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Red Raiders rally past Virginia in **Gator Bowl**

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Several Howard County offices to have contested races

By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

Local political hopefuls plan-March primaries will need to move quickly if they haven't already filed their candidacy, as today's 6 p.m. deadline to sign on the dotted line rapidly

approaches.

Among those planning to run for the office of Howard County sheriff in 2008 are Pat Carter, ning to run for office in the currently the lone Democratic candidate, and Charles Morgan and Stan Parker — both having filed to run on the Republican ticket.

Incumbent Dale Walker, who

had not yet filed with either party as of this morning, has indicated he plans to seek reelection, and has named a campaign chairman, a legal prerequisite to running for office, according to Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom.

Walker has run as a Democrat

in the past two elections. If Walker files with the Democratic Party, he would face Carter in the March primaries, while Morgan and Parker would vie for the Republican nomination.

The race for the Precinct 3 seat on the Howard County Commissioner's Court has also drawn a number of hopefuls, as Steve Gray — the most recent candidate to throw his hat in the ring — announced he will be running on the Republican ticket.

Gray will have to face off against a trio of opponents to

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Tax aides needed at Sr. Center

Volunteers and computers needed

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With tax time right around the corner, AARP is preparing to get its annual Tax-Aide program under way and is in need of volunteers — and more importantly, volunteers armed with laptop computers — to help prepare tax forms for the area's needy.

Local AARP spokesperson Gloria Hopkins said the organization is in need of computers — and volunteers to man them — for the annual effort.

"This time of the year we're usually out looking for volunteers, but this year is a little different," said Hopkins. "Some of our computers we use for the tax program have cratered, and if we can't get some new ones in soon, we may be forced to go back to paper returns for the year.

"I'm really hoping some of the people out there

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Alli Norman, 14, of Brighton, squeals as she hits a bump while sledding at Kensington Metropark west of Detroit. The fourth biggest snowfall in southern Michigan history dumped up to 16 inches overnight, making travel treacherous and leaving an estimated 30,000 without power.

Record snows continue across broad region of U.S.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Snow fell across parts of New England for the third day in a row Wednesday, adding to last month's record accumulations and closing schools.

Flurries also extended into

the Ohio Valley, and some wind chill readings were children had an extra holiday as classes were canceled ern Kentucky. in parts of West Virginia and Ohio.

Temperatures fell to freezing levels as far south as the Florida Panhandle,

below zero in parts of north-

Following the snowiest December on record, many areas of New Hampshire got

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Who's filed?

Howard County Sheriff (four-year

- Charles Gary Morgan (Republican)
- Stan Parker (Republican)
- Pat Carter (Democrat)

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 1 (four-year term)

• Bennie Green (incumbent, Republican)

County commissioners, Precincts 1 (four-year term)

- Yolanda Mendoza (Democrat)
- Emma Brown (Democrat)

County commissioners, Precincts 3 (four-vear term)

- Dick Dubose (Democrat)
- Winston Paschal Odom (Republican)
- Jimmie Wayne Long (Republican)
- Steve Gray (Republican) Fred Green (Republican)
- Tax Assessor-Collector (four-year

Kathy Sayles (incumbent,

Republican) County Attorney (four-year term)

 Mike Thomas (incumbent, Democrat)

Josh Hamby

Constable, Precinct 1 (four-year term)

Bill Holden (Democrat)

Kneel B. Stallings (Republican)

District Attorney (four-year term)

Hardy Wilkerson (Republican)

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ROAD RAGE DEATH

SAN ANTOINO (AP) — In an apparent case of road rage, a motorist shot a driver to death who threatened him with a base-

Police said that the shooting just after midnight on New Year's Day appeared to be in self-defense, so they didn't plan to charge 24-year-old Brian Correa. "It was apparent to us that he was

defending himself," said police spokesman Sgt. Gabe Trevino. Correa shot the 24-year-old driver three times with a handgun, a police report said. The Bexar County medical examiner's office identified the deceased driver as Tomas Garza.

6 INJURED IN ODESSA

ODESSA (AP) — Six people have been injured in an early morning apartment complex fire in Odessa.

City spokeswoman Andrea Goodson said all six suffered burns in the Tuesday morning fire. It was ignited by a candle in a bedroom of one of the units.

Goodson said two of the injured were treated and released. Two were transferred to a Lubbock hospital and two remained hospitalized in Odessa.

An apartment belonging to a couple and another unit where a family of four lived were the most extensively damaged. The other 14 units in the building suffered smoke and water damage.

STUDY: RX IMBALANCE

CHICAGO (AP) — Emergency room doctors are prescribing strong narcotics more often to patients who complain of pain, but minorities are less likely to get them than whites, a new study finds.

Even for the severe pain of kidney stones, minorities were prescribed narcotics such as oxycodone and morphine less frequently than whites.

The analysis of more than 150,000 emergency room visits over 13 years found differences in prescribing by race and ethnicity in both urban and rural hospitals, in all U.S. regions and for every type of pain.

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IN BRIEF

Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area subvarsity basketball games for the 2007-08 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

2007-2008 NCAA Division I-A college bowl schedule **TODAY**

Fiesta Bowl At Glendale, Ariz. Payout: \$17 million West Virginia (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (11-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

THURSDAY Orange Bowl

At Miami Payout: \$17 million Kansas (11-1) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

SATURDAY International Bowl

At Toronto Payout: \$750,000 Rutgers (7-4) vs. Ball State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

SUNDAY GMAC Bowl

Mobile, Ala. Payout: \$750,000 (9-4)Tulsa Bowling Green (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

MONDAY BCS **National**

Championship At New Orleans Payout: \$17 million Ohio State (11-1) vs. SU (11-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar **TODAY**

Big Spring boys basketball at Lubbock Cooper, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY

Big Spring girls basketball vs. Plainview, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Haskell, 6:30 p.m. Coahoma boys bas-

ketball vs. Haskell, 8 p.m. Forsan girls basket-

ball Midland at Classical, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball Midland at Classical, 8 p.m.

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ketball vs. Brownfield, 7:30 p.m. Forsan girls basket-

Midland ball at Trinity, 6 p.m.

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Coahoma boys basketball at Stanton, 8 p.m.

