NFL preview: Eagles next on Patriots' list

By DAVE GOLDBERG

AP Football Writer

The Philadelphia Eagles face a daunting task Sunday night in Foxborough, the latest sacrificial offering on the Patriots' plate.

It's made worse by the fact quarterback Donovan McNabb has a sprained ankle and a swollen right thumb, likely leaving journeyman backup A.J. Feeley to be served up.

It's probably best that McNabb save himself for the final push. Even at 5-5, the Eagles have a shot at the playoffs in the NFC, where they are tied with the Redskins and Cardinals just out of playoff

Still, they can't officially give up even as 22-point underdogs, the second-largest spread in NFL history. The spread makes sense: New England has outscored its opponents in 10 wins by an average of 41-16, and only once has won by less than 17 points.

"Every team can be beaten, that's a given," says Brian Dawkins, who has been one of the league's best safeties for a decade. "There's no team that's played the game that can't be beaten."

This is the first meeting of these teams since the 2005 Super Bowl, won by New England 24-21. There are 17 Patriots and 14 Eagles left from that game.

These Eagles aren't those Eagles — McNabb is hobbled and Terrell Owens is in Dallas.

the AFC East with a win, might be one of the best teams ever. Tom Brady and new addition Randy Moss are in reach of season records for touchdown passes and catches held by Peyton Manning and Jerry

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Even Brett Favre, whose Packers are playing as well as they have in a decade, is awed.

"Unbelievable isn't it?" he said this week. "I don't see that changing. The only one who beats the Patriots are the Patriots themselves. ... It's not a knock against anyone. I just find it hard for anyone to beat them. Tom Brady's statistics are off the charts. I just think that he is playing the quarterback position as well as it has ever been played."

In last week's 56-10 win over Buffalo, a team that had won four straight, New England scored touchdowns on its first seven possessions, then returned a fumble for the eighth score. Bill Belichick finally inserted the scrubs with about 11 minutes left, but not before twice going for a first down on fourth-and-1, leading Buffalo fans to chant obsceni-

Belichick was asked about that this week.

"I mean, our offense was moving the ball pretty well and in those situations at that point in the game, I really don't like kicking field goals," he replied. "I feel like that's just adding points. I'd rather go for it on

The Patriots, who can clinch fourth down and give them an opportunity to stop us ..."

The problem is that nobody

Buffalo (5-5) at Jacksonville (7-3)

While the Colts have been stumbling, the Jaguars have won three of four. If they win this game, they will be no worse than a game behind Indianapolis in the AFC South when they go there next week.

The bad news is that middle linebacker Mike Peterson broke his right hand in last week's 24-17 win over San Diego and could miss the rest of the season. The Bills had won four in a row until they ran into the Patriots last Sunday night.

"We do get added motivation because of the way we lost. So we're going to have some regrouping around here," safety Donte Whitner said.

Washington (5-5) at Tampa Bay

The Redskins came close to winning last week in Dallas. Jason Campbell threw for a career-high 348 vards in a 28-23 defeat, but also had a costly interception in what might have been a game-winning drive.

Tampa Bay has little competition in the NFC South, where it leads by two games over New Orleans and Carolina, two of the NFL's biggest disappointments. Still, Jon Gruden thinks his team is no surprise despite

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a 4-12 mark last season.

Miami (0-10) at Pittsburgh (7-3) (Monday night)

The Dolphins continue their own run at history with rookie John Beck making his second start at quarterback. The only winless team since 1970 was the 0-14 Bucs in 1976 and they were an expansion team.

This is an unlikely spot to end the streak. The Steelers are 5-0 at home and are angry after losing in overtime to the Jets. In the process, they allowed seven sacks to a team that had gotten just nine all season.

Denver (5-5) at Chicago (4-6)

The Broncos are tied for the lead in the weak AFC West after beating Tennessee at home Monday night with big plays from unlikely players. Glenn Martinez, signed off the practice squad in September, returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown. Andre Hall — "our last tailback," according to coach Mike Shanahan — ran 62 yards for a TD.

The Bears, way back in the NFC playoff race, continued a disappointing post-Super Bowl season by losing in Seattle when Rex Grossman fumbled on what could have been a tying drive. Their season isn't so surprising, because most Super Bowl losers this decade have fallen the next year.

Minnesota (4-6) at New York **Giants (7-3)**

The Giants put themselves in

prime position for a wild-card spot by winning in Detroit. But they lost linebacker Matthias Kiwanuka for the season with a broken leg and running back Brandon Jacobs with a hamstring pull. Reuben Droughns and littleused rookie Ahmad Bradshaw will be the primary running backs.

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With Adrian Peterson out, Chester Taylor ran for 164 yards in a 29-22 win over the Raiders. But coach Brad Childress doesn't seem to expect much this week. "You don't get to play them all at home. You don't get to play them all Raiders," he says.

Baltimore (4-6) at San Denver, Monday. Diego (5-5)

This should be a Thanksgiving game because these are probably the NFL's two biggest turkeys: the Chargers were 14-2 and the Ravens 13-3 in 2006. Both had strange games last week.

The Chargers' Shawne Merriman, who led the league with 17 sacks last year, was knocked down by the Jaguars' 5-foot-7 Maurice Jones-Drew and questioned his team's commitment after the game, although he later retracted the comments.

The Ravens thought they had beaten Cleveland and went to



against the Oakland Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young (10) is pres- more information, I'll sured by Denver Broncos defensive tackle Alvin McKinley deal with it in-(99) during the fourth quarter the Broncos' 34-20 win in house."

> come back on to the field when Phil Dawson's tying field-goal attempt was found to have bounced off the goalpost support and was ruled good. They lost in overtime.

Seattle (6-4) at St. Louis (2-8)

Maybe the injury-ravaged Rams, who lost their first eight games, can win the final eight, which would get them to .500 in a division where that might win. But they need a victory here against a team that beat them 33-6 in Seattle.

