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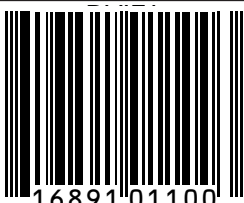
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Robbery rash hits Westover

Police think 18 incidents are related

BY JANET L. METZNER
The Dominion Post

Westover Police believe 18 incidents — robberies, a burglary, attempted robberies, suspected

IF YOU HAVE any information on the string of crimes in Westover, you may call the Westover Police Department at 296-6576 or 599-6382.

embezzlements and suspicious incidents — at video lottery retailers in town are related.

They are all part of "a major investigation," said Det. Sgt. Roy Harper of the Westover Police Department.

"This is a high number of rob-

beries. Therefore we are conducting an investigation of why there are such a high number at these specific locations," he said.

Three Hot Spots — on Fairmont Road, Ohio Avenue and Holland Avenue — have the same owners, and employees are often rotated between the sites, he said.

A clerk at one of the sites said she feels "scared" about the string of incidents.

"I think that's all I should say," she added.

Harper urges anyone with infor-

mation to call the department at 296-6576 or 599-6382.

"Anybody who was in these stores and can think of anything they observed, but didn't think important at the time, is asked to call," he said.

The incidents, from police reports:

■ 9:48 p.m. Nov. 20 — An employee of the Hot Spot, 1 Ohio Ave., reported that a white male brandished a handgun in an attempted strong-arm robbery.

■ 3:28 a.m. Nov. 3 — A woman

reported an armed robbery at the Hot Spot, 990 Fairmont Road. Three officers from the Westover Police Department responded and secured the scene. A Morgantown Police K-9 unit searched the area, but found nothing.

■ 10:32 p.m. Oct. 27 — Officers received a complaint of larceny from a vehicle, at the Hot Spot, 1 Ohio Ave.

■ 9:22 a.m. Oct. 5 — Police were told that \$1,000 was missing from the Hot

SEE **ROBBERY**, 2A

Volunteers help others give thanks

Agencies serve up Thanksgiving meals

BY J. MILES LAYTON
The Dominion Post

Local folks are volunteering their time to make sure those who have no other place to go can enjoy the traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey and all the fixings.

Paul Ragland, 56, volunteers his time to feed the hungry by gathering the food from Realtors near and far.

"This always kicks off my holiday season and puts me in good spirits," he said.

Ragland is a member of the Morgantown Board of Realtors's community service committee, which raises donations and provides canned food, perishables and all sorts of holiday fare to feed people at Bartlett House. Ragland has collected the food and gone shopping for the Thanksgiving essentials for 12 years. He is motivated by a desire to help others.

"As I grew older, I realized the importance of giving back to the community," he said. "I'm lucky enough to be able to do some of that. Community service gives me bonafide pleasure anytime, but particularly during the holidays."

Ragland said Bartlett House usually serves from 80 to 100 people on Thanksgiving.

"Thanksgiving is a special meal," he said. "These people are really needy, and they are quite thankful for the holiday help."

Ragland said the beauty of giving is not getting anything in return.

"Community service is big to me," he said. "Part of the Christmas season is the joy of giving."

Marie Carr, 61, will cook and serve food at the Soup Opera in Fairmont today. She is retired from Fairmont General Hospital where she worked in the kitchen, did housekeeping and laundry.

"I myself like to cook — the turkey, the dressing, the whole works," she said.

Carr said she doesn't mind helping out on Thanksgiving because her family is usually pretty busy that day. Instead, the family celebrates Saturday to give her children a chance to visit the in-laws. Carr volunteers two or three days a week year-round at the Soup Opera.



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Opal Glaspell (left), kitchen coordinator for the Soup Opera in Fairmont, and Marie Carr, a volunteer, are busy processing some of the donated food that will be used to feed the hungry. Carr and Glaspell will be busy cooking turkeys and serving all sorts of food on Thanksgiving.

Carr said she empathizes with the people she serves. Many of the people she has met live on the streets and even in tents. Carr said there are a lot of senior citizens and people with small children who stop at the Soup Kitchen for a meal.

"I raised five kids on my own, so some that are having hard times — I know what it is like," she said.

Carr said the work she is doing is for others.

"There are several people who come up to us after lunch is over and thank us," she said. "They are very appreciative."

Mary Barker, 48, of Fairmont said she has no choice but to rely on the Soup Opera because she doesn't have a lot of money left over for food after paying rent each month.

"You only get \$50 a month in food stamps, so what are you to do?" she said.

Barker said it is a seven-mile walk from her house to the Soup Opera, which is made even more difficult by her health problems. She was busy gathering food for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday



Paul Ragland has been collecting food for the needy at Thanksgiving for 12 years. This food provides meals for at least 100 people at Bartlett House on Thanksgiving. Ragland said he volunteers his time because it is the right thing to do.

Bob Gay/The Dominion Post

from the Soup Opera. Barker said this is first time she has even needed the Soup Opera.

"I am thankful for them," she

said of Carr and other volunteers. "I have two cans of vegetables and a jar of peanut butter at home. Thank God for people like her."

Beilein burglar pleads

Faces 1-10 years each on 2 counts

BY J. MILES LAYTON
The Dominion Post

A man charged with burglarizing the home of WVU basketball coach John Beilein pleaded guilty to grand

larceny and day-time burglary in a plea hearing Wednesday in Monongalia County Circuit Court.

Christopher John Homsteic, 40, of Pittsburgh, was arrested Oct. 9 while trying to rob the home of John Beilein.

Homsteic's sentencing hearing will be Jan. 11, 2007, when he could be sentenced from one to 10 years for each charge, according to the Monongalia County Prosecutor's office.

Homsteic remains at North Central Regional Jail until he is sentenced. His bond was \$50,000.

"The state is certainly satisfied with how things have progressed to this point," said Marcia Ashdown, Monongalia County Prosecuting Attorney.

Beilein's son, Patrick, foiled the robbery, where four basketball championship rings valued at \$1,200 and a watch valued at \$600 were reported missing. Beilein was working out at his family's home at Cheat Lake when he saw a stranger, later identified by State Police as Homsteic, walking toward his house.

SEE **BURLGAR**, 2A

Gunman robs gas station with officer inside

Associated Press

SHREVEPORT, La. — A masked gunman walked into a gas station and demanded money, apparently not noticing that the line at the counter included a uniformed police officer.

L.J. Scott, a member of the Police Department's armed robbery task force, told the would-be robber to put his own hands up.

Scott took the handgun and arrested Derek Pierson Jr., 21, of Stockton, Calif., police department spokeswoman Kacey Hargrave said.

Hargrave said Pierson was booked into the city jail on a charge of armed robbery with a firearm.

Couple resells home church gave them

Church members raised funds for Katrina victims

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tennessee — A church that wanted to do something special for Hurricane Katrina victims gave a \$75,000 house, free and clear, to a couple who said they were left homeless by the storm. But the couple turned around and sold the place without ever moving in, and went back to New Orleans.

"Take it up with God," an unrepentant Joshua Thompson told a TV reporter after it was learned that he and the woman he identified as his wife had flipped the home for \$88,000.

Church members said they feel their generosity was abused by scam artists. They are no longer even sure that the couple were left homeless by Katrina or that they were a couple at all.

"They came in humble like they really needed a new start, and our hearts went out to them," said Jean Phillips, a real estate agent and member of the Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ. "They actually begged for the home."

The church was also shocked by an ungrateful interview the couple gave with WHBQ-TV in Memphis.

"I really don't like this area," said Delores Thompson. "I really didn't, and I didn't know anybody, so that's why I didn't move in and I sold it."

Thompson, reached at a New Orleans phone number by The Associated Press on Tuesday, thanked the

church for its generosity but said she saw nothing wrong in selling the three-bedroom, two-bath house.

"Do I have any legal problems? What do you mean? The house was given to me," she said. "I have the paperwork and everything."

She refused further comment and hung up.

The church had decided that it would do something special for one Katrina-displaced family, in addition to its other efforts to help evacuees. The church set up a committee to find the right family and conducted

several dozen interviews.

Delores Thompson, who did most of the talking for her family, told the committee that she had lost her job as a nurse and that her husband had lost an import-export business in New Orleans, committee member Joy Covington said.

The committee also heard how the family had lost its home and most of its possessions and how the children, a 14-year-old girl and 16-year-old boy, were eager to get back in school. The family said it wanted to resettle in Memphis.

Simpson says he knew 'If I Did It' profits would be 'blood money,' Page 4-A



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More Gulf residents spend holiday in FEMA trailers

Associated Press

CHALMETTE, La. — Cradling an 18-pound turkey, Hurricane Katrina victim Nancy Prattini hauled groceries from her minivan, preparing for her family's first Thanksgiving dinner in their cramped FEMA-issued trailer.


"It won't be the same, but nothing will be the same anymore," said Prattini, who is making dinner for 12 on Thursday.

Nearly 15 months after the hurricane struck, the number of Katrina victims who will be spending Thanksgiving in FEMA trailers this year will paradoxically be far higher — roughly three times greater — than it was last year.

The reason: Many people who were living with family members or staying in hotels at government expense last year have since moved out or been evicted. But they have been unable to return to their homes because they are still waiting for their houses to be repaired, their insurance to come through, or the water and electricity to be turned back on. Or they have yet to decide whether to rebuild at all.

More than 99,000 families in Louisiana and Mississippi are living in FEMA trailers, compared with about 34,000 last November, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Biloxi, Miss., resident Jessica Lessard and her family are spending their second Thanksgiving in a FEMA trailer, but things will be different this time: FEMA just sent her family a spacious three-bedroom mobile home to replace the tiny camper they have been in for the past year.



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Simpson says he knew 'If I Did It' profits would be 'blood money'

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson told The Associated Press he participated in the ill-fated "If I Did It" book and interview project for one reason — personal profit, acknowledging that any financial gain was "blood money."

"This was an opportunity for my kids to get their financial legacy," Simpson said in interviews this week with the AP after the book deal was abandoned by its publisher. "My kids understand. I made it clear that it's blood money, but it's no different than any of the other writers who did books on this case."

The book, said to describe how he theoretically would have committed the murders of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, had been scheduled for release Nov. 30 following the airing of a two-part Simpson interview on Fox on Monday and Wednesday. News Corp., owner of Fox Broadcasting and publisher HarperCollins, canceled the project after a public outcry and objections by advertisers and booksellers.

In a radio interview Wednesday, Simpson said the project was not a

confession to the slayings. "I made it clear from the first day I met the writer that I wasn't involved," Simpson said in a telephone interview broadcast on Miami's WTSP-AM. "I said, 'I have nothing to confess.'" Goldman's family, meanwhile, asked News Corp. to turn over its rights to the now-canceled book and interview, an attorney said Wednesday.

In two AP telephone interviews this week from his Florida home, Simpson declined to say how much of an advance he received for the book but said it was less than the \$3.5 million that has been reported. He said the money has already been spent, including some he used to meet his tax obligations.

Simpson said he was convinced the book would have been a best-seller.

"My kids would have been coming into a lot of money," he said, adding he desperately needs the cash because his retirement funds are dwindling.

He also said he deserved the harsh criticism for his role in the project, although he complained that News Corp. owner Rupert Murdoch appears to be getting off easy.

Chemical plant explosion damages about 90 homes

Associated Press

DANVERS, Mass. — A chemical plant exploded early Wednesday, sparking a massive fire and blowing debris for blocks that damaged nearly 90 homes but caused only minor injuries, officials said.

"It looks like a war zone," Danvers Fire Chief James P. Tutko said after surveying the area by helicopter. "It's just — it's devastating."

The explosion hit just before 3 a.m. and could be felt miles from the CAI Inc. plant, about 20 miles north of Boston. About 300 people were in the surrounding neighborhood at the time, but police who went door-to-door throughout the area found fewer than a dozen had been injured, and none was in serious condition, Tutko said.

"Somebody out there likes us," Tutko said, explaining the lack of more serious injuries.

The explosion ripped rooftops from homes, and buildings were shaken off their foundations. Nearly all of the about 90 homes in the surrounding neighborhood were damaged, including 15 to 25 that probably can't be saved, Tutko said. Residents, including those in a nursing home a facility for the deaf, were evacuated to shelters set up at area schools.

Nancy Chick, who lives in a second-floor condo across the Crane River, said the shock bowed her windows inward and pulled her curtains halfway out before the windows returned to their normal position in the frames.

Afterward, the curtains hung from their rod and flapped outside her window, even though it was closed.

"I never saw anything like it," said Chick, 66. "All the pressure must have blown it in and then sucked it out."

It was too early to speculate on a cause of the blast, Tutko said. Several small structural fires still burned more than six hours after the explosion.

"I was in bed and then next thing I knew, I was on my feet," said Paul O'Donnell, 44. "I saw the flames and grabbed my clothes. My first thought was that an airplane crashed, but then I thought it was too early for that."



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Associated Press

Bush spares turkeys after a chase by dog

WASHINGTON — He was going to pardon the National Thanksgiving Turkey anyway, but President Bush figured he really owed the bird this time. His dog had just scared the stuffing out of it.

Bush spared the turkey — named “Flyer” in an online vote — during a Rose Garden ceremony on Wednesday. The backup bird, “Fryer,” was also pardoned but nowhere to be seen on this raw day.

The president explained that his Scottish Terrier, Barney, got involved this year. The presidential dog typically gets his exercise by chasing a soccer ball around the Rose Garden.

“He came out a little early, as did Flyer,” Bush said. “And instead of chasing the soccer ball, he chased the bird. And it kind of made the turkey nervous. See, the turkey was nervous to begin with. Nobody’s told him yet about the pardon I’m about to give him.”

Bush announced that the birds would be sent off to Disneyland in California to be the honorary grand marshals of a Thanksgiving Day Parade, just like their predecessors a year ago.

Police: Elderly woman killed during drug bust

ATLANTA — Many people on the rundown northwest Atlanta street where Kathryn Johnston lived fortify their windows with metal bars and arm themselves for protection.

Johnston, 92, was no exception.

She was waiting with her gun on Tuesday night when a group of plainclothes officers with a warrant knocked down her door in a search for drugs, police said. She opened fire, wounding three officers, before being shot her to death, police said.

Assistant Police Chief Alan Dreher called the killing “tragic and unfortunate” but said the officers were justified in returning fire.

“You don’t know who’s in the house until you open that door,” Dreher said Wednesday.

Poll reveals divergent views on illegal immigration

McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — More than two-thirds of Americans support enabling illegal immigrants to become citizens even as nearly the same percentage favor a crackdown on businesses that employ such immigrants, according to a national poll released Tuesday.

The poll, done by Quinnipiac University Polling Institute, contrasts with a poll the school conducted in March that showed most Americans opposed to making it easier for illegal immigrants to become citizens. Its release comes two weeks after a midterm election that brought the issue to the forefront in many campaigns.

Sixty-nine percent of respondents said that a guest-worker program for those here illegally should offer such immigrants the ability to work toward citizenship over several years. Just over a quarter (27 percent) opposed the idea.

“There has been a generalized hostility toward illegal immigrants,” said Maurice Carroll, director of Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. “With the campaign season over, maybe people are willing to take a more judicious look at everything.”

At the same time, the poll shows

that Americans favor curbing employment of illegal immigrants and support municipalities’ efforts to crack down on businesses that employ illegal immigrants.

Nearly two-thirds (63 percent) said they supported fining businesses that employ illegal immigrants. Hazleton, Pa., sparked a national trend after the City Council passed a law in July cracking down on businesses that hire illegal immigrants and landlords that rent to them.

With an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States — between 125,000 and 175,000 are thought to live in Pennsylvania, according to the Pew Hispanic Center — the issue has become a hotly debated matter in Congress. President Bush has endorsed a Senate-approved plan to create a guest-worker program for illegal immigrants that would enable many to eventually become citizens, provided they pay back taxes, learn English and have no serious criminal records.

The House has rejected the plan, having passed an entirely different bill that focuses on beefing up border security and criminalizing those here illegally.

The Quinnipiac poll also sug-

gests that Americans are optimistic — albeit by a small margin — that Congress and the president can come to an agreement over the issue.

Nearly half (48 percent) of the poll’s 1,623 respondents said they thought Bush and Democrats in Congress will work together on immigration reform, while 44 percent expressed skepticism.

Bush, though, has had more trouble persuading members of his own party to follow his plan for a guest-worker program. Whether the Democrats have a large enough majority in both houses to carry the president’s plan remains to be seen.

The poll, conducted Nov. 13 through Sunday with a margin of error of plus or minus 2.4 percentage

points, also found little variation among responses based on political affiliation and gender.

“The differences are not as partisan as people think they are,” said Gabriel Escobar, associate director of publications at the Pew Hispanic Center, which studies illegal immigration and attitudes toward immigrants.

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U.N. says 3,709 Iraqis were killed in October

Associated Press
 BAGHDAD, Iraq — At least 101 Iraqis died in the country's unending sectarian slaughter Wednesday, and the U.N. reported that 3,709 Iraqi civilians were killed in October, the highest monthly toll of the war and one that is sure to be eclipsed when November's dead are counted.

The United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq also said citizens were fleeing the country at a pace of 100,000 each month, and that at least 1.6 million Iraqis have left since the war began in March 2003.

Life for Iraqis, especially in Baghdad and cities and towns in the center of the country, has become increasingly untenable. Many schools failed to open at all in September, and professionals — especially professors, physicians, politicians and journalists — are falling to sectarian killers at a stunning pace.

Lynchings have been reported

as Sunnis and Shiites conduct a merciless campaign of revenge killings. Some Shiite residents in the north Baghdad neighborhood of Hurrayah claim that militiamen and death squads are holding Sunni captives in warehouses, then slaughtering them at the funerals of Shiites killed in the tit-for-tat murders.

Wednesday's death count included 76 bodies found dumped in four cities, 59 of them in Baghdad alone, according to police, who said at least 25 people had been gunned down.

The U.N. figure for the number of killings in October was more than three times the 1,216 tabulated by The Associated Press and nearly 850 more than the 2,867 U.S. service members who have died during the war.

The U.N. said its figures for civilian deaths were based on reports from the Iraqi Health Ministry, the country's hospitals and the Medico-Legal Institute in Baghdad. The

previous monthly record was 3,590 for July.

Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh called the U.N. report "inaccurate and exaggerated" because it was not based on official government reports.

Asked in a telephone interview if any such report existed, al-Dabbagh told the AP that one "was not available yet but it would be published later."

The U.N. report said Iraq's heavily armed and increasingly brutal Shiite militias were gaining strength and influence and that torture was rampant, despite the Iraqi government's vow to reduce human rights abuses.

"Hundreds of bodies continued to appear in different areas of Baghdad — handcuffed, blindfolded and bearing signs of torture and execution-style killing," said the report by the U.N. Assistance Mission for Iraq, or UNAMI. "Many witnesses report-

ed that perpetrators wear militia attire and even police or army uniforms."

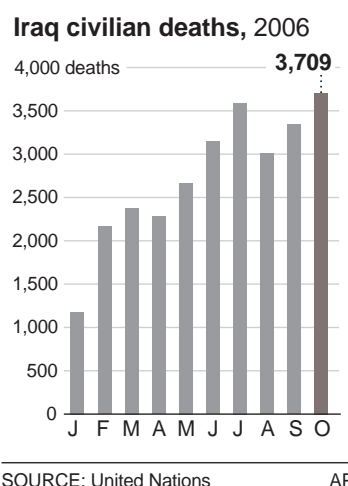
The two primary militias in Iraq are the military wings of the country's strongest Shiite political groups on which Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is heavily dependent. He has repeatedly rejected U.S. demands that he disband the heavily armed groups, especially the Mahdi Army of radical anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

"I think the type of violence is different in the past few months," Gianni Magazzeni, the UNAMI chief in Baghdad, told a news conference. "There was a great increase in sectarian violence in activities by terrorists and insurgents, but also by militias and criminal gangs."

He noted that religious clashes have been common since Sunni Arab insurgents bombed a major Shiite shrine on Feb. 22 in Samarra, north of Baghdad.

Civilian deaths rise

October was the deadliest month for Iraqi civilians since the March 2003 U.S. invasion, according to a U.N. report. It also said the influence of militias in Iraq was growing and torture is rampant.



Gorbachev recovers from operation in Germany

MOSCOW — Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is recovering after undergoing surgery in Germany on a key artery in the neck that supplies blood to the brain, his foundation said Wednesday.

Gorbachev, 75, had surgery on his carotid artery at a clinic in Munich on Tuesday after being hospitalized there Sunday, the Gorbachev Foundation said in a statement posted on its Web site.

"The post-operation phase is proceeding normally," it said. Gorbachev has not had any major health problems in the past.

Gorbachev went to a Moscow hospital 10 days ago feeling tired and somewhat unwell after a busy year, and canceled a trip to Italy planned for last week, according to his aide, Vladimir Polyakov.

In Lebanon, Independence celebrations canceled

BIKFAYA, Lebanon — Lebanon canceled Independence Day celebrations and people huddled around televisions to watch the live broadcast Wednesday of dignitaries paying last respects to a Christian politician whose assassination threatened to push the country's political crisis into wider violence.

Members of the Phalange Party and hundreds of villagers walked past the coffin of Pierre Gemayel and paid condolences to his father, former President Amin Gemayel, in the family's home in this mountain town.

Pierre Gemayel, the minister of industry, was killed Tuesday when two cars blocked his vehicle at an intersection in the suburbs of Beirut and an assassin shot him numerous times through a side window.

His killing — the fifth murder of an anti-Syrian figure in Lebanon in two years — immediately drew condemnation from all quarters. The United States denounced it as an act of terrorism.

Guantanamo prisoner describes alleged botched medical procedures

Associated Press
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A detainee at Guantanamo Bay who needs a medical procedure on his heart said Tuesday he doesn't want it performed there because operations on other detainees have been botched — an accusation the base commander denied.

Saifullah Paracha, a multimillionaire Pakistani businessman held at Guantanamo, "believes that two prisoners have lost their vocal cords after routine tonsillectomies, that a prisoner lost part of his leg because of a surgical sponge left in him which became infected, and that a prisoner lost a testicle from similar neglect," said Gaillard T. Hunt, his attorney.

Hunt said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that Paracha made these allegations Tuesday in a phone call that was monitored by the military. It is rare for attorneys to be permitted to speak with Guantanamo Bay detainees by

phone, but a U.S. Department of Justice attorney has said Paracha should be encouraged to undergo a cardiac catheterization.

Navy Rear Adm. Harry Harris, commander of the detention facilities, said Paracha's allegations that the medical staff has botched operations "are absolutely false."

Paracha has reportedly suffered two heart attacks. During a cardiac catheterization, a doctor inserts a thin plastic tube into an artery or vein and pushes it into the chambers of the heart or the coronary arteries to measure blood pressure within the heart and blood oxygen levels.

Such a procedure would enable Guantanamo Bay medical personnel to determine the treatment regimen for the prisoner's coronary disease. But Paracha, 59, has insisted he be transferred to a hospital in the United States or Pakistan for the procedure, saying he didn't believe medical center at the U.S. Navy base in southeast Cuba was capable.

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Team searches for 15 missing in Polish mine

RUDA SLASKA, Poland — A small reconnaissance team was sent deep into a coal mine Wednesday to locate 15 workers missing more than 3,000 feet underground after an explosion, but it had to withdraw because gas levels were too high.

The digging was halted after high concentrations of gas raised fears of a second blast at the Halemba mine in southern Poland, where eight coal miners were killed Tuesday, officials and rescue crews said.

"Any spark could cause another explosion and more victims," rescue worker Boguslaw Ozog said.

Teams recovered six bodies from the scene of the blast in the southern city of Ruda Slaska, said Zbigniew Madej, a spokesman for the mine's operator. Another two bodies have been found but could not be reached because of the high concentration of methane gas.

Locator devices carried by the missing miners were emitting no signals, officials said.

"This is probably the most difficult and dangerous rescue action in Poland in many years," Dominik Kolorz, of miners' Solidarity trade union said on TVN24.

4 killed in rescue attempt of hostages in Nigeria

PORT HARCOURT, Nigeria — One of seven foreign oil workers taken hostage Wednesday was killed and another was wounded during a rescue attempt that also left two kidnapers and a soldier dead, officials said.

Gunmen had seized the seven hostages from a supply vessel belonging to a subsidiary of Italian oil giant Eni SpA about 30 miles off the coast of southern Nigeria in the latest attack by militants on facilities in the volatile Niger Delta, where most of the country's oil is produced.

An Eni statement confirmed that "during an attempt by the Nigerian navy to free the seven hostages ..., there was an exchange of fire during which one hostage was killed and the remaining six, including one wounded one, were freed and taken to a safe place."

The slain hostage was British and the wounded man was Italian, according to a colleague who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not cleared to speak to the press.

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Ukraine quietly marks anniversary of revolution

Associated Press
 KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine quietly marked the second anniversary of the Orange Revolution on Wednesday, with both supporters and opponents of the mass protests pausing to recall an event that all agree changed this former Soviet republic.

No official festivities were planned, however, after Ukraine's political landscape shifted so dramatically earlier this year, returning to power the man whose fraud-marred vote sparked the uprising.

Little orange was visible on the streets around Kiev, but by mid-afternoon a couple dozen people milled around Independence Square waving orange flags.

"Despite what anyone thinks about this page of our history, it was a turning point. ... (it brought) a new understanding of the relationship between the government and citizens," Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich said at a Cabinet session.

The Orange Revolution began hours after the polls closed in the Nov. 21, 2004, presidential election between the Kremlin-backed Yanukovich and pro-Western candidate Viktor Yushchenko. As the Central Election Commission began churning out fraudulent vote counts in favor of Yanukovich, Yushchenko summoned his supporters to Independence Square for night after night of rallies.

Twelve days later, the Supreme Court declared the vote count fraudulent and ordered a rerun, which Yushchenko won.

By the first anniversary, the leaders were divided against each other, which cost them dearly in the March parliamentary election.