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Coahoma girls basketball vs. Anson, 6:30

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

Jones' big gambles key to Cowboys' success questionable free-agent signings one that got away. Star State. Jones also pushed

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Of all the moves Jerry Jones made to shape the Dallas Cowboys this season, only one seemed like a sure bet: Swapping the No. 22 pick in the 2007 draft for Cleveland's top pick in '08.

Funny thing is, that might be the only one that didn't work

Jones lived up to his gamblingman reputation last offseason with curious coaching hires,

and other debatable decisions. Yet, it turns out that the guy who built a fortune by drilling for oil where others saw nothing but dirt knew what he was doing or just got really lucky.

Decide for yourself.

With the Cowboys having tied a franchise record with 13 wins, and getting ready to enter the playoffs as a No. 1 seed for the first time since their last Super Bowl victory, here's a look back at the risks Jones took, the rewards he's reaped ... and the

COACHES

• On Feb. 8, Jones introduced Wade Phillips as the replacement to Bill Parcells.

A bit of a surprise pick over Norv Turner, Jones went into salesman mode at the introductory news conference. There was some bluster about Phillips being a native Texan like Tom Landry and Jimmy Johnson, and the nugget of him having coached at the high school, college and pro levels in the Lone

Phillips' winning career record, while glossing over the big playoff-0-fer on his resume.

Jones even dropped a few tears. "We needed to get it right," he said. "In my mind we got it right."

• When Phillips took over, his offensive coordinator already had been hired for him.

Jones signed Jason Garrett on Jan. 25 because of a now-or-never agreement with the Miami

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Raiders stage another comeback

Late field goal beats Virginia in Gator Bowl

By TRAVIS REED

Associated Press Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Facing swirling wind and a 41-yard field-goal try with 2 seconds left, Texas Tech's Alex Trlica wasn't worried. He had experience with gamewinning kicks.

The senior's last try as a Red Raider was good Tuesday, and so was Tech's outrageous comeback story. Down by 14 in the fourth quarter, the Red Raiders rattled off 17 points in about 6 minutes to stun Virginia 31-28 and win the Gator Bowl.

So what went through Trlica's mind during Virginia's timeout to ice

"I try not to think about it." Trlica said.

Tech's Graham Harrell had 44-of-69 for 407 yards and three TDs, All-Michael American Crabtree had nine catches for 101 yards and a touchdown and the Red Raiders did just enough to win.

They were lucky to have a chance, after nearly giving the game away with costly penalties and a fumble. Harrell moved the ball, but Tech's highoctane offense couldn't put up points through three quarters. Though they won, the Red Raiders actually had fewer points than all but two games this year, both October losses to Missouri and Colorado.

"Those guys are hard to hold down, and we held them down for a long time." Cavaliers coach Al Groh said. "There were two possessions where we should have had the ball that we didn't — the onside kick to start the second half and fumble at the end of the game."

shredded the 63-year-old Gator Bowl record book, as Harrell set new marks for passing yardage, yards in nine plays to attempts and completions, and Virginia tailback Mikell Simpson broke off a 96-yard TD run. It was



Texas Tech receiver Danny Amendola (20) makes a third-quarter touchdown catch over Virginia defender Ras-I Dowling during the Gator Bowl football game Tuesday in Jacksonville, Fla. The Red Raiders took a 31-28, come-from-behind win over the Cavaliers.

the longest in NCAA bowl history by a running back, and second-longest in history behind Oregon State QB Terry Baker's 99-yard scamper in the 1963 Liberty Bowl.

Tech seemed sunk after a 73-vard drive in the fourth quarter failed to produce any points. It ended on Virginia's 1yard line with an incomplete pass to Crabtree, with the clock at 5:38.

But the Cavaliers could-The teams together n't get a first down the next possession, so Tech had another chance. Harrell took them 51 make it 28-21, completing the drive with a 20-yard TD pass to Crabtree.

Then, Virginia practi-

cally handed the Red Raiders a score. The ball was knocked out of the hands of backup Virginia quarterback Peter Lalich at the 4-yard line, Tech recovered and Aaron Crawford's run a play later tied it at 28.

"I feel like we got better and better as the game went on," Tech coach Mike Leach said.

Virginia wasn't the same after losing Jameel Sewell at the start of the fourth quarter. He was running the offense well, completing 14-of-23 passes for 78 yards and running nine times for 32 yards.

Sewell was helped off the field after being tackled on the opening play of the fourth quarter. He

didn't return until the last drive, and by then it was too late.

"It's still shocking right

now to know that we were up 28-14 and couldn't hold it," Simpson said. "We knew they had an explosive offense, but our defense was playing good the whole game. The turnover late in the game really hurt us."

Virginia forced one of the country's most prolific and efficient passers into two safeties in the first half. They happened similarly — Harrell was backed into his end zone and desperately tossed the ball toward his linemen, earning two grounding calls that counted for four Virginia points.

The second time he shouldn't have been in that position anyway. Tech got the ball at its own 11, then was set back to the 6 with a delay of game penalty.

It was one of numerous mental mistakes the Red Raiders overcame, including a third-quarter fumble and two defensive penalties in the fourth quarter that kept Virginia going. "We had quite a few bad

breaks, a lot of which we created ourselves," Leach

Harrell said he was never worried. Tech didn't even enter a hurry-up offense when he got the ball back at the Red Raider 49 with 5:38 left and a 14-point deficit.

Georgia, USC post big BCS blowouts

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP Football Writer

Georgia vs. Southern California, it might have been a

heck of game. Maybe even a national championship game.

We'll never know for sure, but the Bulldogs and Trojans closed their seasons with emphatic victories in the Bowl Championship Series on Tuesday that had to leave college football fans wondering, "What if?"

Led by elusive freshman Joe McKnight and steady senior John David Booty, No. 6 USC beat Illinois 49-17 in a record-setting Rose Bowl romp.

Healthier than they've ben all

season, the Trojans (11-2) may very well be playing better than any team in the country right

"Everything that was out there for us, we took," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "The rest of it is up for discussion. But would I love to still be playing right now? Sure would. We'd go out there any time, any place, any venue and throw our football out there and see what we could do."

No. 4 Georgia (11-2) could also make a claim to the title of best team right now. The Bulldogs (10-2) closed the season with their seventh straight victory, dismantling Hawaii 41-10 in the Sugar Bowl at the Superdome, where LSU and Ohio State will

play for the national championship next week.