The Seahawks have been decent in beating the 49ers and the locker room, then had to Bears with their new pass-

based offense. Maurice Morris rushed for 87 yards in each of those wins in of Shaun place Alexander.

Tennessee (6-4) at Cincinnati (3-7) The Titans have lost

two straight without DTAlbert Haynesworth, who has been dominant this year. Meanwhile, coach Jeff Fisher is investigating reports Haynesworth was in a minor altercation with suspended DB "Pacman" Adam Jones last week. "It doesn't appear to me to be anything of substance," Fisher said. "I'm not going to AP photo/Jack Dempsey dwell on it. If I get

> The Bengals know all about those sorts of distractions. They

haven't had them this season. But neither do they have many wins.

San Francisco (2-8) at Arizona (5-

The Cardinals are moving toward the top of the NFC West. They have a relatively soft finishing schedule and Kurt Warner is holding up despite torn ligaments in his left elbow. And if they can't catch the Seahawks, they have a decent shot at a wild card.

San Francisco had ambitions at the start of the season. But it's lost eight straight after two

wins to start the schedule, including over the Cardinals in the opener. This week, Mike Nolan hired Ted Tollner to help the offense, hardly a vote of confidence in first-year coordinator Jim Hostler.

New Orleans (4-6) at Carolina (4-

Two of the NFL's most disappointing teams, especially the Saints, who had Super Bowl hopes after reaching the NFC championship game last season. It looked like they were on track when they won four straight after losing their first four games. In the loss to Houston last week, they squandered two scoring chances with turnovers and another with a penalty.

Carolina is 0-4 at home. One problem is QB, where Jake Delhomme was lost early and Vinny Testaverde and David Carr aren't the answer. Delhomme's passer rating was 111.8. Testaverde (69.8) and Carr (65.7) barely get there combined.

Oakland (2-8) at Kansas City (4-6)

The Chiefs put forth a nice effort in Indianapolis, but are hampered by their lack of offense, made worse by the retirement of Priest Holmes this week. That leaves Kansas City with Kolby Smith, who wasn't even a full-timer in college, as the starting running back.

The Raiders squandered several chances in Minnesota and were demeaned afterward by Brad Childress, the Vikings' second-year coach, who said: "You don't get to play them all against the Raiders."

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And all that came in New York's good half. After intermission, the Jets didn't get a first down until there was 5:19 left in the game, part of a drive that ended on a fourth-down completion inside the 1-yard line.

"We weren't able to get into a groove," receiver Jerricho Cotchery said. "Once we fell behind, they pretty much did whatever they wanted.

The 31-point margin was a season high for both teams. Dallas also did not allow a touchdown for the first time this season.

"I thought it was a solid, solid game," Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said. "We played well throughout. That's the way we need to play at home."

Owens had six catches for 65 yards and upped his touchdown streak to five straight games. He has 13 TDs, matching his NFL-leading total from last season and coming within one of the team record. He failed to

extend a four-game run of 100-yard games, but didn't

"Man, the most important thing is that we won," Owens said. "I think we're headed in the right direction."

The Jets fumbled away the kickoff after Dallas' opening TD. They then had four punts and an interception with only three first downs before driving for a field goal right before halftime.

"We couldn't handle the big stage," safety Kerry Rhodes said of the holiday outing on national television. "We didn't play good enough to win. It's indicative of our season."

Dallas now starts preparing for a game that will determine NFC supremacy for now. For later, it could mean homefield advantage in the playoffs, and the possibility for the Cowboys to play at home in late January rather than a postseason trip to frigid Green Bay or somewhere else.

"We made history today," Bradie James said. "It really doesn't matter if we don't go and win the Super Bowl.'

TEXANS

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soon changed that. His first catch since September was for a 73yard touchdown that put Houston ahead 10-7. "It just reconfirmed that

if we do our job they couldn't stop us," offensive tackle Ephraim Salaam said. "That lifted everybody up. The defense came out and they played better. We came out and we played better as an offensive unit."

Texans defense The played perhaps its best game against New Orleans, allowing just 10 points, with none coming after halftime. It was the fewest points they'd allowed since a 20-3 win over Kansas City in the season opener.

While everyone seems to get a lift when Johnson plays, Matt Schaub is the player who gets the biggest benefit. In the

three games Johnson has to his old self. played, Schaub has thrown five touchdowns and just one interception. In the six games he played without Johnson, he managed two touchdowns and had six interceptions.

"It's so much easier," Schaub said. "He just brings a presence to our huddle and to our offense as a unit. It opens up our run game because they're taking another guy out of of what we can do as well as it dictates the defense that they have to account for playmaker of his caliber."

Johnson, who normally plays almost all the offensive snaps, was limited to about 35 plays against the Saints.

He said it was a relief to come back from his injury with a 100-yard game and the performance gave him confidence he is getting back

Coach Gary Kubiak expects to increase his playing time this weekend against the Browns. That's not good news for Cleveland coach Romeo Crennel.

"It's going to be tough for us to get ready for it because he's one of those guys that makes you guys better," Crennel said. "That's the kind of ability that you guys have been missing for seven games. the box and having to If you had that ability on help out at corner. It just the field, your record is changes the complexion probably a different record."

Houston's 5-5 record is a franchise best after 10 games. Johnson, who had missed just three games in his career before this injury, believes it could have been better if he hadn't missed so much time.

He recalled a moment

during Houston's 38-36 loss to Tennessee where he was particularly agitated.

"I can just remember being on the sidelines and being really frustrated," Johnson said. "Because I just felt like if I could be out there helping my teammates things could probably be different."

After going through four losing seasons in Houston, Johnson is optimistic this season can be a success. "You have your bad

times and we've had our bad times around here and now it's time for the good things to happen," Johnson said. "So we're just going to go out and hopefully keep playing good football like we have been the past two games and with these last six games, we'll see what happens."