Yanukovich's pro-Russian party won the most votes, put together a majority coalition and formed the Cabinet. Yanukovich — the victor of a vote recognized as Ukraine's freest and fairest ever — took back the premier's job. And thanks to constitutional reforms, he also enjoys more power than before.

Yushchenko's popularity is so low that a recent opinion poll showed he would get less than 15 percent of the vote if the election was held now.

The revolution's slogans — including "Bandits in Jail," referring to corrupt bureaucrats and their businessman cronies — and its promises of a quick embrace by NATO and the European Union turned out to be naive. Members of Yushchenko's camp now, too, have been accused of corruption.



A woman prepares to give milk to an orangutan in a cage at Tjilik Riwtu airport in Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan, on Wednesday.

48 smuggled orangutans arrive home in Indonesia

Associated Press
 JAKARTA, Indonesia — Dozens of orangutans trained to box each other in a Thai amusement park returned home Wednesday to start a new life in a jungle reserve on their native island of Borneo, officials said.

The 48 orangutans were flown to the capital, Jakarta, on board an Indonesian military transport plane and welcomed at the airport by the wife of Indonesia's president.

"We are very happy to get the orangutans back," Kristiani Yudhoyono said at a ceremony. "They belong to our vast nation, therefore we have to take them back to their habitat in a proper way."

The orangutans' plight has high-

lighted Southeast Asia's thriving black-market animal and plant trade, which officials say generates some \$10 billion in revenue each year — behind only the illicit arms and the drug trades.

While much of the animal trade goes on behind closed doors, many markets across the region sell rare or endangered animals, from parrots to black bears to gibbons that often end up in safari parks or circuses.

The animals were seized from the private Safari World zoo near Bangkok in August 2004 and have since been kept in a wildlife breeding center. Five other Indonesian orangutans taken from the zoo remained in Thailand for medical

treatment, said forestry ministry official Mashyud, who uses a single name, like many Indonesians.

Southeast Asia's Sumatra and Borneo islands are the orangutans' last homes, and environmentalists say the estimated 60,000 animals remaining could disappear from the wild within the next decade.

The rescued orangutans were due to fly to a rehabilitation center and wildlife reserve on Borneo, said Aldrianto Priadjadi, an orangutan conservationist who helped organize the homecoming.

He said the animals were in good condition, but will need medical tests and will have to be kept in cages at the center for about a month.

Nationalist Turks briefly occupy Hagia Sophia to protest papal visit

Associated Press
 ISTANBUL, Turkey — Police on Wednesday detained about 40 members of a Turkish nationalist party who earlier had occupied one of Istanbul's most famous buildings, the Hagia Sophia, to protest the visit next week of Pope Benedict XVI.

The protesters belong to the Great Unity Party, a far right-wing group that has previously staged demonstrations against the planned Nov. 28-Dec. 1 visit.

They entered the 6th century former Byzantine church and mosque, shouting "Allahu akbar!" — "God is great!" — and then knelt to perform Islamic prayers.

They also shouted a warning to Benedict: "Pope, don't make a mistake, don't wear out our patience."

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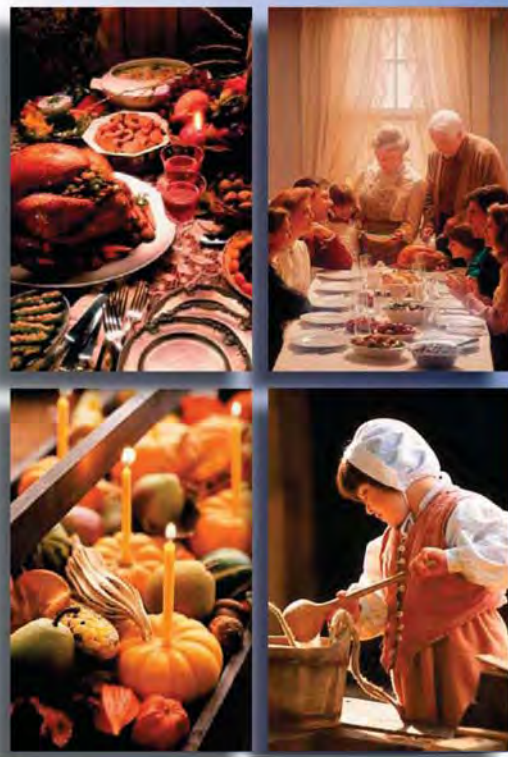
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Learn about service learning at conference

Submitted to The Dominion Post

The second West Virginia Student Service and Civic Engagement Conference will be Feb. 2-4, 2007, and is sponsored by the WVU Center for Civic Engagement and Youth Service West Virginia Inc.

A gathering of student leaders from across the state of West Virginia, the conference joins young people with top leaders from service learning and political organizations around the state. There will be train-

ing sessions, workshops, forums, and hands-on-service. The conference also provides access to new ideas and service projects.

The conference will conclude Feb. 4 with a four-hour service project at local nonprofit partnership sites. Rooms at the Waterfront Place Hotel have been blocked for conference participants.

Registration information: For cancellations, no refunds can be made after Jan. 15, 2007. To cancel,

Brett White, 293-8761 or brett.white@mail.wvu.edu.

Payment Options: Payment can be made by check, cashiers check or money order. No cash or credit card payments will be accepted.

Applications must be submitted by Jan. 10, 2007. Make checks payable to WVU Center for Civic Engagement. Mail application and payment to Student Service and Civic Engagement Conference, P.O. Box 6412, Morgantown, WV 26506-6412.

Students collect food for Settlement House

Submitted to The Dominion Post

For most WVU students, the month of November heralds a much awaited break from school for Thanksgiving. But for some students, this time of year also brings an opportunity to give back to the community.

Students in classes taught by Toni Morris and Ruth Kershner, faculty members in WVU's Department of Community Medicine, brought together food items to donate to Scott's Run Settlement House for its annual Thanksgiving Baskets food drive. The drive is aimed at providing an entire dinner — from cranberries, to potatoes, to turkey — to families in need.

In all, 34 food baskets and 10 additional boxes of food were collected by the students in Morris's First Aid & Emergency Care classes, and Kershner's Elementary School Health, Introduction to Community and Public Health,



Submitted photo

WVU faculty members Ruth Kershner (left) and Toni Morris stand by baskets of food donated by students in their classes. The food will go to the Scott's Run Settlement House to assist needy families at Thanksgiving.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention, Health of the Individual, and Women's Health and Fitness classes.

The service learning project helps to inform students about

both the needs of the community and the agencies working to provide services, Kershner said. The food was presented to Scott's Run Settlement House Nov. 16, at the WVU Health Sciences Center.

Former state 4-H leader inducted into hall of fame

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Longtime state 4-H leader I.B. "Tubby" Boggs was inducted posthumously into the National 4-H Hall of Fame during ceremonies at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Md., recently. He and 19 others were inducted for the extraordinary impact they made on the 4-H organization and on 4-H members.

Boggs, who born in 1890 in Roane County, was nominated by the 4-H Youth Development Program of the West Virginia University Extension Service. For many of the 22 years that he was state 4-H boys agent, he also was state 4-H boys camp leader. He was instrumental in bringing back the boys camp

after the end of World War II. Boggs started a publication for 4-H leaders, Treasures of the Trail, which continues today. In 1937, he organized the state 4-H boys band to provide new opportunities for youth.

Boggs inspired the development of campfire programs and candle-lighting ceremonies, which became part of 4-H programs throughout the country and at the National 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C. Hailed as an ornithologist and a true conservationist, Boggs directed the West Virginia Conservation Camp for many years. He was one of the 100 members of the inaugural class of the West Virginia 4-H Hall of Fame.

Boggs died in 1955 at his home in Morgantown.

He joins several other West Virginians in the National 4-H Hall of Fame: V. Milton "Milt" Boyce of Stephens City, Va.; Mildred Fizer of Morgantown; Polly Hanst of Grantsville, Md.; Eleanor Wilson of Falls Church, Va.; the late James O. Baker; the late Charles H. "Uncle Charlie" Hartley and the late William "Teepi" Kendrick.

The National 4-H Hall of Fame is a project of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, assisted by National 4-H Council and the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Biographies and photos of the honorees are found on the NAE4-HA Web site (www.nae4ha.org/hof).

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Lecture spotlights women doctors

Submitted to The Dominion Post

The lives and times of two pioneering women doctors in West Virginia will be presented in a WVU lecture Nov. 27. "Changing the Face of Medicine: The Stories of Wheeling Physicians Eliza Hughes and Harriet

Jones" will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Health Sciences Center Auditorium. A reception will follow. The event is free and open to the public.

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National Guard Armory, Buckhannon:

Christmas music will fill the air as the Christmas Craft Show's 24th annual extravaganza on Saturday and Sunday at the National Guard Armory in Buckhannon. More than 80 artisans from West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Virginia have been juried and accepted for this year's show. Items will include hand-turned wooden items, hand embroidery, birdhouses, candles, quilts, baskets, folk art, pottery, dolls, jewelry and outside kettle corn. Canned-food donations will be accepted, (in lieu of an admission charge), for the needy of Upshur county. There will also be handcrafted door prizes awarded every 15 minutes, which have been donated by the craftspeople. Shopping hours will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and from noon-5 p.m. Sunday at the National Guard Armory on Route 20 South in Buckhannon.

Core Community Center:

A craft show will be Saturday at the Core Community Center. Interested crafters contact Julie Eddy, 662-6863.

Prickett's Fort:

The Prickett's Fort Annual 18th Century Christmas Market will be Friday and Saturday and Dec. 1-3 in the park's new visitor center and will feature historic crafts and products including wreaths, jewelry, ornaments, handmade items, books and toys. Admission is free. Local authors will be present for book signings on Saturday. A winter tour is available of the fort and Job Prickett House and requires a ticket available in the visitor center. Featured will be living history presentations on 18th century frontier traditions in the fort and hot food for sale in the tavern as well as seasonal and traditional music throughout each day in the Job Prickett House. The historic house will be decorated for the season and historic interpreters will be on hand to tell visitors about the traditions of the 19th

century. The fort is located on the Monongahela River, two miles off 1-79 in Fairmont. Admission is free for the market. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. beginning Nov. 24, Fridays and Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Info: Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation, 363-3030.

Hospice Care:

Hospice Care will be sponsoring a Holiday Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the Reedsville Fire Hall in Reedsville. Lunch menu: homemade soups, sandwiches and homemade cookies. Homemade crafts for sale. Proceeds go to support the children's bereavement camp, Camp Nabe. Craft tables available, 864-0884 Ext. 112.

Arthurdale Heritage Craft Shop:

The Arthurdale Heritage Craft Shop Christmas Open House will be from noon-5 p.m. every Saturday beginning Saturday through Dec. 23. New items include the newest Cat's Meow building, pottery, ornaments and gift certificates. Credit cards are accepted. There will be extended hours on Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Normal operating hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Info: 864-3959.

Calvary UMC:

Calvary United Methodist Church Christmas Bazaar will be from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Fellowship Hall, Route 857 North, Fairchance Road at Darnell Hollow. Crafts, homemade candy, baked goods, homemade vegetable soup and sandwiches will be available. Sponsored by Calvary UM Willing Workers.

Covenant Evangelical Methodist Church:

The annual Christmas bazaar is from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 2, at Covenant Evangelical Methodist Church on Green Bag Road. Bring the kids and have lunch. Kids can enjoy childrens crafts, games and their own shopping area while parents shop. Vendors included Watkins Products, Fresh Pine wreaths and garlands, Tupperware, Longaberger Baskets, Lady Emily, Photography by Darren, Weaving by Ginny, Travel with Marlene, and MOPS (Veggie Tales CD, gift wrapping, etc). Various Christmas crafts and home-baked goods will be available. Lunch Cafe will begin at 11 a.m. with a bowl of hot chili, potato soup or vegetable soup. Hotdogs, sloppy

joes and beverages will also be available for purchase. Hourly drawings for a free gift will begin at 10 a.m. (must be present to win). Proceeds will be donated to the CEMC Building Fund. Info: Susan Croso, 291-0112 or 291-8550.

First Presbyterian Church:

The Cookies 'N More sale at the First Presbyterian Church on Spruce Street will be from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 2. Cookies by the pound will feature a variety of delicious homemade cookies. The sale also includes a "Treasure Table" featuring an array of special priced items. Hot chocolate mixes will be offered by the Girl Scouts, and cookbooks will be sold by the Halleck CEOS Club. Hand-crafted items will be displayed by the Rug Hookers group.

Snider Temple UMC:

The Snider Temple United Methodist Church Angel Fest craft bazaar and lunch will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 2. Enjoy homemade soups and sandwiches. Handcrafted items and baked goods for sale. Take out is available for lunch. The church is located on U.S. 19. From Morgantown/Westover, follow U.S. 19 South (white church on left); from Fairmont/Rivesville, follow U.S. 19 North (white church on the right). This is a scenic 20 minute drive, watch for signs. Parking lots on either side of the road.

St. John Byzantine Catholic Church:

A Christmas craft/bake sale will be from 4-7 p.m. Dec. 2 and from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 3 at the St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main St., Uniontown, Pa. in the upstairs school hall. Included will be crafts, cookbooks, candy, baked goods, crafts, decorations and imported items. The "Carpathian Cookery" cookbook will be available for \$13, plus \$2 postage and handling. Sponsored by the Ethnic Craft Club. Info or to order a cookbook: (724) 438-6027.

Robert C. Byrd High School:

The 30th Santaland Craft Show will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 2 and from noon-4 p.m. Dec. 3 at Robert C. Byrd High School, W. Va. 98, Clarksburg, featuring more than 100 tables. Admission is free and facility is wheelchair accessible. Food available. Info: 622-7994.

Westover Greer Pavilion:

A holiday craft show and bake sale will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec.

2 at the Westover Greer Pavilion, behind McDonald's. Tables are \$15 each and \$5 for each additional table. Tables must be covered. No food vendors. Admission is free with a food item to be donated to the Scott's Run Settlement House Food Pantry. Included will be a bake sale, door prizes and a raffle. All proceeds will go towards the renovations at the Morgan Heights Community Building in Westover. Info to reserve a table: Westover City Hall, 296-6860. To donate a baked good for the sale, Mattie Shinkovich, 292-0262 or Michelle Hunt, 292-3308.

Mountaineer Mall:

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Quiet moments of Thanksgiving

BY SILVIO LACCETTI

It was all quiet on the 11th day of the 11th month this year when trooper Tom Pavloski passed away. America had lost yet another soldier, one of its "greatest generation." But, saddened as we are by the deaths of soldiers, we are thankful for their lives. We are especially thankful for their youth, sometimes lost in battle, but dedicated to us, the living.

I met Tom 30 years ago and it was my privilege to be one of his close "pals" for the last 15 years. Still, when I read his obituary, I was flabbergasted to learn about his five Bronze Service Stars and other decorations. I knew him, but I never knew what he had done. Like most WWII vets, Tom rarely talked about the war.

Tom lived zealously in the present, with a winked eye toward the future. He was a man's man, a soldier's soldier. Unlike some, he did not go to college or pursue some grandiose dream after the war. He worked hard jobs in construction and roofing. Later he was the bartender at Joe's Tavern in the gritty industrial town of Harrison, N.J. In retirement, he became the night watchman at Worthington Pump Company.

He was a simple American, tough but loving of his family and dotting towards his grandchildren. Single minded, he never walked away from a fight. He kept a club behind his bar counter, and he knew how to use it. He always helped the underdog and would give a poor guy a meal — but not a drink. He did what Americans do.

Most of all, Tom was a thankful man. You knew that being around him, but I found out why by accident. In his late seventies, he would be flying to Colorado five or six times a year to be with his daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Nick and their family. I asked him if flying bothered him, if he was nervous, etc. No, he said, he didn't care for planes, but had no fears.

Then he told me of a time in the Pacific Theater — he fought in New Guinea and the Philippines, among other places. He and a group of his buddies were sitting on some construction materials when a squadron of Japanese planes strafed the site. The young man next to Tom was killed; another of the group was wounded. No, he didn't like planes.

Afterwards, he treated every day as a blessing and bonus from God. He celebrated Thanksgiving every day and knew its meaning.

No day was wasted. In his late seventies, he did construction work on Melissa's ski house high in the rarefied air of the Rockies. Once he took me and his granddaughter to the pancake house in Broomfield, Colo. He drove Nick's 1967 Chevelle SS stick shift muscle car, garnering envious looks from all the young guys in town.

One of his joys was horse racing and out of this comes a defining tale. It was Kentucky Derby day, time for a big party. Tom had some pretty good luck with horses, and on this day he picked long shot Real Quiet to win. It did.

"Tom, why did you pick that one?" I asked. He spoke in a low tone: "Well I liked the name, it's like me, quiet." Yes, Tom was the quiet man, a thankful man, an American man.

Today it is a quiet day in the tiny town of Eynon, Pa., northeast of Scranton, where Tom Pavloski was born 89 years ago. It's quiet at the Wozniak-Pavloski VFW post in that little town. The post bears the names of Alfred, Tom's brother, and their friend who died in WWII. In this quietude, I can imagine the reunion of brothers and comrades who served the nation so well.

Let us be thankful for Americans such as these. And in a quiet Thanksgiving day moment, let us remember the land they loved so well and all those who defend it today.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cassady presents true meaning of Thanksgiving

On November 28, 1991, Thanksgiving, Leonard Cassady wrote the following poem and presented it to his family as they were gathered around their Thanksgiving table in Aberdeen, Md.

**My Prayer
By Leonard Cassady**

As we come together today to celebrate one of the most important holidays of our lives, let us reflect to the Pilgrims and the Native Americans that made it possible.

Each and every one of us have had help in accomplishing what we have today. We did not arrive at our present situations by ourselves alone.

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As we progressed and expanded our colonies, we were met by some tribes of Native Americans that were not friendly. They, as they would have, detested our presence; their way of life was being threatened. They defended with all their means, but as time went on, they were overwhelmed by numbers and weapons.

Let us today give thanks to our forefathers, to our Native Americans and to all those who sacrificed to make America what it is

today. Let us not lose it by being complacent and believing everything we hear about how bad America is.

We are now and we will be into the future, by the Grace of God, a place that all whom love freedom of religion, freedom from persecution and freedom of choice can live in peace one with the others. Amen.

Leonard Cassady was a native of Preston County, having grown up in Tunnelton. He

began his military service career in 1943 when he joined the Army Air Force. He served with the 8th AAF during World War II as a gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. His aircraft was shot down during a mission and he was reported missing. With the help of the French Underground, Leonard crossed the Pyrenees Mountains on foot in the winter of 1943 into Spain and then returned to England. He also served with the Strategic Air Command, retiring from the Air Force at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California in 1963.

Leonard was a very special cousin. He died April 27, 2003, at the age of 79. His wife, Margaret Virginia (Wolfe) Cassady preceded him in death on January 21, 2003. They had been happily married for 58 years.

Thank you, Leonard.

**Eileen Hartman
Kingwood**

Amazing grace, the history of social justice and other things

AS AMERICANS CELEBRATE Thanksgiving, they might add to the list of things for which they are grateful: Christian evangelicals.

No, I'm not kidding. It has become fashionable and amusing these days to ridicule conservative Christians who believe in the Bible, even if they fail to live by the Word every waking moment. One fallen preacher comes along and the secular world rejoices in the triumph of hypocrisy.

Yet, anyone familiar with the history of social justice knows that evangelicals, as well as others of different faiths, have led many of the causes that progressives today claim as their turf.

It was, in fact, an evangelical Christian who led the movement to



KATHLEEN PARKER

end slavery in the civilized world. His name was William Wilberforce, a British statesman who got himself elected to Parliament in 1780 at age 21, and soon began his crusade.

Wilberforce's name and spirit are back in circulation with the opening in February of the movie "Amazing Grace: The William Wilberforce Story," timed to coincide with the 200th anniversary of Britain's abolition of slavery.

The film is another project from billionaire Phil Anschutz's Bristol Bay Productions, sister company to Walden Media ("The Chronicles of Narnia"). While Walden produces family-friendly movies suitable for all ages, Bristol Bay produces historical dramas such as "Ray" — about Ray Charles.

Anschutz, invariably described as a "conservative Christian," implying some questionable agenda, personally financed "Ray" when Hollywood told him he was crazy. Some say the unassuming media mogul is misguided again in hoping to draw audiences to a biopic bereft of sex or violence.

I attended a screening recently and was alternately horrified by what we know about slavery and

moved by what was truly amazing grace.

Action-movie fans may not find themselves chewing their nails, but the story is riveting. Watching educated men try to justify slavery is unavoidably mesmerizing. Considering the fragile thread by which civilization hangs — a fray away from barbarity — is implicitly cliff-hanging.

Today, there are an estimated 27 million slaves throughout the world, according to various sources, including Amnesty International and the United Nations.

They don't wear ankle and wrist shackles, as we envision the African slaves. But they are, nonetheless, bartered, smuggled, beaten, threatened and forced to work. Many are

women and children forced into serving the bustling sex trades.

As with many Anschutz projects, "Wilberforce" isn't just a movie; it's an educational opportunity and is being called a movement. Walden has produced educational materials for classroom discussions. During the year following the film's release, dozens of companion projects will be launched, including "The Amazing Change" campaign — a grass-roots effort to continue Wilberforce's vision (www.amazingchange.com).

The campaign's immediate goal is to gather 390,000 signatures — the same number obtained by Wilberforce — on a "Petition to End Modern Day Slavery," which then will be presented to the U.S. House and Sen-

ate, as well as other global leaders, asking them to commit to abolition.

At last, an issue on which all can agree: Slavery is bad.

Whatever one believes — or doesn't — it's impossible to ignore that the world would be a lesser place without those who have been divinely inspired. What Wilberforce did with his own considerable resources and a talent for oratory, Anschutz — and others who are motivated by their faith — are attempting to do through the medium of their day.

Those crazy Christians. What will they think of next?

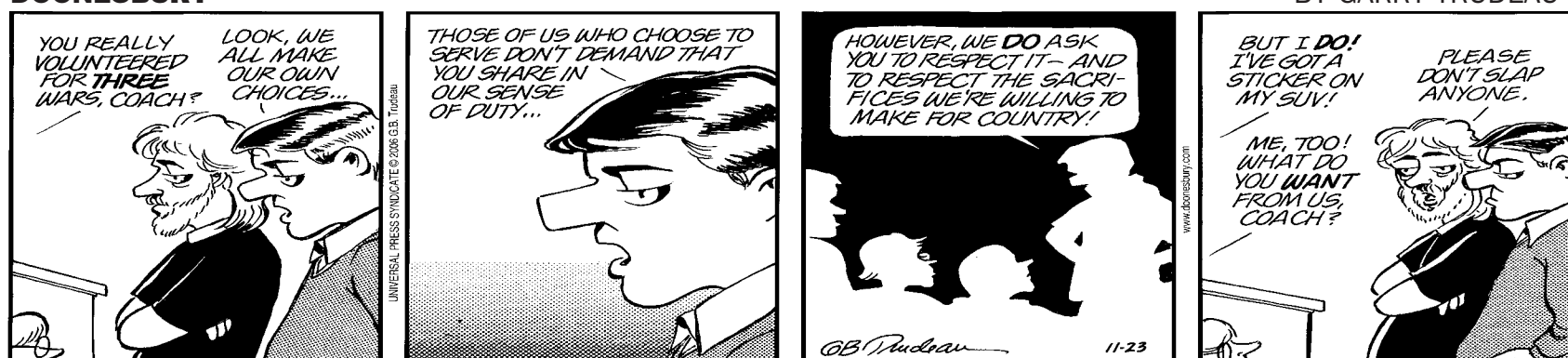
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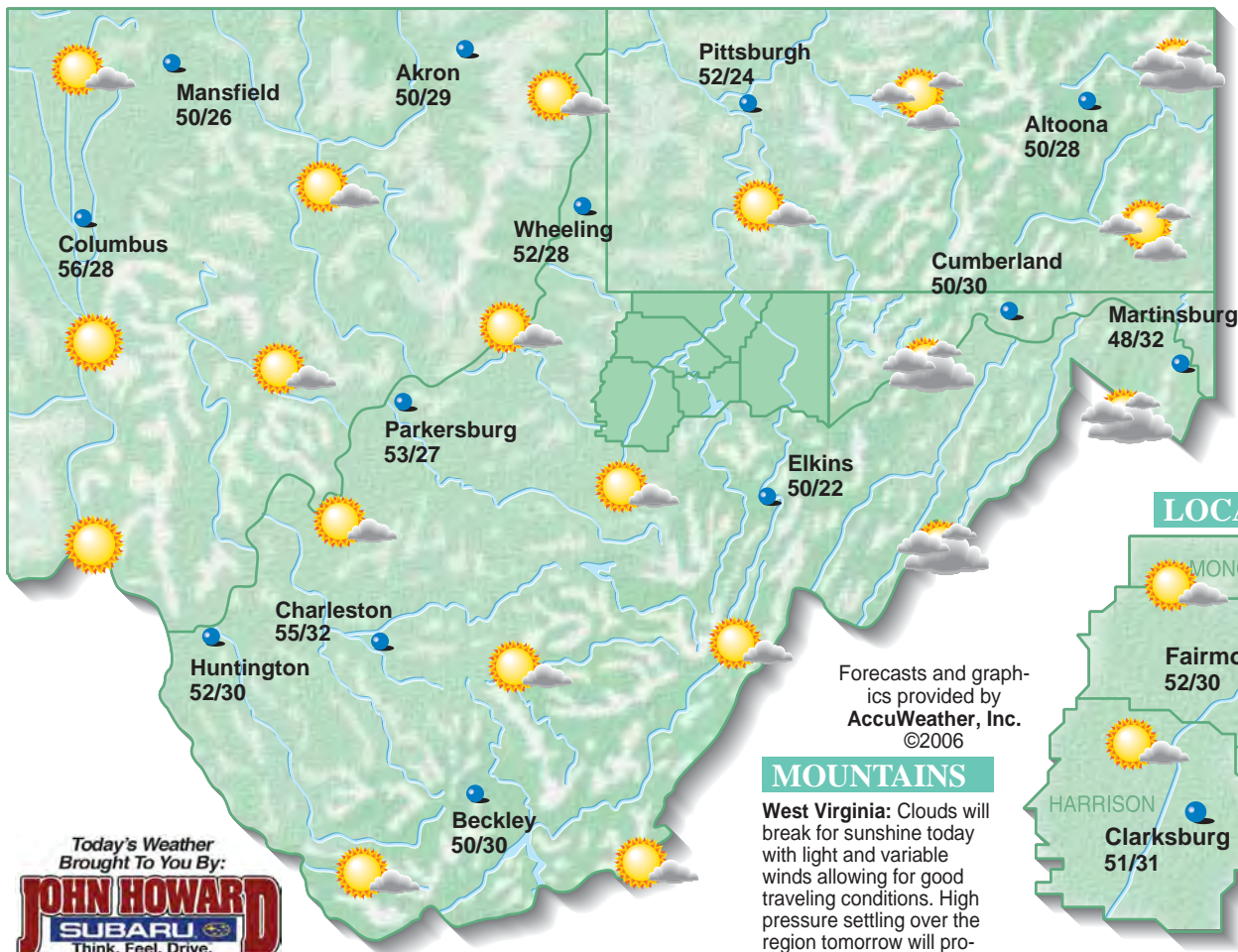
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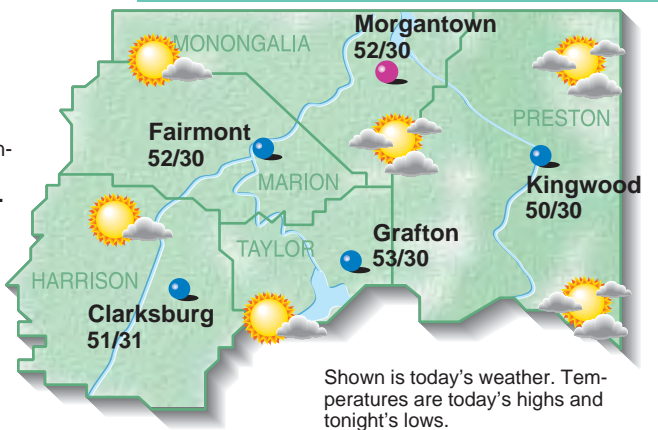
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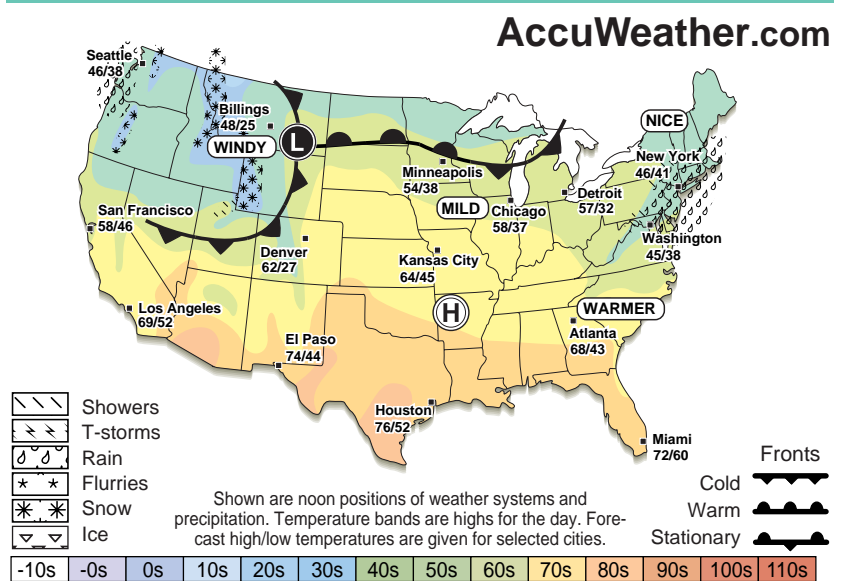
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Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Nov. 23, the 327th day of 2006. There are 38 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.
HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:
IN 1945, it was the last day of most U.S. wartime rationing of foods, including meat and butter.

