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# Snow hits area again!

## Amounts heavier than NWS expected

### By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Snow and rain were expected across the state during the weekend, but snowfall amounts that hit the Big Spring area Sunday surprised virtually everyone, including the National Weather Service.

Forecasts for the weekend called for a 60-percent chance for snow over the South Plains, with 2 to 3 inches piling up.

West Texas had a 50percent chance of snow and rain, with accumulation of 1 to 3 inches and temperatures remaining steadily in the 30s.

Instead, Big Spring and the surrounding area received another 8 to 9 inches of snow, while the Midland-Odessa area got the expected 2 inches.

Alpine and Fort



Stockton also received heavier snowfall than expected, with approximately 8 inches accumulating in those cities. Kermit and other communities in northern Winkler County reported receiving 5-inch accumulations.

The snow isn't expected to stick around very long, however, with high temperatures for Monday forcast in the upper 50s. A general warming trend is expected for the next few days before another mild cold front arrives on Thursday.

The forecast for Big Spring calls low temperatures in the mid 30s tonight with light and variable winds.

Tuesday's forecast is for

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### **BROWNS EAT UP TEXANS**

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and a TD and the Browns inched closer to a playoff berth, rolling to a 27-17 win over the Houston Texans. See Page 1B

### **BIG BRIDGE, SMALL PRICE**

SOLDIERS GROVE, Wis. (AP) - The Kickapoo River bridge is a big structure with a small price tag: one buck.

Village officials fear the nearly centuryold bridge, which hasn't hosted traffic in 31 years, will collapse into the river and want to get rid of it quickly. Village board member Vicki Campbell said they hope high scrap prices help attract a buyer who may want to sell the bridge's steel parts.

They previously tried a similar offer, she said, but the buyer backed out.

The overhead truss bridge was built in 1910 and was a major connection for the community, but a new route into was built, and the bridge became a fishing spot.

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### Crossroads region varsity sports weekly calendar

### Here's a look at the upcoming Crossroads varsity sports schedule:

### **TUESDAY**

Big Spring girls basketball at Lamesa, 8 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at Lamesa, 8 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Snyder, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Eldorado, 8 p.m.

Forsan girls basketball vs. Highland, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball vs. Highland, 8 p.m.

Grady girls basketball vs. Wink, 6:30 p.m. Grady boys basketball vs. Highland, 8 p.m.

### **NOV 29-DEC. 1**

Big Spring girls basketball at Idalou Tournament.

Big Spring boys basketball at Andrews Tournament.

Coahoma boys and girls basketball hosting Coahoma Invitational Tourna-ment.

Garden City boys and girls basketball hosting Garden City Tournament.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

# **IN BRIEF** Forsan falls to Valley Mills, 40-21

BIG HERALD

### By JEFF LANE

### Special to the Herald

If you want to know where the heart and soul of the Forsan Buffaloes' football team is, you have to take a trip to Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood.

You will find it there amid the freezing wind and rain right where they left it Saturday night as their season came to an end against Valley Mills, 40-21.

Up against a bigger, more experienced team in the Eagles and extreme weather conditions, the Buffs fought every inch of the way, giving special meaning to the old adage, "Leave it all on the field".

"The fight in these kids is spe-

cial," said Forsan Head Coach lead midway in the 1st quarter. "They Tommy Thompson. showed tremendous character tonight facing a tough opponent and less than desirable weather conditions to boot."

"To make matters worse, we spotted them 40 points," he continued. "It would have been so easy for these guys, for anyone, to have just thrown in the towel and hurried toward that warm bus just to get home."

The Buffs kept pace early on, trailing by seven after the first quarter of play.

Eagles' quarterback Dalton Piske took the ball in from the 1yard line for the games first score, giving Valley Mills a 7-0

However, Piske, who finished the game with 145 yards rushing and three touchdowns, was just getting started.

Valley Mills racked up 26 second quarter points and Piske had a hand in all of them.

"We knew going in that their offense ran directly through the quarterback," Thompson said. "There was no surprise in what they were going to do. I guess we sort of lost focus in the second quarter and lost sight of Piske. We really dug a hole for ourselves before the half."

Piske found pay dirt from 24 and 29 yards on the ground and hooked up with wide receiver

Erik Johnson for a 15-yard pass in the quarter.

Running back Timothy Strange ended the first half scoring by running in a score from four yards out.

Down 33-0 with the temperature dropping into the mid-30s and the rain beginning to pick up, the Buffs came out for the second half kickoff.

The Buffs outplayed the Eagles in the second half, outscoring them 21-7 and, in the process, reclaiming their pride and showing they did not know the meaning of the word quit.

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# Playoff hungry Browns eat up Texans

### **By TOM WITHERS**

**AP Sports Writer** CLEVELAND — Maybe it was the throwback jerseys, vintage late 1950s. Maybe it was the way Jamal Lewis left cleat marks on defenders like Jim Brown once did. Or maybe it was the Dawg Pound's howl.

On Sunday, everything looked and felt right about the Cleveland Browns.

Derek Anderson threw touchdown passes to Kellen Winslow and Braylon Edwards, Lewis rumbled for 134 yards and a TD and the Browns inched closer to a playoff berth, rolling to a 27-17 win over the Houston Texans.

Winslow, taking on multiple tacklers with nearly every catch, had 10 receptions for 107 yards as the Browns (7-4) won for the fifth time in six games. Blown out 34-7 by Pittsburgh in its season opener, Cleveland has also reeled off five straight wins at home for the first time since 1994. "We're winning games and there's something special starting to happen with us and this city," said wide receiver Joe Jurevicius, a Cleveland native who grew up cheering for the Browns. "It's so much fun out there.'

within striking distance of the first-place Steelers in the AFC North and moved atop the wild-card contenders.

In fact, if the season ended today, the Browns would qualify for the postseason.

"We kind of control our own destiny," said line-backer Andra Davis, one of the few Browns still around from Cleveland's 2002 playoff team. "I've been waiting a long time to say that."

For the first time in four weeks, Browns fans weren't reaching for antacids in the final minutes. Cleveland's three previous games had all been decided by three points, with two going to overtime.

This one was easy. Afterward, Winslow, his body bruised and a nasty knot swelling on his forehead, slid into the seat at the front of the interview room and looked out at



Grady boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

### **DEC.** 4

Big Spring girls basketball at Midland High, 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.

DEC. 6-8

Big Spring boys basketball at Midland Tall City Oilman's Tournament held at South Oak Cliff.

Big Spring girls basketball at Clyde Tournament.

Coahoma boys basketball at Stanton's Hooptown Classic.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Borden County Tournament.

Grady boys and girls basketball at Water Valley Tournament.

### NCAA FBS **Bowl Championship** Series standings

- 1. Missouri
- 2. West Virginia
- 3. Ohio State
- 4. Georgia
- 5. Kansas
- 6. Virginia Tech
- 7. LSU
- 8. USC
- 9. Oklahoma
- 10. Florida
- 11. Boston College
- 12. Hawaii

And it may only get better.

With their best allaround performance this season, the Browns stayed

NCAA's BCS standings.

the overflow crowd.

"I feel like the President," he said, smiling.

Though not a politician, Winslow has delivered on a promise that once seemed utterly preposterous. A few months back, he vowed the Browns. a recent model of dysfunction, would surprise this season.

Who knew?

"I told you we were going to turn some heads," he said.

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AP photo/David Richard

Houston Texans quarterback Matt Schaub (8) is sacked for a loss of 12 yards by the Cleveland Browns' Antwan Peek in the fourth quarter of the Browns 27-17 win Sunday in **Cleveland.** 

## Missouri, West Virginia control BCS fates By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK - Missouri and West Virginia have one more step to take before bumping into each other in New Orleans.

The Tigers and Mountaineers hold the top two spots in the Bowl Championship Series standings released Sunday with a week left in a topsy-turvy regular season.

The Tigers play Oklahoma (10-2) in the Big 12 championship game at San Antonio on Saturday and the Mountaineers face rival Pittsburgh (4-7) at home. If both win, it'll be Missouri-West Virginia in a most unlikely BCS championship game Jan. 7 at the Superdome.

A month ago, neither team was even in the top five of the BCS standings, but a string of upsets have left Chase Daniel and the Tigers and Pat White and the Mountaineers in control of their own destinies.

"I've been telling the guys, the more you win, the more that's at stake," West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez said Sunday in a conference call with reporters.

If either Missouri (11-1) or West Virginia (10-1) trip up next week, third-place Ohio State (11-1) is poised to take advantage and play in its second straight title game.

If the Tigers and Mountaineers both lose, the national title picture gets very murky.