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are the dealer, both sides vulnerable, and have opened One Heart. Partner has responded One Notrump. What would you bid now with each of the following hands? 1. **♦** KQ5 ♥ AQ763 **♦** AJ **♣** Q74

- 2. ♠ KJ6 ♥ AKQ7652 ♦ KJ ♣ 4 3. ♠ 4 ♥ AK8653 ♦ AK82 ♣ K7 4. ♠ K6 ♥ KQ7643 ♦ AK64 ♣ 9
- 1. Two notrump. Partner's onenotrump response indicates six to at most 10 high-card points. Whether or not a game is feasible therefore depends upon the strength of his response. The best way to find out is to bid two notrump, inviting partner to continue on to game (most likely in notrump) if he is in the upper half of the range for his previous bid.

In general, a two-notrump rebid by the opener in this sequence shows 16 to 18 points. Responder carries on to game if he has eight to 10 points, and passes if he has only six or seven.

2. Four hearts. You should not want to risk playing at less than game. A jump to three hearts would merely invite partner to bid again, and would be passed close to half the time. So little is needed for 10 tricks to be made — for example, just the queen of spades and queen of diamonds — that partner should not be given the option of passing.

3. Three hearts. Here, with a heart suit that is much less self-sufficient, partner has to be consulted about the advisability of undertaking a game contract. You should be willing to give him the opportunity to pass if he lacks heart support or his notrump response was sketchy. Accordingly, you make an invitational jump to three hearts (16 to 18 points).

The alternative to three hearts is two diamonds (nonforcing), which understates your heart strength. A jump-shift to three diamonds commits the partnership to game, and your hand simply isn't good enough for that. 4. Two diamonds. This hand is

essentially the same as the previous one, except that the queen of hearts has been substituted for the ace. Obviously, the hand is much weaker, so game prospects are not nearly as

Nevertheless, game is not out of the question, and the problem now is to reach it if it's there. A twodiamond bid serves that purpose best. If partner passes, it is highly unlikely that a sound game contract will be missed. The pass would indicate not only a minimum hand but also better support for diamonds than

If partner, over two diamonds, bids two hearts, which is just what you would want to hear, game prospects pick up, and a continuation to three hearts (invitational) would be in



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- Big Spring resident Jerry Worthy for donating \$100,000 to the Hangar 25 Air Museum Fund, which will help the facility move nearer its goal of attaining financial independence.
- · All those who volunteered their services on Wednesday and Thursday so that the local Salvation Army could feed the approximate 500 people who attended the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner.
- The countless number of Howard County residents who made financial donations and made it possible for the Howard County Bible Class Fund to thus far collect \$12,500 of it's \$45,000 goal for this year.
- The owners and employees of Representative Sales on celebrating the business' grand open-
- Ashley and Shayanne Garcia, the daughters of Uvaldo and Laura Garcia, who are attending this weekend's Distinguished Youth of America Scholarship and Recognition Program in Austin this weekend.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we take a deep breath, Lord, and thank You for our life.

Amen

Obama's transformative powers

'illary Clinton didn't win last Thursday's CNN Democratic presidential debate so much as Barack Obama and John Edwards lost it. When the smoke cleared, it was obvious why Sen. Clinton of New York is leading in the polls.

After the last debate on Oct. 30, Clinton was forced to admit she "wasn't at my best." She gave a convoluted answer after NBC's Tim Russert asked whether she supported allowing illegal immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses. Clinton accused Russert of playing



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"gotcha." When Russert asked all of the candidates if any of them opposed licenses for illegal immigrants, only Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut raised his hand.

After the Philly debate, Clinton again rejiggered her position on drivers' licenses. She now, like 65 percent of New York voters, is agin' 'em. Which ought to have made Clinton seem more craven and less trustworthy.

Except, what did Clinton's top rivals do in Las Vegas? They outparsed her. Edwards hit Clinton for saying "two contrary things at the same time." Then he answered "no," when asked if he supported drivers' licenses for illegal aliens — a switch from last month. He added that he supports licenses for those on the path to citizenship and suggested he would change his position given comprehensive immigration reform.

After criticizing Clinton for not giving "straight answers to tough questions" such as the licenses query, Obama waffled. Asked the

same question, Obama said he once voted for licenses for illegal immigrants, but, "I am not proposing that is what we do." Later, Obama answered yes, when asked if he supported drivers' licenses for illegal immigrants.

Edwards and Obama had morphed into the bad Hillary.

I have long suspected that Obama, the senator from Illinois. is the only Democrat who can win the general election in 2008. The other senators in the ring voted for the war in Iraq before they were against it. While that flipflop may play with Democratic primary voters, it is a loser in a general election. After all, U.S. troops and Iraqi civilians don't get a do-over.

The Obama I saw at Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., on Wednesday, unlike the Las Vegas debate Obama, seemed direct and appealing. He hit a chord with the audience when he argued: "Democrats lose when they are not clear about what they stand for. Democrats lose when they are attacked, and — because they don't know where they stand — they end up getting defensive instead of going on the offensive." (If you believe that Clinton and Edwards voted for the Iraq war resolution out of ambition, not out of principle, then you understand why some Democrats get defensive.)

I walked out of the Google campaign stop thinking that, unlike Clinton and the smarmy Edwards, Obama is the only top-tier Democrat who says what he means.

Now I'm not so sure that's a good thing. At Google, Obama claimed that, if he is elected, the world instantly will look at America differently. I realize that the American left wants to believe that everything that goes bad in this world is due to the fact that the whole world hates George W. Bush as much as they do, but it so happens that Osama bin Laden planned the Sept. 11 attacks when Bill Clinton was president. No, I am not blaming Clinton — but I am reminding readers that America was a terrorist target before the Iraq war.