Angry husband throws his family into turmoil

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jimmy," and I moved to the United States from an Asian country 15 years ago. About seven years ago, he lost a lot of money in the stock market. After that, he quit his well-paying job to do day trading and recover the money he lost. He has tried several strategies; none has made any money.
I have a good job, so Jimmy doesn't feel pressured to support his family. However, he's become chronically angry, constantly criticizing me and the kids. His self-esteem is down and he has become extremely impatient, giving me and the kids the silent treatment for days and weeks over little things that make him angry.



allel lives and avoid each other.
I don't know what to do anymore. Any suggestions you can give would be helpful. — BEWILDERED ASIAN WIFE
DEAR BEWILDERED WIFE:
Your husband used the stock market to gamble, and he lost big time. He may be mad at the world, but he's probably angrier at himself, and he appears to be taking it out on the people closest to him.
You can't fix him. Until your husband is ready to admit that he is the problem — and do something about it — the best advice I can offer is to consider carefully how his abusive behavior is affecting your children.
My advice is to offer your husband the option of counseling one more time, and if he refuses, to consult an attorney about a legal separation. That way you will no longer be responsible for any more debt he may incur. And then, either get him out of the house or take the children to a healthier environment.

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W.Va. preschoolers offer tips for nabbing, cooking turkey

Associated Press
 LOGAN — Whether the turkey comes out of the woods of West Virginia or the cooler at the local grocery, preschoolers in Logan County have some curious notions about how the traditional Thanksgiving Day fare reaches the table. Students who shared their thoughts with The Logan Banner say turkeys can be found in backyard barns, the West Virginia "jun-

gle" or your favorite local grocery. One girl is expecting Burger King to come through with her family's turkey. Kyle says the best way to nab a turkey is to "Sneak up on it. Put your arms around it. Run home with it." Abby says her father is pretty good at finding turkeys "in the tall hills behind my house," but those aren't for eatin'.

"If my dad finds one, we would keep it as a pet," she says. Turkeys can be purchased for pennies on up to, oh, say, "two hundred or a thousand eighty dollars" and are basted with just about everything imaginable. Syrup, ketchup and peanut butter conjured up some of the more frightening taste temptations. And the things children think of to stuff inside birds. Wieners and Lettuce? One child's family likes to

smoother their turkey with corn, steak, bacon and bread. While cooking times vary from seconds to 10 days, Cameron's mother spends 20 hours in the kitchen preparing the Thanksgiving Day feast. "That's all she does," he says. And the only thing his mother will allow guests to do on Thursday? Eat. Bon appetit.

Son of deceased mobster charged in connection with gambling ring

Associated Press
 PITTSBURGH — The son of a deceased West Virginia mobster has been charged in connection with a multimillion-dollar book-making ring. Christopher Hankish, who is from suburban Pittsburgh, is charged with gambling conspiracy. He is the son of Paul "No Legs" Hankish, a Wheeling, W.Va., native who died in prison in 1998 while serving time for a racketeering and gambling conviction. Christopher Hankish, who was charged Friday, declined comment.

Investigators with the Pennsylvania State Police and the state Attorney General's Office came across Hankish while looking into gambling activity involving former video poker kingpin John "Duffy" Conley. Conley has not been charged, but was sentenced in May to four years in federal prison for violating his probation by placing millions of dollars in sports bets over the phone last year. He was released in January 2004 after serving nine years in prison on a gambling conviction.

Registered sex offender admits failing to report his AOL account

Associated Press
 WHEELING — A registered sex offender has pleaded guilty to failing to tell authorities that he had an online account with AOL. In exchange for the misdemeanor plea, prosecutors dropped a felony charge against Christian Paul Dutton alleging that he failed to report an account with MySpace, an Internet social networking site. Dutton entered his plea Tuesday in Ohio County Magistrate Court. Dutton's lawyer, Shane Welling, said the MySpace

account was created by a friend of Dutton's as a joke. It was registered under the name "Bubba" and included the same photo displayed on the West Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry. "He had nothing to do with it," Welling said. Welling said Dutton, 47, of Wheeling obtained the AOL account while taking classes at a local business college. Magistrate Patricia Murphy gave Dutton a 30-day suspended jail sentence and placed him on supervised probation for six months.

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United Way needs holiday tree donations

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until just before Christmas weekend for the trees, she said. The three agencies won't pick up their trees from Target until Dec. 22. The Target trees are going to Literacy Volunteers, MT Pockets Theatre Company and Sundale Nursing Home, Kisinger said. Still needing trees are Bartlett House, Christian Help, Rosenbaum Family House, Monongalia Arts Center, the American Red Cross, PACE TEC and Morgantown Theater Co.

"The Target trees are store displays, that's why the pick up date is close to Christmas," Kisinger said. "If you have a nice quality artificial Christmas tree you no longer can use, especially one 6 feet or taller, call me about donating it to one of these agencies," she said. Her phone number is 296-7525. "We're also taking contributions of ornaments in good condition and working Christmas lights for these trees," she added.

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BLASS

FROM PAGE 1-B
Handcuffed and dressed in standard issue orange jumpsuit from the jail, Blass recalled better days, such as when he was elected to the House of Delegates — the first Republican delegate from Monongalia County in decades. He was 27 years old at the time. "It was one of my better nights," he said. "How things have changed in 10 years." Blass graduated from WVU in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in political science. Since then, he said he has worked a variety of jobs, including as a substitute teacher and most recently as a marketing representative for Sam's Club. Blass said he needs to change his life around. He promised his son, who was not present at the hearing, that he will "never drink another beer for the rest of my life." Blass said his children are being cared for by his ex-wife, Marilyn, whom he divorced in 1999 — the same year he was convicted for his first DUI. Blass admitted that his drinking problem started about that time.

On-the-job fatalities decline

Associated Press
CHARLESTON — On-the-job fatalities in West Virginia fell 21 percent last year to their lowest level since 2000. Forty-six workers were killed on the job in 2005, down from 58 in 2004. The state recorded its lowest total in 2000 when 40 workers died on the job, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics said Tuesday. Highway accidents continued to be the top on-the-job killer, accounting for 33 percent of the deaths. Sixteen workers died in highway

accidents in 2005, a slight drop from 15 in 2004. Nationwide, 25 percent of workplace fatalities resulted from highway accidents, the agency said. Five workers died after being struck by objects, down from 10 in 2004. Another five were killed in pedestrian incidents, compared to four in 2004. Other causes included homicide, contact with electric current, falls to a lower level and exposure to caustic, noxious or allergenic substances. Only 15 percent of the victims were self-employed.

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♥ 10 7
♦ A K J 6
♣ 7 5 4

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♥ 3 5 4 2
♦ K 9 8 4 ♥ J 6 5 3 2
♣ Q 10 8 5 ♦ 9 3
▲ A K 10 2 ♣ Q 9 6

South
▲ A Q J 8 7
♥ A Q
♦ 7 4 2
♣ J 8 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South West North East
1 ▲ Dbl. 2 NT Pass
4 ▲ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Listening to them places their cards

By Phillip Alder
Wilson Mizner said, "A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something."
It is the same at the bridge table. Every time an opponent bids, it gives you information that is likely to be useful later. Even when he passes, he might be feeding you key clues. (For example, the bidding starts one spade - pass - pass around to you. Now you know that your right-hand opponent has at most five points. If he produces an ace early in the play, you can place all of the key missing honors on your left.)
This deal is an example of placing the cards from the bidding. You reach four spades. West leads the club ace: four, nine, three. West cashes the club king: five, six, jack. West continues with the club 10: seven, queen, eight. East shifts to the heart three. How would you continue from there?
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Reading teachers say failing students allowed to graduate

READING, Pa. — The school district teachers' union has filed a complaint with the state alleging that administrators allowed failing students to graduate during the 2005-06 school year, a union official said Wednesday.

Reading Education Association President Daniel Grim did not know

how many students were allegedly allowed to graduate despite failing, but said the union had evidence that students with failing grade-point averages were allowed to pass, or that they were given credits for courses not taken or incomplete course work.

"This practice has got to stop," Grim said. "We're not after rescind-

ing any diplomas that were issued. We just want to bring integrity back to the diplomas."

The complaint alleges that Reading School District administrators violated the state's professional code of conduct for educators, which prohibits misrepresentation of students' work. It asks the state Education Department to halt the practice,

Grim said. The district superintendent, Thomas Chapman Jr., declined to comment on the complaint Wednesday, saying it was already the subject of a union grievance under litigation.

Education Department spokesman Mike Storm could not immediately confirm Wednesday whether the department had received the union's complaint.

Paper wins legal fees in lawsuit over dress-code settlement

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A school district and three administrators have to pay a newspaper for the legal fees it incurred trying to find out how much money three students received in a legal settlement over the school dress code, a state appeals court ruled Wednesday.

A Commonwealth Court panel said the New Castle Area School District engaged in "wanton and willful disregard" for the right of the *New Castle News* to have access to a public record.

Two high-school students and a sixth-grader, through their parents or guardians, filed two federal civil-rights lawsuits against the district in September 2004. They claimed their free-speech rights were violated when they were suspended for wearing unapproved patches on their school uniforms.

A settlement was negotiated in April 2005, but the district insisted that it include a confidentiality provision.

"A school district may not contract away the public's right of access to public records because the purpose of access is to keep open the doors of government, to prohibit secrets, to scrutinize the actions of public officials and to make public officials accountable in their use of public funds," wrote Judge Rochelle S. Friedman.

The judges ordered the district to pay the newspaper's \$8,820 in legal fees and litigation costs.

A federal judge in August 2005 granted the newspaper's motion to unseal the settlement agreement, and the paper obtained it two months later.

A Lawrence County judge subsequently ruled that the school district's denial of the request under the state Right-to-Know Law, which specifically allows access to contracts, entitled the paper to recoup its legal fees and litigation costs.

New Castle News publisher Max Thomson released a statement saying Pennsylvania newspapers have long believed the public's business should be conducted in public.

"The shame is that now the taxpayers have to pay because of some of their elected officials' misguided attempts to keep important public information secret," Thomson said.

Attorney Chuck Sapienza, who represents the district and administrators, said he would consult with school district officials regarding potential future appeals.

"Obviously we disagree with the Commonwealth Court's findings, but at the same time understand their ruling," Sapienza said.

He said the district paid \$12,500 to settle the cases.

The students were ages 13 to 17, and although Wednesday's court ruling indicates the case involved two students, the newspaper and Sapienza said three were involved.

Pennsylvania Newspaper Association attorney Teri Henning said the decision, along with a recent case involving records of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, show appellate courts are willing to award legal fees in Right-to-Know Law cases.

"These types of confidentiality provisions in settlement agreements have been ruled to be unenforceable, in more than one case," Henning said.

CBS sues former Pittsburgh television station employee

PITTSBURGH — CBS Broadcasting Inc. sued an ex-employee at KDKA-TV, saying the former administrative assistant unlawfully recorded phone calls, read privileged e-mails and acquired proprietary salary information.

CBS is trying prevent Carey Robinson from distributing any of

the information she obtained and is asking a court to force her to give back the information.

Robinson, who was fired in October after nearly four years with KDKA, disclosed she was taping calls in an e-mail to a CBS lawyer, according to the lawsuit filed Monday in federal court in Pittsburgh.

"For the last six months or so, I have been keeping an audio diary

of my days. Yes, that means I have many conversations on tape between myself and others," the suit quotes from the e-mail.

Robinson told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* for a story Wednesday that she was the victim of racial discrimination, and that the station retaliated after she filed a claim with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission last year.

"There's a lot of things I've captured that help my case," she told the paper. "Whenever you're put into a position, you should safeguard your information. You shouldn't leave information lying around your desk."

The suit claims Robinson plans to "harm KDKA and its staff." Disclosing confidential salary information "will result in a competitive disadvantage to CBS," the suit said.

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Woman sentenced for rewarding son with marijuana

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — A woman who admitted smoking marijuana daily with her 13-year-old son to reward him for completing his homework was sentenced to three months in Adams County prison.

Amanda Lynn Livelsberger, 30, of Conewago Township, was also ordered Tuesday to spend nine months on house arrest and a year on probation.

Livelsberger pleaded guilty on Sept. 11 to three misdemeanor counts of corruption of minors as well as drug-possession and paraphernalia-possession charges. She admitted that she had been smoking marijuana with her son since he was 11 and often gave him the drug as a reward.

The boy told police that he was required to do his homework as soon as he got home from school, and then was allowed to smoke pot with his mother, according to court documents. The woman also said she smoked marijuana with two of her son's friends, ages 17 and 18.

Police searched the home April 29 and said they seized small amounts of marijuana, two cocaine straws, and 31 new small glass pipes and bowls as well as other drug paraphernalia. Investigators said the woman told them that she had bought the new pipes to resell them.

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Markets and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are a 1,115 largest. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.

Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.

Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ... mark.

Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family.

Sell: Net asset value, or price at which fund could be sold.

Chg: Daily net change in the NAV.

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99, dd - Loss in last 12 mos, d - New 52-wk low during trading day, g - Dividend in Canadian \$, Stock price in U.S. \$, N - New issue in past 52 wks, ns - Closed-end mutual fund, no PE calculated, s - Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks, Div begins with date of split or stock dividend, u - New 52-wk low during trading day, v - Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual distributions based on last declaration, p - Preferred, pp - Holder owns installment(s) of purchase price, n - Rights, u - Units, wd - When discontinued, w - When issued, w - Warrants, ww - With warrants, w - Without warrants.

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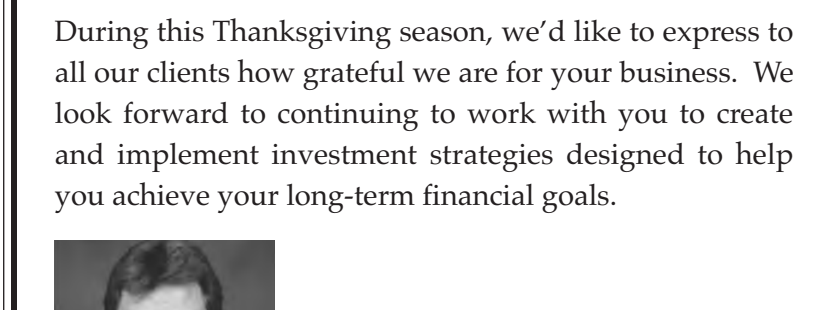
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SEEMUTUAL FUNDS - 6-B

Ravens look to intercept Big Ben

Steelers' quarterback faces one of the NFL's best defenses

BY ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — This doesn't look like a good matchup for the Pittsburgh Steelers: the quarterback who leads the NFL in interceptions going against a Baltimore Ravens defense that is the league's best in picking off passes.

Ben Roethlisberger has never played a full game in Baltimore, but he understands the challenge that awaits Sunday from a Ravens defense that has 18 interceptions. He has thrown 17 himself, only three fewer than he had in his first two seasons combined.

So it's not surprising that coach Bill Cowher cautioned his quarterback about trying to force throws or gambling he can complete a pass into heavy coverage.

"Coach said that an incomplete pass might be the best play we have this week," Roethlisberger said Wednesday. "An incompletion is not going to hurt you. It's hard to tell a quarterback to be smart and not throw a pick. I just have to be patient and hopefully we can establish the run game and get ready to hit some big plays."

Not many teams have done that to the Ravens (8-2), who have two former NFL Defensive Players of the Year in safety Ed Reed and linebacker Ray Lewis. Reed is challenging to play against because he reacts so quickly to what a quarterback does, even a throw across the field.

"Ed Reed is a guy who really likes to anticipate plays," Roethlisberger said. "We're going to have to be patient and take our shots when we get them. He's like their Troy Polamalu, he's always around the ball."

What the Ravens don't know is whether they will be

facing the Roethlisberger who threw three interceptions in the first half in Cleveland last week or the one who passed for 225 yards in the fourth quarter while leading three long scoring drives.

That 24-20 victory, the second in a row by the Steelers (4-6), put them on the fringe of the AFC wild-card race. But a loss in Baltimore would leave them five games down in the AFC North race with five to play and effectively end any chance they have of repeating as Super Bowl champions.

"It's been like the playoffs for us for a while now," defensive end Aaron Smith said. "The way we started, it's how we have to approach every game."

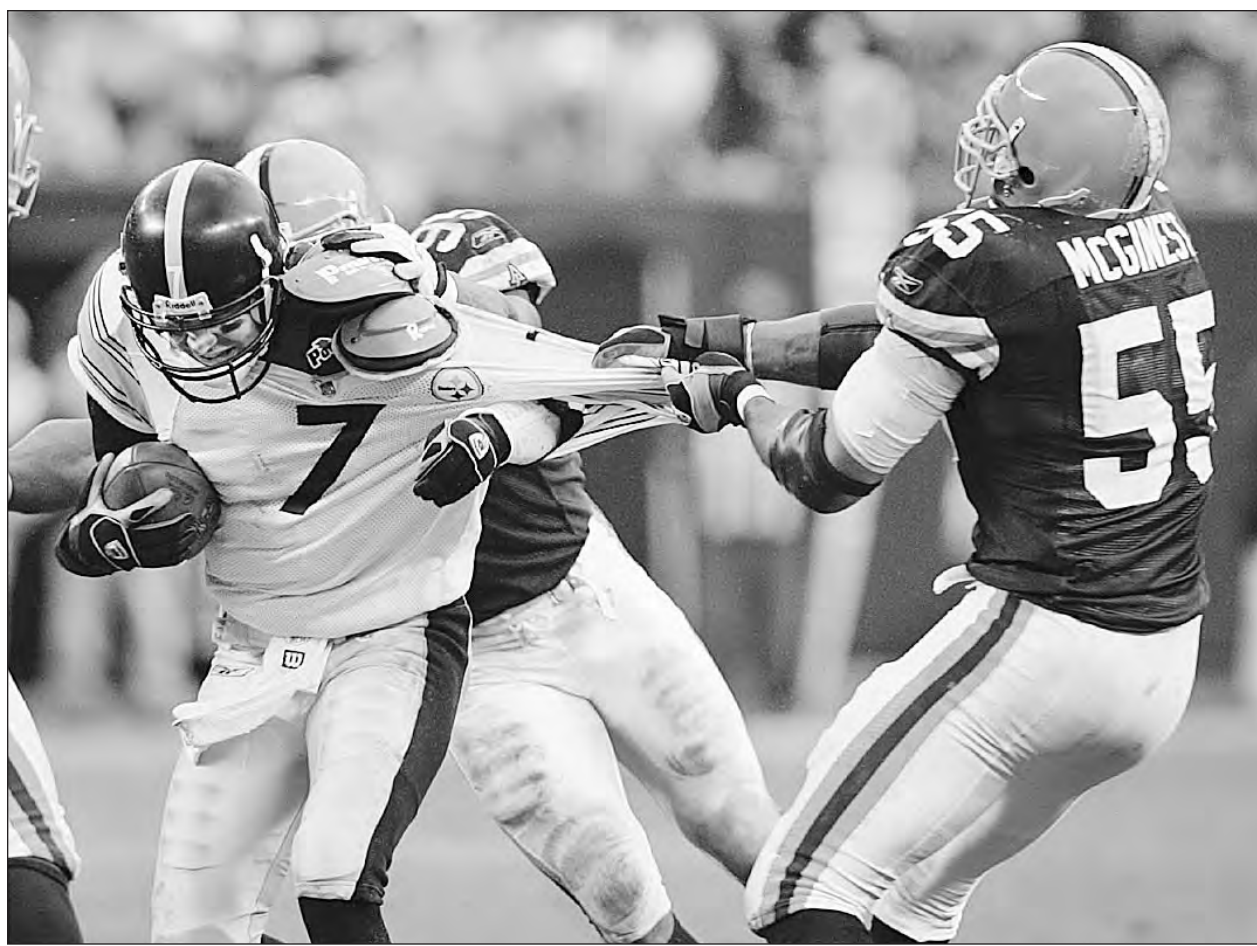
The turnovers have been a major problem, with 13 in the last four games. Think that didn't get the Ravens' attention?

"They do a lot of things on defense," Roethlisberger said. "In our walkthrough, coach gave us a bunch of different looks. It was confusing just walking through. It's going to be a challenge for us."

So will running the ball against a defense that has allowed the third-fewest rushing yards in the league.

The Steelers ran for 57 yards against the Browns, partly because they were forced to throw while rallying from a 10-point deficit. The Ravens held Atlanta's running backs to 50 yards last week in Baltimore's 24-10 victory.

While praising the Ravens' defense, Steelers running back inadvertently took a jab at his own defense by saying "Their defense is a lot like our defense was one or two years ago."



AP Photo

Pittsburgh Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) is sacked by Cleveland's Willie McGinest during last week's Pittsburgh victory. The key to this week's game against Baltimore will be if Roethlisberger can withstand the pressure from the Ravens' defense.

Mustangs close in on a bowl bid

BY JEFF CARLTON

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — SMU has come back to life.

The Mustangs, infamous for institutionalized cheating so egregious that the NCAA shut down the football program for the 1987 season, is bowl eligible but on the bubble. A win Saturday at Rice would clinch a bowl spot for SMU (6-5, 4-3 Conference USA), its first since the 1984 Aloha Bowl.

"There is life after death," SMU athletic director Steve Orsini said, "and we'd like to think it's now at SMU."

Coach Phil Bennett points to signs of revival off and on the field, beginning with the team winning nine of its last 14 games. The deep pool of Texas high school talent is starting to take SMU seriously. Running back DeMyron Martin had a scholarship offer to Texas A&M.

Quarterback Justin Willis "can play almost anywhere I've been," said Bennett, a former assistant at Kansas State, Oklahoma, Texas A&M and LSU. Willis, who has thrown for 25 touchdowns and four interceptions, is seventh in the nation in quarterback efficiency.

"We have an opportunity ... to achieve something that hasn't been done in 22 years," Bennett said.

A bowl-eligible SMU might prove irresistible to the Fort Worth Bowl, played about 40 miles from SMU's Dallas campus. The best-attended game in the bowl's three-year history was in 2003, when hometown TCU lost 34-31 to Boise State in front of about 38,000 fans.