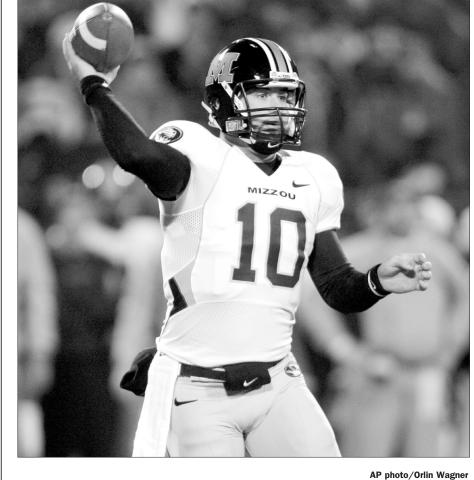
Georgia was fourth in the standings, followed by Kansas (11-1). Neither will play in their conference title games, but both still have a shot to play for a national championship.

Georgia (10-2) could become the first team with two losses to play for a national title and several other two-loss teams could make a claim to be in the championship game if the top two lose for a second consecutive week.

Sixth-place Virginia Tech (10-2), seventh-place LSU (10-2), eighth-place Southern California (9-2) and ninth-place Oklahoma all have one last opportunity to surge up the BCS standings on Saturday.

Ohio State's regular season ended Nov. 17 with a victory over Michigan that made the Buckeyes the Big Ten champions. The week before, Ohio State was No. 1 in the country when it lost to Illinois at home and seem-

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Missouri's Chase Daniel throws a pass during the first half of the Border

Showdown between Missouri and Kansas on Saturday at Arrowhead

Stadium in Kansas City. Missouri won 36-28, earning the top spot in the

# LOCAL **Police blotter**

# **Obituaries**

# Ernestine Herring Schroeder, 91, of



Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 2007 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring with the Rev. Byron Brown, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Aspermont Cemetery, Aspermont.

Born on October 13, 1916 in Aspermont, Ernestine was the youngest of five daughters of Stonewall County pioneers, Ernest Herring, prominent attorney, and Nell Sanders Herring, music teacher. As an honor student in Aspermont School from start to graduation, she was active in track, baseball, trampoline, volleyball and basketball team captain.

After high school graduation, she went to Draughons Business College in Lubbock. She worked as secretary and bookkeeper for Federal Land Bank in 1934 and moved to First National Bank in Aspermont in 1936, where she worked until February 1943, the latter years as assistant cashier and chief teller.

She enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps as a secretary. She left there the last of August to move to San Diego, Calif. where she married her longtime sweetheart, Leon Schroeder from Sagerton, who was stationed in San Diego in the Navy. She worked as secretary for the Navy in San Diego, the Army at Camp Barkeley, Texas, Pyote Air Force Base as administration officer in personnel and executive secretary for civil service. She worked at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring as secretary to several commanders before retiring.

She was a life member and sometimes president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary, a member of the American Association of Retired Persons and a Baptist. Her hobbies were dancing, crafts, bowling, coin collecting, fishing and hunting.

Survivors include her nephew, Jim Dennis of San Diego, Calif.; her nieces, Helen Cameron of Albuquerque, N.M. and Mary Louise Francis and Sharon Crowell of Carbondale, Ill.; her great niece, Kelly Clifton of Illinois; her very special in-laws, Patsy Schroeder of San Angelo, Murry and Ruby Schroeder of Abilene and Jim and Katie Schroeder of Corsiciana; and very special friends, George and Irene Wilson and Celestino and Helma Cisneros, all of Big Spring and Junior and Jerry Martin of Aspermont.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Schroeder; her parents, four sisters, Margaret Dennis, Elizabeth Hahn, Mildred Herring and Nell K. Hutchison and also by her beloved nephew, Herring Dennis.

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

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### Sophie A. White



Sophie A. White, 87, of Big Spring died on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at her res-

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

• CHRISTOPHER MINTER, 35, of 3405 Airport Road, was arrested Saturday on a Taylor County warrant.

• DAVID LOUIS FLORES, 24, of 1603 N.E. 10th Street, was arrested Saturday on a Tom Green County warrant

• AMBER GUTIERREZ, 32, of 3608 Calvin, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ANSELMO HILARIO JR., 23, of 17080 W. Third Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of resisting arrest, assault causing bodily injury, accident involving damage, assault of a public servant, six local warrants and two local citations.

• BENJAMIN E. MOORE, 27, of 1305 State, was arrested Monday on charges of hindering officers and resisting arrest.

• THEFT was reported: in the 1400 block of Wood, in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane and in the 2300 block of Wasson.

• ROBBERY was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

 POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 800 block of FM 700 and in the 800 block of Marcy.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of Wood.

# **Fire/EMS**

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

Note — This report includes calls from the Thanksgiving holiday and weekend.

• MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of 13th Street and Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of Grace. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Alabama. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Ann Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Davis Road. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 8700 block of W. County Road 37. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 900 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Algerita. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused.

• RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the area of Perimeter Road.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Ann Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of Marcy.

# **Bulletin Board**

### If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

### TODAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

### **TUESDAY**

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert

Downing at 263-3255 for information.

### **WEDNESDAY**

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

# Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

 RAUL MONOIVIAS VARGAS, 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.

• ARMANDO CASTRO AGUILAR, 28, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.

• DANIEL RYAN HULL, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

• JOE KEITH RUBARTS III, 28, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• JUSTIN RAMIREZ, 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• JEREMY WAYNE HELMBOLT, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct - gesture.

• BRIAN MORGAN, 26, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct.



idence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Monsignor Curtis Halfmann officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

She was born on June 1, 1920, in O'Donnell and married Willie F. White on July 28, 1940, in O'Donnell. He preceded her in death on March 8, 1990.

Sophie was a longtime resident of O'Donnell, before moving to the Kentwood Addition in Big Spring in 1986. She went to school at Grandview School, about eight miles west of O'Donnell, and attended high school at Stanton Convent at Stanton until it was destroyed by a tornado. She finished at Lamesa High School, graduating on May 19, 1939.

She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Sophie loved to dance at the Senior Citizens Center, enjoyed traveling with her friends, liked to garden and had won the "Beauty Spot" of the month. She was especially involved in the lives of her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons and one daughter and their spouses, Kenneth R. and Sherry White of Las Cruces, N.M., Wendell and Paulette White of Benbrook and Sherry and Gibby Ingram of Big Spring; one brother and his wife, Murray and Faye Jeffries of Portales, N.M.; 13 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; two nieces who were like sisters, Genevieve Colletti of Port Arthur and Margaret Mauk of Wiley; and a host of other nieces, nephews and special friends.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Bednarz; one grandson, Paul Walker; her parents; three brothers; and five sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

### **Cathrine Horton**

Cathrine Horton, 70, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Armando Anthony Franco

Armando Anthony Franco, 22, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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One person was transported to SMMC

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of N.W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Colby. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of County Road 46 and N. Highway 87. Service refused.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 174 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Scott. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 176 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of Capri. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Park. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1100 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Culp. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported near the 178 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of Marcy. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of 16th Street and Runnels. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2800 block of Ann Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Crestline. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Terry Road. Service refused.

### Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 50s. Light and variable winds.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Light and variable winds.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows around 40. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

• **DEAN CAMDEN**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

• JAYSON WATERS, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

# Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-27-30-43-44-54 Number matching six of six: None. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$26 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-9-23-24-31 Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$24,822.

Winning ticket sold in: League City.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 1-4-3-4. Sum It Up: 12.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 9-5-9. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 1-7-0-8. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 6-4-3. Sum It Up: 13.



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### **TEXANS**

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The Texans (5-6) weren't able to do much against Cleveland's league-worst defense, which was missing two injured starters and had been giving up nearly 30 points per game.

Houston quarterback Matt Schaub finished 22-of-36 for 256 yards and two TDs. But he was picked off twice and had several other passes batted down by the Browns' suspect secondary, which lost rookie starting cornerback Eric Wright to a knee injury last week.

The Texans also had a costly fumble in the third quarter and were only 2-of-10 converting third downs.

"That's not good enough," coach Gary Kubiak said. "If you aren't making third downs in this league, you have to make big plays. We didn't do that.'

Phil Dawson, who bounced a field goal through off the left upright and crossbar last week in an overtime win against Baltimore, kicked field goals of 25 and 27 yards. With 759 points, he moved past Hall of Famer Jim Brown on Cleveland's career scoring list.

Not wanting to get too far ahead of themselves, the Browns had implemented a notalking-about-the-playoffs policy in their locker room last week. It doesn't sound like it will be lifted anytime soon.