When CNN's John Roberts asked Obama in whose backyard he would store nuclear waste, Obama answered, "We've got to develop the storage capacity based on sound science." When Wolf Blitzer pressed Obama on what he would do until that day, Obama responded, "I'm running for president because I think we can do it." As if his election will create new science. Elect Obama — wave a magic wand.

When Blitzer asked Obama if human rights are more important than U.S. national security. Obama answered, "The concepts are not contradictory, Wolf." That is a child's answer. It suggests the next president could alienate an ally in the war against terror because it has poor civil rights when countries in that territory have less than stellar records in that department. If Obama believes what he said, woe be to the nation.

For her part, Clinton understood that a president's "first obligation" is "to protect and defend" America.

Among the top tier of Democratic candidates, she seems to be the only one who understands that outside American borders lurks a hostile world.

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hildren get sick. Parents expect it and hope they never get anything more than a cold, but they want to be prepared for the worst. Part of that preparation is making sure their children have health insurance. Millions of low- and moder-

ate-income families can't afford private insurance and are eligible for Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). But either they are unaware of this or the application process is so complicated that it takes many months or longer for a child to be covered.



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Sadly, long delays in getting health coverage are common. That's why the Children's Defense Fund is seeking this year to blend the two programs and make enrollment automatic.

Unless there's a change, more families will experience the same nightmare as the Uhr family. Richard Uhr, a retired AT&T employee in Houston, worked for a full year to get his grandson's SCHIP coverage renewed. Richard's son, Robert Sr., contracted meningitis at 6 months old and is deaf and cannot speak. His only means of communication is through a teletype machine or computer, which makes it difficult to deal with an agency. He worked long enough to qualify for Social Security disability insurance and has a disability pension. The family learned that Robert Jr., his 11year-old son, was eligible for half of his father's Social Security benefits and Medicaid health coverage as well. Things went well until a cost of living increase put Robert Sr.'s income above Medicaid's eligibility limits. The family was informed that young Robert's health coverage would be transferred to SCHIP. There were no problems until his coverage came up for renewal. The extensive sixmonth renewal form and supporting documents were too difficult for Robert Sr., to manage so Richard Uhr stepped in.

The renewal application was submitted. After a long wait, the Uhrs received a letter that Robert Jr., was going to be disenrolled from SCHIP. Richard Uhr was concerned because he knew he had applied for renewal. He called to learn of the status of the renewal form and faxed a copy of the original. That was returned with a request for additional information. Over the course of a year, Richard received 18 letters requesting different — and often conflicting missing information on his grandson's application. Names and case numbers were incorrect, records were lost and the family continued to be asked to submit information already had been provided.

None of Richard Uhr's attempts to communicate with SCHIP administrators yielded satisfactory results. He finally was connected with a supervisor who wasn't able to find the application in the computer system or even find Robert Uhr Jr.'s account number. So Richard was instructed to go back to square one and reapply. Richard Uhr appealed to the Children's Defense Fund office in Houston for help and Robert Jr.'s application for health coverage was ultimately renewed.

This is just one example of why the majority of America's nine million uninsured children are eligible but not enrolled in federally supported health insurance programs.

Richard notes that in Texas, when you register your children

for school, parents' incomes are provided, and on that basis, eligible students are enrolled in the school lunch program. Inclusion in health care should be that simple. The All Healthy Children's Act (H.R.1688) would make child health coverage that easy. Passage would guarantee health and mental health care for all children and pregnant women in America now. Children currently enrolled in Medicaid, SCHIP and other meanstested federal programs like school lunch and food stamps would be enrolled automatically. The process of getting uninsured children enrolled — and keeping them covered — would be streamlined.

In the interim, Richard Uhr says, "I'm concerned about the millions of other children who may not have a relative with the persistence, stamina and communication skills that I happen to have. Some just give up.'

Children's access to health care in America should not depend on geography. Why should a child in one state have fewer benefits than a child in another state? Why should children of different ages in the same family have different benefits? It is not the child's fault that the parents cannot afford private insurance. Every child in the United States deserves a healthy start in life and the right to reach adulthood, regardless of where they live.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose Leave No Child Behind mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

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Favre, Packers rout slumping Lions

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Brett Favre was asked to throw 17 straight passes at one point. The way he was completing them, the Green Bay Packers didn't need to hand the ball off.

Favre set a franchise record with 20 consecutive completions and finished with a season-high 381 yards and three touchdowns in the Packers' 37-26 Thanksgiving Day victory over the slumping Detroit Lions.

"You never think he is going to miss one," Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said.

The three-time MVP put together another sensational performance that made the 38-year-old Favre look as if he's back in his prime. His seventh 300-yard game of the season matched a team mark he set 12 years ago.

"I've played against him since 1996, and he's playing as well as I've ever seen him," Lions coach Rod Marinelli said.

(10-1)Green Bay matched its best 11-game record since 1929 and the NFC North leaders took a four-game lead with five games left in the regular season.

Packers The can improve their chances of earning home-field advantage if they win next week at Dallas — also 10-1 after manhandling the New York Jets 34-3 later Thursday.

"It will be a big showdown indeed," said Aaron Kampman, who had two sacks. "We'll enjoy this one for a little bit. In 24 or 48 hours we'll be focused squarely pretty Dallas."

The Lions (6-5) will have a few extra days to rest and prepare for their next game at Minnesota.

Detroit has lost three straight, making its playoff picture bleak because it would lose wild-card tiebreakers against the New York Giants, Washington, Philadelphia and Arizona.

"You just need to grit your teeth, look at your teammates and say 'Hey, let's not give up. Let's not pack in the tents, and just call it a season and quit," defensive tackle Cory Redding said.

Before the season, Jon Kitna said he would be disappointed if Detroit didn't win at least 10 games.

Now, the Lions might struggle to finish .500 with tough games left with Dallas at home and on the road against Green Bay and San Diego.

