the Genealogical Society last Tuesday.

Smartt explained how much more exciting it was to study history, especially American history, when among the patriots fighting for the independence of our country, one's own ancestor could be numbered.

Col. John Walker of North Carolina was her ancestor and he had a long and distinguished career in the civic and political activities under the Royal Government prior to 1775.

He resigned his offices at the outbreak of the war and he and seven of his eight sons took an active and decided part in the military affairs, while he continued to be active in directing policies of the new government in both State and County in a civil capacity.

Col. Walker had originally served as a volunteer under then Col. George Washington in the Virginia Colonial troops, and shared in the disastrous defeat of the Army of Braddock in 1755.

After the rout of the troops, Col. Walker moved from Virginia to North Carolina, where he fought in occasional skirmishes against the Cherokee Indians.

In 1775 two regiments of Continental troops were ordered raised in North Carolina, and he was selected as one of the captains of a company in the First Regiment.

He went north with the first detachments of troops and was subsequently promoted to Major in 1777, and then Colonel. He again was united with Gen. George Washington and served the General as his Aide-de-Camp during the time they were encamped at Valley Forge in the long, hard winter there.

When he finally resigned his commission, he gave as his reason that his health was not good. Being 50 years of age, he felt a younger man or one in a better state of health could bear the rigors of a northern climate and perform the exacting duties in a better manner.

Too, he had seven sons already in service, and a wife and one small son at home exposed to the mercies of marauding bands of Indians and Tories.

Following his military service, he continued to be an active participant in the civil and political life of the county in which he lived. Both he and his sons contributed much toward the settlement and establishment of our country as an independent nation. His story is just one of the many, many stories that have come down through the years by word of mouth, the printed word, family histories and textbooks.

And all of us who share that common thread — having an ancestor who was a patriot fighting for the independence and founding of a new country — that weaves through the tapestry of our country's history, take great pride in doing so.

The Genealogical Society meets every fourth Tuesday of each month at the county library.

Recipe

DECADENT TRIPLE LAYER MUD PIE

Prep: 15 minutes plus refrigerating

3 squares Baker's semi-sweet baking chocolate, melted

¼ cup canned sweetened condensed milk

1 Oreo pie crust

½ cup chopped toasted Planters pecans (optional)

2 cups cold milk

2 pkg. (4-serving size each) Jell-O chocolate flavor instant pudding and pie filling

1 tub (8-oz.) Cool Whip whipped topping, thawed

MIX chocolate and condensed milk until well blended. Pour into crust; sprinkle with pecans.

POUR milk into large bowl. Add pudding mixes. Beat with wore whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. (Mixture will be thick). Spoon 1½ cups of the pudding over pecans in crust.

ADD ½ of the whipped topping to remaining pudding; stir with wore whisk until well blended. Spread over pudding in crust; top with remaining whipped topping.

REFRIGERATE 3 hours. Makes 10 servings

Tips:

How to Toast Nuts:

Spread in single layer on baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 to 7 minutes or until lightly toasted.

Storage Know-how:

Refrigerate leftover sweetened condensed milk in covered storage container up to 1 week. Add to coffee, tea, oatmeal or fruit.

Mormon Choir in hall of fame

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon Tabernacle Choir's weekly radio program, which went on the air three months before the 1929 stock market crash, will be inducted into the National Association of Broadcasters' Hall of Fame next year.

Other hall of fame inductees include Jack Benny, George Burns, Bing Crosby, Benny Goodman, Paul Harvey, Bob Hope, Edward R. Murrow and Red Skelton.

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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—Regina Nadelson



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Opening lead: ♠ Q

Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003

It is a matter of the most likely

By Phillip Alder

One day, we are told that something is good to eat; another, it is bad. Do our medical advisors really know for sure? Back in the 18th century, G. C. Lichtenberg, a German physicist and philosopher, wrote, "Food probably has a very great influence on the condition of men. Wine exercises a more visible influence; food does it more slowly but perhaps just as surely. Who knows if a well-prepared soup was not responsible for the pneumatic pump or a poor one for a war?"

If we take note of every reader's breakfast and whether she or he made or failed in this three-no-trump contract, would it supply scientifically valid evidence? I think not — but what would your line be after West leads the spade queen?

Even opposite a 15-17 no-trump, North should jump to game. A five-card suit and two aces make the hand worth more than its face value of nine points.

There are eight top tricks: two spades, three hearts and three diamonds. There isn't time to play on clubs. Instead, you must work on diamonds.

If you unblock the diamond king and queen, enter dummy with a heart, and cash the diamond ace, you will get an overtrick if the suit splits 3-3. Here, however, you will give your partner indigestion.

You should play to make the contract when the diamonds are either 3-3, or 4-2 with an opponent holding honor-doubleton. After winning the first or second spade trick, cash the diamond king, then overtake the queen with dummy's ace. When East's jack drops, continue with the diamond nine to drive out West's 10, and your contract is safe.

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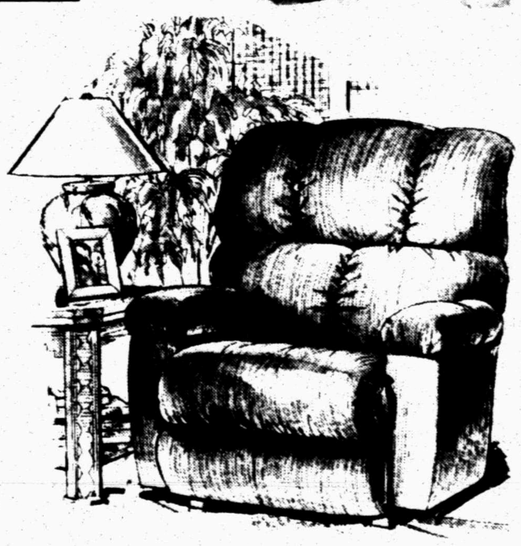


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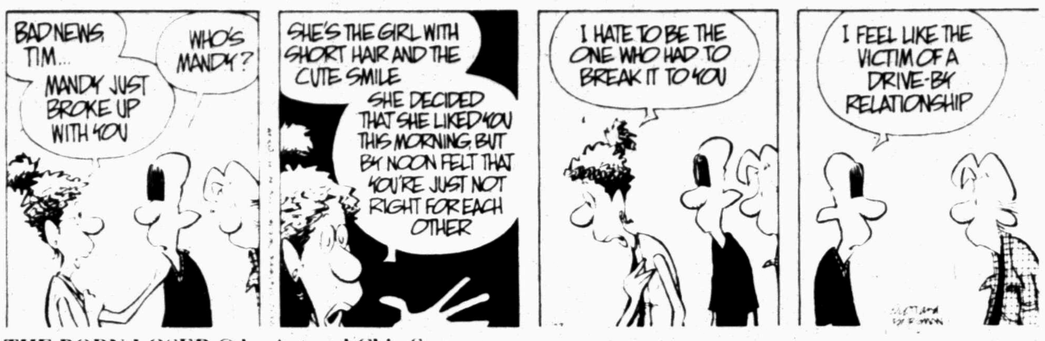


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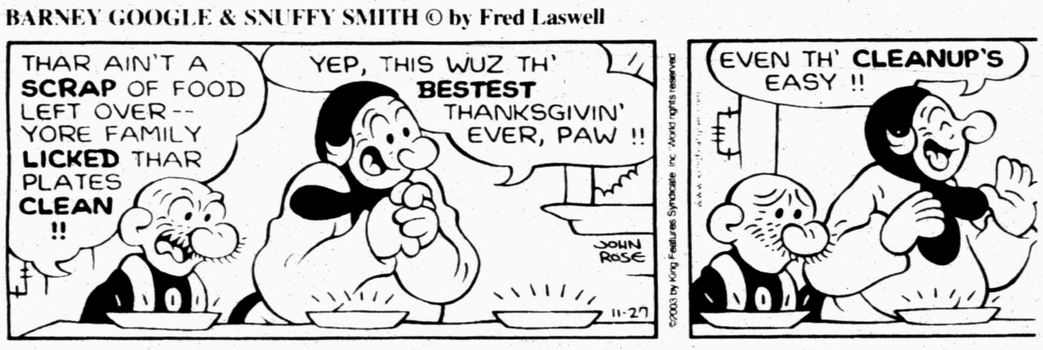