"We're the best in the land." Georgia linebacker Marcus Washington said. "We should be playing next week."

It'd be hard to argue against either the Bulldogs or Trojans being No. 1 after the way they rang in the New Year. If nothing else they got a head start on getting to next year's national championship game. Both will be ranked in the top-five to end this season and should be in the mix for preseason No. 1 to start the 2008 campaign.

While Georgia and USC took all the drama out of the final two of the six New Year's Day bowls, the earlier games were mostly

entertaining.

Michigan sent coach Lloyd Carr into retirement with a 41-35 victory over Florida and Heisman Trophy Winner Tim Tebow in the Capital One Bowl. Texas Tech scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to beat Virginia 31-28 in the Gator Bowl. Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge finished his career with a big game and the Volunteers beat Wisconsin 21-17. Missouri routed Arkansas 38-7 in the Cotton Bowl behind a record-breaking game by running back Tony Temple.

In Pasadena, Calif., the Rose Bowl got the Big Ten-Pac-10 matchup it covets, but Illinois,

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Obituaries



David George Summers, 58, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, in a local hospital. No services are planned at this time.

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He was born June 1, 1949, in Sweetwater.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, David and Megan Summers of Big Spring; one brother, Steven Summers of Big Spring; and three grandchildren.

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

Lottery

ATLANTA (AP) — A single player has won the grand prize from the latest Mega Millions lotto draw-

Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Tuesday night's drawing — worth \$33 million — was

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: 13, 16, 25, 30 and 54. The Mega Ball number was 11.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-13-15-25-31.

Number matching five of five: 3. Prize per winner: \$7,092.

Winning tickets sold in: Boerne, Corpus Christi,

Midland. The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night

by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-0-6-1. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-5-2. Sum It Up: 7.

Take Note

- Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.
- St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.
- All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.0, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.
- Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.
- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.
- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m.

- JASON LEE DIAZ, 27, of 1111 Ridgeroad, was arrested Tuesday on 10 local warrants.
- THEFT was reported:
- in the 1300 block of Mulberry.
- in the 1100 block of Gregg.
- DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- in the 3200 block of Cornell.
- in the 1600 block of Tucson. - in the 1600 block of Kentucky.
- in the 1300 block of Wood.
- in the 1700 block of Purdue.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
- in the 800 block of Baylor.
- in the 4200 block of Dixon.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 53 inmates at the time of this report. • JOHN JAY FLORES, 36, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of failure to appear - motion for enforcement; theft by check; a motion to revoke probation for contempt of court/child support; and public intoxication.

- LESLIE ANN PEREZ, 26, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid.
- JASON LEE DIAZ, 27, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- MERRILL CLAYTON CAMPBELL, 39, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of fugitive arrest - larceny (Utah warrant); and no driver's license.
- STEPHEN CORY WATERS, 25, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- GABRIELA MORA RENTERIA, 23, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense; possession of a controlled substance; and possession of marijuana - more than two ounces less than four ounces.
- CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ, 24, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- SAMUEL ALEXANDER SMITH, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of arson.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Johnson. One person was transported to the VAMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of
- Hunter. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of
- Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of
- Tucson. Service refused. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 172
- mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 2900 block of W.
- Highway 80. Service refused. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan.
- One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of
- Princeton. One person was transported to the VAMC. • **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th
- Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Ann
- Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Southeast winds10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. South winds15 to 25 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds around 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 70. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

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TODAY

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479. • League of United Latin American Citizens
- LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. • Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30
- p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. • Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. • Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

Support Groups

MONDAY

- · Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

•The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

- Dual Recovery Anonymous meetings have been canceled. They will no longer take place at the Howard County Library. If you have questions, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033.
- · Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.
- •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- · Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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· Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers

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Dolphins that was part of the deal to even interview the former Cowboys backup quarterback.

Garrett was hired to be either the head coach or the offensive coordinator. Once Phillips got the big job — and, because of his background, ownership of the defense — the offense was turned over to a guy who'd been a position coach for only two seasons and had never called plays or built a game

Jones was convinced the Princeton grad had a bright future. Now, the rest of the league agrees. Garrett is going to be highly sought this offseason after his unit set or challenged every significant offensive record in team history, with quarterback Tony Romo, receiver Terrell Owens and tight end Jason Witten shattering several, too.

CONTRACTS

· Since being the second overall pick coming out of college, Leonard Davis was known for two things in Arizona: Being big and being a bust.

Yet, Jones was convinced that Davis would thrive in Dallas. So convinced he gave him a jumbo contract, nearly million overall, almost \$19 million guaranteed.

The Cowboys didn't even know whether Davis would play guard or tackle. He wound up at right guard — and will wind up this season in Hawaii, having made the Pro Bowl.

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He'll be joined there by safety Ken Hamlin, another free-agent signee by Jones who made the Pro Bowl for the first time in his career.

• Terrell Owens was such a big part of the offense, it's hard to imagine this season without

Jones couldn't. That's why he never flinched at bringing T.O. back for a second season, despite all the drama, trauma and everything else that surrounded his first season on the club.

Jones insisted he was keeping Owens even before Parcells decided whether to return. Then, when searching for new coaches, he asked candidates how they'd use him. Everyone told Jones what a huge asset he was.

Phillips, Garrett and Romo made it happen, with Owens scoring 15 touchdowns, the most in club history and tops in the NFC. He challenged his career bests in every category, setting the mark in yards per catch at 16.7.

• Romo's status provided a case study in Jonesonomics.

Having gone from backup to darling during in 2006, Romo came into '07 as the unquestioned starter, especially after Brady Quinn fell into the Cowboys' lap at the draft and Jones opted to trade the pick instead. (More on that later.)

Still, there were questions about whether Romo was a one-year

wonder. Some wondered if his season-ending blunder in the playoffs would mess with his head. And if that didn't, maybe the fact he was going into the final year of his contract would.

Jones was willing to give Romo a new deal, but it wasn't going to be for top dollar. He'd have to earn that.

Distraction? How about motivation. Romo never griped about negotiations, he just upped the ante week after week, until getting a \$67.5 million deal in late October.

IN-SEASON DECISIONS

• Greg Ellis was hurt, in many ways.

Worried about recovery from a torn Achilles' tendon and concerned about his job status after Dallas drafted a rookie to replace him, Ellis' saga turned into an Owen-like soap opera. Except it had a happy ending.