"There's no panic in my life," Marinelli insisted. "This is a tough challenge, but I believe in these players."

Green Bay overcame a six-point deficit in the first quarter and Favre's pinpoint passes helped it go up 34-12 early in the fourth.

"This is on me," Marinelli said. "I have to teach them better. When you are a teacher, you don't put it on the students.'

Favre took Detroit to school, completing 31 of 41 passes.

His streak of 20 straight spanned the first and second halves to surpass the team mark of 18 set by Lynn Dickey in 1983 and matched by Don Majkowski in 1989.

"It seems like he breaks a record every time we play," McCarthy said.

Lions safety Kenoy Kennedy, though, was not impressed.

"In some of the defenses we play, we allow the receiver to catch it in front of us and drive up and tackle, so it can be a little misleading," he said.

Greg Jennings caught two touchdown passes and Donald Driver had 10 receptions for 147 yards.

"When Brett is on like he was today, who wouldn't want to be one of his receivers?" Jennings asked.

Green Bay's Ryan Grant had 101 yards rushing and a score.

Kitna was 19-of-40 for 224 yards with a TD and an interception. Rookie Calvin Johnson scored and had season highs with seven catches for 83 yards. Kevin Jones ran for 93 yards and a TD.

Notes: The Lions have lost four straight games on Thanksgiving, their longest skid in four decades, and are 1-6 under Matt Millen to fall to 33-33-2 overall on the holiday. ... Green Bay's 1962 championship-winning team was 10-1 after losing Thanksgiving on Detroit and the 1929 Packers were 10-0-1 following a tie with the Frankford Yellow Jackets. ... Green Bay CB/PR Charles Woodson (toe), DE Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (ankle), DT Colin Cole (forearm), Lions OT Jonathan Scott (hamstring) and CB Stanley Wilson (knee) were injured.

Colts 31, Falcons 13

ATLANTA — Peyton Manning threw three touchdown passes, Anthony Gonzalez had 105 yards receiving and Indianapolis, after getting stunned with 10 quick Atlanta. points by rebounded for a victory.

Indianapolis (9-2) had struggled the past three weeks, losing twice and pulling out a lackluster win over Kansas City at



front of Detroit Lions cornerback Tony Beckham (41) in the third quarter of the Packers' 37-26 victory Thursday in Detroit.

home. The Colts' malaise carried over the first quarter at the Georgia Dome, with the Falcons striking for Morten Andersen's 34-yard field goal and Joey 48-yard Harrington's touchdown pass to Roddy White.

But any thoughts the Falcons (3-8) had of pulling off a huge upset were quickly wiped out by Manning. He threw all three of his TD passes in the second quarter, going 23 yards to Reggie Wayne, 8 yards to Dallas Clark and 5 yards to Ben Utecht. for 272 yards.

the end zone, but he was Manning's favorite receiver. He hauled in a 35-yard pass that set up Wayne's TD and a 32yarder that led to Clark's score.

Gonzalez didn't get to

Manning was 22-for-32

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been for almost all the time. And certainly, this year. That's the only thing that I control, and that's what's most important."

Franchione probably saved his job by beating Texas 12-7 last season, A&M's first win in Austin since 1994. The Aggies drove 88 yards for the deciding touchdown in the closing minutes to snap a six-game losing streak in the series.

There's been even less margin for error on the field this season for the Aggies, who have faced the added burden of answering countless questions about the uncertainsurrounding ty

Franchione. But the Aggies say playing in games like last year's win over Texas make it worthwhile.

"Those moments you have like that one, when you got in the huddle and those guys were laying it all on the line for each other, that's something you hold on to forever," said quarterback Stephen McGee, who ran for the winning touchdown last year.

Once again, the Longhorns are playing for much more than sentiment.

Texas can win the South Division with a victory over A&M and an Oklahoma loss to Oklahoma State on Saturday. The Horns can also secure their seventh consecutive 10-win season.

And there's that whole revenge thing — the loss to A&M last year cost Texas a berth in the Big 12 title game.

"We have a bad taste in our mouth," quarterback Colt McCoy said. "We lost the opportunity to be able to play for the Big 12 championship and who knows what happens after that. I think it's big for us to go down there to finish this season."

The Longhorns have averaged 42 points during a five-game winning streak that started after a loss to their other big rival, Oklahoma. In that span, McCoy has averaged 264 passing yards per game and thrown 10 touchdowns.

"We know that ever the Oklahoma since game, we have talked about finishing, we've talked about being committed to one another and fighting to the end," said McCoy, who gave a passionate speech in the locker room after the OU loss dropped Texas to 0-2 in conference for the first time in 50 years. "I think that we have showed that throughout all the games since then."

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McGee and Texas receiver Jordan Shipley led Burnet to Class 3A championship games in 2002 and '03. Aggies offensive lineman Kirk Elder's mother went to A&M, and his stepfather played for

legendary Texas Darrell Royal.

Texas tight end Jermichael Finley and A&M running back Jorvorskie Lane are brothers by the same father.

"Last year, it was my bragging rights. I just bugged him all the time,' said Lane. "He'd be like,

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The turkey, the tryptophan and the Taurus moon all happily settle in for a snooze. Some folks lounge around the house in PJs, grazing on leftovers others want to be where the action is as the sociable Gemini moon waxes full. Tonight, Uranus moves out of retrograde, awakening visionary insights from a holiday slumber.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's nearly impossible to fully experience life simultaneously while trying to record it. That's why no one is the photographer for his or own wedding. Tonight, put the camera, cell phone or computer down and live a little. TAURUS (April 20-May

your 20). Is it or imagination, is someone running into you a little too often for it to be coincidence? Yes, you're right — this is either a crush or a business arrangement in the making.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've got a light. Don't hide it under a lampshade. Shine on. People around you recognize your talents even when you're not trying very hard. When you here the applause, bow and offer a gracious thank you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in rhythm and harmony with your environment. Music of one kind or another pours out of you. Lucky actions: Sing in the car, stomp, clap, or play a song on the touch-tone buttons of your phone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Believe in the magic of hunches. You may get mental images or bodily sensations that further inform this feeling you get in your gut about what to do next. This is the way your heart talks to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Isn't it weird how you're always able to attract attention when you want to be left alone? Use that principle to your advantage. Gain control of your powers of attraction by being aloof. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). You'll feel the weight of responsibility shift back to your corner. The innovative breakthroughs of your

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but alas, they're all looking to you to be inventive and solve the problems.