"It's now a five-game season," Lewis said. "The next one is the biggest one for us. As I've learned in this league, everything will play out."

nice Showing balance, Cleveland's offense ran smoothly behind Anderson, who went 24-of-35 for 253 yards. He threw a 19-yard TD pass to Edwards and a 7-yarder to Winslow in the second quarter.

When Anderson couldn't move the ball through the air, he handed it to Lewis, who carried it 29 times and had his first 100-yard game since getting 216

Baltimore. "We want a balanced attack," said Lewis, who got stronger as the game

wore on. "If one isn't working, the other one will. It was one of those days when Braylon was making catches, Kellen was making catches and Joe was making catches."

The Browns dominated time of possession in the second half, holding the ball for 20:56 to Houston's 9:04.

"This," Edwards said, "was our first finish game."

The Browns' muchmaligned defense

plays, too, blanking by Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Takeo Spikes as Omar whose team also lost the Texans for the Gaither (96) and Joselio Hanson (22) give pursuit during the 2005 Super Bowl first 27 minutes of the the fourth quarter of the Patriots 31-28 win Sunday in second half before Foxborough, Mass. Schaub hit Owen Daniels for a 6-yard TD with 3:12 remaining.

Notes: Edwards has 11 TD receptions this season, the most by a Browns receiver since Gary Collins had 11 in 1969. ... Texans RB Ron Dayne, filling in for the injured Ahman Green, had 78 yards on 16 carries. ... Houston offensive coordinator Mike Sherman declined to comment on reports that he's a front-runner for the Texas A&M coaching vacancy. ... Houston DE Mario Williams recorded his sixth sack.

### Patriots 31,

Eagles 28 Guess what: The New England Patriots are vulnerable.

Not beatable, at least not yet, but vulnerable.

The Patriots improved to 11-0, the NFL's only undefeated team, with their toughest win, 31-28 over the spunky Philadelphia Eagles, a 22-point underdog. New England needed

two interceptions by Asante Samuel, one for a touchdown, and a late 4-yard score from Laurence Maroney for the decisive points Sunday night.

It was the biggest test the Patriots have passed thus far in a season when, generally, they've blown out opponents.

"The goal is to win the game and we did that," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said. "I wish we could have played better. I wish everybody could have played better. We won so we can be happy."

Wes Welker took advantage of the blanket coverage on Randy Moss to catch a career-high 13 passes for 149 yards.

"I don't think that was the case where (it was) give me the ball," Welker said. "Whenever your number is called you have to step up to the plate. We all have done it. Tonight was the night for me."

Early Sunday, the Bills' loss clinched the AFC East for New England.

covered 40 yards. Maroney's score capped a 69-yard drive. Brady completed 34 of 54 throws for 380 yards and one touchdown, the first time this season he has been held to fewer than three TD passes in a game.

For the Eagles (5-6), A.J. Feeley, playing for injured starter McNabb, Donovan finished 27-for-42 for 345 yards with three touchdown passes, two to Greg Lewis, and three interceptions.

"Three points, man. Three points. The Patriots and three points," said Eagles finally made some New England Patriots running back Kevin Faulk is upended where term along last to New England by "They're three. killing me with it."

### Bears 37, **Broncos 34**

AP photo/Mary Schwalm

At Chicago, Robbie Gould kicked a 39-yard field goal in overtime and the defending NFC champions (5-6) gave their flickering playoff hopes a boost.

After scoring two touchdowns in the final 5:17 of regulation, the Bears won the coin toss for overtime. They drove from their 24 to the Denver 18 and Gould delivered the winner.

The Bears got two long touchdown returns from Devin Hester in the second half, one on a punt, the other on a kickoff.

"I take it personal when a team says they are going to kick it to us," he said. "They feel like they are kicking it to us because they feel we're not good."

The Bears trailed 34-20 early in the fourth quarter after an acrobatic 14-yard touchdown catch by Tony Scheffler for Denver (5-6). Charles Tillman

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Samuel's TD return then blocked a punt that led to a 4-yard touchdown run by Adrian Peterson. The Bears tied it with 28 seconds left in regulation on a 3-yard reception by Bernard Berrian, who spun away from Champ Bailey and lunged to catch the pass from Rex Grossman on the right side of the end zone.

### 49ers 37,

### Cardinals 31

Kurt Warner was hit by Ronald Fields and fumbled in the Arizona end zone, and Tully Banta-Cain recovered for a touchdown that ended the 49ers' eight-game losing streak.

"You could have swore we just won the Super Bowl the way we were celebrating," Banta-Cain said. The 49ers are 2-0 against Arizona, 1-8 against everybody else.

Neil Rackers, whose 19-yard field goal as regulation ended forced the overtime, missed a 32-yarder that would have given host Arizona the victory moments earlier.

Warner completed 34 of 48 passes for 484 yards and two touchdowns, but was intercepted twice. His completions included a desperation 48yarder to Larry Fitzgerald to put the Cardinals (5-6) ahead 21-17 as the half ended.

### Chargers 32, Ravens 14

At San Diego, LaDainian Tomlinson reached 10,000 career yards rushing, making him the 23rd player in NFL history to reach the milestone. The Chargers (6-5) won for the fifth time in seven games following their shocking 1-3 start.

Philip Rivers rediscovered Antonio Gates, throwing two of his three touchdown passes to the All-Pro tight end. Rivers, who came in leading the NFL with 17 turnovers, didn't throw an interception for only the third game this season.

The Ravens (4-7) lost their franchise-record fifth straight. Kyle Boller was sacked four times.

### BCS

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ingly fell out of the title race.

At worst, the Buckeyes, who

### remaining unbeaten team in the nation, finish the season at home against Washington and need to be in the top 12 when the final standings come out

next Sunday. Missouri was No. 1 in the

final seemed to be a long shot when October ended. Both had a loss and were stuck behind a pile of teams in the BCS standings.

On Oct. 28, West Virginia was seventh in the standings and

Since then it's been a steady

climb as the Tigers and

Mountaineers have kept win-

ning while the other contenders

It started when Ohio State lost

to Illinois on Nov. 10. A few

days later, Oregon lost quarter-

back Dennis Dixon to an injury

in the first quarter and the

Ducks' national title hopes

Missouri was ninth.

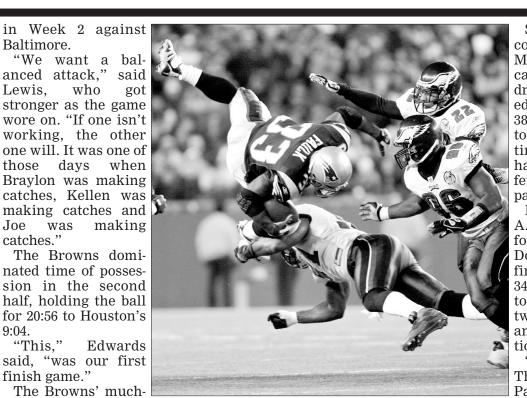
have tanked.

went with him in a loss at Arizona.

Two days later, Oklahoma lost its second game of the season at Texas Tech, leaving Missouri and Kansas as the Big 12's best hope for a national title. At that point, it became apparent that the winner of the Missouri-Kansas game would go to the Big 12 title game with a chance to play for the national championship at stake. The Tigers, who entered the season unranked, took care of their business, handing Kansas its first loss of the season, 36-28. LSU also went down, losing in

triple overtime 50-48 to Arkansas on Friday, and that opened up a spot for the Mountaineers.

West Virginia grabbed it emphatically with a 66-21 victory against Connecticut to clinch the Big East title and a BCS bid. The Mountaineers were ranked No. 3 in the preseason poll, but lost in late September 21-13 at South Florida. White injured his thigh against the Bulls and didn't finish the game. Neither West Virginia nor Missouri has ever won a national title.



SPORTS

lost the national championship game 41-14 to Florida last season, will be in the Rose Bowl.

Hawaii moved up to 12th in the standings after beating Boise State 39-27 and winning the Western Athletic Conference, putting Colt Brennan and the Warriors in position to earn an automatic BCS bid.

The Warriors, the

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frame.

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### Harris poll and West Virginia was No. 1 in the USA Today coaches' poll Sunday.

Those polls make up a twothirds of a team's BCS average. Missouri was first in the computer rankings with West Virginia second.

The Tigers' BCS average was .978 and the Mountaineers were at .971.

A Missouri-West Virginia last

After giving up one final score to the Eagles late in the third the Buffs owned the fourth quarter, scoring all three of their touchdowns in the final Alex

Quarterback Huckabee dove in from the 1-yard line on a keeper to get the Buffs on the board, making the score 40-7 with 11:15 left to play.