Jones summoned Ellis into his office one day and settled all his fears, in part by picking up the tab on an insurance policy. He returned for the next game and was soon back in the starting lineup. He ended up with a career-high 121/2 sacks despite missing three games and starting only

• Always looking for a bargain, Jones checked out suspended defensive tackle Tank Johnson when other teams wanted nothing to do with him.

Then nose tackle Jason Ferguson went down in the opener and the Cowboys signed Johnson

a few weeks later.

Johnson got a sack in his first game after his suspension ended, but has been somewhat unnoticed since. Still, the Cowboys are glad to have him especially for the league minimum — as a backup newly minted starter Jay Ratliff.

• Speaking of Ratliff, his play earned him a hefty new deal this season. Ditto for receiver Patrick Crayton, who had a breakout season as the No. 2 receiver in place of the injured Terry Glenn.

• Ah, yes, Terry Glenn. Glenn had knee surgery during training camp, then was hurt again in his first practice back and headed to another surgery.

As much as Parcells coveted every spot on his 53-man roster, it's doubtful he would've held one open for a 33-year-old guy known for his speed who was headed back under the knife. But Jones did and it paid off when Glenn suited up for the season finale. He didn't catch a pass, but he'll be active in the playoffs. And with T.O. getting over an injury, T.G. could become a vital weapon in the playoffs. If both turn out to be healthy, defenses better beware.

THE ONLY 'OOPS'

 Jones was most in his element on draft day, when Quinn slid to Dallas at No. 22.

Jones loves high-profile players, especially at quarterback, and a Notre Dame stud would've been great marketing. But the Cowboys were sold on

in Missouri's pass-heavy offense led by Chase Daniel, broke Cotton Bowl records with 281 yards and four touchdowns.

Darren McFadden ran for 105 yards and a touchdown in what could be his final college game.

Romo, so Jones began wheelin' and dealin'.

He knew Cleveland was interested in Quinn at the top of the draft, so he figured the Browns were still interested. He got them to surrender their top pick in '08, which he was counting on being in the top 10, if not closer to the head of the class.

It sure seemed that way when Cleveland lost its opener, traded its starting quarterback and went with an unheralded replacement instead of Quinn. Well, Derek Anderson turned out to be darn good, and so did the Browns.

Cleveland didn't make

the playoffs, but won more games than two teams that did. Unless one of those teams, Tampa or Washington, Bay makes the Super Bowl, the Cowboys will wind up with the 22nd pick. Again.

"How do you start off with a rookie quarterback and end up with maybe the (22nd) pick in the draft?" Jones said last week, laughing at his own misfortune. "I had plans for that pick. ... But we've got two picks, and one of the neat things is that that gives you a lot of ammunition. You can do a lot of things with two picks."

Gonna bet against him?

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which sneaked into the BCS only because Ohio State made it to the national title game, wasn't up to the task.

McKnight gained 170 of USC's Rose Bowl-record 633 yards. The 49 points tied a record, too.

The game featured 1,078 total yards of offense, but only for a brief time was did Illinois look like a threat to the Trojans.

Illini star Rashard Mendenhall broke a 79yard touchdown run early in the third quarter to make it 21-10.

Minutes Mendenhall took a screen pass 55 yards, and Ron Zook's 13th-ranked Illini (9-4) had hope. A year after going 2-10, winning the Rose Bowl didn't seem impossible.

But two plays later, USC's Brian Cushing recovered a fumble in the end zone, one of four Illinois turnovers.

"You can't turn the ball over," Zook said. "Whether they were forced or we weren't playing with consistency and the intensity you have to have, I'm not sure."

Moments later, McKnight picked up a lateral on the bounce went 65 yards, setting up Booty's 2-yard TD pass to Fred Davis. That made it 28-10 and the rout was on. New Orleans, Georgia brushed aside unbeaten BCS crasher

No.10 Hawaii (12-1) every

bit as easily.

Knowshon Moreno ran for a pair of touchdowns in the opening quarter and the Bulldogs' defense made life miserable for Colt Brennan, a Heisman Trophy finalist and catalyst for the nation's highest-scoring team. He was sacked eight times, threw three interceptions and lost two fumbles, one of them recovered for a Georgia touchdown by Marcus Howard.

Capital One Bowl Michigan 41, No. 9 Florida 35

At Orlando, Fla., Chad Henne threw for 373 vards and three touchdowns, Mike Hart ran for 129 yards and two scores and Michigan sent Llovd Carr out a winner by beating Florida for its first bowl win since 2003.

Henne, Adrian Arrington and Mario torchedManningham Florida's secondary all game. Arrington caught nine passes for 153 yards and two touchdowns, and Manningham added five catches for 78 vards and a score for the Wolverines (9-4).

The Gators (9-4) kept it close thanks to four turnovers and big plays by Tebow and Percy Harvin, who ran 13 times for 165 yards and a TD, and caught nine passes for 77 yards and a score.

Cotton Bowl No. 7 Missouri 38. No. 25 Arkansas 7

At Dallas, Missouri made its case for having deserved a chance in one of the elite bowl games.

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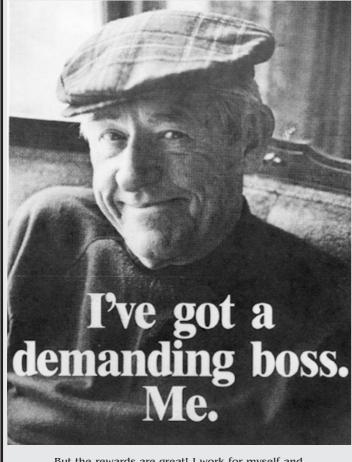
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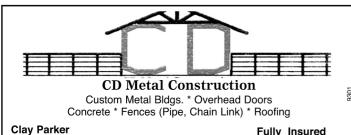
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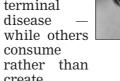
Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Mars opposing Pluto begs the question, what

are we fighting? And is it

worth the cost? Some fights are worth digging our heels in, like battling a terminal disease

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energy. Either way, Mahatma Gandhi had a winning strategy: "Whenever you are confronted with an opponent, conquer him with love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you believe in holiday miracles, extend your belief to a postholiday miracle right now. Magic can happen if you only believe hard enough. And you, more than any other sign, have the will to believe hard.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're talented in your own right, but it's your turn to be a fan. Support your loved ones by acknowledging their unique gifts. When you can really give it up for others, you can give it up for yourself. GEMINI (May 21-June