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Dec. 21). Relationships are mixed blessings now. Instead of resolving to take the good with the bad, make an effort to improve the bad. Everyone is better off for your effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Nothing can shake your groovy mood. Wherever you go, you'll make friends, especially if you share your inherent kookiness. Yes, it's in there. Let down your guard!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you miss a beat, swallow that lump in your throat and keep on dancing. You're doing just fine. The rest of the world only notices how much fun you're having.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The stars favor nonconformity. romantic when you are supposed to be practical, passionate when levelheadedness is the obvious choice. Surprise 'em, and get results. LOVE WEEKEND

FORECAST: ARIES: Find

love in the air, a song or in a conversation held on a passing train. TAURUS: One solution for uncertainty is curiosity. It's probably not what you think. GEMINI: Your allure can't be captured. Enjoy the temporary phenomenon of you. Everyone wants to be in your orbit. CANCER: Pay attention to signs and signals of your partner; your intuition guides you back to love. LEO: Other people's interpretation of reality? How interesting! Entertain the absurd. VIRGO: Your partner is distracted. There's nothing wrong with dreaming up a mental strategy to sway the situation in your direction. LIBRA: You've been craving a change of pace, so ask for what it is you want, and don't hold back. SCORPIO: You open your heart and share what you have; generosity stimulates another to do the same. SAGITTARIUS: You meet your sweetie's needs by being honest about your own. CAPRICORN: Instead of solving a problem, consider the awareness gained as its own solution. AQUARIUS: A perplexing heart-longing gets stronger. It's the heart's way of asking for your gentle attention. PISCES: Inconsistencies deepen and complete the picture. Reconsider a loved one's confusion maybe he or she isn't confused, after all.

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Club News

Big Spring Art Association

"Art is being seriously neglected in our public educational system."

Members of the Big Spring Art Association heard this message woven into an art lesson and demonstration from a veteducator eran art Tuesday evening. BSAA meets every Tuesday evening the Community Room at Howard County Library.

The guest educator and Carolyn artist was Walker from Colorado City. She is a retired art teacher from the Colorado City school system. Carolyn has a gallery in Colorado City and teaches art classes there. She has a long history of friendship and collaboration with artists in Big Spring.

Interested in art all of her life, she began taking lessons at age 11 and has given her life to her art and her family ever since. She obviously loves it.

Carolyn earned a bachelor of science degree, then went on for a master's degree in education with an art emphasis and also a master of fine arts degree. She paints in oils,

acrylics, pastels and watercolors. To learn more about her, look on her website: www.carolynkwalker.com.

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Carolyn is pictured here with a partially finished painting that she did during the presentation, while she explained the principles she was using.

The Big Spring Art Association welcomes anyone interested in all forms of art. For more information call the president, Bruce Schooler, at 432-264-7728.

Art Association members will display their art pieces at the annual Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held at the Howard College Coliseum on Jan. 24. This will be an opportunity for everyone to see why LouAnn Dean has chosen Big Spring to be one of the 50 towns to be featured in her book due for publication in 2008 to be titled "Small Art Towns in Texas."

A good time to visit the association will be its Christmas party set for 7 p.m. on Dec. 18 at Kay Smith's Brushworks Studio Gallery at 2106 Scurry. Everyone is wel-



Courtesy photo/Lane Bond Carolyn Walker of Colorado City displays her technique during a meeting of the Big Spring Art Association. Walker was the association's guest educator for November.

Church News

First United Methodist Church

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at First United Methodist Church. This past Sunday groups of all ages pitched in to begin decorating the entire church. By midafternoon that skeleton of metal that will become the Living Tree was beginning to take shape. At the end of the day there was soup and cornbread for the workers.

Saturday morning another crew will take over putting the greenery on the tree. We could use some help so come on down to help with the transformation. Monday through Friday the choir rehearse each evening with a light meal being served by Sunday School classes and individuals at break time. Saturday morning, Dec. 1, the orchestra arrives on the scene and at 2 p.m. the 29th annual Living Christmas Tree will go into a dress rehearsal which is open to the public with no ticket necessary.

Saturday and Sunday performances evening will be at 8 p.m. and a free

to assure seating.

This is our gift to the community and we take special pride in its presentation. This year more than ever we feel God's hand on our every endeavor and are thankful for His presence as we go forward.

You are invited to visit us and if you are looking for a church home we'd love to have you. We're located at Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring.

Birdwell Lane **Baptist Church**

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church would like to extend to you an invitation to visit with us at 1512Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. A nursery is provided. Children's Church for ages 4 through 9 is at 11 a.m. Sunday. Midweek service is 7 p.m. Wednesday. For a ride to Church call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

The youth will be decorating our Christmas Parade Float from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

The youth also will be ticket is required in order raising funds in front of

Wal-Mart Saturday. This is for one of our youth that has been selected into the People To People program to tour Europe next summer for 3 weeks.

Senior Saints will have their monthly fellowship and game night next Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

We want to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

For information call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First Presbyterian Church

The Session had its reg-The congregation of ular monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 19. No church activities were scheduled for Wednesday this week. The church office is closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving holiday.