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16 Music or dance
18 NFL player
19 Grasshoppers
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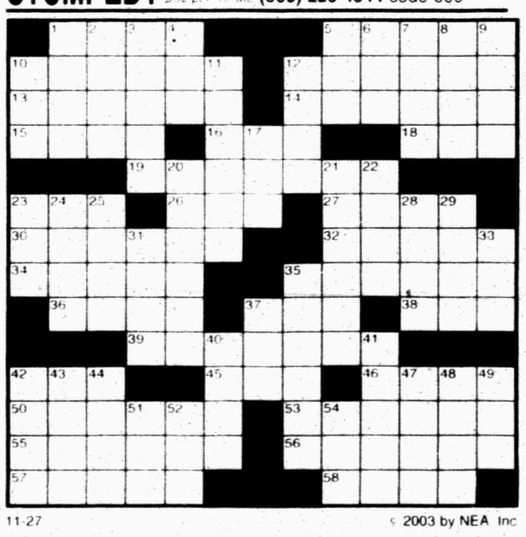
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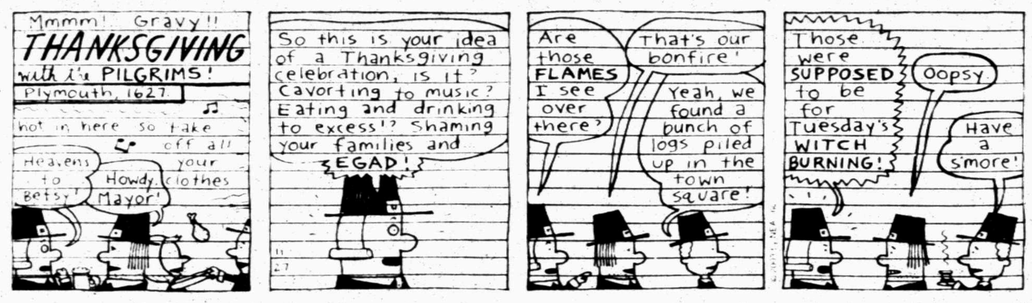
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ALL-REGION BAND — Snyder Junior High School band students selected all-region or first alternate are front row from left, Alayna Alexander, Ashley Hagins, Kimberly Harlan, and Gina Hermosillo; back row from left, Colton Harper, Daniel Burk and Roberto Albarez. Elizabeth Davis is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Charges dropped, but couple say their lives are still ruined

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) — A couple who became fugitives in 1984 following accusations that they abused their 4-year-old daughter left jail feeling vindicated after prosecutors dropped the charges, but said their lives had been ruined.

Edward and Karri LaBois fled Minnesota with their daughter 19 years ago after the abuse accusation was made. They were arrested Nov. 10 when an informant tipped police that they were living in a Salt Lake City suburb.

Prosecutors this week dropped the charges, saying there wasn't enough evidence.

"How do I feel? I feel vindicated on one hand and beaten up on another," Edward LaBois told The Associated Press immediately upon his release Tuesday night.

The LaBoises did not know they were being released until minutes before they walked through the jail's exit door and shared a prolonged hug before leaving.

They said they have no idea where they will find employment or how they will live — the rent on their house is paid through the end of the year, and they are planning to sell their possessions to make a clean break of the past.

"I have no idea how we're going to get our lives together," Karri LaBois said.

Before they fled, the LaBoises ran a daycare in their home in Minnetonka, Minn. They denied the allegations when they were made, but fled the state when they learned their daughter would be removed from the home.

Since the couple's arrest, their daughter, Aubree Riegel, now 23, told investigators that she was never abused, said Hennepin County, Minn., prosecutor Amy Klobuchar. That contradicted a key piece of evidence used to bring the charges in 1984: her videotaped statement as a 4-year-old to a psychiatrist about the alleged abuse.

Klobuchar said a review of the videotape showed the girl giving contradictory information as she was interviewed and showed the interviewer asked leading questions that would probably not be allowed in a contemporary investigation.

SJHS band students named all-region

Five Snyder Junior High School band students were named to the all region band following Region 16 auditions Saturday at Lubbock Cooper. Nine schools competed in all.

Students selected include Alayna Alexander, flute; Kimberly Harlan, clarinet; Colton Harper, trumpet; Daniel Burk, trumpet; and Ashley Hagins, mallets.

Three students were named first alternates including Elizabeth Davis, flute; Gina Hermosillo, clarinet; and Roberto Albarez, baritone sax.

The students will participate in the Region 16 Band Clinic/Concert Jan. 30-31 in Lubbock.

Date Book

Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003

Today is the 331st day of 2003 and the 66th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1095, Pope Urban II delivered a speech at the Council of Clermont in France, which sparked the First Crusade.

On this day in 1868, Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer led a charge on a band of peaceful Cheyenne American Indians. During the raid, more than a hundred Cheyennes were killed, including women and children, and the village destroyed.

On this day in 1978, Dan White, a former Board of Supervisors member, killed San Francisco's Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk at City Hall. White received five years for the murders after employing what has since become known as the "Twinkie Defense."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: David Merrick (1912-2000), producer; "Buffalo Bob" Smith (1917-1998), TV personality; Bruce Lee (1940-1973), actor; Jimi Hendrix (1942-1970), musician; Robin Givens (1964-), actress, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner was suspended from baseball by baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn for making illegal contributions to the campaign of President Richard Nixon.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Notice that the stiffest tree is most easily cracked, while the bamboo or willow survives by bending with the wind." — Bruce Lee

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 23) and first quarter (Nov. 30)

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Oklahoma boy gets quadruple organ transplant

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Doctors have given a 1-year-old Oklahoma boy a new stomach, small intestine, liver and pancreas in what is believed to be the state's first quadruple-organ transplant operation.

Nicholas Camp of Ada, who suffered from a rare congenital birth defect called gastroschisis, has made significant progress in the eight days since the transplant was performed at Oklahoma City's Integris Baptist Medical Center, Dr. Bakr Nour said Tuesday.

"It's a real success, praise the Lord. Beautiful teamwork, praise the Lord," Nour said of the complex, 12-hour procedure that he and a medical team of 20 used to save Camp's life.

The four donated organs, which can fit in two cupped hands, came from a 2-month-old Corpus Christi, Texas, boy who had suffered fatal head wounds.

"Without a generous donor, we wouldn't be here today," Nour said.

The tiny vital organs were flown by jet from South Texas to Oklahoma City for the surgery, which lasted through portions of Nov. 16 and 17.

Kiwanis/Goodfellows

Scurry County families may apply for Kiwanis/Goodfellow food donations by filling out this form. The deadline to apply is December 6th. Applications should be mailed to Kiwanis/Goodfellows, P.O. Drawer 112, Snyder, Texas, 79550

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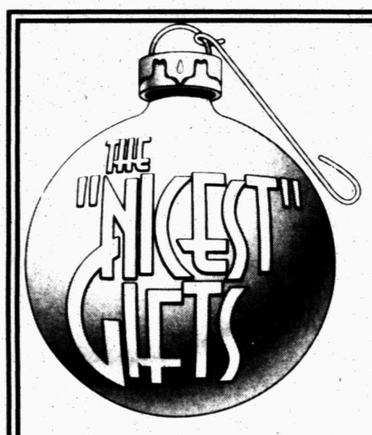
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SPORTS

Cowboys favored in Turkey Day match-up

By the Associated Press

When the Cowboys and Dolphins play today in Dallas, it will mark the third time in their last four meetings that the teams squared off on Thanksgiving Day.

The most memorable game, of course, was the Dolphins' 16-14 win in 1993, when the Cowboys blocked a late field-goal attempt in the snow, only to have lineman Leon Lett mistakenly try to fall on the ball. It slithered away, Miami recovered, and Pete Stoyanovich got another chance to kick the game-winning field goal.

That became known as the "Lett it Be" game.

This year's edition is important for both teams. Dallas is tied with Philadelphia for first in the NFC East, while the Dolphins have an outside shot at the AFC East title and a chance at a wild-card playoff spot.

Dallas is favored by three points — home-field advantage.

At 8-3, the Cowboys already have as many victories as their most optimistic fans hoped for entering the season. Even Bill Parcells was talking positively after beating Carolina last week.

"I think that we've got a real shot to do something here," the coach said.

Miami (7-4) got Jay Fiedler back at quarterback last week to lead a comeback 24-23 win over Washington. He'll start again on Thursday.

Lett is retired now, and there's no snow in the picture — the forecast is for sun and temperatures in the 60s.

As long as the Cowboys don't do anything silly ....

COWBOYS, 18-13

Green Bay (minus seven) at Detroit (on Thursday)

Old-timers remember Roger Brown and Alex Karras beating Vince Lombardi's Packers in what used to be THE Thanksgiving game.

This one's dangerous for Green Bay: The Lions have won their last two home games.

PACKERS, 20-16

Philadelphia (plus 1½) at Carolina

The winner gets a tiebreaker edge in the NFC race for byes and home-field advantage.

EAGLES, 24-21

New England (plus 4) at Indianapolis

Important for AFC playoff positioning.

COLTS, 20-17

Minnesota (plus 6) at St. Louis

The Vikings are fading fast.

RAMS, 33-20

San Francisco (plus 3) at Baltimore

Double curse for the 49ers: their road woes and the Ravens' zebra advantage.