Your greatest fulfillment happens when you take the leadership role. If you don't see anything you're enthusiastic about, you'll have to create it. Once you make your mind up, helpers flock to you.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a huge difference between doing a job and pursuing a career. You're tempted to go where the money is, but the real money will come when you follow your bliss.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pull a few favors to get your project off the ground. In fact, those who help you will have an even better feeling toward you. An exchange with someone older is loaded with wisdom.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you still don't have enough money, it's not you — it's just that the financial path you're on is not the road to riches. The same habits won't bring different results. A Capricorn facilitates your financial makeover.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your personal life is blossoming. It's heaven when friends share friends with you. The enthusiasm of new people you meet is a reflection of your own excellent energy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Romance permeates your environment, though it's not necessarily the kind that involves being in love. Maybe you feel all giddy over a business arrangement or a sweet deal. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You make time for your top priorities and the south node, all

and begin to create a new kind of life. Tonight, your show of appreciation makes all the difference in a loved one's attitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are two options today. Go with the one that seems scarier. The thrill is good for your health. Those looking for love find it close to home. In fact, they often find it AT home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You need more encouragement and support — not more criticism and tough love. Be careful not to invite people or situations into your life that will oppose the natural development of your talents.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a

Scorpio born Nov. 19, 1965, and I'm in love with a Libra born Oct. 17, 1965. We broke up 20 years ago and are now in each other's lives again. Is there a second chance for us, or should we let go of the past on move on with our own lives?'

There's excitement and surrounding chemistry this relationship, and familiarity, too. wondering what caused your first breakup, I'd gander Libra was playing the field so you two never reached the level of intimacy exclusivity allows. My question is: If you've yet to have a grown-up relationship, then what's changed in him that allows you to believe it will work this time? His Venus in Sagittarius joins Mars

angled by Saturn. He's a rolling stone of romance, a Casanova. He'll sweep you off your feet, but he's heckled by real commitment issues. Given that people can and do change, astrology can't tell us where he is in the journey. Summer 2008 will bring this material up. Don't let yourself be deceived. There's a reason why loyalty is hard-wired into you and every Scorpio without loyalty, relationship won't take you where you want to

CELEBRITY PROFILES: For Christy Turlington, super-modeling was a means to an end. Her face launched a thousand products, but a true Capricorn, she strived to marry image to personal substance. Capricorns are shrewd business people. and Christy used her connections to launch her clothing own and skincare products. With her Saturn in Aries, she's an entrepreneur at heart.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars: Your Astrological Guide to Getting it All." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I'm 30 years old, and for the past two years, I've been seeing a wonderful man who's 48. "Taylor" is recently divorced and has two grown children. We get along great and seem to be a perfect match. We are very much in love and intend to get married someday. Which leads me to my question:

I've never had kids. I was married for eight years and divorced just before meeting Taylor. I never had any interest in having children with my ex. Now I will have two stepkids. I love children and I've grown fond of his, but I worry what they will think of me.

When I was 13, my dad married a woman 14 years his junior who's made our life hell for the past 17 years. I don't want to be the "wicked stepmom." I want to be a friend to them and a help to their father. I'd never try to take their mother's place. I guess what I'm asking is, how can I be a good stepmother to these kids? What are some things to remember? — The Good Witch in Salem, Mass.

Dear Salem: You are wise to want a warm and solid relationship with these children, and your experience as a stepchild should be helpful. Encourage your future husband to maintain a friendship with his ex, and don't let your insecurities make you pushy and demanding. Keep the lines communication open at all times. You can find information, support groups and resources through the National Stepfamily Resource Center

(stepfamily@auburn.edu), c/o Dept. of Human Development and Family Studies, 203 Spidle Hall, University, Auburn Auburn, AL 36849.

Dear Annie: Our family



Marcy Sugar

is small and we enjoy it when our relatives gather holidays. Unfortunately, my

middle-aged sister has disrupted these otherwise happy events for several years. She takes casual comments out of context and becomes offended, angry and tearful. She attacks others and then leaves the house without bothering to resolve differences. It's becoming a pattern and we don't know what to do. We love her and want to include her, but we're afraid of what will set her off. We wonder if there are psychiatric or alcohol problems, as her behavior is more pronounced when she drinks.

afraid I'm confront her, she'll cut off all contact. Is this a time for tough love or kid gloves? — A Family That Wants What Is Best

Dear Family: There are definite mental health issues here, but unless your sister recognizes that her behavior is offkilter, it won't matter. Kid gloves can be stressful, and tough love works only if you are willing to lose contact. One of you could take her aside and say you've noticed she seems unhappy and, because you love her, you want to help. However, if you insist on including her regardless of her behavior, you will have

ignore the small things, keep the conversation superficial and apologize often, saying you didn't mean to upset her. Then quickly change the subject to something that will deflect her anger. Lots of luck.

Dear Annie: This is for

"Stressed in Georgia." who used pot for stress relief. As a clinical social worker, when I hear that someone suffers from extreme anxiety and that anger, antidepressants make it worse and pot helps, my first thought is to send him back to his doctor, preferably a psychiatrist, for further evaluation of his mood disorder.

He may have a bipolar disorder, in which case he needs a mood stabilizer, not an antidepressant. Many people who suffer from undiagnosed mood disorders on the bipolar spectrum try to selfmedicate with recreational drugs, legal and illegal, and end up addicted. He needs a chance to find legal help that works. — Longtime Therapist in Wisconsin

Dear Therapist: Thank you for your expertise. If anyone sees themselves or a loved one in this letter, please talk to your doctor.

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News briefs

Researchers work on cocaine vaccine

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Baylor College of Medicine researchers in Houston are working on a cocaine vaccine they hope will become the first-ever medication to treat people hooked on the drug.

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"For people who have a desire to stop using, the vaccine should be very useful," said Dr. Tom Kosten, a psychiatry professor who is being assisted in the research by his wife, Therese, a psychologist and neuroscientist. "At some point, most users will give in to temptation and relapse, but those for whom the vaccine is effective won't get high and will lose interest.'

The vaccine, currently in clinical trials, stimulates the immune system to attack the real thing when it's

The immune system — unable to recognize cocaine and other drug molecules because they are so small can't make antibodies to attack them.