After forcing the Valley Mills to punt, the Buffs drove 77 yards on nine

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to the air, finding Jeremy Robbins for a 12-yard touchdown strike in the back corner of the end zone, 40-14. Again the Buffaloes

forced a punt and with less than three minutes to play, Forsan took the ball for the last time this season on their own 17-yard line.

They only needed six plays for senior Josh Daniels to plow in from the 1-yard line as time expired, capping off a sensational fourth quarter effort.

"The fourth quarter

plays as Huckabee went really showed what these guvs are made of and summarized what their whole season was about," said Thompson. "It was about heart and a never say die attitude. I cannot express how proud I am of what these guys accom-

plished and how far they have come. They have continued to build on the winning tradition we are establishing at Forsan." The Buffs will lose six

seniors from this years area runner-up squad as Adam Bailey, Josh

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Daniels. Blake Grantham. James Marlow. Aaron Hughes and Michael Leal

all played in their final football game for the Buffaloes.



By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

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This famous hand occurred in the 1948 European Championship during the match between Norway and Great Britain. West was S.J. Simon, author of the classic "Why You Lose at Bridge," and East was the British star Terence Reese

Reese missed the winning play, as he himself relates, but it is likely that most players would have done the same thing. Simon cashed the K-A of clubs — East playing high-low and led a third club, which Reese

ruffed. Reese then returned a heart. The Norwegian declarer won the heart, crossed to dummy with a diamond, took a trump finesse, returned to dummy with a diamond, took a second trump finesse, and so made four spades. His only losers were two clubs and a ruff.

The same series of plays occurred at the second table, where the English declarer also made four spades. The deal was thus a standoff, but later received wide attention because both Easts could have defeated the contract by making an extraordinary play

East can stop the contract by discarding a diamond at trick three, instead of ruffing the third round of clubs! Declarer can then reach dummy only once, and - since he requires two trump leads from dummy to stop East from making two trump tricks - he must go down

The contract is easy enough to defeat on paper. But at the bridge table, where second thoughts don't count, practically any player holding the East cards would ruff the third club and then start thinking about what to do next.

The hand is an exceptionally fine illustration of why you can't afford to play the game mechanically. Never relax!

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## STATE/NATION

# Immigrant teen writes book about her American Dream

### **By MONICA RHOR**

### Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON – On her first day of fourth grade, Yuliana Gallegos stood in front of her classmates. looking out on a roomful of students who stared back at her as if she had landed from Mars.

Only a few weeks earlier, Yuliana had brimmed with excitement about moving from Mexico to Houston, where she and her family would start a new life in a new country. Only a few hours earlier, she had been bubbling with eagerness about meeting her new classmates.

Suddenly, all her enthusiasm deflated. She just wanted to be invisible.

Today, less than seven years later, the girl who could not understand a word her teacher said that first day is the author of a book — in English and Spanish about her experiences as a newly arrived immigrant.

"Mi sueno de America/My American Dream," published by Houston-based Arte Publico, tells the story of the obstacles Yuliana had to clamber past in her first year in the United States and offers lessons for other young people who may feel like outsiders.

"At first, it's going to be difficult. Nothing in the world is easy. There will be many rocks in your path, but if you fall, keep going," says Yuliana, now 16, recapping the message of her book - and the philosophy of her life. 'After I learned English, I knew I could do anything I wanted to. That was my barrier and I got past it."

Yuliana remembers spending five hours a night plodding through her homework, stacks of English dictionaries by her side. Her walls, doors and mirrors were papered with new vocabulary words. All part of an

master English.

"It wasn't enough to learn English. I had to prove that I could be equal to or maybe even better than my classmates," Yuliana recounts in her book. "I had to do even more to be better than them."

Within two months, Yuliana had gained a foothold in the new language.

"I was really proud of myself, of what I accomplished, of learning to speak English well and above all, having shown that I, a Latina, could make my dreams come true.'

But the book only tells a small fraction of Yuliana's story, which already overflows with accomplishments and On achievements. a recent evening, Yuliana sat cross-legged on the living room floor of her family's Houston home, flipping through a scrapbook filled with laminat-

The slim volume, called unrelenting mission to ed newspaper clippings, television appearance, matic bundle of energy awards and commendations and rattling off her successes in flawless, rapid-fire English.

> Here, a piece from a Mexican newspaper about Yuliana's first published book — an inspirational text for children. She wrote it when she was just 7 years old. There, another article describing a motivational speech she gave to inmates at a jail in Apodaca, Mexico. She was 8.

A proclamation noting her appointment that same year as the "official orator" for the governor of Nuevo Leon, Mexico. A "student of the week" award she earned six months after arriving in the United States.

Oh yes, Yuliana adds, there was that stint where she dispensed advice to young people in oneminute segments aired on the local Telemundo station in Houston. She was 10.

It was during another

where Yuliana was reciting some of her work that Nicolas Kanellos, director of Arte Publico, first met the emerging author and immediately spotted her nascent talent.

Kanellos offered Yuliana a summer internship at the publishing house, where the young girl worked as a go-fer and received coaching and editing guidance. "Mi sueno de America/My American Dream," was born shortly afterward. Yuliana, who was 12 at the time, finished the first draft within four months.

'We saw how committed she was to writing. It was very evident that she was truly engaged in the writing craft," Kanellos "Yuliana's book said. gives insights into what immigrant kids face, and can help people appreciate their diverse experiences and trauma."

These days, the girl who once wished to be invisible is a kinetic, charis-

who spends her days earning stellar grades at Houston's Bellaire High School, her weekends giving motivational speeches or appearing at book fairs, and her late nights writing in her journal or working on new manuscripts. (Inspiration often strikes after midnight.)

She has finished writing nine more books, with two already in the publishing process. And she is looking ahead to a future as productive as her childhood has been. Some of her goals include: undergraduate work at University the of Houston, earning a graduate degree at Princeton University, becoming a child psychologist and a television anchorwoman.

"A lot of people stereotype Hispanic people. We have to stop those stereotypes and show that we can become President. We can become lawyers," said Yuliana. "We can do whatever we want."

# Firefighters take on new role as anti-terrorism eyes of government

### By EILEEN SULLIVAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Firefighters in major cities are being trained to take on a new role as lookouts for terrorism, raising concerns of eroding their standing as American icons and infringing on people's privacy.

Unlike police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel don't need warrants to access hundreds of thousands of homes and buildings each year, putting them in a position to spot behavior that could indicate terrorist activity or planning.

But there are fears that they could lose the faith of a skeptical public by becoming the eyes of the government, looking for suspicious items such as building blueprints or bomb-making manuals or materials. Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, terrorist Americans have given up some of their privacy rights in an effort to prevent future strikes. The government monitors phone calls and e-mails; people who fly have their belongings searched before boarding and are limited in what they can carry; and some people have trouble traveling because their names are

similar to those on terrorist watch lists.

The American Civil Liberties Union says using firefighters to gather intelligence is another step in that direction. Mike German, a former FBI agent who is now national security policy counsel to the ACLU, said the concept is dangerously close to the Bush administration's 2002 proposal to have workers with access to private homes — such as postal carriers and telephone repairmen - report suspicious behavior to the FBI.

"Americans universally abhorred that idea," German said. The Homeland Security Department is testing a program with the New York City fire department to share intelligence information so firefighters are better prepared when they respond to emergency calls. Homeland Security also trains the New York City fire service in how to identify material or behavior that may indicate terrorist activities. If it's successful, the government intends to expand the program to other major metropolitan areas.

December, Homeland Security gave secret clearances to nine New York fire chiefs, according to reports obtained by The Associated Press.

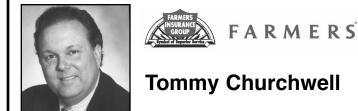
"They're really doing technical inspections, and if perchance they find something like, you know, a bunch of RPG (rocket-propelled grenade) rounds in somebody's basement, I think it's a no-brainer," said Jack Tomarchio, a senior offi-Homeland cial in Security's intelligence division. "The police ought to know about that; the fire service ought to know about that; and potentially maybe somebody in the intelligence tors had been training to recognize materials and behavior the government identifies as "signs of planning and support for terrorism."

When going to private residences, for example, they are told to be alert for a person who is hostile, uncooperative or expressing hate or discontent with the United States: unusual chemicals or other materials that seem out of place; ammunition, firearms or weapons boxes; surveillance equipment; still and video cameras; nightvision goggles; maps, photos, blueprints; police manuals, training manuals, flight manuals; and little or no furniture other than a bed or mattress.