RAVENS, 20-16

Cincinnati (plus 3) at Pittsburgh

Chad hasn't guaranteed it yet, but ...

BENGALS, 22-20

Tennessee (minus 1½) at New York Jets

Steve McNair makes another quick comeback from injury.

TITANS, 33-17

Kansas City (minus 7) at San Diego

A team playing for the Super Bowl vs. one playing for the first overall draft pick.

CHIEFS, 38-13

Cleveland (plus 6) at Seattle

The Seahawks are unbeaten at home.

SEAHAWKS, 27-7

Denver (minus 3) at Oakland

Rick Mirer has actually played pretty well.

RAIDERS, 19-17

Tampa Bay (minus 3½) at Jacksonville

The Bucs won't make the playoffs.

BUCS, 17-9

New Orleans (plus 1) at Washington

The ol' ball coach plays out the string with Patrick Ramsey.

SAINTS, 31-20

Buffalo (plus 3½) at New York Giants

Two coaches in their final month?

GIANTS, 17-11

Atlanta (plus 3) at Houston

Dom Capers for coach of the year.

TEXANS, 20-14

Arizona (plus 4) at Chicago

The Cardinals are giving up 35 points a game on the road.

BEARS, 35-0

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen



The Snyder Tigers have been exorcising demons and chasing down ghosts all season.

Now they must slay the dragon.

The Tigers had their most inefficient, distracted effort of the season when they played the Abilene Wylie Bulldogs on Sept. 5, putting the ball on the ground seven times in a 24-7 loss.

This team has come a long way since, advancing to the third round for just the second time ever while winning eight of its last nine.

And now they face Wylie again, in the most important game for the Tigers in over a decade.

The Tigers worked out this morning — one of just eight teams left in 3A Division I to practice on Thanksgiving — and head coach Chad Rogers is keeping the routine that has worked so well for Snyder during the last several weeks.

"It's exciting. We are in uncharted waters," the third-year head field boss said, adding that preparing for a late-round playoff game is no more challenging than any other game. "The kids are very confident. They know what is at stake."

Rogers said the players knew the depth of their duty at the start of the season, and have known it since he took over for David Baugh before the 2001 season — a third-round playoff berth means practice on Turkey Day.

He also is surprised by those who expressed shock that the Tigers suited up this morning.

"I feel like it's an honor to practice on Thanksgiving," he said. "This is an 18-week commitment. I told them that in January and I told them that three years ago."

The Tigers square off against a Bulldog squad that came from 12 points down with seven minutes left to beat defending state champion Everman in the regional round.

Playing Wylie gives the Tigers a chance to top a team that has had Snyder's number for the better part of six years. Snyder has dropped five of the last six against the Bulldogs in a series that has seen the Tigers hold the statistical edge in nearly every loss.

The teams will battle at San Angelo Stadium at 2 p.m. Saturday, a field that saw the Merkel Badgers upset state finalist Midland Greenwood in the first round this year.

The stadium features the newest turf, and is a massive bowl which seats 17,500.

"This is great for the community and great for these kids," Rogers said. "It's nice to be at this point."

It's also great for the head coach.

"It's better than last year, when I was driving around watching other teams play."



PLENTY OF OPTIONS — Snyder fullback Chad Brown takes the handoff from Boicy Martinez as the Tigers worked through offensive drills Wednesday afternoon. The Tigers square off with the Abilene Wylie Bulldogs at 2 p.m. Saturday in San Angelo. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rival quarterbacks meet on field, finally

AUSTIN (AP) — In high school, Vince Young and Reggie McNeal were two of the best quarterbacks in the country, tracking each other on a collision course in the 2001 Texas state playoffs.

Two years later, they are on a similar paths again, stalking each other in a much bigger arena. Young is now the starting quarterback at No. 6 Texas while McNeal leads Texas A&M.

The rivals meet Friday in College Station with the Bowl Championship Series and state pride at stake. The Longhorns (9-2, 6-1 Big 12) are in position to secure their first BCS bid with a victory. The Aggies (4-7, 2-5) need a win to salvage a disappointing season under first-year head coach Dennis Franchione.

With their ability to run and pass, Young and McNeal were two players everybody recruited two years ago as college coaches dreamed of signing another Michael Vick.

McNeal was a Parade Magazine All-American. Young was Parade's offensive player of the year. McNeal was all-state. Young was the Texas Class 5A player of the year.

The Longhorns would have gladly signed McNeal and the Aggies would have been happy to snap up Young.

"We thought they were both great players," said Texas coach Mack Brown. "I think in either case it was a deal that our staff and their staff said to both of them 'We like you.' They picked more than we did."

McNeal cut short the recruiting blitz by committing to A&M and former coach R.C. Slocum in the summer of 2001. Young kept Texas waiting until after the season.

Young and McNeal first met that season to pose for a newspaper photograph but have never met on the field. Young's team lost in the state semifinals to the team McNeal beat for the championship.

By signing with the Aggies and Longhorns, the two guaranteed their burgeoning rivalry would eventually spill onto television sets across the country on Thanksgiving weekend.

Their short collegiate careers have been quite different. As freshmen, Young redshirted while McNeal led the Aggies to a stunning win over No. 1 Oklahoma with four touchdown passes.

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East						
New England	9	2	0	818	219	175
Miami	7	4	0	636	201	170
Buffalo	4	7	0	364	173	187
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	364	210	221
South						
Indianapolis	9	2	0	818	309	216
Tennessee	9	2	0	818	303	208
Houston	4	7	0	364	194	277
Jacksonville	2	9	0	182	185	254
North						
Baltimore	6	5	0	545	256	232
Cincinnati	6	5	0	545	244	246
Cleveland	4	7	0	364	185	190
Pittsburgh	4	7	0	364	203	253
West						
Kansas City	10	1	0	909	333	198
Denver	6	5	0	545	257	198
Oakland	3	8	0	273	214	256
San Diego	2	9	0	182	209	314
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Dallas	8	3	0	727	205	168
Philadelphia	8	3	0	727	220	196
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	364	195	242
Washington	4	7	0	364	216	256
South						
Carolina	8	3	0	727	218	204
New Orleans	5	6	0	455	232	258
Tampa Bay	5	6	0	455	220	174
Atlanta	2	9	0	182	208	311
North						
Minnesota	7	4	0	636	293	247
Green Bay	6	5	0	545	284	233
Chicago	4	7	0	364	191	244
Detroit	3	8	0	273	180	266
West						
St. Louis	8	3	0	727	299	229
Seattle	7	4	0	636	289	232
San Francisco	5	6	0	455	242	186
Arizona	3	8	0	273	163	309

Thursday's Games

Green Bay at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Miami at Dallas, 3:05 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 30

Arizona at Chicago, noon
Atlanta at Houston, noon
Buffalo at N.Y. Giants, noon
Minnesota at St. Louis, noon
New England at Indianapolis, noon
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, noon
Philadelphia at Carolina, noon
San Francisco at Baltimore, noon
New Orleans at Washington, 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 1

Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, 8 p.m.

A's, Padres complete swap

OAKLAND (AP) — All-Star catcher Ramon Hernandez and disgruntled outfielder Terrence Long were traded from the Oakland Athletics to San Diego for outfielder Mark Kotsay on Wednesday, more than a week after the teams tentatively agreed to the deal.

The teams thought they'd finish the deal Nov. 18, but the A's wanted to see medical information on Kotsay, who had a herniated disc in his lower back that hampered him last season. The A's asked for scans from an MRI exam on Kotsay, then requested that he have a physical exam. The Padres in turn requested physical exams on Hernandez and Long.

Hernandez, who made his first All-Star game last summer, hit .273 with 21 homers and 78 RBIs. He also earned praise for his defense and his work with the A's powerful pitching staff.

Hernandez will make about $2.9 million next season in the third year of a four-year, $9.5 million contract. He has been the A's starting catcher for four seasons, and his departure leaves Oakland without an experienced catcher on a roster that's also could lose former AL MVP Miguel Tejada as a free agent.

Long, a former 162-game starter for Oakland who struggled in a platoon role last season, is due to make $3.7 million in 2004. He struck out looking to end the A's loss in Game 5 of their division series against the Boston Red Sox.

The next day, Long criticized manager Ken Macha for not paying enough attention to him, claiming the manager didn't shake hands with him in the locker room after the loss.

Kotsay has struggled through many injuries during his six major league seasons with Florida and San Diego, but he has been a consistent hitter with a high on-base percentage when healthy. The A's now have a wealth of center fielders.

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Terrorists now targeting longtime U.S. allies

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's not easy to be a friend of the United States these days.

Recently, in a span of just eight days, an Italian police unit in Iraq was bombed, leaving 18 dead, and terrorists killed more than 50 in two separate attacks in Turkey. Japan, meanwhile, came under terrorist threat.