To help the immune system distinguish the drug, Kosten attached inactivated cocaine to the outside of inactivated cholera proteins. In response, the immune system not only makes antibodies to the combination, which is harmless, but also recognizes the potent naked drug when it's ingested. The antibodies bind to the cocaine and prevent it from reaching the brain, where it normally would generate the highs that are so addictive.

Church leaders call on Harris County DA to resign due to scandal

HOUSTON (AP) — Religious leaders have called on Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal to affectionate relationship with his secretary.

The Houston Area Pastor Council, an interracial and interdenominational group of about 150 ministers, called on Rosenthal to resign as district attorney.

The Harris County Republican Party, while not asking for Rosenthal's resignation, has requested he withdraw from the March 4 GOP primary, giving up his 2008 re-election campaign.

Rosenthal, whose current term lasts until the end of the year, has remained defiant, saying he plans to run for district attorney and win. E-mails from Rosenthal to his secretary, Kerry Stevens, surfaced last month as part of a federal civil rights lawsuit against the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

None of the e-mails are explicit, but they contain the phrase "I love you" more than a dozen times, and Rosenthal asks Stevens to let him hold her.

Bridge security guard killed

EL PASO (AP) — A security guard at the Paso del Norte Bridge died after a confrontation with a male pedestrian who was crossing into Juarez, police said.

Police, who are calling the death a homicide, were still investigating what exactly happened that led to the guard's death on Tuesday.

'We know that (the security guard) was physically assaulted but we are still trying to determine what injuries were received and what inflicted those injuries," police spokesman Officer Chris Mears said Tuesday night.

The security guard, who was working for a company contracted to maintain order at toll booths at the

resign because of a scandal over e-mails detailing his bridge, was taken to Thomason Hospital where he later died.

Police said that a man was detained at the scene and

witnesses were being interviewed. The names and ages of the two men were not immediately released.

Austin hopes to cut landfill waste to nothing

AUSTIN (AP) — The city of Austin is hoping a new plan will help reduce its landfill waste to nothing.

The city has hired a California firm, Gary Liss & Associates, to write a zero-waste plan — a strategy to reduce to zero the amount of garbage sent to landfills by reusing, recycling and composting materials instead.

Several cities, such as Seattle and San Francisco, and countries either have or are writing zero-waste plans.

The goal of Austin's plan will be to reduce the garbage sent to landfills by 20 percent per capita by 2012 and to achieve zero waste — an international standard set by the U.N. Environmental Accord — by

"With the focus on global warming in the past few years, more communities seem to feel comfortable adopting the zero waste goal," said Gary Liss, who has written zero-waste plans for cities like Palo Alto and Oakland, Calif. "These plans could dramatically affect climate change by reducing the methane from landfills and changing the flow of materials through the economy."

Solid Waste Services Director Willie Rhodes said the city will also boost recycling with the opening of a single-stream facility in Southeast Austin.

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win the March bid, however, as fellow Republican candidates Winston Paschal Odom, Jimmie Wayne Long and Fred Green are also in the fray.

Incumbent William Crooker announced in late 2007 he would not seek re-election.

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Precinct 1 seat on the commissioner's court could very well be decid-March, in as Democratic challenger Yolanda Mendoza will attempt to unseat fellow Democrat and incumbent Emma Brown in the primaries. There is no GOP candidate at this time.

Howard County Constable Bill Holden has also filed to run for reelection the on Democratic ticket, and

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while he has yet to draw a party opponent, Kneel B. Stallings has filed to challenge on the Republican card.

County Attorney Mike Thomas has also filed for re-election with Democratic Party, drawing an opponent in local attorney Joshua Hamby, who filed to run on the Republican ticket.

Howard County Tax Collector and Assessor Kathy Sayles and Justice

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to be computer-literate

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Everything else is going

to be covered in the train-

Hopkins said tax help

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ing classes."

of the Peace Bennie Green both filed for re-election on the Republican ticket. Neither race has garnered and opponent.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson reported this week he has filed to run for re-election with the state's Republican office. Wilkerson has not yet drawn a challenger.

Deadline to file for the March primary is 6 p.m. today, according

Monday from 8 a.m. until

noon beginning the first

Monday in February,

with the AARP program

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about a foot of snow on New Year's Day, with a couple of inches added during the night and a couple more likely Wednesday. Storm totals could reach 18 inches in parts of Maine and New Hampshire and up to a foot in Vermont.

The latest snowfall in New England followed a storm on Monday that made for the area's snowiest December in December's decades. snowfall at Concord, N.H., totaled 44.5 inches, toppling a record of 43 inches that had stood since 1876. Burlington, Vt., got 45.7 inches, far above its 17.2-inch December average, and

Portland, Maine, amassed 37.7 inches for its thirdsnowiest December on record.

"It's been unbelievable. It just keeps coming," said Bill Swain, spokesman for Maine's Sugarloaf USA ski area, which got 70 inches of snow in December.

The snowfall delayed the start of the 2008 state legislative session in Augusta, Maine, from Wednesday morning until the afternoon.

On the southern fringes the storm on Wednesday, show was scattered from Ohio through eastern Kentucky and West Virginia into parts of Virginia and Maryland.

Up to 6 inches of snow was possible Wednesday at higher elevations of West Virginia and eastern Kentucky, although 1to 2-inch accumulations were likely in most areas.

the weather service said. At least 40 of West Virginia's 55 counties closed all public schools Wednesday because of snow-covered roads and freezing temperatures.

Dozens of schools also were closed Wednesday in southeastern Michigan, where a six-hour burst of snow early Tuesday dumped as much as 16 inches in a three-county area north of Detroit, the weather service said.

"This will be a memorable storm for the amount of snow it dumped in such a short amount of time," weather service meteorologist David Shuler said. He said it was the region's heaviest New Year's Day snowstorm on record.

The storm blacked out 10,000 customers Tuesday in northeast Ohio, where 15 inches of snow fell at in Pierpont, east of Cleveland. About 4,000 more lost power Tuesday evening in southwest Ohio when circuit breakers failed because of the cold.

There were no immediate reports of deaths blamed on the weather. Snow covered a highway in northeast Indiana where a van overturned early Wednesday, killing two women, but State Police Cpl. Derek Fisher said he could not say if the weather contributed to the crash.