> Sunday is Christ the King Sunday in the church calendar. Gregg Hagelstein, a commissioned lay pastor from Presbyterian First Church in Odessa, will preach. Our Tres Rios Presbytery General Missioner Jose Luis Casal had been scheduled to preach, but he and his family are in Ecuador

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their daughter. Our con- Luke 23:33-43. gregation joins them in prayers on the loss of their loved one.

Preachers for worship services in December are as follows: Dec. 2, the Rev. Sam Junkin, former pres- \mathbf{of} Schreiner University; Dec. 9, the Rev. Shannon Weisenfels, asssociate pastor at First Presbyterian in Midland; Dec. 16, the Rev. Dr. Lewis Wilkins, former Presbytery Executive Palo from Duro Presbytery; Dec. 23, Mike Robinson, an elder from Big Spring; Dec. 30, the Rev. Flynn V. Long, retired pastor from First Presbyterian, Big Spring. Tom Koger, commissioned lay pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Coahoma, will lead worship at Christmas Eve Communion Service.

During the Sunday worship service the choir will present "Sing with Joy" by G.F. Handel from the oratorio Judas Maccabaeus, arranged by Patrick M. Liebergen and "Let Thy Holy Presence Come upon Us," by Pavel Tchesnokov, arranged by

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Thank you to the congregation and the community for their support for bake sale last Saturday. Sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and benefitting the Howard County Bible Classes and three of our high schools, the sale netted more than \$300, which is expected to be matched by a donation by Thrivenet Financial for a total of more than \$1,600.

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry. The telephone number is 267-7163.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church

Angel Food orders will be taken Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Orders for the December delivery date of Dec. 15, will also be taken on Friday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Angel

Food Ministry is a nonqualifying program and is open to everyone.

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Dec. 1 and will have our Christmas luncheon on Dec. 9 immediately following Sunday School. There will be an administrative council meeting following the luncheon.

North Birdwell Church will be hosting an AARP Senior Defensive Driving Course on Feb. 16, 2008. Paul Smith of AARP will be the instructor. The class will be limited to 25.

Morning worship services are held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school and fellowship immediately after worship. Sunday evening services are held at 5 p.m. Bible study is the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and United Methodist Women meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

We invite you to come and share in the love and Christian fellowship shown by members of our congregation. North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information on our church,

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Study: UT students drink most on big football game days

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas students tend to drink more to celebrate big football games than on traditional party days such as New Year's Eve or the last day of classes, according to a new study.

The study monitored 541 randomly selected students who entered as freshman in 2004. The students were surveyed about their alcohol use before entering UT and then daily via the Web during the 2004 and 2005 football sea-

"It's important for us to know what are the particularly high-risk events for college drinking," said Kim Fromme, a UT psychologist and co-author of the study with Dan J. Neal of Kent State University.

While the study found that drinking was heaviest during high-profile games, it noted that games occurring during breaks — such as Friday's contest between UT and Texas A&M University — may be exceptions because many students are home with their families.

More than 300 workers staging strike at South Texas sugar mill

SANTA ROSA (AP) — Sugar field workers said they hope to begin negotiations Friday with the Santa Rosa Sugar Mill after striking for more than two days.

More than 300 workers began the strike Wednesday morning because management had not paid \$1,000 bonuses that were promised in May, said Jose Torres, a paralegal in the Weslaco office of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid.

Steve Bearden, president of the Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, said the cooperative has paid bonuses to workers in the past but couldn't afford to this year because of equipment costs.

"It was a great year as far as sugar was concerned," Bearden said, but the cooperative ended up with a \$750,000

"We're working with (the workers) and trying to get them to come back to work," Bearden said Thursday. He deferred further comment to the cooperative's lawyers.

Workers on the picket line declined to comment, saying they feared retaliation by management.

Torres said the striking workers are not unionized because agricultural workers are barred from joining unions under the National Labor Relations Act.

Torres said the mill has already placed advertisements for new field workers.

Amarillo subdivision bans sex offenders from new building

 $\begin{array}{c} {\rm AMARILLO\;(AP)-A\;subdivision\;in}\\ {\rm northwest\;\;Amarillo\;\;has\;\;implemented} \end{array}$ deed restrictions barring convicted sex offenders from owning or living in any new homes.

G.R. Chapman Limited Partnership said the restriction will apply to future development within The Woodlands. The 550 existing homes are not affected.

"We want to try to have a community that is safe all the way around," developer Justin Chapman said.

The deeds for new homes will stipulate that a homeowner cannot sell the home if the buyer or a future inhabitant is a sex offender. Violators will be required to sell the home and move.

Kent Canada, an attorney for the developer, said the homeowners association will conduct periodic checks of the Texas Department of Public Safety online database of registered sex offend-

Federal law prohibits discrimination based on factors including race, religion, gender and age. But court challenges to similar sex offender bans have been unsuccessful, Canada said.

"Obviously, it is a property rights issue, and the developer certainly has a right to place that restriction on their property," said Randy Jeffers, an Amarillo real estate broker and president of the Texas Association of Realtors. "It's a position that the Texas Association of Realtors certainly wouldn't oppose."

Greg Lines, legal chair for the High Plains Chapter of the ACLU of Texas, said the sex offender ban could unfairly lump a wide range of offenders together.

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Bro. T.C. Milton will be speaking at the 6 p.m. Sunday service. A fellowship meal will follow his message. The Wednesday evening prayer service is held at Parkplace at 6.