Italy, Turkey and Japan have been defense treaty allies of the United States for more than 50 years. And in terms of supporting the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq, no country has supplied more manpower than Italy, aside from Britain and the United States itself.

Japan is second behind the United States in providing post-war reconstruction assistance to Iraq. Responding to a terrorist warning last week, Japan urged its citizens abroad to exercise "utmost caution."

As Muslim countries go, Turkey is unique.

"Turkey is an offense to al-Qaida and its affiliated groups because it is a secular state, an 'infidel' republic," says Zeyno Baran, a native of Turkey and scholar at the Nixon Center for Peace and Freedom.

She notes that the overwhelmingly Muslim country has military relations with Israel and no anti-Semitic tradition.

Baran also points out that Istanbul, site of the two attacks this month, is relatively easy prey for terrorists because of its openness, teeming streets and numerous "soft" targets.

Turkey may have contributed to its vulnerability to terrorists, she says, by allowing visitors from Iran and Pakistan to travel to Turkey without visas. As Baran points out, both countries are heavily populated with Islamic radicals.

Henri Barkey, a Turkish-born former State Department official, observes that Turkey is home to hundreds of thousands of refugees from various Muslim countries who are trying to get to Western Europe. He suggests some of these people may have carried out the bombings in Istanbul.

"They tend to be easily manipulated by al-Qaida," Barkey says.

The administration rejects the notion that al-Qaida and allied groups are singling out countries friendly to the United States.

"These terrorist attacks are attacks on freedom," said President Bush, speaking in London last Thursday shortly after the second bombing in Istanbul. Terrorists, he said, "hate freedom. They hate free nations."

Richard Armitage, the State Department's No. 2 official says: "Clearly, al-Qaida is trying to go after civilized nations, nations which value human lives and human rights, and Turkey is a leading nation in that regard."

That thesis draws no distinction between countries which are friendly to the United States and those that are unfriendly. It suggests that France and Germany, which opposed the war in Iraq, are no less vulnerable than countries that enthusiastically joined the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq.

But Charles Pena, of the libertarian Cato Institute, says much of the anti-American resentment in the Islamic world and beyond is the result of interventionist U.S. policies.

"Such resentment breeds hatred, which becomes a stepping-stone to violence, including terrorism," he says.

On occasion, the United States faces a lose-lose situation. Intervention carries a high price but so does nonintervention.

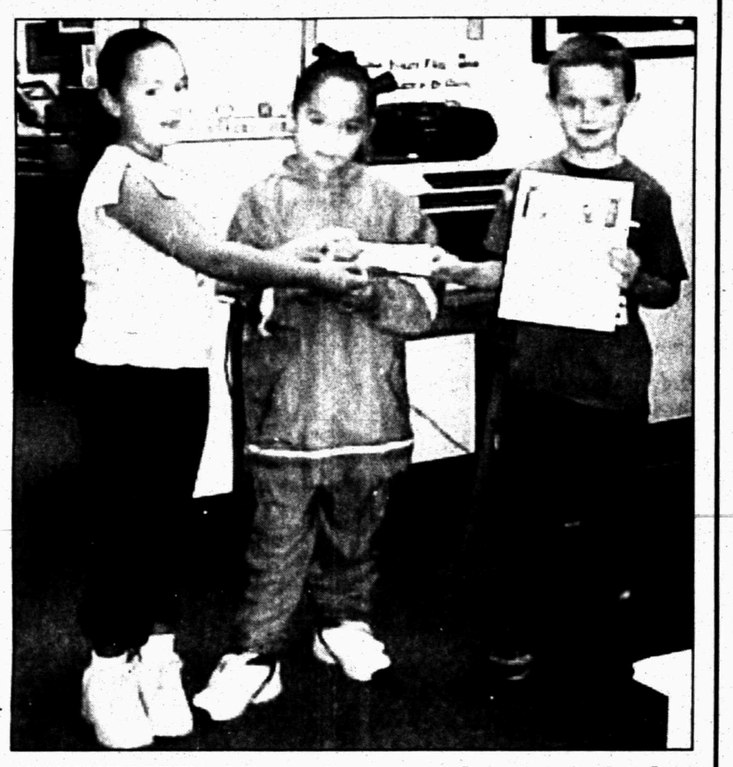
After the first Gulf war, the United States stationed troops in Saudi Arabia to help protect the Kingdom against possible attack by Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

The deployment helped deter Saddam, but it also inflamed Islamic radicals such as Osama bin Laden, who railed out against the presence of American "infidels" on sacred Saudi soil.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz has acknowledged that the U.S. deployment was bin Laden's "principal recruiting device" as he sought to build al-Qaida.

The big question is whether U.S. allies will get cold feet after deadly attacks against their citizens. Will they loosen their ties with the United States and other allies?

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi says the attacks on Iraqi police in Iraq will not derail his country's mission there.



STORY WINNER — Chance Rogers won first place in Stanfield Elementary's Let's Write contest. His story was about "How The Banana Got Its Shape." Rogers received the $5 prize money from Michelle Martinez and Priscilla DeLuna, who helped judge the contest. He is a student in Sherry Patterson's class. (Contributed Photo)

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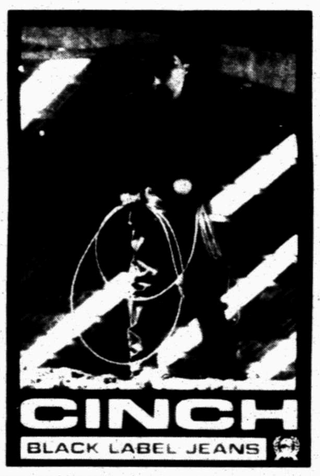
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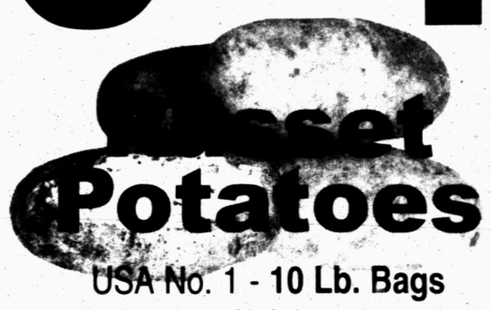
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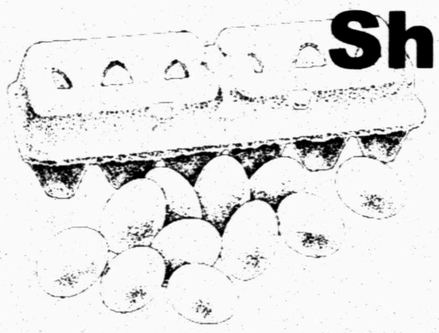
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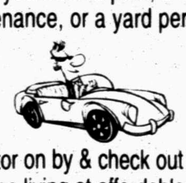
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Combat in Iraq...

National Guard, Reserve to get new roles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Guard and Reserve will take on more of the combat burden in Iraq next year, replacing some Army troops with a smaller, lighter and more mobile force equipped with fewer tanks and more Humvees.

Nearly 40 percent of the American forces in Iraq will be from the National Guard and Reserve after the Pentagon completes a massive switchout of troops starting in January — up from about 20 percent now.

Three National Guard infantry brigades will go, at least two of them slated for combat duties.

Overall, the Pentagon's plan for replacing the 130,000 American troops in Iraq with a fresh contingent will shrink the force by 20 percent and result in a more mobile force, perhaps better suited to the guerrilla war that has been taking a sobering toll in U.S. deaths and injuries.

The first changes will be seen even before the newly designated replacement force gets there. A contingent of 5,000 soldiers in a combat team called the Stryker Brigade, from Fort Lewis, Wash., is training in Kuwait in preparation for duty in Iraq. They are equipped with a new, speedier, lightly armored troop carrier and sophisticated communications tools to enable soldiers to locate guerrilla threats.

The Stryker Brigade is likely to see action in the so-called Sunni Triangle, the area between Baghdad, Ramadi and Tikrit where the resistance to U.S. forces has been deadliest.

"It is absolutely optimized for this kind of fight," said Lt. Gen. Richard Cody, the Army's deputy chief of staff for operations, who oversees the Army's provision of fresh forces.

Nearly 40 percent of the 105,000 troops in the new force will be National Guard and Reserve after the switchout ends in April. That compares with about a 20 percent share in the current force of 130,000 troops.

And it won't be just Army reservists; the Marines plan to use about 6,000 of their citizen-soldiers.

The main replacement force will arrive over a period of about four months, from January through April. They will be lighter and more agile than the units they replace; they will have two-thirds fewer tanks and Bradley armored troop carriers, trading firepower for mobility.

An armored division like the 1st Cavalry Division will equip two of the three battalions in each of its brigades with Humvee utility vehicles instead of tanks and Bradleys. The 1st Cavalry, based at Fort Hood, Texas, will actually be larger than a normal division, since it will operate with the 39th Infantry Brigade of the Arkansas National Guard.