"I would love to be part of their revival," said Tom Starr, executive director of the Fort Worth Bowl. "They are just a great story: Coming back from the death penalty, the long road back, building their program back up."

There was a time when SMU football wasn't synonymous with rampant cheating and the death penalty. The Mustangs won a national championship in 1935. Doak Walker won the Heisman Trophy in 1948. In the late 1950s, future Dallas Cowboys quarterback Don Meredith was a two-time All-American breaking every SMU passing record.

In a wealthy city of big business and big money, SMU mattered, sometimes filling the Cowboys' home, Texas Stadium. The excitement and insanity probably peaked in 1982, when the "Pony Express" backfield of Eric Dickerson and Craig James led SMU to an 11-0-1 record and a No. 2 finish behind national champion Penn State.

Meanwhile, SMU boosters were paying players tens of thousands of dollars. The cheating was so ingrained that when boosters met to figure out how to stop the payments, one famously warned the rest, "You've got a payroll to meet."

Even former Gov. Bill Clements, then serving as chairman of the school's board of governors between stints as Texas governor, was part of the scandal, having authorized the payments.

The NCAA, citing SMU's extensive history of violations, hit back with an unprecedented and still-unique punishment. It shut down the program for the 1987 season, the so-called "death penalty," and SMU chose not to field a team in 1988.

Hurricanes get one last chance to salvage season

Plenty on the line for Miami, head coach as team faces No. 18 ranked Boston College

BY TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — At a practice this week, Miami coach Larry Coker asked if anyone was emotionally drained and didn't want to continue playing this season.



7:30 p.m.
ESPN

He said it would be understandable. He also said anyone feeling that way should step aside.

When no one left, the Hurricanes started prepping for Thursday night's game against No. 18 Boston College. The scenario couldn't be simpler for Miami: Win and go to a bowl; lose and take off the pads until spring practice.

"We've got a handful of guys that want this season to be over," Miami quarterback Kirby Freeman said. "We've got a handful of guys that want to go out with a bang. So I'm trying to get the people in the right group, to get into this game, a Thursday night game that's going to be watched around the nation."

The game will be played on the 22nd anniversary of Boston College's last win in the series, the "Hail Flutie" contest where Eagles' quarterback Doug Flutie hit Gerard Phelan with a 48-yard touchdown



AP Photo

Miami head coach Larry Coker (center) leads the Hurricanes into tonight's game against Boston College. The Hurricanes need a win to avoid a losing season and Coker needs a win to avoid possibly losing his job.

pass on the final play of the game to lift BC to a 47-45 victory — one of the greatest finishes in college football history.

Miami has won 14 straight against Boston College since that game, but the Hurricanes have a four-game losing streak entering

the game. It's Miami's longest slump since 1997 — the last season the Hurricanes didn't play in a bowl game.

Still, the Eagles worry.

"It's the last home game there," Eagles offensive lineman Josh Beekman said. "Whatever happened throughout the whole season I think they're just going to come out and play Miami ball. ... They're Miami. They're the 'U.' You still have to respect that."

History will be on the minds of both teams — with one trying to make it, the other trying to avoid it.

Boston College (9-2, 5-2) would remain in the hunt for an Atlantic Coast Conference championship with a victory; the Eagles advance to the league's title game with a win and if Maryland beats Wake Forest on Saturday.

Plus, beating Miami would give the Eagles their first 10-win regular-season since 1940.

"That's something that everybody's kind of been rallying on the past couple of weeks," said Boston College quarterback Matt Ryan, who leads the ACC in total offense and passing yards per game (253.1). "And it's something I think hit home with everybody."

Miami (5-6, 2-5) is trying to avoid finishing with the program's worst record since going 3-8 in 1977. It's

the Hurricanes' first home game since the Nov. 7 death of defensive lineman Bryan Pata, who was shot and killed outside his apartment and would have been one of the Miami seniors feted Thursday night.

"Obviously, for this class and for all of us at this university, it's been a disappointment from the standpoint of you come here to win championships, you come here to go to BCS bowl games," Coker said. "And that didn't happen. ... It's not unique, but it's a bitter disappointment for me."

Not even three months from saying the national championship was its ultimate goal, Miami needs a win just to have a chance of playing in a bowl game.

There's also widespread speculation that this game could be Coker's last at Miami. A decision on his future looms. A 58-15 overall record and the 2001 national championship might not be enough to save his job, not after losing 12 games in the past three seasons.

"I don't think it's fair at all," Miami defensive lineman Teraz McCray said. "But in today's world, if you're not winning, they want you out."

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said. "A lot of these guys are like brothers to me."

Bullish behavior

USF's proximity to his home turned out to be the deciding factor in picking a college. Moffitt, just 21, lives with his wife and kids in Bushnell and travels between 45 minutes and an hour to school every morning, then makes the trip back after finishing his football obligations. He's done it virtually every day, from his redshirt year in 2003 through this season, yet is still regarded as one of the team's most dedicated workers and manages to keep his academics in fine order.

He says he owes that to his family, he must give his all now to build the foundation for their future together, but also to his school.

"I don't regret ever coming here," he said. "I've seen a lot happen and a lot done for this program since I've been here. We've really grown and now we're playing in one of the best conferences in America. I think

it's cool to see where this program's gotten to and where it should continue to go."

Moffitt has been a big part of the program's ascension, first breaking through as a starter late in his redshirt freshman season, then taking over last year, highlighted by a wonderful performance in the upset against Louisville. Moffitt made 14 tackles, sacked the quarterback once and forced and recovered a fumble in the win over the Cardinals.

He ended 2005 with 96 tackles — 15 for a loss — and two-and-a-half sacks as the defense finished ranked No. 17 overall in the nation. He's made 56 tackles this year — nine for a loss — and has two sacks while the defense ranks No. 27 overall and No. 25 in scoring in the nation.

"He's a smart guy and I see him as kind of the leader of that defense based on what a lot of coaches say, but also his production," WVU coach Rich Rodriguez said. "He's their glue-guy, a smart, mature guy who makes a lot of plays. He's physical, a good football player."

Moffitt is all those things, a calm, quiet, thoughtful individual, no doubt the result of the roles faith and

family play in his life. Yet it's equally obvious he plays the game in an entirely different manner.

"When we're on the field, we're playing the game of football," Moffitt said. "We get out there and bang heads and go at it and try to be very physical, as physical as possible. A lot of times I'll help a guy up and do things like that, but between the whistles, it's lights out. It's not very hard. You know the other person is human and can get hyped up and ticked off pretty quick."

The future

This past summer, Moffitt attended a Fellowship of Christian Athletes national camp in Black Mountain, N.C. Among others in attendance were Florida State coach Bobby Bowden and former Auburn coach Tommy Bowden, but also Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander, whose presence and impact were particularly impressive to Moffitt.

"I saw him speaking and all the kids were sitting there with their eyes open and their mouths dropped wide open listening so intently to what he was saying," Moffitt said. "I

realized he really had a great influence and a lot of other coaches and football legends would have the same chance to speak to kids and mentor them and show them the right way to do things and the right attitude to have in their lives."

Moffitt, as active as his schedule will allow in local FCA and church activities and in speaking to children and athletes, began to envision the future and what he could accomplish. He knows his present ability and expected potential could provide him the same opportunity as Alexander and those like him.

Football is important to Moffitt, but not nearly as much as are his faith and family values.

"I know if I do continue down this road, other things can open up for me and I'll have a greater chance to influence a wider range of people," he said. "If I do get to the NFL, it could be just like college football, where I get to speak to a lot of churches and go to a lot of events and try to introduce people to different things. I see now the platform could be bigger if I'm to do this at the professional level."

RUTGERS

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crew and men's and women's fencing.

With an overall athletic budget of \$41 million, which also doubled under Mulcahy, no financial cuts are planned for football.

"That's the one thing that has the ability to generate money," he said. "The amount of exposure since we went to the Insight Bowl last year created tremendous TV ratings and we parlayed that into this season."

Rutgers took in \$1.25 million from the Insight Bowl, but did not finish in the black. Michigan had the largest reported surplus among the top 10 at \$34 million, followed by LSU (\$25.4), Notre Dame (\$24.6), Florida (\$24.1) and Ohio State (\$22.2) in 2004-05. The reported surpluses often do not include new facility costs and debt.

Brand recently defended the NCAA's tax-exempt status in a letter to Congress, arguing the primary goal of the NCAA is education regardless of money schools receive from TV contracts and championship events.

Athletic budgets at Division I schools increased 8 percent to 12 percent annually during the last decade while university budgets increased only 3 percent to 4 percent, Brand said.

Those findings came from a 50-member presidential task force assigned nearly two years ago to consider the future of Division I sports. Brand noted that about only 24 athletic departments earned a profit among the approximately 330 Division I schools in the last decade.

Millions are spent annually at Division I schools on coaches' salaries, scholarships and facility upgrades. Division II and III schools don't face the same pressure to make money, said Wally Renfro, senior adviser to Brand.

"Somehow for Division I, if you're not making money, there's something wrong," Renfro said. "Philosophically, that doesn't make sense. Then if a school makes money, (it's asked) how can you be not-for-profit? It's an interesting dichotomy."

Rutgers, now No. 15 in the AP poll, ranked sixth in per-player spending among top-10 teams. USC led at \$40,993 per player, followed by Ohio State (\$37,693), Wisconsin (\$35,724), Florida (\$23,884), West Virginia (\$23,828) and Rutgers (\$23,702).

Andrew Zimbalist, a sports economist at Smith College, believes athletic departments need more

checks and balances. Most football teams have more than 100 players, often staying at a local hotel before home games to stay focused.

"There's a tremendous amount of waste in the football program," Zimbalist said. "Athletic directors think they need to engage in waste or they won't get the good players. It's a trumped-up competitive environment."

Zimbalist calls for capping coaches' salaries — some as high as \$2 million — at \$500,000.

"It leaves the system intact and still saves large amounts of money and creates more teams," he said.

Donna Lopiano, chief executive of the Women's Sports Foundation, said sports cuts are often made because of fiscal mismanagement.

"Consistently, Division II and III had a net increase in teams and only Division I is disbanding teams because of the sports arms race," said Lopiano, the Texas women's athletic director from 1977-92. "They are the richest division and they should be the ones adding sports."

Most departments allocate the bulk of the budget to football and men's basketball — which generate the bulk of the revenue — and create a two-tiered system.

"You take the top five men's and 10 women's teams — 15 sports with the best coaches we can find — and give them recruiting money and scholarship dollars to give them the ability to compete for championships," Mulcahy said.

Rutgers, which played the first U.S. intercollegiate football game against Princeton in 1869, is in a three-way tie for the Big East title. It hosts Syracuse on Saturday and faces No. 7 West Virginia the following week before a possible bowl game.

If Rutgers wins the Big East and goes to a Bowl Championship Series game, the payout would be about \$17 million, which would be shared with the rest of the conference.

Scarlet Knights coach Greg Schiano arrived in 2000 and made \$875,000 in salary and guaranteed income this year. He would like to double the football stadium's capacity to 80,000.

Mulcahy is "absolutely" certain the program will eventually make a profit.

"With increased ticket sales, increased sponsorship, increased exposure and increased donations, it all comes together," he said. "Our budget is less than 2 percent of the university budget. We're not out of control yet. We want to get competitive and have a chance to win."

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MIAMI (4-6) At DETROIT (2-8)
12:30 p.m., CBS
SERIES RECORD — Dolphins lead 6-2.
LAST MEETING — Dolphins 49, Lions 21 at Miami, Sept. 8, 2002.
LAST WEEK — Dolphins beat Vikings 24-20; Lions lost to Cardinals 17-10.
DOLPHINS OFFENSE — OVERALL (18), RUSH (29), PASS (107)
DOLPHINS DEFENSE — OVERALL (5), RUSH (12), PASS (6)
LIONS OFFENSE — OVERALL (14), RUSH (31), PASS (5)
LIONS DEFENSE — OVERALL (25), RUSH (23), PASS (22)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Miami is 4-1 on Thanksgiving. ... DE Jason Taylor leads AFC with nine sacks and is one of three active players with 100 or more (101 1/2). Last week, Taylor tied George Martin (7) for most career TDs by player whose primary position is defensive lineman. ... QB Joey Harrington, traded during the offseason after four seasons with Lions, has helped Miami win three straight games. He started 55 games (2002-05) for Lions. ... Miami's defense allows 285.4 yards per game. ... Detroit is 33-31-2 all-time on Thanksgiving dating back to 1934. ... QB Jon Kitna is fourth in NFC with 2,624 yards passing. ... Kevin Jones, with 628 yards rushing, is fourth among RBs with 50 receptions. Jones has 1,003 yards from scrimmage (636 rushing, 367 receiving). ... WR Roy Williams is third in NFC with 867 yards receiving (49 receptions for a 16.1 average). He has four games of 130-plus yards, most in NFL. ... WR Mike Furrey is second on team with 583 yards receiving (49 catches). ... Dan Campbell averages 15.7 yards per catch (14-220), highest by TE with 10 or more catches.

TAMPA BAY (3-7) At DALLAS (6-4)
4:15 p.m., FOX
SERIES RECORD — Cowboys lead 8-3.
LAST MEETING — Bucs 16, Cowboys 0, Oct. 26, 2003 at Tampa Bay.
LAST WEEK — Bucs beat Redskins 20-17; Cowboys beat Colts 21-14.
BUCS OFFENSE — OVERALL (29), RUSH (28), PASS (28)
BUCS DEFENSE — OVERALL (21), RUSH (20), PASS (17)
COWBOYS OFFENSE — OVERALL (6), RUSH (5), PASS (8)
COWBOYS DEFENSE — OVERALL (6), RUSH (4), PASS (13)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Tampa Bay is 0-4 on road. ... Bucs have scored NFC-low 132 points. ... Coach Jon Gruden in 3-0 vs. Dallas. ... QB Bruce Gradkowski leads all rookie QBs with nine TDs and can become first rookie QB since 2004 (Drew Henson) to start and win on Thanksgiving. ... WR Joey Galloway played four seasons with Cowboys (2000-03). He had 151 catches for 2,341 yards (15.5 average) and 12 TDs. Galloway has 390 yards receiving (97.5 per game) in road games. ... LB Derrick Brooks will make his 184th start, a team record. ... Last week, Carnell "Cadillac" Williams went over 100 yards for only second time this season, gaining 122 yards on 27 carries — both season highs. ... Dallas is 23-14-1 (.622) on Thanksgiving. ... QB Tony Romo, NFC's leading passer at 100.0, has completed 68 percent of passes (103 of 151) for 1,350 yards with eight TDs. He's thrown five INTs, but three came in his debut. ... RB Marion Barber III, with 409 yards and 5.0 per carry, leads NFC with nine TDs. ... WR Terrell Owens has 53 catches for 724 yards and seven TDs. ... RB Julius Jones has 813 yards rushing (4.0 per carry).

DENVER (7-3) At KANSAS CITY (6-4)
8 p.m., NFL Network
SERIES RECORD — Chiefs lead 51-42.
LAST MEETING — Broncos 9, Chiefs 6 in OT, Sept. 17, 2006 at Denver.
LAST WEEK — Broncos lost to Chargers 35-27; Chiefs beat Raiders 17-13.
BRONCOS OFFENSE — OVERALL (20), RUSH (3), PASS (27)
BRONCOS DEFENSE — OVERALL (14), RUSH (5), PASS (24)
CHIEFS OFFENSE — OVERALL (17), RUSH (10), PASS (21)
CHIEFS DEFENSE — OVERALL (13), RUSH (16), PASS (12)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Game will be televised by NFL Network, available in about 40 million of nation's 111.4 million households with TVs. ... Denver is 3-6 on Thanksgiving, but has won the last two. ... RB Mike Bell is fifth among NFL rookies with 395 yards rushing. ... RB Tatum Bell leads team with 649 yards rushing. ... QB Jake Plummer, 16-6 (.727) as Denver starter vs. AFC West, is seeking his first career victory at Kansas City. ... DE Elvis Dumervil ranks third among rookies with six sacks. ... WR Javon Walker leads all players with 40-or-more receptions (45 catches, 799 yards) in yards per catch (17.8). ... Denver has won four straight on road, its longest winning streak on road since 1998. ... Kansas City has won nine of last 11 against Broncos at Arrowhead Stadium. ... Kansas City hosted games on Thanksgiving three times during its first three seasons in AFC. ... S Nick Ferguson (knee) is out. ... RB Larry Johnson leads NFL in rushing with 1,045 yards and has 14 TDs (12 rushing). He is second in league in yards from scrimmage with 1,388. ... QB Trent Green returned after 10-week lay-off and rallied the Chiefs to victory, the 16th fourth-quarter rally of his career. ... Green is 16-7 (.695) vs. division opponents at home. ... Kansas City's defense has not allowed 100-yard rusher in 20 home games, longest active streak in NFL. ... DE Jared Allen leads NFL with four fumble recoveries. Allen has five sacks in past seven games.

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Joey Harrington is a winner now

Quarterback 'tried to be too perfect' during time in Detroit

BY SHAWN WINDSOR
McClatchy-Tribune

DAVIE, Fla. — Joey Harrington led the Miami Dolphins to a fourth-quarter comeback victory Sunday over the Minnesota Vikings. It was Harrington's third consecutive victory with Miami, and something he never did in Detroit.

Harrington, 3-3 since taking over the starting quarterback job, traces the string of victories to Detroit.

"While my experiences weren't always the best, I learned from them," said the former Lions' No. 3 draft pick. "Right from the get-go, I was told, 'We haven't had a quarterback since Bobby Layne. You're gonna be the guy to try to take us to the playoffs.' I liked the challenge, but you can't let the pressure take away ... from what your job is."

He did. He knows that now.

"I pressed," he said earlier this week as he stood before a group of reporters near his locker at the Dolphins' practice facility. "I tried to be too perfect."

After four tumultuous years in Detroit, where he became the face of a fallen franchise, Harrington is about to return for the first time since he left. His Dolphins play the Lions on Thanksgiving.

"I'd be lying to say it's just another game," he said, "there's obviously a bit of history, but that's what it is — history."

He spent 10 minutes talking about his return Monday. He talked about his returning confidence, about the difference in the offensive systems, about the streak his team is on.

"We are on a little bit of a run at the moment," he said, "and we need to get a win to keep it going."

His coach, Nick Saban, the former Michigan State coach, thinks Harrington won't let the surrounding hoopla bother him.

"That has no factor on the game," Saban said, "the guy is a player for us right now. He's performing well. He's got a new challenge, a new experience right now. What happened four years ago is only going to affect you if you let it affect you. This game is the only thing that matters."

Harrington was traded to the Dolphins in May for a conditional draft pick that will be a fifth- or sixth-round selection. Saban brought him in as a backup. But when it was apparent



AP Photo

Miami Dolphins' quarterback Joey Harrington has led the team to three straight wins. Today, he returns to Detroit where he was blamed for much of the franchise's problems during his four years with the Lions.

starter Daunte Culpepper hadn't fully recovered from a knee injury, Saban gave Harrington the job.

In his first start against New England, Harrington threw three picks. But he started to settle into the offense.

"I'm a lot more comfortable," he said.

When he was in Detroit, he said he was often forced to improvise.

"Some quarterbacks do that very well," he said, "that doesn't happen to be one of my strong suits. What I thrive in are situations where you tell me what to do and I'm going to go out and do it."

That, in turn, has given him confidence. Something he said he lost in Detroit.

"No matter what happens," he said, "it doesn't matter. If you throw an interception, you have to come back (and throw the ball again). You can't worry about mistakes."

In Detroit, toward the end, that's all he did.

Finally, a meaningful Thanksgiving game

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

It's usually easy to avoid Thanksgiving games, especially the early one. That's because Detroit is always involved and the Lions are what might be called "traditionally challenged" on a traditional day.

But there's quite a bit on the line in Thursday night's game between Denver and Kansas City, who trail San Diego in the AFC West, easily the NFL's best division this season.

One important factor is the inconsistent Jake Plummer, who runs the Denver offense.

The other is Arrowhead Stadium, where the Chiefs have lost just once in five games.

CHIEFS, 20-17

Tampa Bay at Dallas (Thanksgiving)
Tony Romo has Bill Parcells smiling.

COWBOYS, 31-13

Miami at Detroit
Joey Harrington comes back to Detroit with three straight wins.

Make it four.

DOLPHINS 24-20

Chicago at New England
The Bears are 2-for-2 on their Northeast road trip. The Patriots are just 2-3 at home, but have the schemes to befuddle Rex Grossman.

PATRIOTS, 16-10

Pittsburgh at Baltimore
If the Steelers are serious about a playoff push, this is a must win.

Sorry.

RAVENS, 22-17

Carolina at Washington
Like the Cowboys, the Panthers are starting to perform as they should.

PANTHERS, 31-13

New Orleans at Atlanta
These two NFC South contenders are starting to slide.

FALCONS, 24-23

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Philadelphia at Indianapolis
The Colts don't win by a lot, especially at home. But without McNabb for the Eagles ...

COLTS, 31-20

New York Giants at Tennessee
The Giants could be as bad as they looked in Jacksonville on Monday night.

TITANS, 20-16

Cincinnati at Cleveland
The Browns don't lose badly. But they lose.

BENGALS, 20-16

Jacksonville at Buffalo
Beware a southern team in the north off a short week.

BILLS, 19-18

Oakland at San Diego
LaDainian Tomlinson only gets three TDs this week.

CHARGERS, 31-10

Houston at New York Jets
The Texans lost 14-10 in their first trip to the Meadowlands this season.

JETS 14-10.

San Francisco at St. Louis
The Rams have lost five straight. The Niners have won three straight and beat St. Louis at home.

Let the streaks continue.

49ERS, 21-20

Arizona at Minnesota
The Cardinals have won more recently than the Vikings.

The streaks stop here.

VIKINGS, 19-16

Green Bay at Seattle (Monday night)
SEA HAWKS, 27-16

LAST WEEK: 8-8 SEASON 96-64

'Boys, Bucs lack big names

QBs Romo, Gradkowski lead team into Thanksgiving game

BY JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — When NFL and network scheduling mavens decided to have Tampa Bay play Dallas on Thanksgiving, they must have envisioned hyping the names Simms and Bledsoe and their shared connection, Cowboys coach Bill Parcells.

Well, the game is here, and the quarterbacks aren't. Chris Simms (son of Phil, the MVP of Parcells' first Super Bowl team) is hurt. Drew Bledsoe (the starting quarterback in Parcells' most recent Super Bowl) is benched. Instead, the national television audience will watch a battle between Bruce Gradkowski and Tony Romo.

In search of another promotional gimmick, how does Joey Galloway returning to Texas Stadium for the first time since being traded for Keyshawn Johnson grab you?

Will you settle for Jon Gruden trying to spruce up his resume in case Jerry Jones is hiring this off-season?

Although Gruden insists his club has loftier goals than trying to be a spoiler — "We don't think of ourselves as a bunch of deadbeats," he said — the best story line is the Buc-



AP Photo

Cowboys' quarterback Tony Romo has settled in nicely as the new starter for Dallas.

careers (3-7) trying to slow the "Romomentum" that's building around the Cowboys (6-4).

Sparked by the new quarterback, Dallas has won two in a row and three of four. Another win would send the Cowboys into the weekend with a half-game lead in the NFC East and second only to Chicago (9-

1) in the conference.

"We're playing for home-field advantage now; we're playing for a first-round bye," linebacker Kevin Burnett said, inspired by defeating previously unbeaten Indianapolis on Sunday. "When you look at all the things available to us now if we win out and do what we're supposed to do — the sky is the limit."

Tampa Bay's still trying to overcome an 0-3 start and Simms' season-ending injury, which forced Gruden to go with Gradkowski, a sixth-round pick from Toledo.

After a decent start, he lost three straight then bounced back with a victory Sunday over Washington, a team struggling even more than Tampa Bay. Tarnishing the win was a Tampa Tribune story that Gruden might be eyeing Parcells' job.

Gruden insists he won't be house-hunting while in town.

"I've got the only job that I want," he said. "I'm not saying any more about it because there's no validity, nothing, to this."

As a former member of People magazine's most beautiful list, Gruden has the glitz factor that Jones loves. The Cowboys, however, have plenty of it right now with Terrell Owens and, of all people, Romo.

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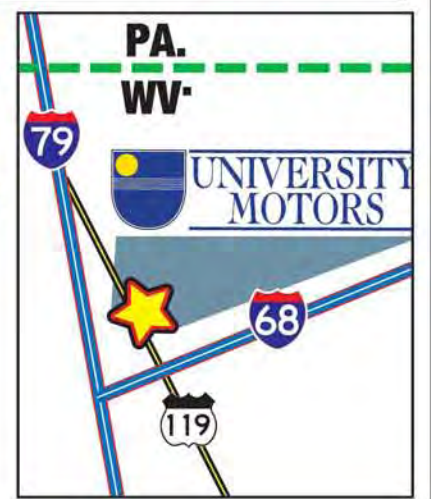
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Is this a fashion statement or a really bad idea?

NOT EVERYONE can play guitar. It's important that we admit this right up front, before things go too far.

Now, let me tell you about a development that comes to us from scientists Down Under.

The Associated Press headline gave me chills. It read:

"T-Shirt turns air guitar into music"

Noooooo-oooo!

"Scientists announced that they have developed a high-tech T-shirt that turns the strumming of an air guitar into music."

We're going to find out very quickly that we're not all Jimi Hendrix.

The shirt reportedly has motion sensors in the elbows. Said sensors relay the wearer's arm motions to a computer that interprets them as riffs.

"One arm is interpreted as picking chords while the other strums," the story said.

So if you're left-handed, do you have to wear the shirt upside down?

"It's an easy-to-use, virtual instrument that allows real-time music making even by players without significant musical or computing skills," engineer Richard Helmer said.

"It allows you to jump around and the sound generated is just like an original MP3."

Schools in Australia, where the shirt was devised, are undoubtedly revising dress codes even as we speak.

And if you're wondering what to get me for Christmas, by all means don't log on to csiro.com.

Not everyone can play guitar, but any fool can buy a T-shirt.