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OTHER VIEWS

New laws show sensible streak from lawmakers

ith the new year has come a slate of new Texas laws that, for the most part, demonstrate a sensible streak on the part of state lawmakers.

On Tuesday, school districts across the state were chosen at random to undergo criminal background checks that include fingerprinting. Since 2003, the law has required that new teachers be subject to background scrutiny, but not teachers already certified. The new rules mandate that all certified teachers be fingerprinted by Sept. 1, 2011.

Some teacher organizations fret that the law will cause school districts to fire good teachers over minor offenses that do not relate to their performance in the classroom. But, according to a recent national investigation by Associated Press reporters, frightening numbers of sexual predators working in schools go undetected because of states' lax attention to educators' criminal past. The new Texas law promises to expose adults who might pose a danger to students. It will be up to school administrators and communities to ensure that schools apply common sense when evaluating teachers' backgrounds.

Another new law coming on the books calls for officials who oversee pension funds for retired teachers and retired state employees to divest holdings in international companies doing business with Sudan. The effort is meant to withdraw support from the Sudanese government, which is involved with an ongoing genocide of people living in the country's Darfur region. The official number of those murdered in Darfur has stood since 2003 at 200,000 victims and more than a million displaced, but as the killing has continued unabated since then, the number of dead must be much, much larger.

Some criticize schemes like this as having little more than symbolic effect. Many people said the same thing about calls to divest investments in South Africa under apartheid. International sanctions and private and government divestment put intense pressure on the all-white South African government to implement "one man-one vote" rule. Today, the country is one of the strongest democracies on the conti-

Meanwhile, patrons of strip clubs will be tapped for a \$5 admission fee what some have dubbed a "pole" tax. Most of the money is to pay for services for victims of sexual violence. It is fitting that an industry known for its objectification of women's bodies be a source of funds to support rape prevention and victim support.

Club owners say they don't like the link between their businesses and the crime of sexual assault. That's an understandable complaint, but the logic is tortured. The law doesn't imply that those who patronize "adult" entertainment venues are rapists. Rather the law recognizes that a small percentage of the revenues of an industry that trades in women's sexuality ought to be returned to the community to deal with sex crimes largely perpetrated against women.

Another law establishes a program, supposed to begin in January, that should help traffic officers more reliably enforce the state law requiring drivers to carry valid auto insurance. The law calls upon state insurance officials and the Department of Public Safety to create a database, updated weekly, that will show whether a motorist's auto policy is actually in effect when he is pulled over for a traffic

The database, the Texas Financial Responsibility Verification program, might not be ready for use until February because of the difficulty in corralling such a massive amount of information. It is critical that the computerized data be accurately maintained to avoid having drivers unfairly cited for violations. Despite this concern, the law promises to spur the estimated 15 percent to 20 percent of Texas drivers who dare gaming the system using outdated policy cards to purchase valid insurance. That should improve public safety and financial responsibility on this state's thousands of miles of highways and byways.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

May our actions speak loud for You, Lord.

She's obviously aware of a certain segment of the public's adulation for the man — mystifying though it is — but equally aware of another segment's visceral (and cerebral) revulsion. But that's the pragmatic aspect.

She has to be experiencing personal conflict as well. No matter how much she might deny it or project it onto opponent Barack Obama, this is a lady who has aspired to

Hillary's spousal albatross high office since before the flood.

illary Clinton doesn't have the luxury Al Gore did of choosing to dump Bill Clinton on the presidential campaign trail. She's stuck with him, for better or for worse. And if she becomes president, so is America.

arguments, and Gore was probably

hurt some and helped some by the

decision. Ultimately, though, vot-

enough to evaluate the candidate

on his own merits, regardless of

the strength of his ties to his pre-

But in Hillary's case, it's obvi-

ously more complicated. Bill will

with very close ties to President

Hillary, should she win. He won't

merely be with her in the White

about Bill's role in the campaign.

House. He will be in her space.

Think about it. Right now,

Hillary is probably conflicted

not just have been a past president

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decessor.

People always questioned Gore's judgment to cut his umbilical cord from Mother Bill, some saying he had to do it to free himself of the taint of the scandals and others saying the move cost him the election because he was unable to capitalize as much on the Clinton economic record. There's doubtlessly merit to both

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I'll admit that part of her motivation to be president might be to implement her long-held vision for America: socialism, more or less. But self-fulfillment, achievement and power have to be equal or greater motivators.

As to these latter motivators, consider her dilemma. She desperately seeks self-respect and selfactualization, but fears she can't get it — nor could she have ever been in a position to get it – apart from the eventuality of Bill hanging around her neck like an albatross.

It would be bad enough if only cynical sexists accused her of glomming on to Bill for power. But there will be no Hillary presidency apart from Bill. He can't stay out of her business. He can't stand it if someone else has center stage, especially his wife, who he will have put in office.

Hillary promotes the myth that she shared a co-presidency with Bill, but her role has been greatly exaggerated. He didn't need her except to handle bimbo eruptions, feign surprise at his infidelity and stand by her man in the face of impeachment by "the vast right wing conspiracy." But I bet he only allowed her in on policy decisions, like health care, to pacify

We'll never know the full extent of her involvement, but we can be fairly sure she was in no way a co-president. He was the man.

Some things never change. He is still the man, and if she becomes president, the next Clinton presidency will feature markedly different dynamics from the first. The Constitution will say she's sole president, but Bill's constitution will say otherwise. Unless she is weaker than many assume and totally dependent upon him, she will surely find his irrepressibility

and narcissism a powerful and distracting annoyance.

Can you envision the anarchy that could ensue on Pennsylvania Avenue? Other than "24's" fictional President Logan, did any other U.S. president have to enlist the Secret Service to sequester his spouse?

Apart from the "24," scenario I'm being quite serious about this. Bill Clinton is not constitutionally constructed to play second fiddle. Try as he might, he cannot help himself.

Even if he wouldn't vie for direct power — which is unlikely, considering he's already lobbying for it with his ill-considered quip that Hillary would appoint him and Bush 41 as world ambassadors it's inconceivable he wouldn't always be trying to grab the headlines. And the media will always be ready to accommodate him.