The switch away from heavy armored forces has created such demand for Humvees that the Army is pulling every available one — fortified with add-on armor — out of the United States and Europe, Cody said.

Not just vehicles are in heavy demand. The Army is so stretched for soldiers that it is imposing "stop-loss" on all units designated for duty in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan — meaning those troops cannot leave the service even if they planned to retire. The clamp will remain during their duty in Iraq and three months beyond, Cody said in a recent interview.

The 1st Cavalry is likely to be given responsibility for the Baghdad area, replacing the 1st Armored Division.

The 1st Infantry Division, coming from several locations in Germany, will be joined by the 30th Infantry Brigade of the North Carolina National Guard.

Soybean growers seek new uses for their crop

MARYLAND HEIGHTS, Mo. (AP) — Warren Stemme's family has grown soybeans and other crops in the river bottoms outside St. Louis since 1869, when his great-grandfather emigrated from Germany.

Stemme planted about 1,200 acres this year, striking deals to rent from some 20 owners, in an area feeling increasing pressure from housing and business development. And sprawl isn't his only concern — he's also worried about foreign competitors.

For the first time, South America muscled past the United States in soybean production, harvesting 3.3 billion bushels last year.

"It's a huge concern," Stemme said. "There's a whole bunch of issues relating to that. How do we compete with them?"

One way, Stemme said, is finding new markets for soybeans and experimenting to find new uses.

Soy foods, like tofu and soymilk, are already a staple on supermarket shelves, but a Missouri brewer introduced a beer made with soy this year; a California company has been using soy in hair products; many farmers and some other consumers use biodiesel with soy in it to power vehicles or equipment; and an Iowa farmer's wife has created a business, one of dozens like it, selling soy candles in scents such as Chocolate Covered Cherries and Grandma's Baking.

Not every effort has made it to the marketplace. Attempts to make parts of sneakers out of soybean-derived materials haven't paid off yet — though a researcher says it's not out of the question.

Eric Niemann, chairman for the United Soybean Board's New Uses Committee, said work on new products falls into five categories: lubricants, plastics, coatings and inks, adhesives and other products.

The Nortonville, Kan., farmer said consumers may be using goods with soybeans in them and not even be aware of it. For instance, certain spray foam insulations, furniture padding and carpet backings contain soybeans, he said. Roughly 90 percent of American daily newspapers use some soy ink in their production, according to the United Soybean Board.

Moderately Confused



Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Mixing carbs and protein not a problem

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have heard from a couple of different sources that it is not good to eat carbohydrates and protein together. The reasoning is that protein delays the emptying time of your stomach, causing the carbohydrates to reside in the stomach longer as well and turn into alcohol or toxins. This counters much of the nutritional advice I have received elsewhere. Could you please clarify? Thanks! — J.E., Virginia

DEAR J.E.: One serving of clarification coming right up. There is no structural or functional reason why humans should refrain from including a variety of wholesome foods at every meal. That said, it is reasonable that each of us has found that certain foods or food combinations work better than others, but this is more a result of individual taste than a defect of the human digestive system.

The information you have is based on the questionable idea that easy-to-digest food, such as carbohydrates or fruit, should never be eaten with proteins or fatty foods that spend more time in the stomach undergoing digestion. According to this theory, having the carbohydrates in the stomach allows the sugars to ferment into alcohols, or putrefy into dangerous compounds that can affect the immune function and cause health problems. Forbidden combinations would include fruits and starchy foods, such as bread or potatoes, together with protein foods, such as meat or fish. Some tenets of the theory stem from the notion that the body relies on an acid (low pH) environment to digest proteins and an alkali (high pH) environment to digest starches.

If all the foods we ate were digested in the same place and at the same times, the mixing of food types might indeed cause digestive problems. This, however, is not the way our body works. We have separate digestive enzymes for the protein, carbohydrate and fats in our foods, and they operate in different regions of the digestive system. As a result, the treatment given one type food does not interfere with others. Protein, for example, is first denatured in the stomach by subjecting it to an acid environment. This, plus the churning by the stomach muscles, helps to break down the protein tissue so that the digestive enzymes will have an easier job. Once out of the stomach, the body neutralizes the acid, and the rest of the digestive process, including the digestion and absorption of protein, carbohydrate and fat, takes place in a more alkali environment.

Carbohydrate digestion begins with chewing, and an enzyme in our saliva. It tends to stop in the stomach, but picks up again once the food passes into the small intestine. The idea that they would ferment makes little sense — especially in light of the fact that the acid environment of the stomach is not conducive to fermentation.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I hear all sorts of different things about how much or how little calcium is absorbed. As a post-menopausal woman in her 60s, I need to be sure I get and absorb what I need. If I take 1,500 milligrams a day, do I really absorb only 50 percent of that amount? And how important is it to take it at different times during the day as opposed to all at once? Lastly, what is the best source? I do eat a fair amount of low-fat cheese and drink at least one glass of milk per day. Thank you for any advice you can give me. — G.J., no city or state given

DEAR G.J.: We absorb about 20 to 30 percent of the calcium we ingest. This can rise to 50 to 60 percent during adolescence and during pregnancy and lactation, but these are periods of unusual demand when the body's absorptive machinery is set on high. Calcium requirements take into account the efficiency of absorption. The key goal is to meet the requirement.

It is best to spread calcium intake throughout the day. Food sources are preferred. But of the supplements, calcium carbonate is convenient and inexpensive. Calcium citrate is more efficiently absorbed and can be taken on an empty stomach. The downside to calcium citrate is that it's a bigger compound than calcium carbonate, so it will take more (or larger) pills to get an equivalent amount of calcium. Bottom line: the goal is to get the recommended amount of calcium, so the best sources are the ones that you'll actually take.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

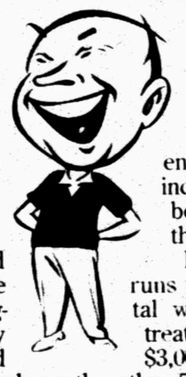
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Today's chuckle

Veterinarian has to remove 2 of dog's 5 legs

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A five-legged dog discovered near a state park has undergone successful surgery to remove two of her legs.



During a 21/2-hour operation Monday morning, a veterinary surgeon removed the dog's back two left legs, which resulted from an extremely rare genetic anomaly.

The Maltese-and-terrier mix named Popcorn created quite a stir in the local dog-lover community when she was found near Umstead State Park, northwest of Raleigh. Experts said it was unheard of for such an animal to live long past birth.

Popcorn is believed to be between 9 months and a year old.

The extra leg was removed because it was hampering the dog's movement. A more fully developed leg also was removed because it was rotated at a 90-degree angle, rendering it useless as well.

Popcorn required seven stitches and will have a 4-inch scar on her hip. She's been adopted by Liz Bell, the woman who found her.

Dr. Frank Ansede, who runs the Raleigh animal hospital where Popcorn is being treated, received more than $3,000 in donations from more than 50 donors living as far away as Wisconsin, Louisiana and Florida.

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NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK — Betty Nolan, library aide at Stanfield Elementary, read *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* to Sherry Patterson's class during National Children's Book Week. Students were allowed to wear their house shoes and bring their favorite stuffed animal. They could also tell what they were thankful for. Most students were thankful for parents and teachers and one was grateful for dinosaurs. (Contributed Photo)

DA prosecuting Michael Jackson apologizes for last week's joke

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The district attorney making child molestation allegations against Michael Jackson apologized for joking last week when authorities announced an arrest warrant had been issued for the pop icon.

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Thomas W. Sneddon was responding to criticism about his demeanor at the Nov. 19 news conference.

At one point, the prosecutor drew chuckles when he welcomed reporters to Santa Barbara with the line, "I hope that you all stay long and spend lots of money because we need your sales tax to support our offices."

In a CNN interview Tuesday, Sneddon said, "I think the criticism was valid, I think to some extent (the comment) was inappropriate. I feel bad about it because I should have known better."

The apology came as questions emerged about the credibility of the family of Jackson's accuser and as the singer's attorney, Mark Geragos, vowed to "land like a ton of bricks" on anyone who besmirches his reputation.

"If anybody doesn't think based upon what's happened so far that the true motivation of these charges and these allegations is anything but money and the seeking of money, then they're living in their own Neverland," Geragos said Tuesday, referring to the singer's Santa Barbara County estate.

The statement followed revelations that Geragos and Jackson were secretly videotaped while flying on a private jet to Santa Barbara last week for Jackson's surrender and booking.

Geragos claimed in a lawsuit filed Tuesday against Santa Monica-based XtraJet that the charter company covertly installed two cameras in the plane's cabin.

The cameras "were recording attorney-client conversations and then somebody had the unmitigated gall to shop those tapes around to media outlets in order to sell them to the highest bidder," he said.