Chaos on the homefront

I was dogsitting for a friend recently and enjoying her mondo cable package. I don't know how many episodes of "Clean Sweep" and "Clean House" I watched, but it was enough to be embarrassing.

My apartment isn't quite as cluttered as some I've seen on TV, but it's a contender. Let's just say the mess has become uncomfortable.

Still under their influence, I decided to get organized.

I'd love to tell you that my apartment now looks like the "after" photos from one of those shows. Instead, I'll tell you the truth: I made a gigantic mess.

Oh, my closet is clean. In fact, it's downright roomy. But the rest of my apartment is trashed.

I knew early on that I was in trouble. No organizer with Rubbermaid products and a load of wicker baskets knocked on my door. No word from the carpenter, either.

Does anyone know where there's a really, really big unguarded Dumpster?

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In theaters for the holidays

Quantity subs for quality in year-end films

McClatchy Newspapers

In this year's Hollywood Christmas pie, moviegoers may be hard pressed to stick in their thumb and pull out the plum.

There's no "Narnia" this time around, no "King Kong," no "Lord of the Rings," no "Grinch" — and the only "Potter" this year is Beatrix, the subject of Dec. 29's "Miss Potter." In short, no big "event" movie.

To be sure, there's "Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause," the latest installment of the reliable if unspectacular Tim Allen franchise.

And there are a few other familiar brands hitting the shelves: among them "National Lampoon's Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj" (Dec. 1) and "Casino Royale" (Nov. 17), featuring a new James Bond, Daniel Craig, in an old vehicle ("Casino Royale" was filmed as a spoof back in 1967).

More literate kids may be looking forward to "Charlotte's Web" (Dec. 20), a children's film with a built-in audience from the popular E.B. White book, not to mention an earlier cartoon film version in 1973. And theater fans are buzzing about "Dreamgirls" (Dec. 15), which has the advantage of big names (Eddie Murphy, Beyonce Knowles, Jamie Foxx) and the disadvantage of being a stage musical adaptation ("Rent" and "The Producers" both bombed a year ago).

There may even be an audience out there for "Rocky Balboa" (Dec. 22), featuring Sylvester Stallone as the doddering palooka in an 11th-hour sequel that may do for his career what "Myra Breckinridge" did for the aging Mae West.

Certainly, there's no shortage of movies with holiday themes: "Deck the Halls" (Nov. 17), "The Nativity Story" (Dec. 1) and "The Holiday" (Dec. 8), not to mention the chiller "Black Christmas" (Dec. 25).

What there is not this year is an indisputably big, super-hyped holiday movie to anchor the season, the way a "name" department store anchors the two dozen boutiques in a shopping mall.

But before anyone sheds tears over what Santa forgot to deliver, consider the up

side: a number of unknown quantities, any of which could turn out to be the surprise must-see of the holiday season.

Such as? "Night at the Museum" (Dec. 22), with Ben Stiller as the night watchman pursued by a pack of living dinosaur skeletons. Or "Eragon" (Dec. 15), a medieval saga about a dragon. Or "Apocalypto" (Dec. 8), the Mel Gibson saga of the ancient Mayan culture, filmed — needless to say — in ancient Mayan. Or "Pan's Labyrinth" (Dec. 29), about a lonely Spanish girl who creates a mythological fantasy world in her back yard.

Not to mention a couple of CG-cartoon characters that could well take off with the younger set: including the dancing penguins of "Happy Feet" (Nov. 17) and the toilet-traveling rat in "Flushed Away," a premise so revolting that it's virtually guaranteed to appeal to kids of all ages.

So consider this movie season as less the standard Christmas cornucopia than a holiday treasure hunt. Not many big-ticket items under the tree — but lots of cool little surprises if you look hard enough.

All dates are subject to change. Some movies will open in limited release, then expand to more theaters later in the season.

Yesterday

■ **THE HISTORY BOYS** — The college-bound geniuses of Alan Bennett's play graduate to the big screen.

■ **DECK THE HALLS** — Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick are the Christmas light-heavyweights who get into an epic brawl about their garish outdoor displays.

■ **THE FOUNTAIN** — The search for the fountain of youth drives Hugh Jackman to drink in this film with three parallel stories spanning 1,000 years.

■ **DEJA VU** — Mental time-traveler Denzel Washington puts 'er in reverse to prevent a woman in the past from being murdered.

Dec. 1

■ **THE NATIVITY STORY** — Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes) and Joseph (Oscar Isaac) can't book a hotel on Christmas Eve.

■ **TURISTAS** — Backpackers find themselves on the trail to trouble in a Brazilian jungle.

■ **NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VAN WILDER: THE RISE OF TAJ** — Kal Penn teaches stuffy Oxfordians how to shake some old-school booty in this sequel to the 2002 hit.

Dec. 8

■ **UNACCOMPANIED MINORS** — These kids can't take off for Christmas, literally — they're stranded in a snowed-in airport.

■ **APOCALYPTO** — A funny thing happened on the way to the human sacrifice — but the ancient Mayan youth (Rudy Youngblood) who goes AWOL in Mel Gibson's epic isn't laughing.

■ **THE HOLIDAY** — Two women (Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet) swap homes and lives.

■ **DOA: DEAD OR ALIVE** — The videogame comes to the big screen, complete with a self-contradictory title (someone who's dead on arrival can't be dead or alive). We'll get Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector to investigate.

■ **BLOOD DIAMOND** — A diamond is a farmer's, smuggler's and businessman's best friend in this saga of Sierra Leone's bloody jewel trade, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Djimon Hounsou and Jennifer Connelly.

SEE THEATERS, 3-C



Matthew Broderick and Danny DeVito (top) star in "Deck the Halls"; Daniel Craig as James Bond in "Casino Royale"; a poster for the latest "Rocky" chapter, and Christian Bale in "Harsh Times."

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Keisha Castle-Hughes (from top) in "The Nativity Story"; the cast of "History Boys"; Denzel Washington in "Deja Vu" and Matthew McConaughey in "We Are Marshall."

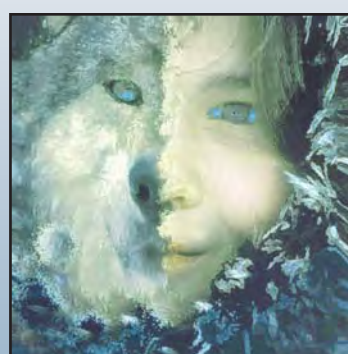
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THEATERS

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■ DREAMGIRLS — Beyoncé Knowles, Anika Noni Rose and Jennifer Hudson battle to be the supreme Supreme in this adaptation of the Broadway musical about a Diana Ross-like diva and her singing co-stars (a thinly disguised Supremes). With Jamie Foxx and Eddie Murphy.
■ ERAGON — One dragon egg, over easy, brings a medieval farm boy (Edward Speleers) into conflict with an evil king (John Malkovich) in this sword-and-sorcery epic.
■ PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS — Salesman Will Smith won't let his career (and spelling problems) get in the way of his son's (Jaden Smith) future.
■ THE GOOD GERMAN — American journalist (George Clooney) is drawn into a "Third Man"-ish murder mystery in post-war Berlin, investigating the death of someone not named Harry Lime.
■ HOME OF THE BRAVE — Three soldiers struggle to readjust to civilian life after Iraq.
■ THE PAINTED VEIL — Doctor Edward Norton and wife Naomi Watts don't speak the same language — as the natives or each other — in Somerset Maugham's tale of transplanted Europeans trying to assist in a Chinese cholera epidemic.

Dec. 20
■ CHARLOTTE'S WEB — A spider (voice of Julia Roberts) spins webs of enchantment for a nervous pig (Dominic Scott Kay) in this adaptation of E.B. White's children's story.

Dec. 22
■ THE GOOD SHEPHERD — Matt Damon finds greener pastures in the early CIA.
■ NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM — Dem bones, dem bones gonna rise again — much to the dismay of night watchman Ben Stiller.
■ WE ARE MARSHALL — New coach Matthew McConaughey tries to breathe life into a football team sidelined by tragedy.
■ ROCKY BALBOA — The champ (Sylvester Stallone) fights one last round on the way to the retirement home.

Dec. 25
■ CHILDREN OF MEN — In 2027, human beings are no longer able to procreate, and Clive Owen is happy to do something about it.
■ BLACK CHRISTMAS — Somebody is stalking sorority sisters — and it ain't Santa Claus — in this remake of the 1974 thriller.
■ NOTES ON A SCANDAL — Pottery teacher Cate Blanchett muddies her reputation by carrying on with a student.

Dec. 29
■ MISS POTTER — The tale of Beatrix Potter (Renee Zellweger).
■ PAN'S LABYRINTH — Lonely girl loses herself in a maze of mythological creatures.

Snoop Dogg shows why he's still a master

Associated Press
SNLOOP DOGG, "Tha Blue Carpet Treatment" (Doggystyle/Geffen).

It seems like everybody loves Snoop Dogg. It's hard to fathom anyone beefing with hip-hop's weed-smoking, pimp-mimicking embodiment of West Coast cool. And on his latest effort, "Tha Blue Carpet Treatment," he demonstrates how he's been able to remain largely above the playa-hater fray. Grounded in the signature G-funk grooves of past efforts, Snoop consistently finds ways to keep his laconic drawl from sounding dated with the help of a few hit-making friends. The Neptunes-produced "Vato" employs a spine-tingling harpsichord progression and B-Real of Cypress Hill's nasal, staccato flow. R. Kelly laces "That's That ..." with a bouncy track and his own smooth vocals on the hook. And though "Get A Light" features Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley chanting the chorus, it's Timbaland's chunky, tribal rhythm and swampy bass blasts that make the track so ominously irresistible. While those highlights show Snoop at his collaborative best, the rest of "Treatment" finds Snoop mining familiar territory, from gangsta narratives to lewd, strip club-ready bangers.

A trashing return: Punk's glory years slam back on the scene

Books, movie, even GQ, renew interest in genre

BY CHRIS VOGNAR
 The Dallas Morning News

Punk peaked in early-'70s New York. No, it flourished in England shortly thereafter. Or was it the American underground scene of the Reagan '80s? The images and debates come rushing back with slam-dance force in a flurry of new books, a new movie and even that renowned chronicler of all things punk, *GQ*. Yes, the men's fashion bible devoted a big chunk of its October issue to what it calls the 30th anniversary of punk. *GQ*'s punk primer starts just a few pages after a glossy ad for a Sony LCD TV, which looks like the kind of thing Johnny Rotten would have stuck his boot through. Other recent films, including "End of the Century: The Story of the Ramones"; "New York Doll"; and "The Filth and the Fury," Julien

Temple's second Sex Pistols movie, have also entered the pit. Meanwhile, the Clash have their own exhibit at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and Temple's new documentary, "The Future Is Unwritten," about late Clash frontman Joe Strummer, will premiere at Sundance in January. Paul Rachman, director of the new documentary "American Hardcore," sees the renewed interest as a sign of the times. "The subtext of our film is that there is a lot of similarity to today," says Rachman over lunch with Steven Blush, who wrote the book on which "American Hardcore" is based. "In the early '80s, you had this neoconservative government coming in with these ideas that weren't the right fit for us. Today, you have a similar neoconservative government that a lot of people are against. But what you really need is that thriving audience, and I think that audience is fragmented now." Of course, the hard-core movement is just one branch of the punk family tree, and a late bloomer at that. According to the film, hard-core thrived roughly from 1980 to 1986

and included bands such as Black Flag, Minor Threat and Bad Brains. Launched by disaffected lads from the American suburbs well after the Ramones, Television and other acts conquered New York's recently closed CBGB's, and after the Sex Pistols and the Clash battled for U.K. supremacy, hard-core was marked less by political protest than aggressive apathy and alienation. "We weren't a political movement trying to make things better," says Rachman, who followed the hard-core scene in Boston. "We were just rejecting everything around us." "We weren't anti-American," adds Blush, who was active in the Washington, D.C., hard-core scene. "We weren't looking for a Maoist revolution. It was more like an ethical code: Do it yourself, question authority, do things because they feel right. It's a 'Just go for it' mentality, which I think is a very American way of thinking." That was then. This is 2006. Most of the original punk bands faded away or self-destructed, although an underground still exists, as do such fanzines as *Maximum Rock & Roll*. On a public level, punk has long since

morphed into grunge, speed metal, retro garage bands and other enterprises, some quite profitable. Sometimes, a good cause is involved: the new documentary "Wake up Screaming" is both a chronicle of the Vans Warped Tour and an infomercial for tour sponsor People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Then there's the megaselling Green Day, a band that cranks out some fine, Buzzcocks-style punk-pop and gets paid more than any of the old punks would ever dream of (if, that is, they ever dreamed about cold, hard cash). It all makes sense in an age when dancing soda cans hop up and down to "Blitzkrieg Bop" on a Pepsi ad. "Corporations set out to co-opt the lifestyle and sell it back to us," says Rachman. "They have succeeded." Which brings us back to another dubious punk anniversary. It was 10 years ago that the Sex Pistols reunited for the Filthy Lucre tour. "Money obviously plays a great part in this," Johnny Rotten says in the book "Punk: The Whole Story," "and there ain't nothing wrong with that, because for once ... we're going to get paid for doing something."

Razor-blade reading

Here's a slamming rundown of recent punk tomes, covering everything from the early days to the aftermath. "Punk: The Whole Story" (\$35) — This glossy, British-centric compilation packs in plenty of pretty pictures, anecdotes and reportage. "Punk Diary" (by George Gimarc, \$24.95) — Gimarc traces punk from 1970 to 1982, incorporating new wave and other genre offshoots. "New York Rocker" (by Gary Valentine, \$14.95) — Former Blondie founding member reminisces on the early '70s New York scene, including Iggy Pop, Richard Hell and, of course, Blondie. "Rip It Up and Start Again: Postpunk 1978-1984" (by Simon Reynolds, \$16) — A look at the bands that grew from punk's ashes, including Talking Heads.

'Bobby' director wants Kennedy's 1968 message to resound today

BY ROBERT W. BUTLER
 McClatchy Newspapers

Of Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign, Bill Tuttle says: "I'll never again have that kind of enthusiasm for a political candidate. "He totally blew me away," Tuttle, now a professor of American Studies at the University of Kansas, recalled. "Here was this national politician who sat in the shotgun shacks of poor tenant farmers in Mississippi. Who fasted with Cesar Chavez and the farm workers. Who thought the war in Vietnam was a huge mistake. "He gave us hope." Less than two months later, on June 6, Kennedy was assassinated at Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel shortly after winning California's Democratic presidential primary. That day is the subject of "Bobby," an unabashedly emotional film from writer/director Emilio Estevez. In the drama (opening today) the lives of 22 fictional characters — campaign volunteers, rich political supporters, Hispanic kitchen workers, hotel guests, a beautician, a switchboard operator — intersect in the hours leading up to the assassination.



AP Photo

"Bobby," the story of the assassination of U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy on June 6, 1968, centers around the people (played by Lindsay Lohan, Elijah Wood, Sharon Stone, Martin Sheen and Helen Hunt) who were at the Ambassador Hotel where he was killed.



Emilio Estevez stars in the new film "Bobby," which he also wrote and directed.

McCarthy, his fierce attacks on James Hoffa and the Teamsters, his reputation as a ruthless advocate for his brother Jack — aren't mentioned. "This film is about that one day," Estevez said. "All that stuff about the ruthless Bobby

— it was true. He was like that early on. But the death of his brother brought on a transformation. Bobby remade himself." Though he was only 6 years old when Bobby Kennedy died, Estevez had already met the man at a political rally in New York City. "I was on my dad's shoulders" — his father is actor Martin Sheen — "and Bobby reached out and shook my hand." When the family relocated to Los Angeles, Sheen took his son to the Ambassador and showed him the pantry off the ballroom where the senator was shot. "Dad told me, 'This is hallowed ground,'" Estevez recalled. Years later Sheen played Bobby Kennedy in a TV miniseries about the Cuban missile crisis. Estevez was on the set as Sheen researched for the role. But it wasn't until 2000, when Estevez returned to the now-abandoned Ambassador for a photo shoot, that he felt the weight of history.

Rainn Wilson and Ivan Reitman's son team for ninja film

The Hollywood Reporter

Rainn Wilson and Jason Reitman are donning their ninja suits for "Bonzai Shadowhands." Fox Searchlight has picked up the dark comedy, which Wilson is now writing as a starring vehicle for himself and which Reitman will direct. While plot details are being kept under wraps, it is known to be about a once-great ninja who is now living a life of mediocrity. Wilson met Reitman when the former was in Vancouver working on "My Super Ex-Girlfriend," which was being directed by Reitman's father, Ivan. "I was in a Starbucks, and a young fellow walked in and he said to me, 'Hi, you don't know me, but my name is Jason Reitman, and I'm Ivan's son. I want to do a movie with you, and would you play a ninja?'" Wilson recalled. "I felt like I was discovered at Schwab's." Wilson is now writing the script while he is on hiatus from the NBC comedy "The Office," in which he plays the fascist assistant Dwight.

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'Country cookie' CONQUERS

Pumpkin-caramel combo wins holiday contest

BY HEIDI SAYUT
 For The Dominion Post

Bakers from all around the area rolled up their sleeves and dusted off their aprons to participate in *The Dominion Post's* fourth Holiday Cookie Competition.

Sorting through the numerous recipes submitted to the contest, the newspaper's Lifestyles staff selected 12 finalists to be judged in a taste-test. Eleven bakers (one was unable to supply samples) prepared their cookies and delivered them to the Greer Building on Nov. 8, where members of *The Dominion Post's* Food Panel eagerly anticipated the opportunity to taste all of the holiday treats.

Laura Lemley of Mount Morris, Pa., didn't think that her self-described "plain-Jane country cookie" would win the competition. But her Pennsylvania Pumpkin Cookies were chosen as the grand-prize winner.

"This recipe was given to me by a friend when my son, who is now 38, was just a small boy," said Lemley. "It is so quick and easy to make, and I enjoy making it for Thanksgiving and throughout the fall months."

Panel members were impressed by the wonderful texture of the cookie, and by its nice degree of sweetness. Member Barbara Dinsmore proclaimed it "the perfect alternative to pumpkin pie."

"The icing makes the cookie," Lemley added, and the judges agreed.

When the scores were tallied, Jessie Volk's Wine Biscotti came in a very close second.

As a child, Volk, of Westover, recalled that family members would dunk biscotti into homemade wine and let her and the other small children have a little taste. She said that many of her Italian-American relatives made their own wine and would then cook with it. In fact, the batch of biscotti she made for the panel members to judge contained wine that was made by a relative and that has been aging for approximately 50 years.

"When making these cookies, use a good brand of wine — something special," said Volk, who credits her sister's mother-in-law, Catherine DeCarlo, for providing her with the recipe many years ago.

Panel members Kristy Martin and Elaine Koontz praised the biscotti's perfect texture. Brian Kiehl and Dinsmore liked the

“**The icing makes the cookie.**

Laura Lemley
 winning cookie baker

hint of fruit that comes from the addition of grated orange peel to the dough.

Volk, who likes baking for her children and grandchildren, has enjoyed success in the Holiday Cookie Competition before. Her Walnut Bourbon Balls garnered a second place prize in the 2004 contest.

PENNSYLVANIA PUMPKIN COOKIES

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 3/4 cup Crisco vegetable shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup pumpkin
- 1 egg

Sift flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon. Cream together margarine and Crisco. Beat in pumpkin and egg. Add dry ingredients. Blend just until no trace of flour is present. Stir in vanilla (and nuts if desired.) Drop onto lightly greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes. Keep batter in refrigerator while baking other cookies.

CARAMEL FROSTING

Place 3 tablespoons margarine, 1/4 cup milk and 1/2 cup brown sugar in a saucepan. Boil slowly for 2 minutes, stirring. Stir in 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Beat until spreading consistency.

Laura Lemley
 Mount Morris, Pa.

The finalists:

WINE BISCOITI

- 1/2 pound unsalted butter (2 sticks) plus 2 tablespoons Crisco vegetable shortening
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 5 egg yolks plus one whole egg
- 3 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 2/3 cups wine (rose or white wine)
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg



Bob Gay/The Dominion Post

Laura Lemley of Mount Morris, Pa., holds a tray of her Pennsylvania Pumpkin Cookies that won first place in *The Dominion Post's* Fourth Annual Holiday Cookie Competition.

2 cups mixed nuts (Planters Deluxe, mixed, lightly salted), chopped coarsely

6 1/2 cups flour, or more as needed. Dough will be sticky. Use vegetable oil on hands often for ease of handling.

grated peel from 2 oranges

Sift together flour, baking soda, sugar and nutmeg. Work butter and Crisco together with flour mixture until like pie dough (a food processor can be used.) Place mixture in a large bowl and make a well in the center. Blend the eggs with the wine and orange peel, and add to the flour mixture.

Use vegetable oil on hands often to work dough as it will be very sticky. Add additional flour slowly if nec-

essary to handle dough. Make 2-inch-by-8-inch rolls of dough on greased cookie sheet. Leave generous space between rolls as dough will spread a lot. Brush each with slightly beaten egg white. Bake at 350 degrees 20-25 minutes.

Remove carefully with a metal spatula and place on a rack for 10-15 minutes. Place on cutting board and cut slices on a diagonal. Replace on cookie sheets at toast at 400 degrees for 5-10 minutes to desired crispness. Store in a covered metal container.

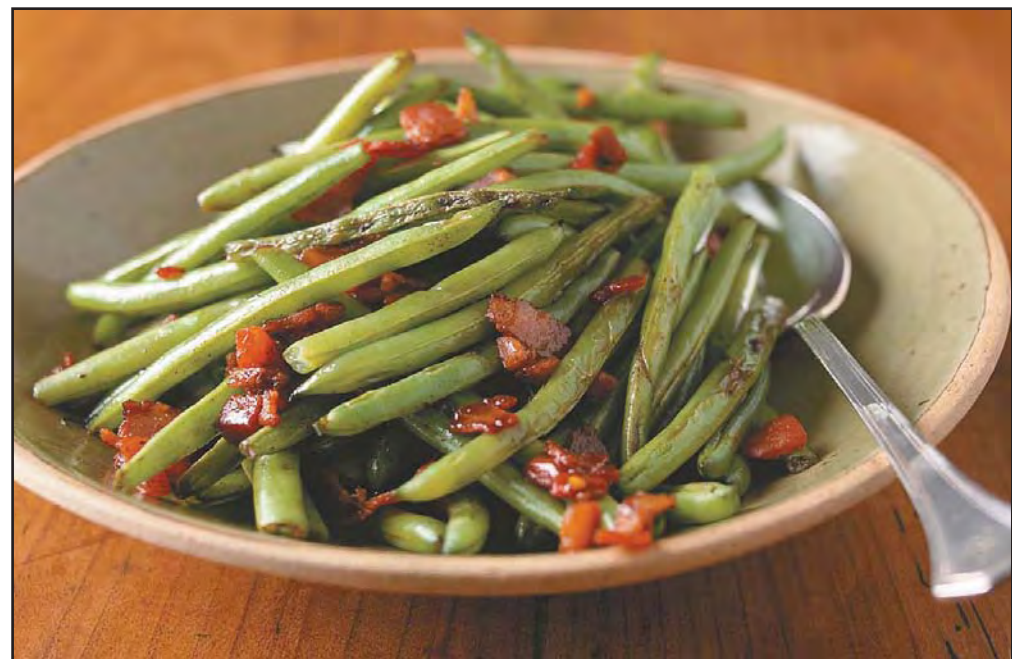
These cookies are very crisp and best when dunked in coffee, tea or wine.

Jessie Volk
 Westover

SEE **COOKIE**, 2-D

Finalists in *The Dominion Post's* Fourth Annual Holiday Cookie Competition, from left to right, beginning at the top of the page: Sherry Sherron's Pecan Praline Cookie Triangles, Laura Lemley's Pennsylvania Pumpkin Cookies, Kathryn Moffett-Bradford's Grandmother's Molasses Cookies, Jessie Volk's Wine Biscotti, Nathalie Singh-Corcoran's Chocolate Mint Cookies, Eleanor Grubbs-Paull's Cheesecake Cookies, Susie Wiltrout's Cranberry-Pistachio Cookies, Beverly Railey Walter's Mocha Latte Batons, Christine Sunderman's Santa's Rosey Cheek Cookies, Jackie Richardson's Almond Chocolate Chip Fudge Snowtops, and Anna Mouser's Semi-sweet Sugar Balls.

Something mild, something wild to make over green beans



Roasted green beans become a more exciting side dish when tossed with bacon, Worcestershire sauce, hot pepper sauce and roasted red peppers, which provide deeper flavor.

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Writer

Which is worse? Green bean casseroles or steamed green beans with butter? The former usually is insipidly gooey and not even remotely retro enough to be ironically cool. The latter is, well, steamed green beans with butter. Hard to get excited about that.

Consider enlivening this beleaguered bean with *Gourmet* magazine's recipe for green beans with ginger butter. Though not dramatically different than the steam-and-eat versions, this recipe adds a vibrant note with lemon zest and matchsticks of fresh ginger.

Or completely rethink this dish with a recipe for roasted green beans tossed with bacon, Worcestershire sauce, hot pepper sauce and roasted red peppers from *Every Day with Rachael Ray* magazine.

GREEN BEANS WITH GINGER BUTTER

(Start to finish, 25 minutes)
Salt
2 pounds haricots verts or other green

beans, trimmed
3-inch-long piece fresh ginger
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
Finely grated lemon zest from 1/2 lemon

Fill a large bowl with cold water and ice. Set aside.

Bring an 8-quart pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the beans, uncovered, until just tender, about 5 to 9 minutes. Drain the beans in a colander, then transfer to the ice water to cool and stop the cooking. Drain the beans again and pat dry.

Peel the ginger and cut into thin matchsticks.

In a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderate heat, heat the butter until melted and the foam subsides. Add the ginger and cook, stirring, until golden, about 3 minutes.

