

Flood damage can be minimized using these FEMA provided tips

From page 5
walls. To keep water away from indoor furnaces, utilities and appliances, build a watertight masonry wall around them.

- Anchor fuel tanks. Indoor and outdoor fuel tanks should be anchored by non-corrosive metal straps or pressure-treated wood to prevent them from turning over or floating away.

- Repair leaks and cracks immediately. Leaky roofs and foundation cracks let water into a home more readily. This weakens a structure and provides an ideal habitat for mold. If wet spots appear on the ceiling or cracks appear in a foundation, fix them immediately.

- Clean gutters and drains. If gutters and drainage systems are blocked by leaves or debris, water can overflow and quickly flood a home or yard. Check all gutters and drainage systems regularly for leaves and nests. Also double-check storm drains on your street, as leaves and debris can block them, causing water to collect.

- Install a backflow valve, check valve, drain plug or standpipe. These measures ensure sewage only flows one way – outside. Consult with a professional to remain code compliant.

FEMA's How-To Series offers free information and publi-

cations for property owners and contractors about construction techniques and measures to reduce flood loss or damages. The series is available at www.FEMA.gov or by calling 1-800-480-2520.

Finances need not be a stumbling block to homeowners who have flood insurance. Policyholders may qualify for Increased Cost of Compliance coverage for substantially damaged properties, which helps pay to bring the home into compliance with local floodplain development requirements. Loans and help with insurance payments may also be available.

For information on the National Flood Insurance Program call 1-800-CALL-FLOOD ext. 304 or visit FEMA's Web site at www.floodsmart.gov. For more

information on flood proofing your home, you can order the Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting, Publication 312, by calling FEMA at 1-800-480-2520.

Wind storm preparedness tips

From page 1
clocks are other essentials, along with a supply of fresh batteries. If electric wheel chairs or electric life support devices are part of the equation, consider extra battery packs or a prearranged agreement from local police or fire stations for priority support.

Never use a portable gener-

ator in a garage, carport, basement, crawlspace or other enclosed or partially-enclosed area, even with ventilation. If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air immediately. Install home Carbon Monoxide alarms that have battery backup. Store fuel safely.

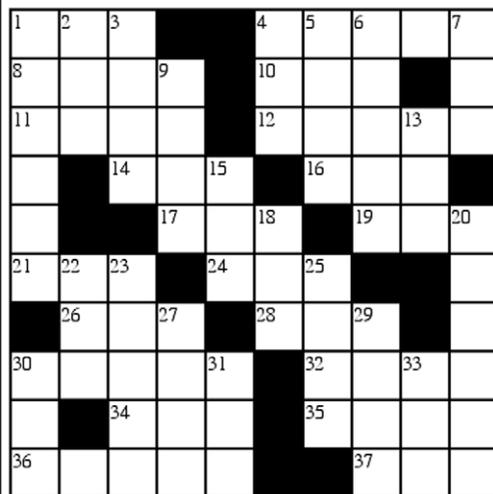
See Wind on page 21

Just for Fun

Casey and Kyle by Will Robertson



Crossword Puzzle



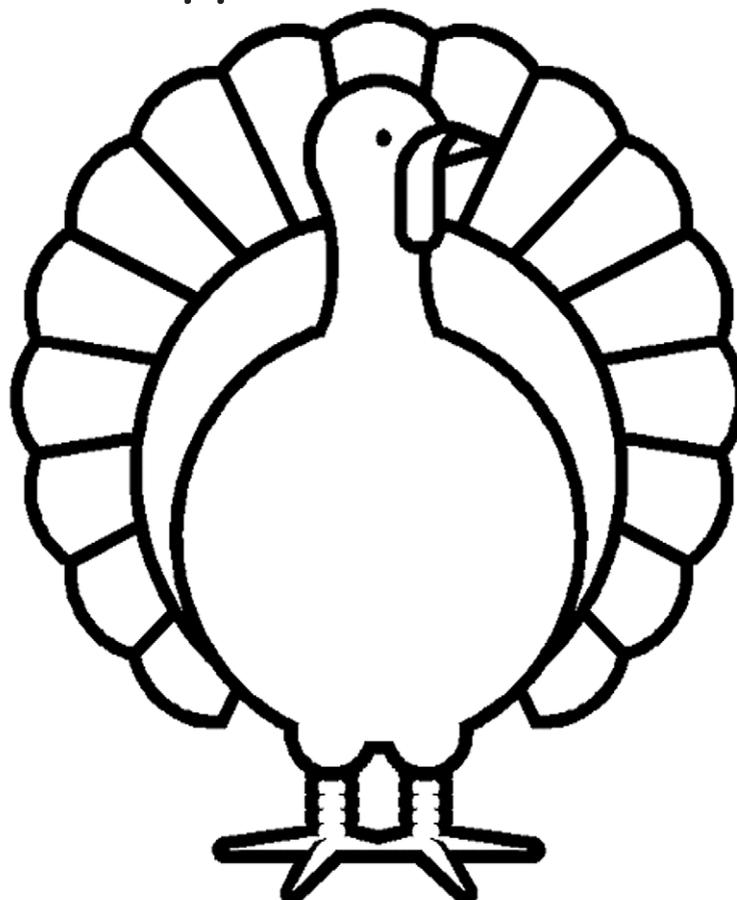
- Tibet
- 7. Naught
- 9. Peasant
- 13. Handwoven Scandinavian rug
- 15. Please Register
- 18. Round bread roll
- 20. Sad
- 22. Limb of a felled tree
- 23. Fenced areas
- 25. Please Register
- 27. Lock openers
- 29. Rotate
- 30. Mischievous person
- 31. Light meal
- 33. Please Register

- ACROSS**
- 1. Spanish hero
 - 4. Captivated by
 - 8. Affirm with confidence
 - 10. Black bird
 - 11. Please Register
 - 12. Knot
 - 14. Electrically charged atom
 - 16. Some
 - 17. Clumsy boat
 - 19. Please Register
 - 21. Wily
 - 24. Partially opened flower
 - 26. Tree of the genus
- DOWN**
- 28. Open mesh fabric
 - 30. Please Register
 - 32. Intentions
 - 34. Coloring material
 - 35. Damn
 - 36. Cavity
 - 37. Please Register
 - 1. Ship apartments
 - 2. I have
 - 3. Hindu mother goddess
 - 4. Label
 - 5. Please Register
 - 6. Wild as wild ass of



November 4 puzzle answer

Happy Thanksgiving!



M o r a l i t y cannot be legislated but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
American clergyman and activist (1929-1968)