The tapes' existence came to light when representatives of XtraJet showed it to several news organizations, saying they had found two videotapes aboard one of their jets and wanted to know whether it was legal to distribute or sell them.

The attorney for XtraJet did not immediately return a call for comment. The FBI said it seized tapes from XtraJet and were trying to assess whether there had been a violation of federal law.

"Michael Jackson is not going to be abused," Geragos said. "Michael Jackson is not going to be slammed. He is not going to be a pinata for every person who has financial motives."

The developments came as details about the boy's family began to emerge, including two previous cases that involved abuse allegations: a lawsuit in which the family said they were battered by mall security guards, and a divorce fight in which the father pleaded no contest to spousal abuse and child cruelty.

In November 2001, J.C. Penney Co. paid the boy's family $137,500 to settle a lawsuit alleging security guards beat the boy, his mother and his brother in a parking lot in 1998 after the boy left the store with clothes that hadn't been paid for, court records show.

The mother also contended that she was sexually assaulted by one of the guards during the confrontation.

A month before the settlement, the boy's mother had filed for divorce, beginning a bitter fight that would include criminal charges of abuse. The father's attorney, Russell Halpern, said the mother had lied about the abuse and had a "Svengali-like" ability to make her children repeat her lies.

Halpern said the father once showed him a script his wife had allegedly written for their children to use when they were questioned in a civil deposition.

"She wrote out all their testimony. I actually saw the script," Halpern said Tuesday. "I remember my client showing me, bringing the paperwork to me."

The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sexual abuse. The child's mother has an unlisted number and could not be located for comment. J.C. Penney lawyers did not return a call seeking comment.

The family's past legal cases could be critical in the current molestation case, if Jackson attorneys can show the mother or the accuser lacks credibility, said Leonard Levine, a defense attorney who specializes in sexual assault cases.

"It sounds like music to a defense attorney's ears — that there have been other cases where they have sued and there is at least an argument that the allegations are similar to the ones here," Levine said.

Jackson's spokesman, Stuart Backerman, declined to comment about the past lawsuits involving the accuser's family. The Santa Barbara County district attorney's office declined to comment Tuesday.

In 2002, the boy's father was charged with four counts of child cruelty, and one count each of injuring a child, making a threat and false imprisonment. He pleaded no contest to one count of child cruelty but it was unclear from court records which of his children was involved. The other charges were dismissed.

The father also pleaded no contest to spousal abuse in 2001.

Group raises funds

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A 127-year-old lighthouse at the south end of Charleston Harbor will soon stand on a man-made island constructed to replace what nature washed into the sea.

The Morris Island Lighthouse was 1,200 feet from shore on high ground when built in 1876, but the island gradually eroded after construction of the Charleston Harbor jetties in the late 1800s. The Coast Guard abandoned the lighthouse to the encroaching waves in 1962.

A private group working to preserve the lighthouse has raised enough money to begin the first phase of stabilization, said Dr. Richard Beck, vice chairman for Save the Light. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to award a contract next year for the work.

Family of four slain

BRADLEY, Wis. (AP) — A man shot his wife and two young children to death in their rural home, left a suicide note apologizing to relatives and fatally shot himself, authorities said Wednesday.

The children's grandmother found the bodies Tuesday afternoon when she went to wake her daughter-in-law, Miranda Reichert, and the children, 3-year-old Cara and 2-year-old William, from their usual afternoon nap, Lincoln County Sheriff Thomas J. Koth said.

"My understanding is that it was a normal routine that Miranda would lay down with the children at nap time," Koth said.

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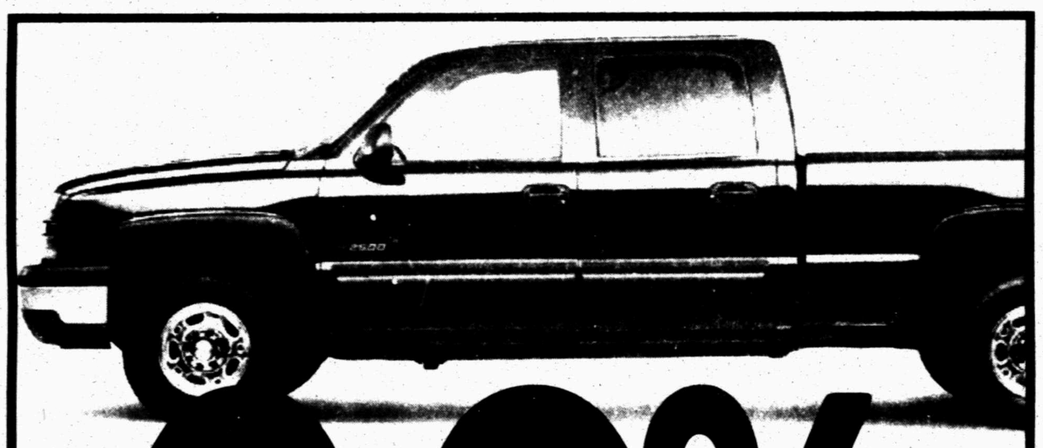
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Wife, daughter of Saddam deputy arrested

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — American troops hunting for a top Saddam Hussein deputy suspected of masterminding anti-U.S. attacks arrested his wife and daughter in an apparent attempt to pressure his surrender. A major pipeline from northern Iraqi oilfields was ablaze Wednesday.

Hours after rockets shook the center of Baghdad, setting off warning sirens in the U.S. headquarters compound, Britain's visiting foreign secretary said Iraq will be a safer place once the U.S.- and British-led coalition hands over power to an Iraqi government.

The coalition's handling of post-war Iraq came under sharp criticism from the retired American general who first led the occupation after Saddam's fall. Jay Garner said he should have deployed more troops in Baghdad and communicated better with the Iraqis.

Two top Shiite Muslim leaders said they want changes in the U.S. plan to handover power to Iraqis. They want elections sooner than the plan's timetable for elections by March 15, 2005. The plan calls for creation of an interim administration by June 30.

Grand Ayatollah Ali Husseini al-Sistani feels that "real loopholes" in the plan "must be dealt with, otherwise the process will be deficient and will not meet the expectations of the people of Iraq," said Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, a Shiite member of Iraq's Governing Council, after talks with al-Sistani.

Malvo is portrayed as cheerful, obedient

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — Witnesses testified that sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo was in and out of homes and schools while growing up, an attempt by his lawyers to convince the jury their client was susceptible to the influence of sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad.

Relatives, friends and former teachers of Malvo who spoke on his behalf at his trial Tuesday consistently described him as an obedient, inquisitive boy who latched on to father figures where he could find them.

Malvo's uncle, John Benjamin Lawrence, recalled a 9-year-old Malvo constantly asking questions while he lived with Lawrence in the Caribbean for more than two years at the request of Malvo's mother, Una James.

Lawrence's wife, Marie, said her husband "was a daddy to Lee — loving, caring." She called Malvo intelligent and "very obedient," and testified that only rarely did she have to beat him with a belt.

James pulled her son out of the Lawrences' home, saying she wanted him to live nearer his school. Later, she twice pulled him out of a high school in Brown's Town, Jamaica, and eventually moved him to Antigua.

A vice principal at the Jamaica high school, Esmie McLeod, said she became concerned about Malvo's frequent uprooting and confronted James about it. "I felt she was doing her son an injustice by moving him from place to place," she said. "I said, 'You constantly uproot your child.'"

McLeod was not permitted to testify about James' response.

One of the teachers at the school, Winsom Maxwell, arranged for Malvo to live at her parents' home in 1998 and 1999, when he bonded with her father.

Hospital officials offer plan for Hinckley's home visits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man who wounded President Reagan is ready to leave a psychiatric hospital for unsupervised visits with his parents, a hospital psychiatrist said Wednesday, testifying that John Hinckley Jr. no longer poses a danger to himself or others.

Paul Montalbano, pretrial chief of forensic services at St. Elizabeths Hospital, said Hinckley is ready to begin the visits under conditions that government experts have recommended.

U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman indicated last week that he was prepared to let Hinckley make the trips with certain restrictions, but he first wanted to hear testimony from officials at St. Elizabeths, where Hinckley has been for the past 22 years.

The new guidelines require Hinckley's parents to stay with their son at all times, call the hospital periodically to check in with doctors and make sure he takes his medication and stays away from weapons. Hinckley and his parents are prohibited from contacting or speaking to the media, and his parents must return him to the hospital immediately if there are behavior problems.

"I think it is important that the outings be part of a risk reduction strategy," Montalbano said. "I believe that successful visits can actually make him less dangerous."

Hinckley, 48, has been a patient at St. Elizabeths since he was acquitted by reason of insanity in the shootings of Reagan and three others outside a Washington hotel in March 1981.

Fed Reserve reports far-reaching gains

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail sales are up, residential housing is booming and even the nation's beleaguered factories are coming back to life, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in its most optimistic assessment of the economy in more than three years.