Add the beans and cook, stirring, until just heated through, about 2 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and add zest and 1/2 teaspoon salt, tossing to combine.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

(Recipe from the November 2006 issue of *Gourmet* magazine)

THANKSGIVING GREEN BEANS
(Start to finish, 25 minutes)
1/4 pound bacon (about 5 slices), cut into 1/2-inch pieces
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
Couple dashes hot pepper sauce
1 1/2 pounds green beans, trimmed
1/3 cup jarred roasted red peppers, coarsely chopped

In a large skillet over medium heat, cook the bacon until crisp, 5 to 7 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the bacon to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Remove the skillet from the heat and add the Worcestershire sauce, sugar, mustard and hot sauce, stirring it into the bacon fat. Return the skillet to high heat, add the beans and cook, tossing occasionally with tongs, until crisp-tender, about 6 minutes.

Stir in the red peppers and half the bacon, tossing until warmed through, about 1 minute. Transfer to a serving plate and top with remaining bacon. Makes 8 servings.

(Recipe from the November 2006 issue of *Every Day with Rachael Ray* magazine)

Small fowl help control portion sizes

BY JILL WENDHOLT SILVA
McClatchy Newspapers

When it comes to keeping portion sizes in check, Cornish hens are a shoo-in.

A hybrid between Cornish and White Rock chickens, the resulting miniature poultry typically weighs just 1 to 2 pounds, enough to serve two people.

The Cornish hens (also referred to as Rock Cornish game hens) arrived on the scene in 1965 and were first marketed as a gourmet food by Tyson. While they continue to make an elegant presentation for entertaining, there's no reason not to serve the roasted hens for a weeknight meal.

Just think of the hens as you would a little chicken, or for that matter as a teeny-tiny turkey. Either way, the roasting procedure is the same and because they're so small, dinner is ready in an hour.

This recipe for Cornish Hens in Cider is low in sodium and high in protein. Although the total fat content is high, the amount of saturated fat is moderate. The cider keeps the lean (mostly breast) meat on the bird moist.

Shopping tip

For testing, we used frozen 18-ounce birds from Tyson. Look for Cornish hens in the freezer case of most large supermarkets. Buy without giblets if possible and be sure to leave the birds in the refrigerator to defrost the night before you plan to make this recipe.

Cooking tips

For a thicker sauce, remove apples and shallots from pan juices and simmer liquid until it is reduced by about half. Chefs typically call this a reduction and it concentrates the cider flavor.

To serve

After roasting, allow hen to stand 10 minutes. Pull leg away with a carving fork and, using a sharp knife, cut through to detach the leg and thigh. Repeat on other side. Cut straight down along one side of breast bone to carve off the remaining meat.

CORNISH HENS IN CIDER

Makes 4 servings
1/2 lemon, cut into two pieces
2 Cornish hens (18 ounces each)
2 teaspoons olive oil
Salt and freshly ground pepper
3 shallots, peeled and sliced very thin
3 large apples, such as Fuji or Golden Delicious
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
3/4 cup apple cider
1/4 cup water

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Squeeze a lemon quarter into each cavity and place the quarter in hen. Rub olive oil over each hen. Season with salt and pepper. Secure Cornish hen with string (truss) and tuck wings underneath.

Place in deep skillet or roasting pan. Sprinkle the shallots around the hens. Peel and core the apples and cut into thick slices. Place the apple pieces around hens. Sprinkle thyme over all ingredients. Pour cider and water over all. Roast 55 to 65 minutes or until meat reaches 180 degrees.

Carve hens in half and discard lemons. Serve with apples and shallots. Pour some juice over the top.

Per serving: 432 calories (36 percent from fat), 18 grams total fat (4 grams saturated), 105 milligrams cholesterol, 53 grams carbohydrates, 19 grams protein, 66 milligrams sodium, 8 grams dietary fiber.

Mail-order appetizers help hosts prepare for surprise guests

BY ROBIN MATHER JENKINS
Chicago Tribune

Andy Williams was just plain wrong. For the party-panicky, the holidays are definitely not "the most wonderful time of the year." It may not be the going-out part that bothers the festivity-phobic. It's the terrifying idea that people might just stop by.

"I had a lady call me to say that her husband was bringing home 10 people that night," recalled Heather Joye Bender of LifesCelebrations Inc. in Skokie, Ill. Bender has been a party planner for about six years.

"For some reason, she couldn't get out of the house that day, I couldn't get to her, and she was just frantic."

Bender's solution? "We went over the contents of her freezer and her fridge over the phone," she said. "And she put out all this stuff that we figured out. That's why I always tell everybody to have pita bread and hummus in the freezer."

Ah, the freezer! Within its friendly confines can repose the solution to your holiday horrors. Or, if you're a party pro, the freezer can free you to invite anyone over, 24/7.

By taking a few minutes now to lay in some easy-to-heat frozen fancy finger foods, the doorbell will no longer sound like a death knell.

Bender had some other suggestions.

"Be calm. Make a list. Then follow your list," she said. "Think small bites, and think unusual. Sautéed ravioli could be a great idea. Keep some blintzes in the freezer; they last for quite a while and they're so fast and easy."

Let someone else do some of the work. "All the stores have already cut-up fruit and veggie trays," she said. "I've done that myself dozens of times."

"Whole Foods has a great line of prepared foods, but all the stores have them now: grilled vegetables, even things like little lamb chops. And remember things that make things look fresher. Fresh herbs, a drizzle of extra-virgin olive oil, even paprika — those things make dishes look more jazzed up."

So use your frozen goodies, but augment them with some "dippy things" and fresh vegetables, chips, nuts, olives or other nibbles, Bender said.

Other pantry staples to freshen already prepared foods include lemons, capers and jarred caviar, she said. "Capers really dress things up, and everyone thinks caviar is fancy."

Try to balance sweet and savory offerings, she said, "but the sweet can be Sara Lee poundcake. Drip a little chocolate sauce over it, add a little whipped cream. Or use strawberry sauce or caramel sauce." The impromptu party also is a great time to use some of the specialty

condiments and foods you might have picked up in the fancy-foods aisle, she said.

But her best suggestion? "Remember that your guests are coming by for special times with you. Although having the right things out makes you feel good, that's not what they're going to remember."

Favorite mail-order little bites

Six *Chicago Tribune* staff members tasted mail-order frozen appetizers. Each was reheated according to directions. Here are some of their favorites; prices do not include shipping.

■ Duck foie gras with truffles in mini vol-au-vents: These thimble-sized tidbits of puff pastry filled with truffled foie gras mousse offer "rich taste and good crunch," said one taster. \$130.50 for 60 pieces. D'Artagnan, Newark, N.J. To order, (800) 327-8246 or dartagnan.com.

■ Spinach pesto flatbread with goat cheese: "Two neat bites and they don't crumble when you first bite in, a big plus," said one taster of these pretty little rounds. "Festive!" said another. \$65 for 20 pieces. Elegant Appetizers, Phoenix. To order, (866) 998-8856 or appetizerstore.com.

■ Pear-Roquefort stars and raspberry-brie stars: "Sweet and yummy," said one taster. "I like both, but the pear-Gorgonzola is best," said another. \$13.79 for 12 pieces. Artiko, New Rochelle, N.Y. To order, 888-278-4657 or artikocheff.com.



Grilled vegetables and pita bread disguise leftover turkey.

Roasted veggies cozy up to leftover turkey in pita pocket

BY ROBIN MATHER JENKINS
Chicago Tribune

Regular turkey sandwiches are one of the best dividends of Thanksgiving, but sometimes something different appeals. The roasty flavors of vegetables sizzled on the grill prove irresistible in this easy-to-prepare main-dish sandwich. Your gas grill makes cooking fast and simple.

Brushing the vegetables with a little oil helps provide beautiful grill marks; it's important to grill them for at least three minutes per side — No poking! No peeping! — to get the appealing stripes.

The grilled vegetables have so much flavor that only 4 ounces or so of turkey easily serves two. Even the dedicated carnivore won't miss the meat. Round out the meal with a tossed salad and pound-cake with sliced pears. To complement the Greek dressing, choose a lively white such as the Greek moschofilero.

Tips

Don't have a gas grill? Use a heavy grill pan indoors, or simply sauté the vegetables and turkey.

Cube the turkey if it's easier than slicing it.

GRILLED VEGETABLE-TURKEY PITAS

Preparation time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 15 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

2 small zucchini, cut in 1/4-inch slices lengthwise
1 red onion, cut in 1/4-inch slices
1 large tomato, cut in 1/4-inch slices
1 green bell pepper, cored, ribbed, sliced in 1/4-inch pieces
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
8 ounces cooked turkey
4 pita rounds, cut in half
1/2 cup bottled creamy Greek-style dressing with feta cheese

Heat grill or grill pan. Brush zucchini, onion, tomato and bell pepper pieces with olive oil. Cook in batches, turning vegetables once, until vegetables show grill marks and are crisp-tender, about 6 minutes. Season with the salt and pepper to taste; set aside.

Slice turkey into 1/4-inch slices. Place one-quarter of the turkey into one pita half; add one-quarter of the grilled vegetables. Repeat with remaining pita halves, turkey and vegetables. Drizzle a tablespoon of dressing over the filling in each half pita.

Nutrition information per serving: 425 calories, 33 percent of calories from fat, 19 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 33 mg cholesterol, 66 g carbohydrates, 20 g protein, 970 mg sodium, 3.4 g fiber.



Chili-lime salmon satay can be ordered in advance and pulled out for a party. "Looks like candied salmon; good texture and flavor that is surprisingly nuanced. Doesn't suffer from freezing," one taster said. Elegant Appetizers, Phoenix, offers 25 pieces for \$73. To order, (866) 998-8856 or appetizerstore.com.

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Handle with care: Fragile phyllo dough holds together holiday sides

BY DIANE HOOIE

For The Dominion Post

If you have ever eaten Greek food, you have probably eaten something made with phyllo (or filo) dough.

Phyllo, which means "leaf" in Greek, are tissue paper-thin sheets of dough made from flour, water and a bit of oil. The name "Phyllo" is Greek but the dough technique itself is Turkish and one of the most famous confections made from the dough is also Turkish—baklava. This dessert was considered a food only for the rich until the mid-19th century.

Today, the dough has been adopted by virtually every cuisine and is the key to making a successful strudel. It is a very adaptable dough that can be used for both sweet and savory dishes and can transform some of the traditional Thanksgiving side dishes into something exotic with just a little effort.

Phyllo dough has no saturated or trans fat, and no cholesterol. It is light, crispy and flaky, and if you use butter-flavored cooking spray between layers rather than real melted butter, it's a perfect low-fat choice for making savory or sweet pies, tarts and strudels. The main criticism of phyllo dough is that it's hard to use. At a class on Thanksgiving side dishes taught by Chef Roslyn Cross at Slight Indulgence earlier this month, it was shown that with a bit of preparation, handling phyllo dough is really easy.

Although you can make your own dough, it is a lot of work and a unique experience. The small ball of dough must be stretched and stretched by the back of your hands (actually the process takes many hands) till it is almost transparent. One small ball of dough will actually stretch into a tissue-thin sheet as long and as wide as a dining room table cloth.

It is much easier—and almost as delicious—to purchase the frozen phyllo. Grocery store brands such as Athens, Apollo and Pepperidge Farm are all good and can be found in most local grocery stores. Sheet sizes vary from brand to brand, but they are generally sold in 1-pound packages containing two bundles of 20 sheets each. Each sheet is approximately 9 by 14 inches.

Frozen dough must be thawed at least 24 hours in the refrigerator before you start the recipe. Do not thaw at room temperature because the sheets tend to stick together. Also, if they are thawed too quickly or if the sheets are too cold when you unfold them, they will crack. Be sure to bring the dough to room tempera-



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Chef Roslyn Cross prepares phyllo dough by laying out the first sheet of ultra-thin pastry, buttering it and folding it over, then working on the second of three sheets of phyllo used in the individual servings of pear and fig strudel pictured finished (inset) topped with ginger vanilla cream.

ture before using. Unused dough can be refrigerated for up to 2 weeks or refrozen. Just wrap any leftover phyllo tightly with plastic wrap, place in its original box and store. Refrozen phyllo can also be kept in the freezer for up to four months.

Because the dough is already rolled and cut, it really is easy to work with when handled properly. However, the sheets of dough are so thin they dry out quickly and can tear easily. Because you must work with the dough quickly, before you begin handling the phyllo, prepare your fillings and let them cool. Remove the defrosted, room-temperature dough from the package and carefully unroll it slowly so it doesn't tear. Lay the entire stack of dough on a large tray, board or clean kitchen towel. Because the sheets of dough are so thin, they will begin to dry out immediately. Dry phyllo will crack and be almost impossible to work with. Therefore, always cover the dough immediately with a clean, lightly dampened kitchen cloth or plastic wrap. Often after it has

been rolled out, the top sheet is discarded because it is torn and cracked.

As you are working with the dough, don't worry if the dough gets small tears or cracks in it; the dough is so thin that such cracks are inevitable. If the tears go through all the layers, simply brush the area with melted butter, patch up the problem area with a small piece of dough, and brush over it again with some more butter. Never wet or brush the phyllo sheets with water, which can cause the dough to fall apart.

Traditionally, every phyllo sheet is brushed with melted butter or sprayed with a butter- or other flavored cooking spray. If you are making a vegetable-filled phyllo, olive or other vegetable oil works better than butter.

One at a time, each phyllo sheet is removed from the stack and placed in a pan or work surface. When removing a sheet, the key is to be gentle and hold it with both hands. If you are using butter, dip a soft pastry brush in melted butter or oil and brush lightly, starting with the edges first so they won't dry out and crack.

If using a cooking spray, spray each layer in the same manner. Quickly move to the middle and then work back toward the edges, brushing any part of the dough that hasn't been previously covered.

Small wrinkles and cracks are common. Butter any cracks carefully, and try not to position the tears on top of each other. Although it is hard to believe, you can also use too much butter, which yields greasy pastries.

Place the next sheet on top of the one that was just buttered and repeat up to the number of layers desired. Use at least three folded sheets for an individual serving or at least five sheets when making a strudel-type roll.

When brushed with butter, layered and baked, the sheets have a flaky, delicate and golden brown appearance.

Phyllo can be used to make individual servings, shaped holders for filling, strudel-style rolls, or even as a regular or rustic pie crust. You can bake shapes in advance and freeze or store in an airtight container until ready to assemble the recipes. You can also bake the shapes with the filling.

After deciding on the shape you want, place the appropriate amount of filling. For an individual serving this would range from 1/4 to 1 cup, while for a whole strudel, it could be as much as several cups. The filling should not be excessively moist; the dough has little fat, and moisture can make it soggy. Also it is important that the filling be cooled because a filling that is even slightly warm will wilt the pastry and make breaking and tearing more likely to happen. Often, bread crumbs, chopped nuts, toasted coconut, or even sugar are put in between the layers as both a seasoning and for texture.

Almost any recipe can be prepared ahead of time and refrigerated and/or frozen. It is generally recommended that items made with phyllo dough not be microwaved, as it becomes limp and soggy. Also heat and humidity and the texture of some fillings may cause the dough to become soggy if it isn't served promptly.

For individual servings, bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown. Large strudels will take a little longer to bake, approximately 25 to 30 minutes.

Instead of the traditional holiday side dishes, try some of the recipes shown here. You can also get away from the traditional leftovers by taking some of the leftover turkey, ham,

or whatever, with some cheese, diced or layered in the phyllo. Of course, no feast is complete without dessert, which is where phyllo really shines. A nice dessert phyllo can be topped with ice cream, pastry cream or even the ginger cream described here.

INDIVIDUAL VEGGIES IN PHYLLO

Individual phyllo packets can be filled with many of the traditional Thanksgiving side dishes such as mashed potatoes with cheese, sweet potatoes with a little brown sugar and nutmeg, and even green bean casserole. Be creative. Prepare the desired filling and let cool.

For individual strudels, use three phyllo sheets per individual pastry. Lay out first sheet, spray with flavored cooking spray or coat with butter on half of the sheet. Fold over buttered side and butter top. Take second sheet and lay half over buttered side and half on board. Butter again 1/2 of sheet. Lightly sprinkle with some dried bread crumbs, crushed nuts, crushed pretzel bits, etc. Fold over and butter top. Repeat for third sheet. Place about 1 cup of filling in center and fold whatever way you want.

DIANE'S MUSHROOM PHYLLO
(makes 7 individual servings)
2 tablespoons butter
16 ounces chopped or sliced mushrooms (white, wild or whatever)
1/2 cup chopped onions or other vegetables
1 small crushed garlic clove
8 ounces cream cheese (fat-free works too), cut into small chunks
1 tablespoon cooking sherry (optional)
salt, pepper, and other herbs to taste

Preheat a large saute pan on high heat. Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in the pan and saute mushrooms, onions and garlic until tender and liquid has cooked off.

Reduce heat and add cream cheese, sherry, salt, pepper and herbs, stirring until mixture is smooth.

Let cool.

Prepare individual packets using three sheets of phyllo dough.

Spread about 1/4 cup of filling on top layer and fold.

Spray or brush butter on top surface.

Bake in preheated 350-degree oven about 15 minutes.

These can be prepared, tightly

wrapped, then frozen up to 3 months in advance and baked just before serving.

PEAR AND FIG STRUDEL WITH GINGER VANILLA CREAM

If figs are dried, plump them up by soaking them for 1/2 hour in 1/2 cup warm liquid (try port wine—it's wonderful). If figs are fresh, roast them in the oven to extract some juice.

Plan on about 1/2 pear per person and 1 fig included in the 1 cup of filling per person. For a large strudel, use about four pears and six figs. This recipe can be made using any fruits that are not overly juicy. Another nice combination would be apples and cranberries. No specific measures are given since this whole recipe is based on how many you want to make and how you want to make it.

Place a little butter in pan. Add some chopped almonds or other nuts. (Four pears would take about 1/4 cup nuts; add more if you want a stronger nut flavor)

Add sliced figs and sliced pears. Add a little ginger (or other spice; ginger goes well with pears and is included in the cream) to taste. You want just a hint of ginger. A pinch per serving is a good amount to start with depending on how strong the ginger was.

Cook until softened turning occasionally. Use spatula or flip it in the pan to avoid mashing the fruit. Let cool.

Prepare phyllo. Again for individual servings, use three phyllo sheets. For a whole strudel, use at least five unfolded sheets and roll up like a jelly roll. Just before the final sheet is placed, lightly sprinkle with some finely crushed dried bread crumbs or crushed nuts. Place filling (for individual servings, use about 1 cup of filling) in center and fold whatever way you want.

Bake at 350 for 15 to 20 minutes (till browned and warm) or 25 to 30 minutes for a whole strudel.

Serve with cool whip, ginger vanilla pastry cream (which is very simple to make), or ice cream.

GINGER VANILLA PASTRY CREAM

from Chef Roslyn Cross
3 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon flour
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 egg plus 1 yolk
3/4 cup milk (whole milk or half and half works best, but low fat can also be used)
1 tablespoon butter
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup heavy or whipping cream
and 1 teaspoon ginger (optional)
Mix dry ingredients first or egg won't combine properly.

Add 1 egg plus 1 egg yolk. Stir to combine until there are no lumps. Set aside.

In a saucepan on stove, warm 3/4 cup milk until steaming (but not boiling).

Add 1/4 cup of the warmed milk to egg mixture stirring constantly. Then add egg and milk mixture to remaining warm milk in saucepan.

Stir over medium heat, scraping bottom of pan and keeping the mixture moving at all times. Mixture will begin to thicken. Stop stirring to check for first signs of a boil. However, DO NOT BOIL. This happens very quickly.

Once thick and approaching a boil, remove from heat and quickly stir in remaining butter and vanilla. Once butter is incorporated, immediately pour into shallow pan to cool. Cover top of cream with plastic wrap (press onto surface of cream). Cut a couple of small slits in the plastic to allow steam to vent.

Refrigerate until cool.

To make ginger whipped pastry cream, remove cooled mixture from refrigerator and place in a bowl. Then, using whisk, add 1 cup cream and 1 teaspoon ginger. Whisk until slightly fluffy and ingredients are incorporated.

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'Turkey' sets the record straight on history of Thanksgiving

BY ROBIN MATHER JENKINS
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Thanksgiving's unthinkable without the turkey, isn't it? It shouldn't be.

For soldier Joseph Plum Martin, Thanksgiving dinner consisted of "half a gill of rice (about half a cup) and a tablespoon of vinegar." That was what Revolutionary soldiers got for a feast when the Continental Congress declared a celebration of the American victory at Saratoga, in 1777.

It was, said author Andrew F. Smith, one of the first genuine Thanksgivings. All that stuff about stern Pilgrims and helpful American Indians and New England? That's "fakelore," as Smith calls it. It was developed to help public schools of the 1880s create a sense of common heritage for the children of the immigrants then surging into the country.

Smith is the author of "The Turkey: An American Story" (University of Illinois Press, \$29.95). He's also the editor-in-chief of the "Oxford Encyclopedia on Food and Drink in America" and the chair of the Culinary Trust, part of the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

His book is fascinating, if only because its meticulous research disproves so many commonly held ideas about Thanksgiving.

That iconic Norman Rockwell image of Grandmother setting a perfectly browned turkey on the family table for Grandfather to carve? It's not Thanksgiving; it was the cover of the *Saturday Evening Post* for March 6, 1943, one of the "four freedoms" that American soldiers fought to defend. The name of the painting is "Freedom from Want."

Even the beautifully bronzed turkey itself is no symbol of the first Thanksgiving. Colonists typically ate

turkeys boiled or steamed, not roasted—easier to prepare in their kitchens, and it didn't require a boy or a small dog to turn the spit.

Virtually every page offers a fact worth recalling:

■ The first TV dinner featured roast turkey, giblet gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes and green peas. Maybe that's because Carl A. Swanson was a turkey processor who had 20-plus refrigerated railroad cars, each storing more than 52 thousand pounds of frozen turkey to dispose of.

■ We ate 8.1 pounds of turkey apiece in 1970, but were up to more than 17.4 pounds per person per year by 2004.

■ One reason turkey production is centered in the South is because tobacco farmers used turkeys to control hornworms threatening their crops. Turkeys happen to love hornworms, it seems. Fifty turkeys could handle 100,000 plants.

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Be grateful for all this life offers us

IN LIGHT OF the fact that as you sit down to read the paper today you are likely doing one of two things — waiting for the turkey timer to pop or fighting off a post-feast tryptophan coma — you don't need me to remind you that it's Thanksgiving.

You likewise don't need me to tell you that it is our moral duty today to stop for just a moment and think about all the myriad gifts for which we should be grateful.

So in the spirit of the holiday, I have tried to come up with a short Top 10 list of things to say "Thanks" for.

Here goes:

1.) Modern medicine: Sure it has its problems, like drug interactions and side effects (don't you love the commercials where the side effects sound worse than the ailment being treated?), high costs and not-so-personal treatment. But hey, no one these days is going to treat your cold with a good bleeding or give you a painkiller made from the bile of a castrated boar. Yeah!

2.) Coffee shops in bookstores: Because being able to wander around the bookstore carrying a steaming hot decaf grande sugar-free vanilla nonfat latte is the best thing ever. (Just don't try to say it fast three times.)

3.) Sweatpants/Lycra: Particularly after a day of celebrating thankfulness by carb loading. (Note: Sweatpants with tight waistbands are ineligible for gratitude.)

4.) Nutrasweet/Splenda: It tastes good in coffee and soda and allows us to save calories for the foods that are worth it. Fried things, for instance.

5.) Grocery store magazine placement: I love that they put the trashy tabloids and celeb-gossip rags at the check-out, so I can look at them without having to undergo the humiliation of actually purchasing one while maintaining eye contact with the cashier.

6.) Self-check-out lines: For when I really, really want to read more than just the cover of one of those celeb-gossip rags. (They also help tone down the embarrassment factor when purchasing various feminine hygiene products or the occasional box of Immodium chewables. Which, yes, at 32, still makes me uncomfortable if there's a boy at the counter. Sue me.)

7.) "Battlestar Galactica" (the new version, not the '70s one): Both because it is the smartest drama on television, and because it comes on at 9 p.m. Friday nights, thus freeing me from the temptation to go out directly after work and stay out until the wee hours (which inevitably leads to my spending all day Saturday holding my head and saying, "Uuuuggghhh, why did I go out directly after work and stay out until the wee hours?")

8.) Cheese. (With the exception of any form of grody American processed cheese.)

9.) Check cards: Because I am one of the most non-cash-carryin' fools in the entire world. I recently lost my check card and, for the week it took to get a new one, actually had to stop at MAC machines and write checks. Can you imagine?

And last, but CERTAINLY not least ...

10.) Indoor plumbing. Enough said.

As you may have noticed, I have not mentioned anything about my loving family, doting husband or dear friends. This is intentional — and not because I'm not grateful for being so blessed as to have them. I really don't deserve a single one of 'em.

I just thought that they would all be very thankful to be kept out of this column for once. So happy Thanksgiving guys.

And Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

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Play-Doh may be turning 50 this year, but it hasn't lost its edge. Because really, what's more fun than squishing and squeezing a colorful blob? Not much. **The Fuzzy Pumper Crazy Cuts** set (\$9.99) lets kids play barber, using a comb, scissors and a (fake) razor to style wacky dough 'dos. At [walmart.com](#).




He may not be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound (yet), but your Boy Wonder will get a kick out of **"The Superhero Starter Kit"** (\$14.95, Klutz). It includes a red cape, plus punch-out masks, wristbands and stickers for creating a personalized superhero emblem. And lots of great advice, like "Don't sneeze into your cape." At [klutz.com](#).




While you don't want to encourage throwing things in the house, **Pier 1's table-top ring toss set** (\$10) might be the exception. A miniature wooden version of the midway favorite, it's compact, affordable and good for a wide range of ages. Practically perfect. At [pier1.com](#).




No matter how many electronic gadgets they get, kids still use crayons, and probably will until the end of time. So what kid is going to turn down 150 of the little wax beauties? **Crayola's telescoping tower** (\$17.99) arranges the crayons — regular, metallic and glitter — in a three-tier display so she can find just the right green in a glance. When the creative moment is over, the tower collapses for storage. At [crayolastore.com](#).