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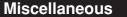
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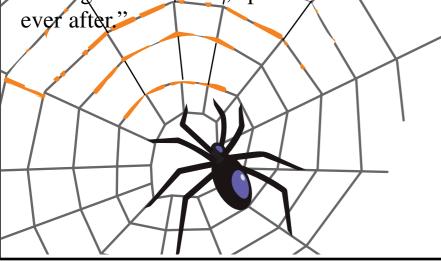
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### **OUR VIEWS**

# Remember to shop at home first

t's that time again — the holiday shopping season. Virtually each of us is thinking about what would make good gifts. Well, that's the case, unless you are one of those organized souls who do their shopping ahead of time, taking advantage of sales throughout the year or making purchases the minute you spot the right gift.

But few of us can admit to being that organized. In fact, a great many of us wait until the very last moment to begin purchasing Christmas gifts. Those of us in that group are still waiting for that boost of adrenaline we need to begin tackling the task at hand.

At some point, however, we'll all have reached the same end.

Then it's simply a matter of where we'll do our shopping.

We suggest shopping at home.

Yes, we know, it seems as if we're always using this space to champion that cause, but the reason we do so is that it's a very, very important matter.

We know there are always those who are convinced the bigger is better and will be heading to shopping malls in larger cities. And there are those who've opted for the supposed convenience of sitting at home and making selections over the Internet.

don't know enough about baseball to rail about what an arrogant lout Barry Bonds is, as so many others in the news biz do. I don't follow baseball. I'm no fan. Still, I am appalled at last week's federal

indictment of Bonds on four counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice. Of course, lying to federal authorities is wrong and poisonous to the criminal justice system, if Bonds lied. As for steroids, if Bonds took them and who thinks he didn't? — he has devalued his homerun record and must

live the rest of his life wondering if his body will break down because of his ambition.

My beef? I admire tenacious noholds-barred prosecutors — when they go after violent thugs, mobsters and would-be terrorists. The U.S. Department of Justice, however, has gone overboard in wielding its awesome might for years – acting on a tip received in August 2002 -to prolong a case it could have wrapped up long ago. The feds have crossed the line from closing a righteous case to prosecutorial overkill.

The charges against Bonds concern grand-jury testimony four years ago, on Dec. 4, 2003. Under grant of immunity (unless he lied), Bonds asserted that he never knowingly used banned steroids. He said he thought his personal trainer was treating him with

flaxseed oil and arthritis balm. As the San Francisco Chronicle's Lance Williams reported, prosecutors say they have a "mountain of evidence" — including doping calendars showing Bonds' drug regimen and payments seized in raids in September 2003. The indictment claims that Bonds tested positive for two anabolic steroids.

**Federal prosecutors on steroids** 

Which raises the big question: Why did the U.S. attorney take another four years to indict? If their case is so strong, what were they waiting for?

Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, pleaded guilty to steroid dealing and served three months in prison. Afterward, when Anderson refused to testify against Bonds, a federal judge found him in contempt and sent Anderson behind bars. Anderson's attorney says that he is not cooperating with the authorities, but he was released last week.

In March 2005, Bonds' former girlfriend Kimberly Bell testified that the slugger told her that he had taken banned steroids. Still. the feds did not move for two vears.

Last year, Williams and then-Chronicle reporter Mark Fainaru-Wada lived under a cloud after they refused a federal judge's order to reveal the confidential sources of stories they had written on the BALCO steroids scandal. U.S. District Judge Jeffrey White held them in contempt and ordered them imprisoned for up to 18 months. White stayed the sentence pending appeal, then lifted it after Troy Ellerman, a former defense lawyer in the BALCO

case, admitted to leaking the grand-jury transcripts. He was sentenced to 2.5 years in prison.

The longest sentence served by any BALCO defendant was four months. Anderson served more time for not testifying against Bonds than he served for dealing designer steroids. You would think that not helping prosecutors is the bigger crime.

Joe Russoniello was nominated to become Northern California's U.S. attorney on Thursday. Attorney General Michael Mukasey assumed his post this month. They've both inherited this headache.

If prosecutors manage to win a guilty verdict, Bonds no doubt will have earned it. But I have to ask if this entire exercise was worth the price — was worth sending Anderson to prison to serve more time than any BALCO sentence.

I have to question how federal prosecutors work — extending a case for four years (during which Bonds broke the home-run record) when they say they had mountains of physical evidence.

If they consider perjury to be a threat to the system, why wait years to go after a man whom so many observers believe lied to a grand jury? Doesn't that undermine the system's credibility, too?

And I wonder why the feds have put so much energy into this case, when there are so many truly dangerous criminals out there.

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### **A SMALL PRAYER**

### by K. Rae Anderson

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# So much for the student vote

ollege students won't be voting in the Iowa caucus this year. Or, at least, most of those who would have won't now, and those who still can might not know about it yet. No matter how you look at it, it's a mess.

The problem is the calendar. The Iowa caucuses used to be in late January, which meant students who attend college in Iowa could caucus in the cities and towns where they go to school. Since you have to register at least 11 days in advance, that left

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time to do everything after Christmas — or to register before break and vote when you got back. When this campaign began, all of the candidates had college coordinators and were making appearances on campuses in the hopes that it would encourage students to register to vote and get involved.

Now, it's hardly worth the effort. The caucuses have been moved to January 3, so Iowa can stay ahead of New Hampshire, which wants to stay ahead of South Carolina, not to mention Michigan. The problem is that students who go to college in Iowa aren't back by Jan. 3 and, in most cases, couldn't be if they wanted to because the dorms aren't even open yet.

You can't caucus by absentee ballot. It just doesn't work that way in a process that requires people to go to different corners of the room depending on which candidate they support, and then regroup if their chosen candidate doesn't have enough people to meet the threshold for a delegate in his or her corner, and so on

until the final division. Even in this virtual world, it's hard to figure how you could do that without being there. And it wouldn't be Iowa.

But is it Iowa if vou disenfranchise an entire category of voters in the never-ending quest to be first?

There was, in fact, no great scheme by the rules writers in the sky that deemed Iowa should go first because it represents a shining light of democracy in action. It was an accident of scheduling back in 1976, caused by conflicts at the convention center months later that, working backward, required the precinct caucuses to be moved forward. But once Iowa became the launching ground for Jimmy Carter's long-shot candidacy, and once Iowans realized what a good thing they had going in terms of candidate attention, media coverage and the general boost both to the economy and the issues agenda that comes from going first, the fight was on to preserve that special status. There's an entire school of thought that says agriculture policy in the United States has been distorted for the last 30 years by promises made by candidates to win votes in Iowa. But that's another story.

What Iowa sold — to the rules committees, the media and the rest of the country — was not its peculiar issues positioning, but its special brand of civic democracy. Iowa might not be representative of the diversity that is America, but it was said to represent a tradition of commitment to politics, of real participation and small "d" democracy that made it a better place than most to "vet" the candidates up close before they move on to the bigger, more impersonal, less participatory arenas where campaigns are won and lost mostly because of money and media. But how do you square that tradition with a decision to sacrifice college students to the altar of going first?

Of course, students who live in Iowa and go to school out-of-state, or in another part of the state, can caucus with their parents on Jan. 3. But that assumes they knew enough to register to vote at their parents' addresses at least 11 days earlier — that is, the minute they got off the train or plane or out of the car.

It assumes they didn't register in the place where they go to school and, considering themselves adults, now may think they "live." It assumes more than most of us who spend our time trying to convince young people — the demographic with the lowest turnout rates going in — to vote would ever choose to assume, at least voluntarily.

I believe colleges have an obligation to teach their students civic literacy in the same way we teach computer literacy, to ensure that our students know as much about how to get involved as they do about how to go online.

I spend a great deal of time giving speeches on campuses, and this is often my subject. I regale them with tales of my early days, doing get-out-the-vote in Dade County, Fla., where the heavily senior citizen population will literally go by stretcher if that's what it takes to cast a ballot. Why do you think Social Security is the sacred cow, the third rail, in American politics? It's because old people vote and young people don't, I tell them. And it's your own fault.

Except in Iowa, that is.

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### HEALTH

# New teeth whitening technique delivers spectacular results

admit it. Until recently, dental bleaching results have been a bit unpredictable and, at times, a bit underwhelming. We

have always been able to make nice improvement, but often not as much as we would like. That is officially no longer the case!

"Deep Bleaching," a trademarked protocol, was developed by Dr. Rod Kurthy, a dentist in California. I always used to tell patients that the only way to get teeth "Hollywood White" was

with 6,8,12, or even more

bonded porcelain veneers. These are great, but fairly expensive. I no longer say that, because for the cost less than 2 really white veneers you can have 28 really white teeth with Deep Bleaching!