The Fed said its latest nationwide survey of business conditions found that the economic rebound that got going in the summer was picking up steam in October and early November with improvements across many industries.

The survey, compiled from reports submitted by the Fed's 12 regional banks, was the most upbeat since before the start of the 2001 recession and the listless recovery that has extended over the past two years.

"Descriptions of the pace of growth varied somewhat. But improvements appeared to be reasonably broadly based with most districts noting growth in a number of industries," the Fed said.

The Fed survey, commonly called the Beige Book for the color of its cover, will be used when central bank policy-makers hold their last meeting of the year on Dec. 9. The Fed is widely expected to hold a key interest rate at a 45-year low of 1 percent in an effort to bolster economic activity enough to persuade businesses to begin rehiring laid-off workers.

The Fed has been able to keep interest rates low for an extended period because of an absence of price pressures. The central bank said Wednesday that workers' wages and consumer prices continued to be "fairly stable," although there were some increases in raw materials prices and the cost of health insurance continued to surge.

Man arrested for driving while license is suspended

• Arrest

A 28-year-old man was arrested in the area of 37th and Brick Plant Road at 8:04 a.m. Wednesday for driving while license suspended. The subject was transported to the Scurry County Sheriff's Department.

• Burglary

A caller reported a burglary of a vehicle in the 500 block of 32nd Street at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday. An officer responded and advised that an offense report for a felony theft of a firearm would be submitted.

• Alarm

Honeywell Security reported Wednesday at 12:43 p.m. that a silent alarm had been set off at First American Bank. An officer responded and made contact with an employee who said that the alarm had been set off by a power surge.

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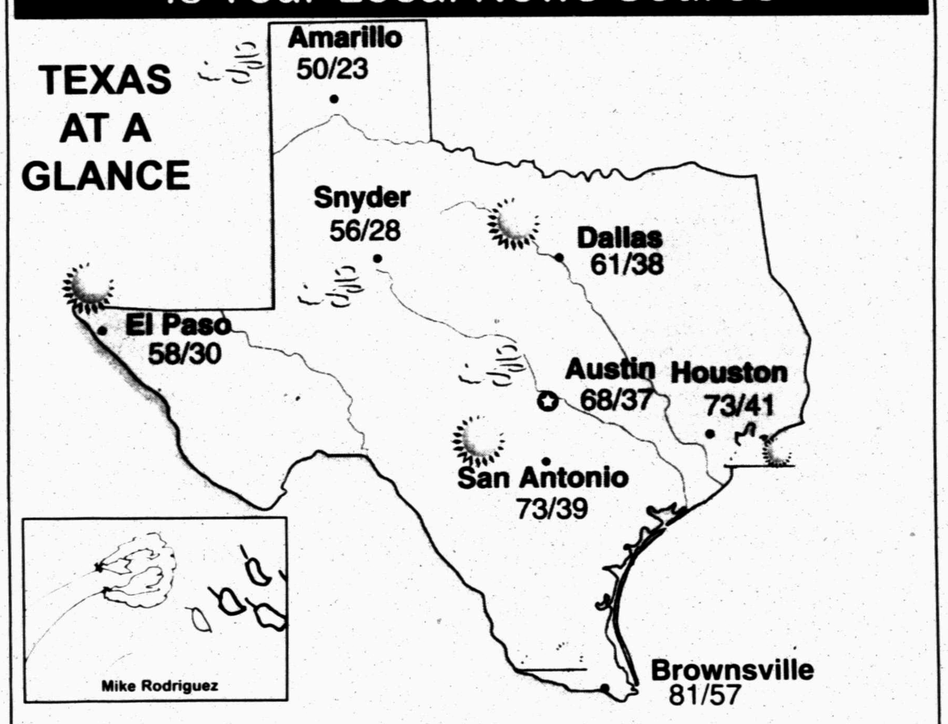
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 11/27	Fri 11/28	Sat 11/29
56/28	56/32	65/39
Sunny and windy. High 56F. Winds N at 20 to 30 mph	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 7:24 AM, Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 7:25 AM, Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 7:26 AM, Sunset 5:38 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	58	32	sunny	El Paso	58	30	sunny	Midland	57	30	windy
Amarillo	50	23	windy	Fort Stockton	59	32	sunny	Raymondville	80	53	pt sunny
Austin	68	37	windy	Gainesville	59	34	sunny	Rosenberg	73	41	pt sunny
Beaumont	73	41	rain	Greenville	60	34	sunny	San Antonio	73	39	sunny
Brownsville	81	57	cloudy	Houston	73	41	pt sunny	San Marcos	69	37	windy
Brownwood	63	34	sunny	Kingsville	79	47	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	35	sunny
Corpus Christi	77	47	pt sunny	Livingston	70	36	mst sunny	Sweetwater	58	31	sunny
Corsicana	63	37	sunny	Longview	64	37	mst sunny	Tyler	63	36	sunny
Dallas	61	38	sunny	Lubbock	55	25	windy	Weatherford	60	33	sunny
Del Rio	67	39	sunny	Lufkin	69	37	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	59	32	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	67	47	rain	Houston	73	41	pt sunny	Phoenix	71	47	sunny
Boston	50	46	cloudy	Los Angeles	73	53	mst sunny	San Francisco	61	53	pt sunny
Chicago	47	30	cloudy	Miami	82	70	pt sunny	Seattle	48	44	rain
Dallas	61	38	sunny	Minneapolis	30	24	cloudy	St. Louis	49	33	pt sunny
Denver	33	16	windy	New York	55	52	cloudy	Washington, DC	60	53	cloudy

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 8	Dec 16

UV Index

Thu 11/27	Fri 11/28	Sat 11/29
4 Low	4 Low	4 Low

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

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Obituaries

Jake King

1909-2003

Jake Carlston King, longtime Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, at his home in Snyder after a sudden illness.

Graveside service for Mr. King, 94, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Hillside Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Avenue D Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 22, 1909 in New Boston, he was married to Ida Mae Pearson who died in 1996.

A resident of Snyder since 1924, Mr. King was a veteran of World War II. He was a farmer and oilfield worker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Effie Nelson King; two sisters, Eula Daniels and Bertie Sandlin; and two brothers, Jesse King and Junior King.

Survivors include a brother, J.W. King of Lubbock; a sister, Pearl Cagle of Snyder; three nieces and their spouses, Frances and Pete Pitner of Snyder, Jeanne and Eddie Watson of Brownwood and Barbara and Billy Rinehart of Arlington; two nephews, Bobby Joe King and wife Susie of Snyder, and Jesse King of Pasadena.

Lane Echols

1907-2003

Funeral service for Lane Echols, 96, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Faith Baptist Church. John B. Echols Jr., a grandson, and Larry White, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.


Lane Echols

Mrs. Echols, a longtime Scurry County resident, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Born Nov. 10, 1907 in Shelby County, she married Burton Echols on June 25, 1925 in Tenaha.

They moved to Scurry County in 1933 where they farmed until Mr. Echols' death in 1963. Mrs. Echols was a homemaker and a member of Faith Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; eight siblings; and two children, Van Echols and Edyth Henderson.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Mary and Guy Baber of Hobbs, N.M., John and Nita Echols of Navasota, and Janet and Ted Bigham of Snyder; a special niece and nephew, Kay and Tommy Echols of Snyder; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Vivian Fikes

1913-2003

Vivian Elizabeth Fikes, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, in Lubbock's Hospitality House.

Services for Mrs. Fikes, 90, are set for 4 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel. Visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Born March 27, 1913, she was married to Joseph Daniel Halpain who died in 1947. She married Edwin Lloyd Fikes, and he died in 1971.

Mrs. Fikes owned and operated a laundry in Snyder for about 10 years and she also worked in a number of restaurants, including Sally's.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Billy Gene Halpain and Donald Wayne Halpain; and two stepdaughters, Eddie Lee and Maxine Fikes.

Survivors include a daughter, Debra Cheyne of Waco; two sons, Joe Lee Halpain of Kemp and Jack Andrew Halpain of Lubbock; two stepdaughters, Ramona Fikes of Plano and Faydell Christian of Arkansas; two stepsons, Edwin Lloyd Fikes Jr. of Lubbock and William Fikes of Odessa; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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Fleming wants to slim down operation

DALLAS (AP) — Bankrupt grocery distributor Fleming Cos., already stripped of its core business, wants to survive as a scaled-down provider to convenience stores, according to lawyers in the case.

The Lewisville-based company, however, is continuing to explore the possible sale of its last remaining operating division, called Core-Mark International Inc.

On Monday, the company and its creditors will give a federal bankruptcy judge in Wilmington, Del., a plan to pay Fleming's banks $325 million of the approximately $600 million they are owed. Lawyers for both sides said they expect U.S. Bankruptcy Chief Judge Mary F. Walrath to sign an order approving the payment.