Batteries not required

Help the kids on your holiday list find fun the old-fashioned way

Researched and compiled by Becky Sher, McClatchy-Tribune

It's not that there's anything wrong with all the new nifty gadgets and gizmos. Not at all — in fact, there are some pretty incredible contraptions out there that make life a lot more fun.

But the kids you're giving to this holiday season probably already have plenty of those, so maybe it's time to give them something that doesn't require batteries, cords, adaptors or an engineering degree to operate. Instead, give kids something a bit less high-tech — something that requires creativity, imagination or just

plain silliness. (Or at least requires them to sit still for a moment or two.) And remember, low-tech doesn't mean boring; we've found lots of options that are sure to capture the attention of even the most tech-obsessed kids.

Here, we round up 20 of the best low-tech holiday gifts for kids, all under \$25. Of course, we never said you couldn't use technology to purchase them — you can purchase every one of these gifts on the Internet. A low-tech holiday, the high-tech way.

BOW COLOR GUIDE



Red bow: Ages 3 - 8



Gold bow: Ages 8 - 13



Green bow: Ages 13+



Etch-A-Sketch may be old news to today's kids, but Magna Doodle is a sure winner. Upgrade your kids to the latest version of the magnetic sketch pad, the **Magna Doodle Color Plus** (\$17.99). This one lets kids draw in color (as long as it's red or blue), and switch one color to another, like magic. At [target.com](#).





Kids have places to go and people to see, just like adults. Help them keep track (and learn seasons, months and numbers) with a **magnetic perpetual calendar** (\$19.95). The set includes more than 100 magnets so kids can identify important events in their lives, like holidays and sporting events, along with pieces that allow them to change the months, season and dates as time marches by. At [gummylump.com](#).




Even a kindergartner with her own e-mail address will be taken with **"Little Letters,"** (\$9.95, Klutz), a charming guide to the "old-fashioned" art of letter writing. The little book introduces kids to communication without (gasp!) a computer, and the kit includes all kinds of stationery goodies, including stickers and postcards. At the very least, you'll get a cute thank-you note. At [klutz.com](#).




There's a shark in the playground! Just wait and see what crazy circumstances kids dream up when you erect this **shark-shaped tent** (\$24.99). They can imagine a camping trip in the wild or conjure up tales of a deep-sea dive. At [target.com](#).


Is there a doctor in the house? Encourage her medical mania with **"The Bones Book and Skeleton"** (\$16.95, Workman). Kids can build a 3-D skeleton puzzle and learn fun facts about the human body (your neck has the same number of vertebrae as a giraffe's!). Then, they can display their handiwork in the included clear plastic bell jar. At [bn.com](#).





Give the gift of quality time: **"Game Night"** (\$24.95, Chronicle Books) encourages a bit of old-fashioned togetherness. The kit includes cards, dice, a scoring pad and instructions for all kinds of retro games, like Crazy Eights and Hearts. And, to promote a bit of friendly competition, a winner's log. At [chronicle-kids.com](#).





Budding bakers and future fashionistas alike will go crazy for a set of **style-themed cookie cutters** (\$25 for a set of eight). What slumber party couldn't be improved with sweet treats shaped like a dress, tiara, purse or other glam accessory? At [williamssonoma.com](#).

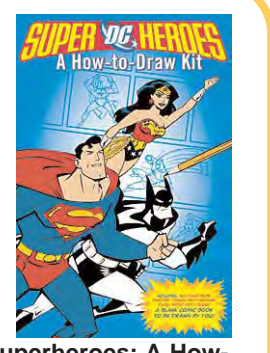
He'll put down the video-game controller for this: A jar of "stuff" just waiting to be turned into something cool. Pipe cleaners scream "alien antennae" and pom-poms are begging to be turned into creepy crawlers. Land of Nod's **I'm Not Bored Anymore Art Jar** (\$24.95) includes more googly eyes, felt and paper than he needs in a lifetime. Or at least until the next gift-giving holiday. At [landofnod.com](#).





What kid wouldn't like the **Lil' Lovables Fluffy Factory** (\$19.99)? Like a DIY version of the popular Build-A-Bear Workshop, the hand-cranked machine lets novice toy makers stuff their own bears with fluffy filling and a special message. No stitching is required to sew up the finished bear — it comes with a special zipper key, so only the rightful owner can read the note locked inside. At [toysrus.com](#).

The promising artist in your life will owe you big time if you give him the chance to draw his first comic book. **"DC Superheroes: A How-To-Draw Kit"** (\$16.95, Chronicle Books) features an instructional booklet, pen, pencil and ruler, plus a blank comic book for your favorite artist to fill with his or her own illustrations. At [chronicle-kids.com](#).




Life moves fast when you're a kid, so Cranium's **"FunFolio"** activity book (\$14.99) lets kids record some of its wild and wacky moments. Like Cranium's popular games, the "FunFolio" scrapbook puts a premium on silly, offering dozens of crazy prompts that kids can complete on the included notepad. When all is said and done, the finished book is a madcap walk down memory lane. At [cranium.com](#).

Yes, it's about television, but at least they'll be reading: **"Television Without Pity: 752 Things We Love to Hate (and Hate to Love) About TV"** (\$15.95, Quirk Books) features hilarious entries on the best — and worst — of the small screen. TV fans will find something to like, whether their taste trends toward "The O.C." or "Brady Bunch" reruns. At [amazon.com](#).




Whether the teen in your life is an experienced knitter or just learning the craft, **"Stitch 'N Bitch: The Knitter's Calendar"** (\$12.95, Workman) is the gift that keeps on giving. The page-a-day format features patterns (yes, they'll pass muster with discerning teens), knitting tips, Web site reviews and yarn recommendations. At [amazon.com](#).




OK, so it stretches the "no-batteries" requirement a bit, but if there's a music lover (and iTunes devotee) on your list, the **"365 Tunes Calendar"** (\$11.95, Workman) is too good to pass up. Each day of the year features a highlighted tune to check out, a themed playlist or another musical tidbit. At [fredflare.com](#).




No pair of jeans or plain T-shirt will be safe once your resident fashion designer gets her hands on **"Sublime Stitching"** (\$19.95, Chronicle Books). The book, by modern embroidery superstar Jenny Hart, features detailed instructions for the stitching rookie, plus pages and pages of reusable iron-on embroidery patterns, both kitschy and classic. At [chroniclebooks.com](#).




Knitting is enjoying a renaissance, but you can remind a young stitcher of the craft's roots with the **Red Cross' Knit Kit** (\$25). The organization has reproduced its WWII-era pattern for servicepersons' socks — part of its wartime "knit your bit" campaign — and included yarn and needles in a collector's tin. The pattern is fairly straightforward, and a good reminder to modern teens about the value of hand-made goods. At [redcrossstore.org](#).



Modern Life

Tips for making spirits bright



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Finding lost recipe rekindles lost traditions

With Thanksgiving careening around the corner, Uncle Norm called the other day to see if I had my mom's recipe for sweet potato croquettes. Uncle Norm is one of my dad's younger brothers. Seventy-something now, he lives in Charles Town, a few miles east of Harper's Ferry. He's a gem, my favorite uncle. I'll tell you more about him someday, but for now let's just say he, my Aunt Helen and their five kids spent many years passing the croquettes around my mom's Thanksgiving table.

Anyway, I promised to send him the recipe if I could find it. My mom died this year and I have her cookbook. I've had it for more than a decade, actually. She had moved in with us back around 1992 when her memory started to fail and her house got too much for her. She lived with us for seven years until her doctors said it was time we considered an Alzheimer's place.

Mom hadn't cooked in such a long time and, since she was always the family social director, our Thanksgiving gatherings kind of fell apart the same time she did.

So, OK, here I am now, standing in front of the bookcase by the kitchen, gazing at the many titles I've accumulated over the years. I have a lot of cookbooks — 44 of them, give or take. You'd think I cook.

I peruse the shelves. Ah, the classics: "The Joy of Cooking," "Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook." The ethnics: "100 Great Pasta Recipes," "Festive Mexican Meals," "Savoring China." The demoralizing "French Women Don't Get Fat" is filed there, too. And even short-lived culinary phases from the college years are represented: "Moosewood Restaurant Favorites" and "Vegetarian Delights."

Since I'm teaching my 12-year-old daughter not to cook either, there are titles like "The Little Gourmet" and "The Cookie Dough Cookbook." And, finally, what non-cook's cookbook collection would be complete without the regionals? "Pioneer Cookery Around Oklahoma" (where I lived for 10 years) offers favorites like "Fricassee Rabbit" and "Creek Indian Squirrel." Pittsburgh's "Out of This Kitchen, Ethnic Foods in the Steel Valley," second edition, features "Banitza," "Korabeeki" and "Bundurcov Haluski."

Hmmm. Fortunately, the book I need is easy to spot, and so I take it from the shelf. Yellowed and tattered, its binding is supported by duct tape, its contents secured with a rubber band. "The Woman's Home Companion," copyright 1946.

"Souring milk, pg. 8," and "Measure equivalents, pg. 4," my mom noted years ago inside the front cover. There's lots of evidence, in fact, that, never a gourmet, she'd learned to cook on the job. Baking tips and reminders jotted in the margins. Standard holiday recipes sort of singled out.

As I flip through the pages, hearing her voice, seeing her fabulous laughing face as she stands at the stove, I miss my mom so much I can barely read the words.

Ah, but here it is. Handwritten, of course. And pretty spare: "Sweet Potato Croquettes. Mash potatoes. Add salt, pepper before forming into croquettes. Dip in eggs and breadcrumbs. Fry until brown, then dip into sugar mix. (4T sugar, 2T water)"

I copy the recipe for Uncle Norm and mail it off. "The Woman's Home Companion," though, I let linger on the kitchen counter, thinking maybe it's time for a second helping of lost traditions.

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SAN JOSE, Calif. — Ever wonder how some people seem to always look relaxed, happy and oh-so-put-together during the holidays? Meanwhile, the rest of us are showing the strain of late nights at the office, skipped workouts, entertaining out-of-town relatives and last-minute shopping?

The holiday crunch is looming, with more to do in the same amount of hours. How to deal? We turned to the experts for advice on how to shave minutes off our daily routines — from packing in a more efficient workout to streamlining your morning makeup.

Remember these tips, and you'll spend more time enjoying family and savoring the holiday spirit and less time worrying about that giant, stress-induced zit on your forehead.

The time-saver workout

It's tempting to load up on sweets and skip regular workouts, but Marie Crooks, fitness manager and personal trainer at California's Club One Santana Row, suggests squeezing in some exercise time, even if you go less frequently than you normally would. Instead of a full hour at the gym, she says, go for a higher-intensity, 30-minute session that packs a bigger — and more calorie-burning — punch.

■ Circuit train. Vary your exercises instead of sticking to the treadmill or the bicycle. For example, mix five-minute bursts of cardio in between weight training and you'll burn more calories in less time.

■ Combine exercises. Instead of standing still to lift weights, step up onto a raised platform, alternating legs, while pumping five-pound weights in each hand over your head. Instead of lying on a mat to do crunches, sit on a large physio-ball and do curls with your back, which forces you to balance while doing crunches. You'll hit more muscle groups in less time.

■ Remove distractions. If catching up on last week's episode of "Grey's Anatomy" or reading the latest People magazine helps get you motivated, then do it. But if you really want to concentrate on executing challenging exercises and burning off last night's fruitcake, then just work out.

If you're usually waiting around for your tardy workout buddy to show up, find a more reliable partner. And if someone on the next machine over is chatting you up — and slowing you down — wear headphones.

Time-less shopping

How will you ever get all your shopping done for that endless list of family, friends and coworkers? It's all in the planning, say Becky Jasonstek, concierge manager at Santana Row in San Jose, and Kathryn Finney, author of "How to Be a Budget Fashionista: The Ultimate Guide to Looking Fabulous for Less" and the blog www.thebudgetfashionista.com.

■ Make a list. Ideally, you'd keep a running holiday list year-round, says Jasonstek, who creates an Excel spreadsheet of people, their interests, gift ideas and stores that carry the items. If you haven't done that, start now.

■ Visit a shopping center's concierge. It's usually a free service where people can seek tips on finding items or getting specific gift ideas, Jasonstek says. "We might know what merchandise has just arrived or which stores do free gift wrap."

■ Go when it's not busy. Take a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning off to shop, Finney says. These are usually the slowest times at stores and the best days to find parking.

■ Use the shopping center Web site. Before you head out, check out the site's maps showing locations of the stores you want to visit, Finney says.

■ Use gift cards. Put all you plan to spend on a gift card to budget time and money, Finney says. When the funds run out, stop shopping.

Time-crunched dressing

What to wear? The question can burn precious minutes when you're getting ready for work or dashing off to the holiday office party. Save time by organizing and knowing exactly what's in your wardrobe, says Katie Rice Jones, San Francisco Bay-area style expert and cohost of Comcast's TV show "Inside City Limits."

■ Plan during down time. Think about your next day's schedule while commuting or taking a shower, Rice



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Jones says. Use idle time to plan ahead for the following day, whether you're leading a Monday meeting in a power suit or moving offices in jeans on a Friday.

■ Avoid ironing. Forgot to iron last night? Throw a dryer sheet and a damp cloth in the dryer with that blouse you really want to wear while you're doing your makeup or hair.

■ Organize your closet. Arrange it by type and color. Group all black pants together, white shirts, jeans, etc. Stack shoes by color and heel height. If you know you'll be running around all day, you won't waste a minute looking for those comfy red ballerina flats.

■ Wear basics and accessorize. If you don't have time to plan a head-to-toe look, stick with seasonless basics such as a light wool-blend, all-black ensemble. Make it a "look" with bold accessories. Grab a chunky necklace, shiny bangles, dangly earrings and colorful heels on your way out the door to dress it up.

■ Shop for chameleon pieces. Buy items that you can wear in different ways, like a cozy and versatile wrap. If you're at the office late and have to dash to a holiday party, just change the way you tie it and it's instantly a different look.

Hair and makeup

The experts say that if you're spending an hour or more on makeup and hair every day, you're probably doing too much. Pati Dubroff, Dior celebrity makeup artist in New York, and Giuseppe Franco, owner of Giuseppe Franco Salon in Beverly Hills, who is featured on the Style network's new reality show "Split Ends," give us their tips on streamlining your routine while still looking fabulous.

■ Groom at night. Pluck and trim eyebrows when

you have a little extra downtime, so you can concentrate on applying makeup in the morning, Dubroff says.

■ Pick one stand-out feature. Instead of a full face, pick a focus of eyes or lips, Dubroff says. For the holidays, go with red lips and a swipe of mascara so you don't have to do much else.

■ Maintain your skin. It sounds very simple, but one way to cut your makeup routine is to have good skin, Dubroff says. Keep your skin clean and drink lots of water to stay hydrated, especially during the winter. Then you won't spend a lot of time caking on foundation and concealer.

■ Get the right hair-styling tools. All you need for any quick-styled look is a round brush, a medium-sized curling iron or set of hot rollers, a ceramic flat-iron and a 1,500-watt hair dryer, Franco says. Don't feel

compelled to spend tons of money: All of these are available at a decent quality for less than \$100.

■ Don't wash your hair daily.

For long-hair gals, Franco suggests creating a style and simply refreshing it with hot tools for the next day or two. Start with piling your hair onto the top of your head with a clip. Take it down to style one section at a time using a curling iron or hot rollers in two- to four-inch sections. Set for 10 to 15 minutes while you do your makeup.

Unroll, flip your head over, shake with your fingers and spray while upside down to set. Don't wash your hair the next day. Refresh ends with a curling iron if needed. "It will look even better the following day!" Franco says.

■ An easy 'do at the office.

You're going out after work and need an instant evening 'do. What to do? Brush your hair back into a chignon, Franco says. Then pull out small sections out from the temples, at the nape, and at the forehead for a long-bang effect. "It doesn't have to be even and perfect," Franco says. "It should be naturally beautiful."

Work tips

You're getting in earlier, answering e-mails, chatting with co-workers, returning phone calls, grabbing coffee, going to meetings and shooting off instant messages. And you're still chained to your desk while co-workers have long ago logged off, and the custodian is vacuuming under your feet in your cubicle. Problem? We asked Pierre Khawand, time-management expert and founder of People-OnTheGo for his advice on being more efficient at work.

■ Avoid interruptions.

Turn off e-mail and instant-messaging reminders when you're trying to focus on a task or deadline. "It can take several minutes for our brains to recover from an interruption due to the fact that our short-term memory can only hold seven items," Khawand says. "If we get interrupted every few minutes, we are operating

at the lowest possible productivity level, and not allowing ourselves to experience in-depth creative thinking and problem solving."

■ Conquer e-mail.

First answer the messages that are urgent and those that you can reply to in three minutes or less. You can do that and get back to other important tasks.

Use the 80/20 rule when sorting e-mail. Eighty percent of our e-mail is unlikely to have much impact. Twenty percent is important. Don't organize that 80 percent; just stick it in one catch-all folder. For the remaining 20 percent, file carefully in appropriate folders.

■ Work in 40-minute chunks.

Train yourself to turn the outside world on and off. Focus on one important task and ignore e-mail, phone calls or other tasks. Forty minutes is just long enough to get us to finish something or feel productive without being overwhelmed. If you're waiting for a critical e-mail, create a notification alarm in your e-mail program to tell you it has arrived.

■ Find ways to leave on time.

Take a midafternoon, 30-minute to one-hour session to answer e-mails and other requests that must be dealt with by the end of the day. If you wait until the end of the day, they become more stress-inducing, you are less effective at getting them done or leaving the office on time.

In the morning, determine the time you'd like to leave the office. Set an alarm that goes off 30 minutes before that desired time. Quickly decide what must get done at that point, do what you can, and leave the rest for tomorrow.

■ Keep paperwork organized.

Don't keep papers you can reproduce electronically after they have served their purpose. Create designated holding areas for papers that are works in progress. Consolidate to-do lists and eliminate scattered notes and Post-it slips by using a journal. Assess your filing system and put in the time up front to organize by applying the 80/20 rule.

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Mount Vernon makeover

Trip offers new look at George Washington

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press

MOUNT VERNON, Va.— The mansion still overlooks the Potomac, looking much as it did in the late 18th century. Sheep still graze in the pastures, and mules help work the fields.

But carefully tucked into four acres of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate are two new 21st-century buildings that dramatically alter the experience for visitors at one of America's most important historical sites.

The new orientation center, and a second building housing a museum and education center, opened Oct. 27 with attractions that portray Washington as the "nation's first action hero." A 20-minute adventure film called "We Fight to Be Free" highlights his career as commander of the Continental Army. Wax statues — meticulously created with age-regression technology — depict Washington as a young man. His false teeth are on display, but so are his pistol and sword.

Mount Vernon officials made the changes after concluding that the estate was perpetuating the image of Washington as a stodgy, impersonal icon. They sought to change that image, particularly among schoolchildren who make up a third of the 1 million annual visitors. They also wanted to push Mount Vernon to the vanguard of museums and historical sites telling stories in a multimedia age.

"It's definitely an improvement," Anuj Verma, a senior at Irvington High School in Fremont, Calif., who was making a return visit to Mount Vernon when he joined thousands of sightseers there on the new attractions' opening day. "Before, they didn't give you much information about George Washington himself. You kind of just saw the house."

Despite the changes, Mount Vernon wants to keep the mansion as its centerpiece. The new buildings are cleverly designed to be inconspicuous. Most of the new 66,700 square-foot complex is underneath a four-acre pasture.

"We see the mansion as the crown jewel and always the crown jewel," said Mount Vernon spokeswoman Emily Coleman Dibella.

But the balance between education and entertainment can be a



AP Photo

Jack Faulkner sweeps the floor next to a concave sculpture of George Washington that creates the illusion that Washington's eyes are tracking you at Mount Vernon, Va. Mount Vernon has opened a new orientation center, museum and education center that are the product of a \$110 million fundraising campaign begun four years ago.

tricky one. Another new attraction is a 14-minute film that uses what Mount Vernon calls "immersive technology" — the seats rumble when cannons are fired, and fake snow falls during the scene depicting the Delaware crossing.

These types of special effects are instantly recognizable to any kid who's seen a movie in a theme park where audiences routinely feel their seats shake and are subject to fake surf, rain or wind. But *The Washington Post's* architecture critic unfavorably compared the new Mount Vernon attractions to a Disney World experience and lamented that knowledgeable visitors might not learn

much in the education center.

Mount Vernon director James Rees defends the approach, however, saying it's a way of entertaining viewers without giving scholarship short shrift.

Rees visited more than 200 museums around the world looking for ideas for the new facilities at Mount Vernon. He was particularly impressed with the new Abraham Lincoln museum in Springfield, Ill., which uses holograms and smoke machines and explores the man behind the myth.

Many museums and historic sites still try to tell their story through "dead stuff in glass boxes," said Bob Rogers, who designed the Lincoln

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museum. With both Washington and Lincoln, "the goal is getting past the iconic facades and making them real," he added. "Just because it's a new way of telling the story does not mean we are dumbing it down."

The Lincoln museum opened in April 2005 and exceeded expectations by drawing more than 600,000 visitors in its first year.

Mount Vernon tourists will now begin their visit by seeing the "We Fight to Be Free" film at the orientation center. The movie focuses on Washington's decision to cross the Delaware on Christmas Day 1776 and attack Hessian mercenaries for the Continental Army's galvanizing victory at Trenton. Other parts of Washington's life are told through flashbacks.

The film and other new exhibits are designed to make "you think of Washington as attractive, spirited, courageous, athletic," Rees said.

Education center displays include a sculpture of Washington that creates the illusion of Washington's eyes and face tracking you as you walk. A quote from Washington's days as a young soldier in the French and Indian War displayed prominently on the walls reads: "I heard the bullets whistle, and believe me there is something charming in the sound."

The new facilities are the result of a \$110 million fundraising campaign begun four years ago.

Next year, another new attraction will open at Mount Vernon — a reconstruction of Washington's whiskey distillery. He started making whiskey at Mount Vernon in 1797 and within two years was the country's largest whiskey producer, making 11,000 gallons annually in a state-of-the-art distillery. The distillery is designed to showcase Washington's business acumen. The facility was formally dedicated in September by Britain's Prince Andrew, but it won't open to the public until April.

TRAVEL BRIEFS

Associated Press

Frommer's, MTV partner for travel guidebook series

HOBOKEN, N.J. — A venerable name in travel is partnering with the network that brought you music videos, "Pimp My Ride" and "Cribs" to produce a new series of trendy guidebooks for young travelers.

"MTV Italy" (\$24) and "MTV Ireland" (\$22) are the first books in the series from Frommer's, an imprint of New Jersey-based Wiley Publishing.

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The publisher says the books will lead readers "to some of the world's hottest party scenes and outdoor adventures" while also listing traditional museums and world-class attractions.

Top consumer complaint? Poor customer service

NEW YORK — Poor service is the top gripe of consumers surveyed for two new Zagat guidebooks — the 2007 "Top U.S. Hotels, Resorts & Spas" and "America's Top Restaurants."

Asked what irritates them most about the hotels, resorts and spas they visit, "poor service" was cited by 55 percent of the 14,461 frequent travelers who supplied opinions

for the hotel guide, and by 72 percent of the 123,000 people who contributed to the restaurant guide.

Among diners, Italian food remains the No. 1 cuisine, cited by 27 percent of those surveyed, followed by American food, cited by 16 percent, and French in third place with 12 percent. When combined, the votes for Japanese, Chinese and Thai comprised 25 percent.

Nearly 83 percent of those surveyed say they are eating out as much or more often than two years ago, but who eats out most? Texans, with residents of Houston, Austin and Dallas-Fort Worth eating out four meals a week.

Atlantic City still building casinos

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Two new casinos are being proposed for Atlantic City, which appears to be poised for a building boom.

Since the Borgata opened in 2003, upscale restaurants and high-end shopping have become a big part of the city, which is fast becoming a more upscale resort town with decreasing reliance on day trippers from New York and Philadelphia.

The Press of Atlantic City reported recently that a \$3 billion resort would replace the aging Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino, and that Trump's partner in the deal would be Steve Wynn, the casino impresario and former Trump rival who left the city more than a decade ago. His year-old Wynn Las Vegas resort has just earned five stars from the Mobil Travel Guide and five diamonds from AAA.

Answers to puzzles from the Amusement page

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STICKELERS
by Terry Stickels

The missing words are:
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Texas plans Dinosaur City for 2008

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A dinosaur mega-attraction — Animal Kingdom meets science museum — will open its doors in the summer of 2008 in Montgomery County, north of Houston, officials announced.

Creator "Dino" Don Lessem, author of 47 books, builder of traveling dinosaur exhibits and columnist for a children's magazine, expects the planned \$50 million Dinosaur City to bring at

least 100,000 visitors its first year. Having advised people in both the entertainment industry and museums, Lessem said he wanted to create a hybrid of both.

"Neither one captures what I'm looking for: recreating the magic of the real world of dinosaurs," Lessem said. "We want people to get lost in time."

Lessem said the attraction will house the world's largest dinosaur collection, a sand pit where children can "excavate" dinosaur bones and

forest trails dotted with dinosaur replicas. Indoors, visitors will be able to walk through exhibits showing what the world would have looked like millions of years ago. An animal park will display creatures that roamed during the dinosaurs' era and remain on Earth today, like emus and tuataras.

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THE PENDLETON COUNTY Economic and Community Development Authority is receiving applications for the positions of executive director.

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APPRENTICE CLASS UNDERGROUND-SURFACE Starts Nov. 29. 292-1699, 282-1492

Business Opportunities 14

FOR LEASE: 1800 SF night Club on Rt. 19 near Clarksburg.

Misc. For Sale 22

CONSOLE TABLE excellent condition, \$35, 599-1454

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CARRIER FURNACE Brand new 80%, 110K, 13 Seer Central A/C.

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4 PC Livingroom set, couch, loveseat, chair & ottoman, olive green. \$400. 296-1978.