DR. DAVID WARD

So why is Deep Bleaching so much more effective than other techniques? First let's talk about bleaching in general. Incidentally, all bleaching techniques will usually cause temporary sensitivity that goes away.

Whitening toothpastes. These products really are not effective enough even to discuss. I have never had anyone tell me they could see any difference from whitening toothpastes.. The way they "work" is with abrasives that help get a little more stain off the teeth, but that's all.

Other over-the-counter products. These rinses, paint-ons, strips, etc. will often make enough difference to notice, but the improvements are very modest. In dental office bleaching. Products like Zoom, Brite Smile, and others are used in the dental office in an appointment of an hour or so. These techniques work very fast, but somewhat unpredictably. Some people will see

very nice improvement in color, and some will see less.

Custom tray bleaching. Models are made of the teeth and thin custom made trays are made for applying bleaching materials over a period of 1 to 2 weeks. With these trays, most of the bleaching material has washed away after an hour, so these are usually used for an hour a day. Most people will see very nice improvement, but still not spectacular.

Deep Bleaching. Deep bleaching uses a combination of several techniques to enhance the bleaching process with a minimum of sensitivity.

First, extremely precise Deep Bleaching trays are made. These are much more precise than normal trays, and actually produce a positive seal around all the teeth, greatly enhancing their effectiveness.

Second, these trays are used with a potent bleaching material in an in

office session. A slight improvement will be noted, but more importantly, the pores in the enamel will be slightly opened to enhance the next step.

Third, the trays are used with a gentle bleaching material overnight for two weeks. These trays seal so well, the bleaching continues all night. At the end of the two weeks the color change is major.

Finally, a second in- office session is accomplished.

And the result - WOW!

Did I say Wow? WOW! If you, ve always wished you had white teeth, ask me to smile and look at mine!

Dr. David Ward practices dentistry in Big Spring and is a past president of the Permian Basin District Dental Society. All of his past dental articles are available on his web site at www.DavidWardDDS.com.

# **New kind** of Medicare eases health care concern

### By BOB MOOS

The Dallas Morning News

Dallas retirees J.T. and Phyllis Dunkin are paying less for their health insurance and enjoying it more.

J.T. Dunkin When underwent bypass surgery in March, the health plan provided transportation to the hospital, sent a nurse to his bedside to check on his care and then, when he was about to be discharged, arranged for a home health aide.

retirement community, in Dallas. Phyllis Afterward, coverage by purchasing year. Dunkin didn't have to Medigap insurance poli-To qualify, you have to make sense of the bills by cies that reduced their live at one of the 18 herself or spend hours on out-of-pocket health care the phone with a cusexpenses. Each paid \$250 Texas and 10 other states. tomer service representaper month in premiums Erickson Retirement tive. Instead, she sat for the added coverage. down with the health When the couple grew plan's benefits counselor, weary of homeownership who answered her quesand yard work and starttions right then and ed looking at senior-living there. communities, they were years ago to test it. Best of all, the couple Highland drawn to "The live just a three-minute Springs because it has its walk down the hall from own clinic and full-time their doctor's clinic in the geriatrician on campus. Highland Springs senior-They also enrolled in living community in the retirement communi-Dallas. "Erickson ty's "When we tell our Advantage" insurance friends, they don't believe plan, which sliced their us," Phyllis Dunkin said. premiums in half. "Medicare isn't supposed The plan also offers an of Connecticut. to be this easy." array of preventive health It's usually not. The care services aimed at Dunkins, who are in their keeping residents out of 70s, are part of a pilot prothe hospital. iect in which their senior-Erickson Advantage is health-conscious living company has the first private Medicare boomer generation. teamed up with a health plan designed exclusively insurance company, with for residents of a senior-Medicare's approval, to living community. provide supplemental cov-Nationally, 2,300 seniors older and erage. have joined, and 1,000 Erickson's Experts say the project more are expected next have Big Spring Pack & Ship Your Wrapping, Packing, and Shipping Solution Don't Let Your Holiday Gifts Arrive Late. Bring This AD in for \* Gift Wrapping \* Pick Up Service \* Printing Services 5% off \* .08 Copies \* Color Copying \* Photo and Doc. Scanning UPS Ground Shipping !!! \* Office Supplies \* Stationerv \* One Hour Business Cards \* Faxing/ Send and 808 Gregg St Receiving \* World Wide Tracking \* Gift Baskets Now Open \* Web Design \* Graphic Designing Mon-Fri. 8:30Am To 6:00Pm <sup>•</sup>Sat. 9:00Am To 3:00Pm \* Logos \* Advertising Design (432) 599 - 8018\* Marketing Supplies Free <u>Sh</u>ipping Supplies ! !

may become a national model for improving the care of chronically ill Medicare beneficiaries while holding down costs. Early cost savings have been promising.

Getting a handle on the bills of the chronically ill is essential to solving Medicare's financing problems, health care analysts say. Ten percent of Medicare's enrollees account for 62 percent of its costs.

Like many seniors, the Dunkins had supplemented their basic Medicare

long-term

staffed by five full-time primary care physicians

ogists and podiatrists. Highland Springs' clinic, which opened just a full-time, on-site doctor is year ago, has one fulltime geriatrician and will add other primary-care physicians and specialists as the campus grows and offers higher levels of care. Erickson Advantage members also use specialists in the area.

At most senior independent-living communities, and such specialists as residents arrange for Erickson communities in audiologists, ophthalmol- their own health care or rely on a physician who around here," she said. visits one day a week. A

ears and alerts her to residents' medical problems early on.

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"We work as a team "If someone starts to have



Sally Grimm, 78, (right) talks with Dr. Mary Norman, a geriatric specialist, about her shoulder pain at Highland Springs, a

Communities, based in Baltimore, created the plan with UnitedHealth Group Inc. and won Medicare's approval two

partnership between a senior-living company and a health insurer seems so natural, it's a wonder it hadn't been tried before," said Jeffrey Kramer, director of the Center for Health Care and Insurance Studies at the University

Kramer said he expects more such partnerships as the senior-living industry begins to court the baby

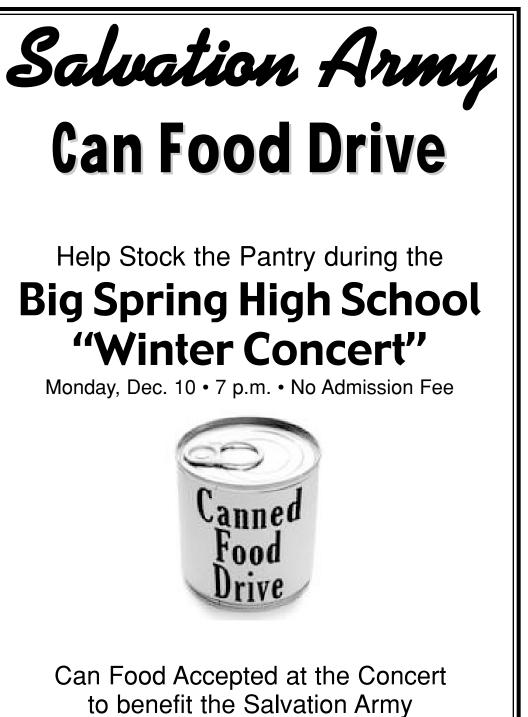
Health care is a prominent feature of every Erickson community. The larger of campuses medical centers rare, but the Erickson health plan requires it.

Highland Springs' medical director, Dr. Mary Norman, said she's able to provide better care to her patients because the community's entire staff becomes her eyes and

falls, for example, I hear about it. I can then visit the resident and, if appropriate, recommend an exercise program in our fitness center across the hall."