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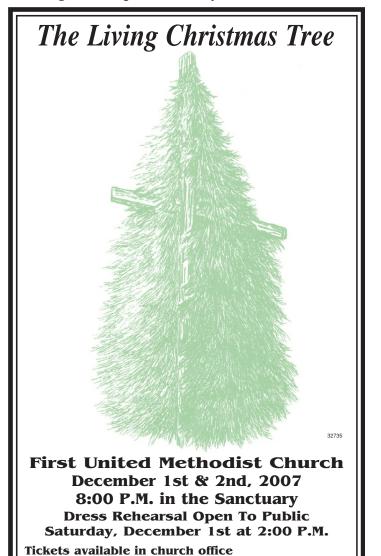
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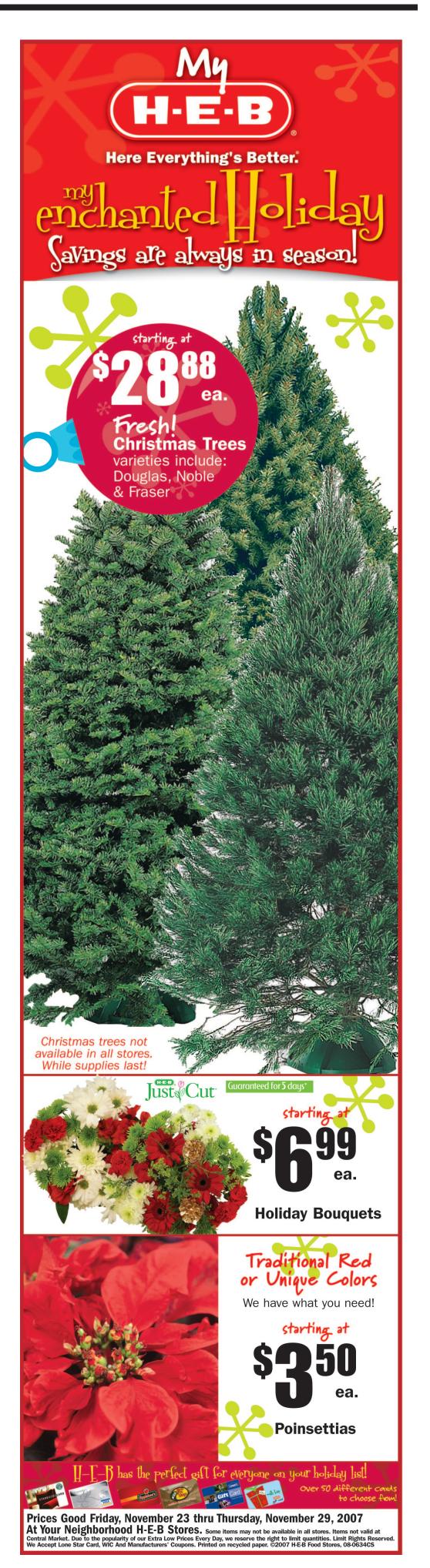
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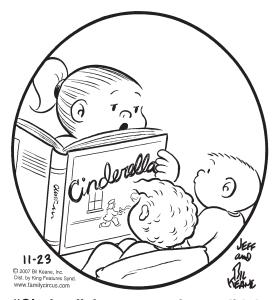
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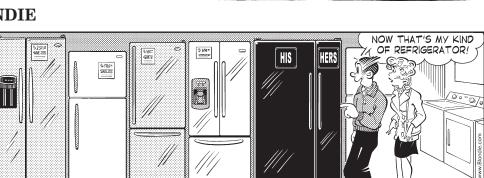


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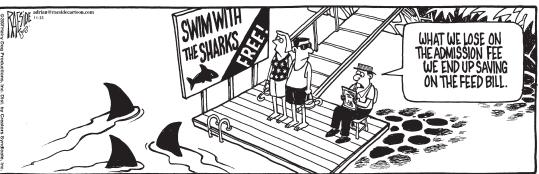
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In 1804, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, was born in Hillsboro, N. H.

In 1903, singer Enrico Caruso made his American debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, appearing in "Rigoletto."

In 1943, during World War II. U.S. forces seized control of Tarawa and Makin atolls from the Japanese.

In 1945, most U.S. wartime rationing of foods, including meat and butter, was set to expire by day's end.

In 1971, the People's Republic of China was seat-

In 1980, some 2,600 people were killed by a series of

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earthquakes that devastated southern Italy. In 1996, a hijacked Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the waves

off Comoros Islands, killing about two-thirds of the 175 people on board. One year ago: Former KGB Alexander spy Litvinenko died in London from radiation poisoning after making a deathbed

statement blaming Russian

President Vladimir Putin. Car bombs and mortar rounds struck a Shiite slum in Baghdad, killing 215 people. Death claimed Broadway librettist Betty Comden at age 89; jazz vocalist Anita O'Day at age 87; and French actor Philippe

Noiret at age 76.

Today's

Broadway composer Jerry Bock is 79. Former Labor Secretary William E. Brock is 77. Actor Franco Nero is Screenwriter Eszterhas is 63. Actor Steve Landesberg is 62. Senator Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., is

57. Singer Bruce Hornsby is 53. Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., is 52. Actor Maxwell Caulfield is 48. Actor John Henton is 47. TV personality Robin Roberts ("Good Morning America") is 47. Rock singer-musician Ken Block (Sister Hazel) is 41. Rock musician Charlie Grover is 41. Actress Salli Richardson-Whitfield is 40. Actor Oded Fehr is 37. Rapper Kurupt (Tha Dogg Pound) is 35. Actor Page Kennedy is 31. Actress Kelly Brook is 28. Actor Lucas Grabeel is 23. Actress-singer Miley Cyrus (TV: "Hannah Montana") is 15. Actor Austin Majors is 12.

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2 Mason's

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5 Tail off

7 Ready

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8 Citrus ruiners

62 Give it a shot

57 "Uncle!"

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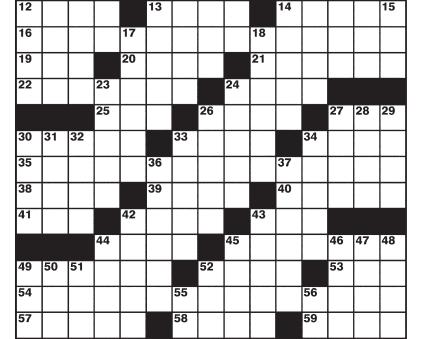
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