Appliances For Sale 24

MAYTAG heavy duty electric dryer. Barely used, but will sacrifice at \$275.

Lawn & Garden 28

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CHERRY FIREWOOD Split, delivered, \$135 chord. Call 304-599-3165 or 304-216-1738.

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POLLED Hereford calves. \$700 & up. Call 864-3450.

Pets & Animals 31

AKC Black Lab puppies, country bred & raised. \$400. 301-245-4647.

AKC CHIHUAHUAS, 31 PUPPIES starting \$250, quality, 986-9969. www.WeSmallChihuahuas.com

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Musical Instruments 32

KIMBALL Console piano, Cherry wood, excel. cond., \$800.

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(2) 3006 guns, 1 Remington pump, 1 Ruger bolt, also 308 Remington semi. all with scopes, \$450 ea. or trade, 599-5266.

Misc. Wanted to Buy 36

STANDING TIMBER Wanted. Full payment in advance. Free appraisal. Call (724) 238-9038

WANTED TO BUY: Old Fountain Pens, Parker & Waterman, etc. Call 296-3871.

Garages & Storage 40

200 Brand new storage units located off of Exit 1 of the I-68. All sizes available.

Office Space 41

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Commercial Property 42

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Commercial Property 42

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SPY GAMES

Zero in on the secret world of James Bond

THE GADGETS

BY ERIC GOODWIN AND JODY MITORI/McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Ever since Sean Connery introduced himself as “Bond, James Bond” in 1962’s “Dr. No,” fans have watched 007 beat the bad guys, get the girl and drink lots of martinis.

Before “Casino Royale,” the 21st film of the series, arrives in theaters Nov. 17, take this quiz to test your sleuthing skills. See how much you know about the Bond men, the women, the villains and all the cool stuff.

THE BONDS

With Daniel Craig’s debut in “Casino Royale,” six actors have starred as Ian Fleming’s spy. Which of the statements about the stars are true and which are false?

1. Sean Connery has appeared in the most films in the Bond franchise.
2. Timothy Dalton appeared in the 1997 Spice Girls movie “Spice World.”



3. Roger Moore is actor Dudley Moore’s brother.
4. George Lazenby appeared as Bond in two films.
5. Daniel Craig gained notice in the United States for his role as Paul Newman’s son in “The Color of Money.”
6. Sean Connery has a tattoo that says “Scotland Forever.”
7. Pierce Brosnan was married to a Bond woman.

ANSWERS: 1. False, sort of. Roger Moore appeared in seven Bond

Daniel Craig as 007
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films: “Live and Let Die,” “The Man with the Golden Gun,” “The Spy Who Loved Me,” “Moonraker,” “For Your Eyes Only,” “Octopussy” and “A View to a Kill.” Connery played Bond in six films of the “official” franchise: “Dr. No,” “Goldfinger,” “From Russia, With Love,” “Thunderball,” “You Only Live Twice” and “Diamonds Are Forever.” He also played Bond in “Never Say Never Again,” but because it was not part of the EON Productions film series, led by producer Albert R. Broccoli, it is not considered an official Bond movie. 2. False. Roger Moore appeared in “Spice World.” 3. False. 4. False. Lazenby only played Bond once, in “On Her Majesty’s Secret Service.” 5. False. Craig played Newman’s son in “The Road to Perdition.” 6. True. The tattoo is a tribute to his homeland. 7. True. Brosnan’s wife Cassandra Harris was Countess Lisl in “For Your Eyes Only.” Harris died in 1991 from ovarian cancer.



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Thwarting megalomaniacs bent on world domination takes special equipment. Thankfully, the Q-Branch arms James Bond with all the cutting-edge tools a secret agent could need. Disguised as everyday items, these stealthy gadgets help Bond get the job done against impossible odds. Plus, they’re just plain cool. Below, match the gadget to the movie(s) in which they appear.

DEVICES

1. **Pen grenade:** Mistaking the pen grenade for an ordinary writing utensil can have explosive consequences. Clicking it three times will activate the small bomb and its four-second fuse. Deactivating it requires an additional three clicks.
2. **Underwater breather:** This breathing apparatus is small enough to fit in a cigar tube and stores up to four minutes of oxygen, just enough to get by in an emergency situation.
3. **Attaché case:** Hidden in this ordinary-looking leather briefcase are exploding tear gas canisters, a throwing knife and a sniper rifle. Try getting this through airport security!
4. **Hairbrush bug detector:** As any man of mystery will tell you, its important to stay well-groomed — you never know who’s secretly spying on you.
5. **Wrist dart gun:** A good agent always keeps something up his sleeve, hence this wrist-mounted dart gun that fires with a quick flick.
6. **Camera ring:** This onyx ring not only catches the eye, but also allows the wearer to capture pictures.
7. **Rapelling belt:** Containing several feet of ultra-thin steel cable and an explosive-propelled piton, this leather belt is handy for swinging out of harm’s way.

MOVIES

- A. “A View To A Kill”
- B. “Die Another Day”
- C. “From Russia With Love”
- D. “GoldenEye”
- E. “Live and Let Die”
- F. “Moonraker”
- G. “Thunderball”

ANSWERS: 1. D; 2. B and G; 3. C; 4. E; 5. F; 6. A; 7. D

THE TRANSPORTATION

Gadgets aren’t the only thing Q-Branch supplies to Agent 007. The clever engineers also supply Bond with exotic — and often, heavily modified — means of transportation to pursue and subdue the bad guys. Match the vehicle to the best-fitting description.

VEHICLES

1. Aston Martin Volante (“The Living Daylights”)
2. BMW 750i (“Tomorrow Never Dies”)
3. Acrostar mini jet (“Octopussy”)
4. Q-Boat (“The World is Not Enough”)
5. Aston Martin DB5 (“Goldfinger”)
6. Lotus Esprit (“The Spy Who Loved Me”)
7. “Little Nellie” autogyro (“You Only Live Twice”)

DESCRIPTIONS

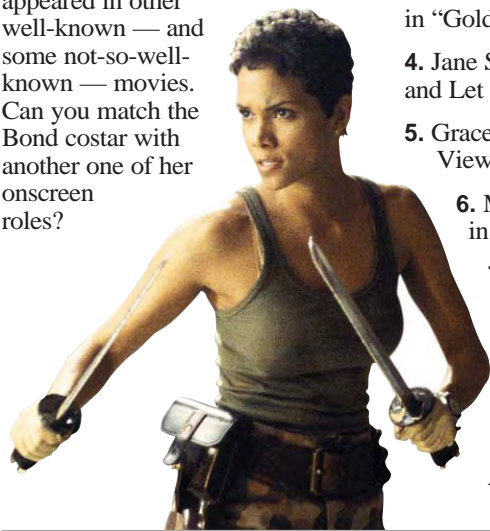
- A. Could be driven via remote control hidden in a cell phone.
- B. Transforms into submarine, complete with retractable fins, propellers and periscope.
- C. This is the car most closely associated with James Bond, and the model used most frequently.
- D. Compact and lightweight, this vehicle could be disassembled and stored in four large suitcases.
- E. This small craft was small enough to be hidden in a horse trailer.
- F. Hubcaps conceal small laser guns, useful for disabling pursuing enemies.
- G. Actually an unfinished prototype, this one-seater proved itself battle worthy as Bond used it to chase an assailant down the Thames River.

ANSWERS: 1. F; 2. A; 3. E; 4. G; 5. C; 6. B; 7. D

James Bond favors the Aston Martin DB5.

THE WOMEN

007 has encountered many, many women on his assignments. These actresses from the Bond films have appeared in other well-known — and some not-so-well-known — movies. Can you match the Bond costar with another one of her onscreen roles?



1. Halle Berry (Jinx in “Die Another Day”)
2. Ursula Andress (Honey Ryder in “Dr. No”)
3. Famke Janssen (Xenia Onatopp in “GoldenEye”)
4. Jane Seymour (Solitaire in “Live and Let Die”)
5. Grace Jones (May Day in “A View to a Kill”)
6. Maud Adams (Octopussy in “Octopussy”)
7. Lois Chiles (Holly Goodhead in “Moonraker”)

Halle Berry as Jinx
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ANSWERS: 1. D; 2. C; 3. E; 4. B; 5. F; 6. G; 7. A.

THE VILLAINS

Wealthy. Powerful. Deranged. James Bond has fought his fair share of evil masterminds bent on world destruction or domination (and sometimes both). See how much you know about Bond’s rogue gallery.

1. What does the acronym SPECTRE stand for?
2. What did Auric Goldfinger hope to accomplish with “Operation Grand Slam”?
3. How many villains did the towering sharp-toothed henchman Jaws work for?
4. What is Odd Job’s signature weapon?
5. Which Bond villain inspired



6. Mike Myers’ Dr. Evil character in the Austin Powers movies?
7. Where did Karl Stromberg locate his secret headquarters, Atlantis, from which he hoped to lead a select group of people after eradicating human life on Earth?
8. Who assassinated James Bond’s wife, Tracy Di Vincenzo, as she and Bond drove off on their honeymoon?

ANSWERS: 1. Special Executive for Counterintelligence, Terrorism, Revenge, Extortion; 2. Irradiate the gold supply of the United States, driving up the value of the massive amount of gold stock he had acquired; 3. Two — Karl Stromberg and Sir Hugo Drax; 4. A derby hat with a razor-sharp steel brim; 5. Ernst Stavro Blofeld; 6. Beneath the Mediterranean Sea; 7. Irma Bunt

Harold Sakata as Odd Job
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AUTOSTOCK

Oatmeal can cleanse the human body

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a white male, 90 years of age. My medical history is as follows: measles at age 5, flu at age 32 and "busy legs" syndrome 1969 to present.

Because of busy legs, I became a vegetarian. I finally stopped eating at 1 p.m. This was the only way to reduce the number of times I had to walk the floor at night. Meat was the first food I had to stop eating. (The medicine they gave is a death sentence.)

Four years ago, I was given an angiogram. Each blood vessel was one-third plugged. This year I had another angiogram, and all blood vessels were 100 percent free of the plaque.

Three years ago, I began eating oatmeal for breakfast — 6 teaspoons full, with skim milk. That's the only change I made in my diet. So I must give oatmeal credit for my cleared blood vessels. What do you think of this?

DEAR READER: If meat were your downfall and oatmeal your savior, go for the winner. I must confess that I have had no patients your age who were without significant age-related arterial blockages. Thus, your dietary plan has obviously been a huge success.

Thank you for sharing. Best wishes for continuing good health.



DR. PETER GOTT

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 65-year-old man in good health. A few months ago, I was having some pain in my left kidney. My doctor ordered a CAT scan. I did not have a kidney stone, but the scan did show about six or seven liver cysts, and he ordered an ultrasound. He then told me not to worry about them. He didn't suggest any treatment or even a follow-up. In your opinion, should I just forget about this or should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Just forget the liver cysts, which are an extremely common, ancillary finding in many normal CAT scans.

Of course, you still don't know why you're having "kidney" pain, but it isn't coming from your kidney. I assume that your gastroenterologist can investigate further. Keep me posted.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After reading in the paper about leg cramps, I put a bar of Dove under my sheet. It's been there for a month. No cramps, but I'm interested in why you said no Dial or Dove.

DEAR READER: Since my original articles on the use of soap for leg cramps, my initial recommendation (based on readers' experiences) that Dial and Dove were ineffective has evaporated. My readers tell me that any soap is effective.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006

A number of beneficial changes could be in the offing for you. They might include a social and financial shift, or even some major transformations in your lifestyle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Someone for whom you did a good deed in the past, which you've completely forgotten about, may surprisingly open a door of opportunity for you.

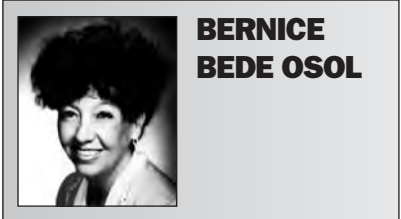
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your greatest success could come about not from something you've been diligently working on for some time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Oddly enough, it may be endeavors where you're unsure of yourself that could be the very ones you handle the best.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Because of a constructive change in attitude, things should go much more smoothly for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be on your toes for a financial opportunity that could pop up quite unexpectedly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't be so close-minded that you can't hear a good idea when it comes up. Although it might



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be unconventional, it may turn out to be quite clever.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If someone at work comes up with an idea for a new way of doing something, give it a try before turning thumbs-down on it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be prepared to drop everything and go along with a social invitation, especially if it introduces some newcomers into the picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A situation about which you've had your doubts could take a sharp turn for the better and enable you to accomplish a goal you haven't been able to get a handle on.

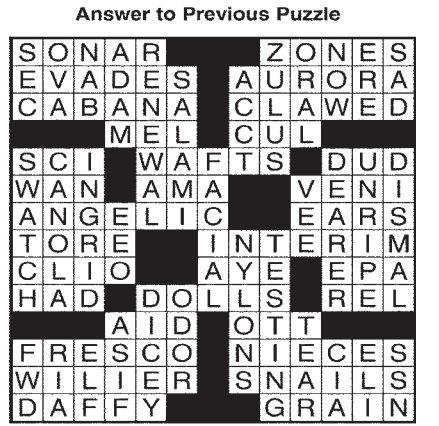
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A new experience you have with someone you know on a social basis may open your eyes as to what this person is really all about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today could offer you some unexpected means for adding to your resources or furthering your financial picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your mind is rather sharp, making you a quick thinker, and these spontaneous thoughts are likely to be the best ones you've had in some time.

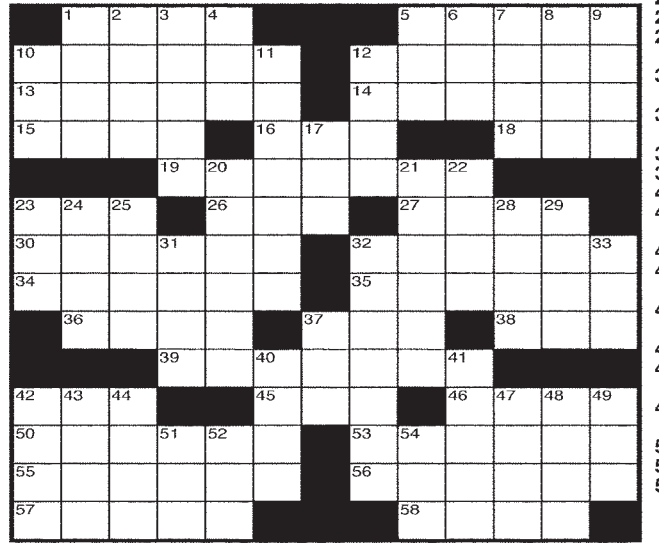
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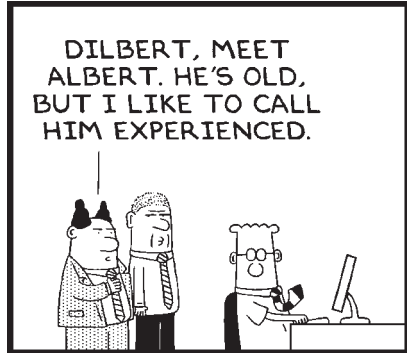
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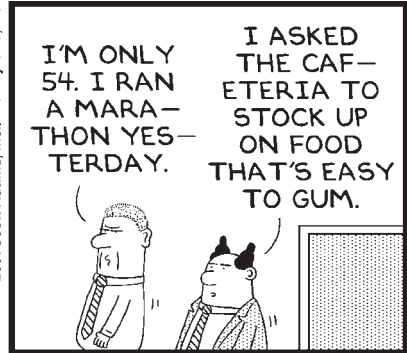


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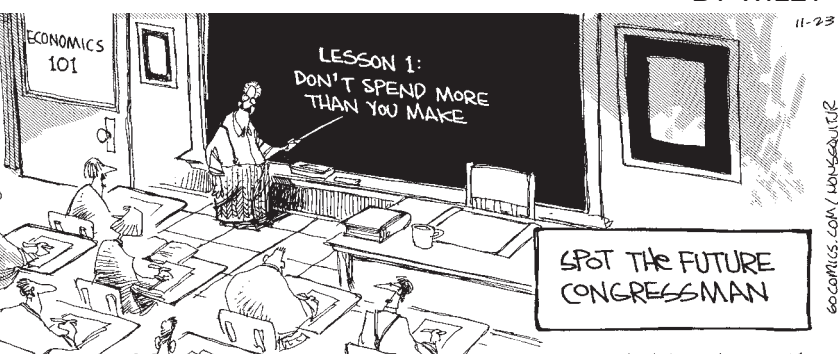
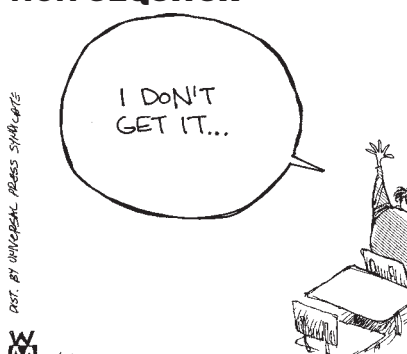
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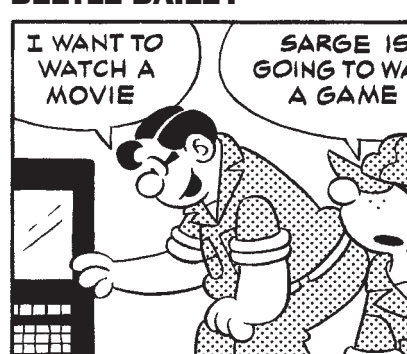
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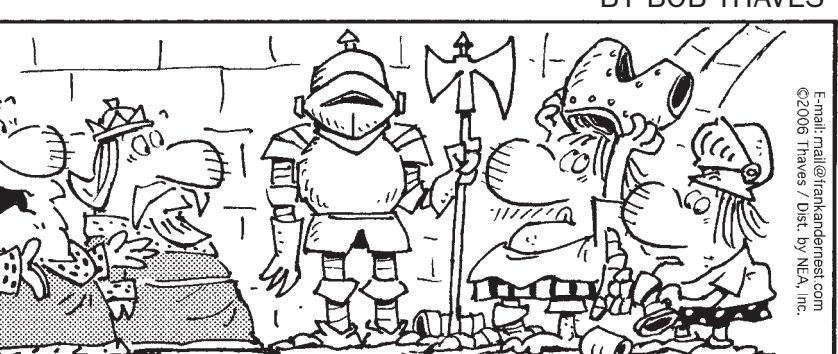
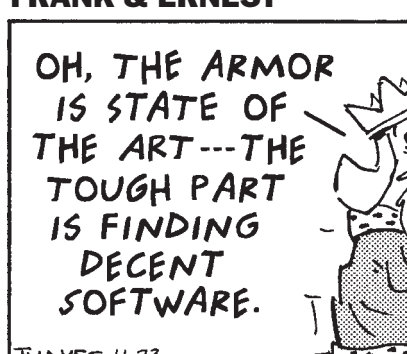
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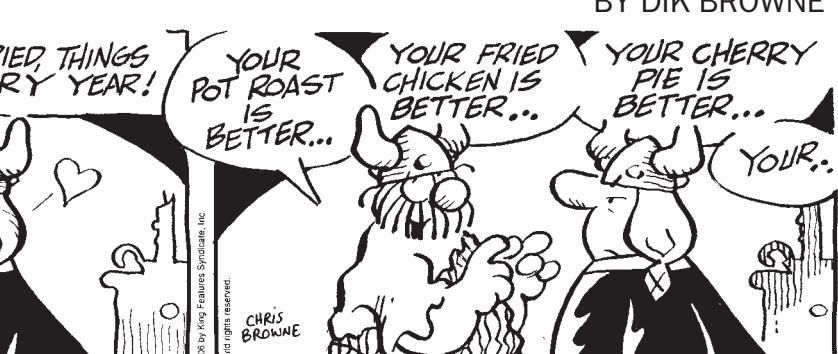
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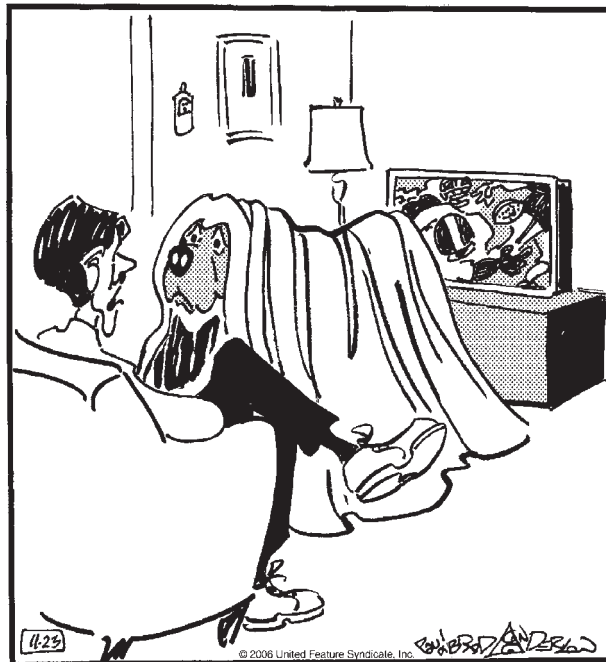


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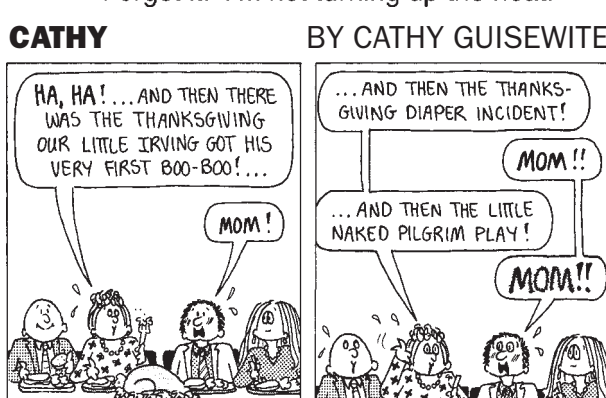


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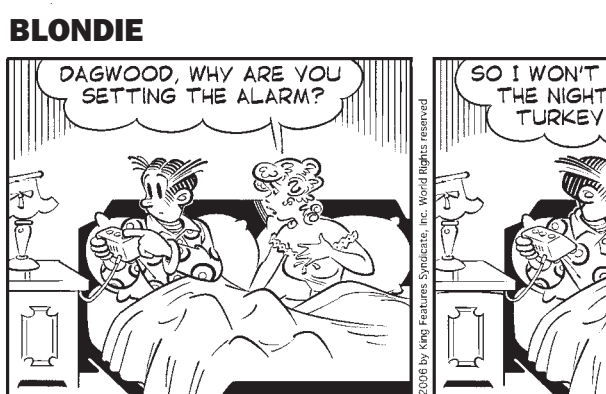
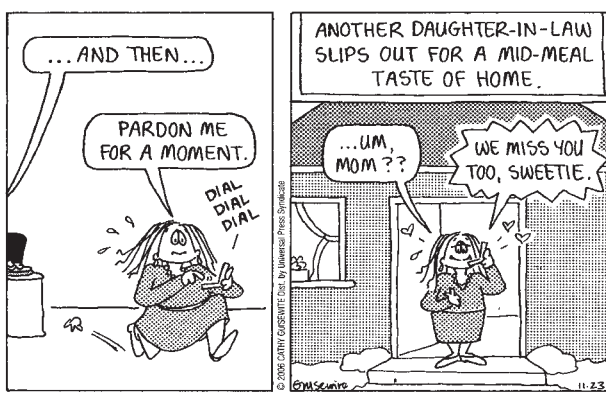
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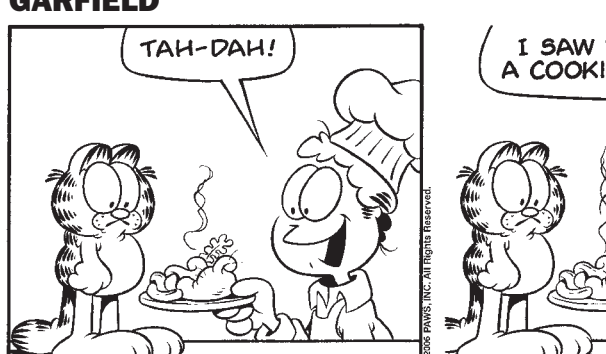
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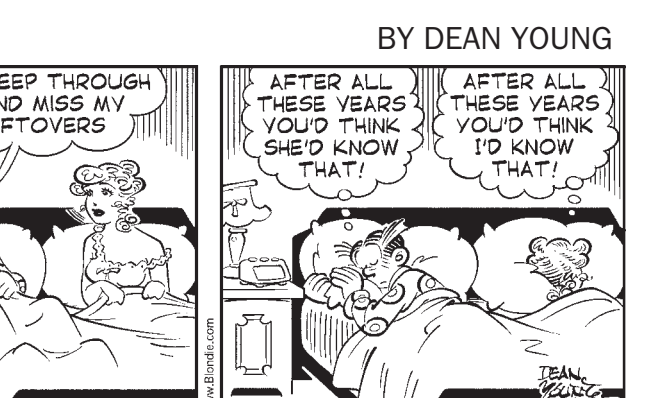
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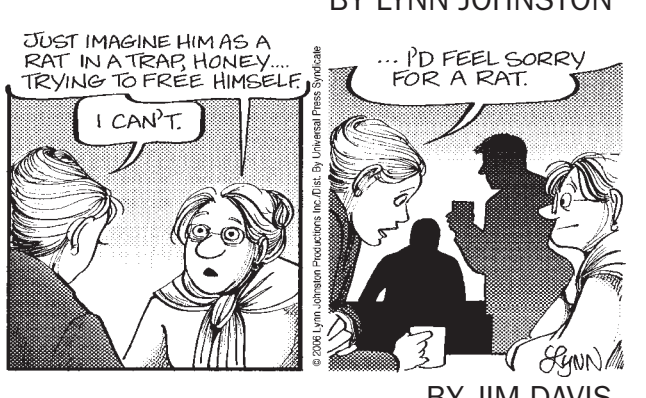
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