"This clears the way for us to get the plan going, reorganize Core-Mark and get it out of bankruptcy. That's the goal of the unsecured creditors," said Robert Hertzberg of the Pepper Hamilton law firm, co-counsel for Fleming's creditors.

The partial payment to the banks also saved the company interest payments of nearly $1 million a month, Hertzberg said.

Fleming officials did not return several calls from The Associated Press, but one of its lawyers said the company still hoped to emerge from the Chapter 11 proceedings with its convenience-store supply division intact.

"We do not believe that Core-Mark will be liquidated," said Geoffrey Richards of Kirkland & Ellis. "Core-Mark has a very strong, viable ongoing business, and it will continue to operate. Core-Mark has certainly been the healthiest of the company's three divisions."

Fleming has already sold its main business, a wholesale grocery supply operation, and a retail division that once operated more than 100 discount grocery stores. The company has said it is exploring alternatives for Core-Mark, which it acquired last year in a bid to expand its reach into the convenience-store market.

Not everyone is convinced that Fleming will survive the bankruptcy process.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Nov. 28, 2003

In the year ahead you may serve as a member of a team that will be working toward a worthwhile project that could draw attention. However, reaching the group goal will be more important to you than the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There could be something electrifying about your personality today that will command both respect and attention. No one you run across at this time will treat you indifferently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your intuitiveness, coupled with your cleverness, will be two big pluses you'll have going for you today in your important affairs. Be sure to utilize this combination in your financial dealings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Underplay your leadership qualities today so that you don't come on too strong and people will actually turn to you for direction. When they ask, they'll be more inclined to follow.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Conditions are ripe today for advancing an ambition you've kept under wraps just waiting for the right moment to move on it. You can stop being a dreamer and start being a doer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Attitude and timing could be extremely important today in gaining the cooperation of others. Be of stout heart, positive in your thinking and don't procrastinate. What works today may not work tomorrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Instead of intimidating you, competitive situations (especially those that relate to your work or career) will stimulate your imagination and drive today. Achievement will be important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — When you talk today you'll make so much sense that others will perk up their ears and listen attentively. Don't be surprised if friends start coming to you for advice or counsel.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You'll have the ability today to take that which is outmoded and transform it into something that is useful and attractive. This talent could come into play in two specific instances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's quite possible that you're going to get the opportunity you've been hoping for to get together with someone you'd like to forge meaningful bonds with. Make the most of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Tenacity is a quality that you possess today that could give you an edge over others if you'll trust yourself enough to put it into play. Persistence will turn the tide toward success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There's a big chance that you could encounter someone new today in a convivial, social atmosphere with whom you'll have much in common. It could mean the start of a good relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A plethora of bright, innovative ideas may come your way today. One in particular could turn out to be extremely beneficial, and if you sense this, take action or at least lay some groundwork.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Seniors can get help with food

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you took for granted that all seniors could eat and afford nourishing meals. If they won't (or can't), they should take vitamin pills.

I want you to know that not all elderly people can afford to eat a proper diet. I am a widower and live on Social Security. I am not a good cook, so I eat mainly vegetables. I cannot afford a "well-balanced" diet. I just wanted you to know.

DEAR READER: I am well aware of the poverty and frustration that millions of the elderly suffer. However, there are many resources available to such citizens to prevent starvation and malnutrition. Such resources include Meals On Wheels, church-sponsored soup kitchens, state and federal aid, and a variety of private charities that will supply food to deserving seniors.

I suggest that you check with the Social Services Department in your city or town. Help is available, but you have to know where to find it and how. Also, you might ask a neighbor or a friend to provide you with basic food-preparation techniques.

With respect to vitamin supplements, I encourage them in the elderly. Studies have proved that a multi-vitamin/mineral preparation will improve health in people over 65 if taken on a regular basis.

A word of caution: processed food, frozen/TV dinners and the like are often a mainstay in seniors' dietary choices. This is unwise. Not only are these products expensive, they may also be rich in fat and heavy on salt. Therefore, buying fresh food and produce is easier on the budget, and provides more rounded nutrition.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eating Right for a Healthy Heart." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column on thalassemia, you stated that blood transfusions should be avoided. However, this is not true. Monthly transfusions may be life-saving in certain circumstances, such as profound anemia.

You are correct that this practice leads to dangerous iron overload, causing cirrhosis and heart failure; however, the overload can be helped by a drug called Desferal. The medicine is administered intravenously over an 8- to 12-hour period, 5 to 7 nights a week.

Those of your readers who are interested in further information about thalassemia can call the Cooley's Anemia Foundation at (800) 522-7222, write to the Foundation at 129-09 26th Ave., Flushing, N.Y. 11354, or go to the Web site at www.cooleysanemia.org.

DEAR READER: Aside from the gargantuan expense of chelation therapy, receiving a daily 12-hour therapy session would, it seems to me, leave little time for anything else.

Thank you for writing.

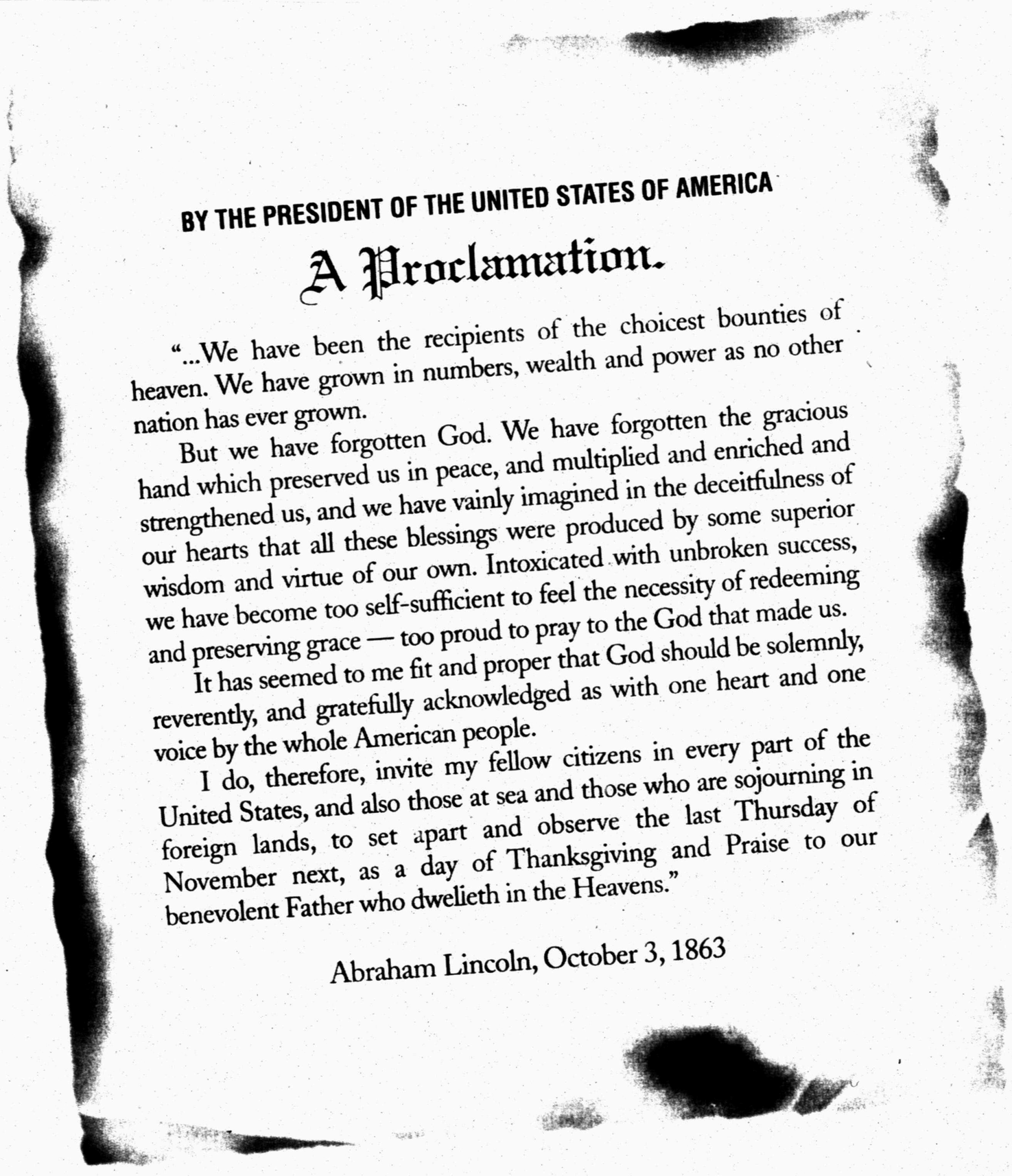
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It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people.

I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our benevolent Father who dwelieth in the Heavens."

Abraham Lincoln, October 3, 1863

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