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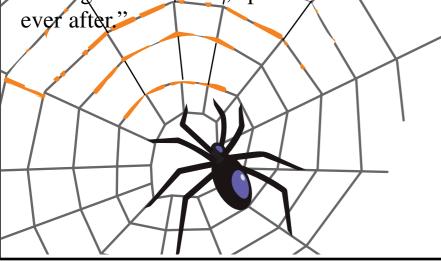
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). If something sits too long in one place, it creates what the Chinese call stale chi. Move your life around. Invigorate

your energy. Don't wait the for perfect storm to come along and do it for you. TAURUS (April 20-

May 20). It's HOLIDAY up to you to MATHIS start а powerful

of cycle renewal. You forgive someone — a relative, friend or yourself. Life responds in kind, forgiving debts you've

been carrying for years. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You think you have three or four options. But the truth is that there are at least a thousand different ways you can approach your current situation. Brainstorm with friends, and then go playfully the for intriguing solutions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you're not quite jiving with your work situation, don't worry. You probably need more education to do a job correctly. Sign up for a class. You could even meet a new sweetie in the learning process.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's only natural that you want to take charge, and you do a fine job of it too — so long as you listen. The ones you're leading valuable have information. You just have to ask the right questions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to dread negotiating. In fact, you might decide to look forward to it. You make a special connection while arguing back and forth, and you'll be able to reach sweet agreement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You refuse to be limited by self-definition. Venus skillfully persuades a different facet of your personality to surface. That rarely seen side of you that takes others, including yourself, by surprise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The fun isn't in showing the world what you can do. The fun is in making it look easy. And now you get extra points graceful your for of handling life's complexities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Charisma is high again. Your fan club includes not only people in your immediate circle but also people you see more or less daily though don't know well at all. Just keep charming them but when it comes to

### with that smile.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Put your work to the test. If others have to concentrate too intently to understand what you're doing, it's not yet simple enough to put out in the world, let alone offer for sale.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are not prone usually to obsessing over the superfluous. But a tiny piece of information may get stuck in your craw now, causing you to mull it over and over until you figure it out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're totally "on." You present and produce with great skill. If you're doing it for money, you'll be bright and witty. If you're doing it for love, you'll be magnificent.

ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "I am a Pisces, born March 13, 1966, and was recently dating a Taurus, born April 28, 1956. We broke up recently, and I miss him a lot. My judgment is off with most of the men in my relationships, and I have been hurt in the past. I feel like I wasn't fair to him in many ways and have a few regrets. Should I move on to someone new, or try to make up?"

This is about more than just this one relationship, so consider getting some help. Your Venus in Aquarius is unaspected (not talking to) any other planet in your chart. Yes, you're а warm, compassionate Piscean,

your partner, you're not that person. You're an idealist in love. You think instead of feel about how you want it to be and want to set far too many rules. Why such rigidity? You may need to work harder to integrate the basics of Love Relationships 101 (i.e., mutual appreciation, forgiveness, acceptance, sharing) into your nature, but love is worth it. Your love nature is isolated, so talk to him. An insightful relationship counselor will give you pointers to model.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Opposite from Gemini's twins, the Sagittarius archer is double-bodied, too (part man, part horse), representing the dual nature of these changeable signs. Twins Barbara and Jenna Bush may complete each other's sentences, but Jenna represents Sag's fun-loving gregarious, sociable side, while Barbara embodies their Scorpio moon — the guarded, private side of their personalities.

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### Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: In the past year, I have gotten engaged, moved away, bought a new home, received my own business from my future in-laws and set a wedding date. All of these amazing things and I am

only that much harder to leave again. I'm only 21 and know I should happy, but it's not working. Annie, I need

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take care of a cell phone with an ear bud. It doesn't matter if no one is on the line with

We've become SO obsessed with staying in contact that people walk down the aisles of grocery stores giving a play-by-play. One time, a woman at the meat counter was discussing her hysterectomy, and then there was the guy at the freezer case talking about his son's delinquency issues. Ever been behind a person gossiping about someone you know? That's a real treat.



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miserable. I've moved thousands

of miles from my life my family, my friends, everything. It seemed best at the time. I thought I'd be happy here, with the great house, perfect job and future husband. But I miss home so much my breaking. heart is Moving back would mean ending my engagement. My fiance is needed here and I couldn't handle living so far away from him. So, my choice is to live without the love of my life, or without my family and friends.

I'm trying my best to be close to his parents, but it isn't the same. And friends making is almost proving impossible. Plus, I don't think replacing my old friends would help. I visit home often, but it's

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with gifts at Christmas and we appreciate this.

I have three sisters. We are all married, except one who is divorced, and great we all have children. My divorced sister chooses to work only part time, and my mother and stepfather



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> have done We wrong. told our parents their biased generosity isn't fair to the rest of us. At the moment, we are not talking. What should we tell our teenage kids? Left Out in Ohio

Dear Ohio: It's not wise for parents to favor one child (or grandchild) over the others. It creates the sense that you are less loved. But it's your parents' money and they don't owe any of you a car, a house or rent payments. They are overly generous with vour sister because they think she needs it more. Your kids are old enough to understand that their grandparents are compensating their cousins for coming from a broken home. It's wrongheaded, but not speaking to them won't make things better.

Dear Annie: There is a simple solution for "Worried in Connecticut," who is embarrassed when caught in public talking to himself. He should get SYNDICATE, INC.

So "Worried" needn't be. As long as he looks plugged in, he'll be deemed normal. Trying To Get Away From It in California

Dear Trying: A great idea for solving the problem of embarrassment, but we hope he will see his doctor just in case there are other problems as well.

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this, you may not be ready for marriage. Dear Annie: My mother married a man with more money than we have ever seen. He is very generous

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### STATE

### **TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS** Two charged in case of missing child who may be 'Baby Grace'

DALLAS (AP) — Galveston County authorities have arrested a couple in the case of a missing child who may be "Baby Grace," the toddler whose body washed ashore in a storage bin in Galveston Bay last month.

Authorities are awaiting DNA test results but have tentatively identified the girl as 2-year-old Riley Ann Sawyers of Spring, said Maj. Ray Tuttoilmondo of the Galveston County Sheriff's Department.

The girl's mother, Kimberly Dawn Trenor, 19, and Royce Clyde Zeigler II, 24, reportedly told relatives that she was taken in July by someone claiming to be an Ohio social worker. But they never told police she was missing, Tuttoilmondo said.

After police searched their home, they were arrested early Saturday and charged with injury to a child and tampering with evidence, Tuttoilmondo said. The couple remain jailed on bonds of \$350,000 each.

## Nature Conservancy turning ranch into a prairie chicken preserve

LUBBOCK (AP) — The Nature Conservancy has purchased a 6,000-acre ranch in the South Plains to help protect the state's struggling population of lesser prairie chickens.

The ranch about 40 miles southwest of Lubbock had been in the Fitzgerald family for more than 100 years.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department biologists have counted more than 300 lesser prairie chickens on the property. The bird has been a candidate for the federal Endangered Species List since 1998.

State wildlife officials have been working to double the prairie chicken population in Texas, which is though to be less than 5,000. The chickens are found in 16 counties in the northeastern and southwestern corners of the Texas Panhandle.

### State program to replace old vehicles delayed until January

DALLAS (AP) — A state program to help low-income drivers replace old, polluting vehicles has been delayed until January as officials work out the program's final details.

Under the "accelerated vehicle-retirement program," residents in 16 counties in the Dallas, Houston and Austin areas will get vouchers worth up to \$3,500 to help purchase a new vehicle when they exchange a vehicle that's at least 10 years old.

Final rules for the program, which had

Monteagudo pleaded no contest in the death of 3-year-old Brian Rivera and maintained he did not abuse the boy.

The toddler died May 2, 2006, after sustaining a lacerated liver and a torn small intestine, according to the Bexar County medical examiner's office.

Monteagudo said he pushed on Brian's stomach several times to relieve the boy's constipation.

# Austin-area man killed while working on dump truck

AUSTIN (AP) — A 46-year-old man was killed when the dump truck he was working on crushed him, the Travis County Sheriff's Office said.

Fredy Mosquera Diaz was working in a garage Saturday evening when the truck rolled and trapped him underneath, sheriff's spokesman Roger Wade said. Diaz died at the scene.

"Right now, it looks like a workplace accident," Wade said in a story posted Sunday on the Austin American-Statesman Web site.

The sheriff's office and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration were investigating.

### Schools gearing up for tougher criminal background checks

DALLAS (AP) — School district officials across Texas are gearing up for a new fingerprinting system designed to better catch criminals who may be working at public schools.

The new law, which takes effect Jan. 1, would help reveal the suspected 300 school workers believed to have a criminal past at the Dallas Independent School District, said George Santowski, the district's compliance director in the Office of Professional Responsibility.

Dallas and many other Texas districts already perform criminal background checks on new employees, but the process doesn't catch employees who are using false personal information and doesn't always include a nationwide check.

The new rule will require fingerprints from all teachers, administrators, counselors, librarians, substitute teachers and others to check for any past felonies or misdemeanors.

In a process that should take up to five days, the prints will be scanned by the Department of Public Safety and then sent to the FBI for a national criminal history database check.

Janitors, cafeteria workers and other support employees hired after Jan. 1 will be subjected to the fingerprint background checks as well. But those hired beforehand will only face the old, less comprehensive method.

Currently, DISD policy says workers who have been caught living under assumed names to hide their criminal histories, or who lied on their employment applications to conceal arrests, may be fired.

### Corpus Christi will offer police alerts to public electronically

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Residents in this south Texas city soon will need only to check their e-mail to get policerelated news such as breaking-crime and missing-person alerts.

The Corpus Christi Police Department is finalizing a program that will send free alerts via e-mail to anyone who signs up for the service, which will be run by a private company, Chief Bryan Smith said. The alerts can be customized for residents and eventually businesses such as banks or retailers.

"We have to adapt to the new ways our citizens are using and receiving information," Smith said. "I see this as furthering the goal of citizens to become the eyes and ears of the police department. We have to be able to tell the public what to look for."

The department estimates the program will cost about \$4,500 a year. It's expected to become available in late December.

Police also are close to starting another Web-based service where residents will be able to file police reports instead of having to wait for an officer to respond or call in the incident to the department's reporting unit. The service likely will be limited to less-serious incidents such as simple assault, forgery and vandalism.

The self-reporting program is expected to go online in two to three weeks and will be managed by a third-party vendor, Smith said.

The department receives about 60,000 reports a year, the chief said, and he estimated 10 percent of such reports could be done by residents. Smith said the procedure should reduce errors and free up officers for other work.

### Authorities identify Rockwall man who died in small plane crash

MESQUITE (AP) — A 43-year-old man was identified as the person killed when a small plane crashed near a suburban Dallas airport.

Moe Sepehri, of Rockwall, died at the scene on Friday, authorities said. Another man was injured and taken to the hospital.

It's unclear if Sepehri or the other man was piloting the two-seater Cessna 150 that crashed around 4 p.m. as it departed from the Mesquite Municipal Airport. Federal Aviation Administration officials say only the two men were on board.

The plane went down just west of the

airport, which is less than 20 miles east of downtown Dallas. Police say the plane nose-dived and spun twice before hitting the ground.

The plane, which was registered to a Houston man, had been stored at the Mesquite airport for several weeks.

### Campaign veterans convinced Armstrong has political potential

DALLAS (AP) — Cycling champion Lance Armstrong is drawing admiring reviews from campaign veterans for his role in pushing for cancer research money, and they say he may have political potential.

Armstrong lobbied the Legislature and campaigned for Proposition 15, a \$3 billion bond issue for cancer research that voters approved this month. Armstrong toured in a bus and made television appearances with former President George H.W. Bush.

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, and Cathy Bonner, a former aide to the late Gov. Anne Richards, want Armstrong to run for office.

"When you travel with him, it's a rock star kind of thing," said Cathy Bonner, a former aide to the late Gov. Anne Richards. "The skills are there if he wants a political career."

Bonner was a board member at the launch of Armstrong's anticancer foundation, and she came up with the idea for the research bond issue.

While campaigning for Proposition 15, Armstrong said he would be more effective campaigning for cancer research and affordable health insurance, but he didn't rule out running for office.

The cancer survivor and seven-time winner of the Tour de France bicycle race, said he isn't linked to either major political party.

"He transcends those labels," Watson told The Dallas Morning News. "Most people get that trying to find a cure for cancer — trying to make sure that people who are touched by that beast are able to live full lives — that's not about labels."

During the Proposition 15 campaign, Armstrong hired former aides to President Clinton and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to help plan events, handle public relations, and write his election-night speech.

Cal Jillson, a political scientist at Southern Methodist University, said the cancer-research proposition was a feelgood measure and not a good test of how Armstrong would handle the "nastiness and the partisan slash and burn" of a campaign for office.

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been scheduled to begin by the end of the year, will be completed in December. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will manage the program.

Owners who agree to "retire" their vehicles will get \$3,000 vouchers that can be used toward buying a new car or truck or a late-model used vehicle. If they opt to buy a hybrid, they can get \$3,500. The program is voluntary.

# Man sentenced in child's death dies in Bexar County's custody

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man sentenced to 35 years in prison in the beating death of his girlfriend's son was found unconscious in his jail cell and later died, officials said.

Joel Monteagudo died Saturday and left a note, said Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff.

An in-custody death at the jail was under investigation, said Bexar County Jail Administrator Brian Menges. But he declined to provide additional details. Santowski said such firings need to be a requirement, not an option.

"If they lied, our position is they should be out," said Santowski, who estimates about 1 to 2 percent of the district's 20,000 employees may be violators.

According to Doug Phillips, the Texas Education Agency's director of investigations and fingerprinting, districts across the state are dealing with the same issue of how to handle school workers who are caught.

"I very much anticipate there being a lot of criminal histories that we're not aware of and that the districts aren't aware of," he said.

Phillips said the Austin school district will be the first to test the fingerprinting system.

"This is going to make the schools safer," said Santowski, the DISD official. "The only people losing are the crooks."







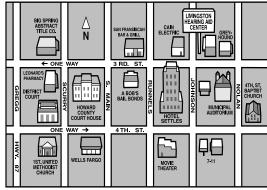
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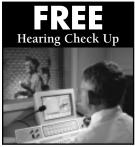
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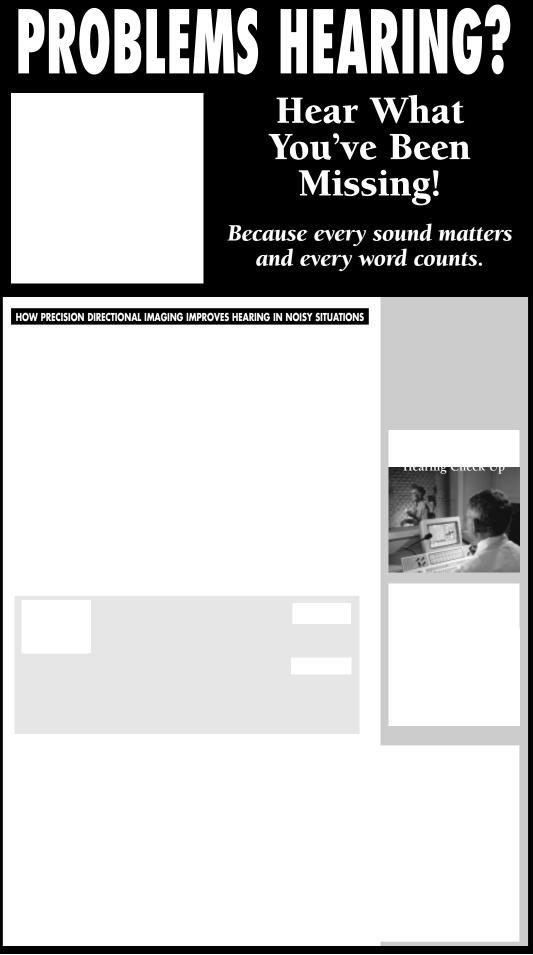






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"AT LEAST I DIDN'T BREAK ANYTHING NEW!"



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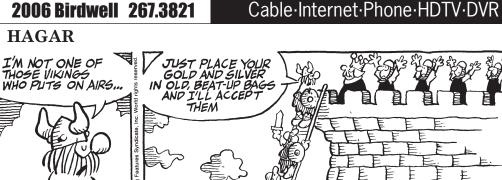
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# This Date In History

Today is Monday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 2007. There are 35 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in

History: Nov. 26, 1607, is believed to be the birth date of Londonborn clergyman John Harvard, the principal benefactor of the original College Harvard in Cambridge, Mass. On this date:

In 1825, the first college social fraternity, Kappa Alpha, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. In 1832, public streetcar obscene and could therefore be published in the United States.

1942, President In Roosevelt ordered nationwide gasoline rationing, beginning Dec. 1.

In 1943, during World War II, the HMT Rohna, a British transport ship carrying American soldiers, was hit by a German missile off Algeria; 1,138 men were killed.

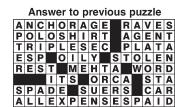
In 1949, India adopted a constitution as a republic within the British Commonwealth.

In 1950, China entered the Korean War, launching a counteroffensive against soldiers from the United Nations, the United States and South Korea.

Mary Woods, told a federal court that she had accidentally caused part of the  $18\neg\Omega$ minute gap in a key Watergate tape.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan appointed a commission headed by former Sen. John Tower to investigate his National Security Council staff in the wake of the Iran-Contra affair.

Birthdays: Today's Impressionist Rich Little is 69. Singer Tina Turner is 68. ® 2007 The Associated Press.



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In 1965, France launched its first satellite, sending a 92-pound capsule into orbit. In 1973, President Nixon's personal secretary, Rose

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