So in the end, a Hillary presidency, in addition to the other woefully bad things about it, will be an internally chaotic, unstable mess. Unless she can muzzle Bill more on the campaign trail — which could hurt her prospects as well voters are bound to consider these things if she wins the nomination and they more soberly contemplate an actual Clinton co-presidency.

She's already declining in the polls, in part due to the perception that she is unelectable in the general.

The thought of a truly two-headed presidency, especially with these dual snapping turtles, will only add to that perception — to Hillary's further detriment.

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Farewell to spending discipline

Then Speaker Nancy Pelosi took charge of the House last January, she pledged that Democrats would fight deficit spending and "restore pay-as-yougo [budget] discipline." Amid much fanfare, the

new Democratic House passed a "payas-you-go" budgeting rule that required Congress to offset any spending increases or tax cuts. On Dec. 19, "pay-go" bit the dust.

On that day, the House passed a bill to protect more than 20 million American

households from an increase in the alternative minimum tax — without offsetting the \$50 billion in lost revenue as paygo promised. The 352-64 House vote followed an 88-5 Senate vote to do the same.

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In less than one year, congressional Democrats had abandoned their key to fiscal responsibility even with the 2008 election looming, which should make them want to appear effective. And it should be noted that the pay-go rule only survived 11 months because legislators employed budgeting gimmicks — shifting payments from one year to the next, underestimating the cost of programs or paying less for services

 to prop up the pay-go charade. "I don't think it's dead," Pelosi spokesman Brendan Daly told me. "It's premature to say so. The speaker is certainly committed to it. The blue dogs [fiscally conservative Democrats] are. I think that we're going to do everything we can to force it on other bills."

Daly noted that House Dems twice passed an AMT-reform bill that met the pay-go rules, but the Senate wouldn't pass them. So House Democrats — these are my words — were forced to cave

rather than allow a tax increase on the middle-middle and uppermiddle class.

The Democrats' failure here is not cause for glee. Sure, there is small satisfaction in watching the party of big spending revealed for what it is. Yet House Democratic staffers can point to new spending bills that never made it to a floor vote because they would have had to find a way to pay for the new programs. The House Budget Committee cites 360 bills passed by the House that complied with pay-go.

Democrats believe that they have made sacrifices in their aim for fiscal responsibility — and at least they're trying. But they can't climb that hill. Taxpayers for Common Sense found more than \$15 billion in earmarks — pet projects inserted by lawmakers — in the last two spending bills passed by Congress. The urge to spend trumps any notions of economy.

Besides, it's not as if the Republicans were role models when they sent big-spending bills, like their pork-rich 2002 farm bill, to President Bush for his all-tooready signature.

Democrats blame Republicans for not supporting the pay-go rule, but Republicans, like Rep. Dan Lungren, R-Calif., see pay-go as a mechanism to force through tax increases, without reducing spending.

In the two failed House AMT bills, Democrats didn't try to pay for the AMT reform with cuts. Instead, they chose to raise taxes on hedge fund managers. Lungren noted, "They were arguing that we needed to raise taxes in order to stop a tax increase."

All Washington knows that the AMT was designed to make sure millionaires pay some taxes; it would not apply to today's middle class if it had been indexed to inflation in 1969. Lungren said he can't support a tax increase to stop a tax increase that never

should have happened.

What about Democrats who argue that hedge fund managers should not pay higher taxes? Lungren answered, "You've got to talk to Sen. [Chuck] Schumer [D-N.Y.] about that. He discovered most of those hedge fund managers happen to be Democrats." Schumer opposed the two failed House AMT bills because, he argued, it was wrong to pay for AMT reform on the back of one industry. Considering that only five Democrats voted against the bill, Schumer did not face a hard

National Taxpayers Union spokesman Pete Sepp gave pay-go credit for curbing some spending, but noted that it can't tackle the worst problems because it doesn't address entitlement programs like Medicare. "I'm not knocking it completely, but there are lots of factors other than pay-go that have to fit into the equation of fiscal responsibility."

The Republicans have this going for them: As Lungren told me, folks in his district complain that the size of the federal government is too big; they don't complain that they're paying too little in

Then again, the GOP didn't cut spending when it led Congress.

As for Democrats, their idea of responsibility is to propose tax increases, albeit new taxes which, they purr, only other people smokers, hedge fund managers will have to pay.

For them, it's a big game of pass the new program, hide the tax increase needed to pay for it, pass some budget gimmicks and let the entitlements roll.

In one year, despite the use of budgeting gimmicks to keep it afloat, pay-go became a no-go.

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Patrons of self-service dog washes spare no expense

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By DAVID SHARP

Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Maine — Maureen Lafferty is antifur. Anti-fur in her tub. Anti-fur on her towels. And anti-fur in the drain.

That's why she and the one big ball of fur she does love, Jackson, a yellow Labrador retriever, patrons of the Portland Dog Wash.

"This is why I don't do this at home," Lafferty said, pointing to big clumps of fur at the bottom of the stainless steel

In a country whose residents spare no expense on their pets, self-service dog washes represent another splurge, allowing dog owners to forgo the indignity of chasing a wet and soapy dog around the house, or across the lawn, along with the messy cleanup.

The trend kicked off more than a decade ago. Now it seems that just about every sizable city has at least one.

In Maine's largest city. the bustling Portland Dog Wash has five tubs, which are disinfected after each wash.

"This setup is much easier than doing it at home," said Lafferty, who wore a standard issue

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ing to her 9-year-old dog. There are more than 70 million dogs in the United States, and they account for a good chunk of the nearly \$3 billion pet owners spend each year on grooming and boarding, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association.

Dog washes are a natural as dogs increasingly become part of the family, living inside homes instead of dog houses, eating hoity-toity designer pet food, going to doggie day care and traveling with families on vaca-

"I don't think it's a trend that's going to go away," said Blair Smith, who has helped to open three Dirty Dog locations in four years in Austin. "People are not going to stop spending money on their pets."

The idea was born out of many a pet owner's frustration.

Washing a dog, especially a big one, is messy. The dog shakes. Dirty, soapy water splashes on the walls. Your knees, your back, or both hurt from kneeling next to the bathtub. Then there's the big lump of dog hair in the drain.

That's what was on the in the Baltimore area. minds of Francisco and Gloria Gamero when they opened their first dog wash 15 years ago in Santa Clarita, Calif. They now have three U-Wash Doggie locations. U-Wash, like Dirty Dog, offers

"Up until we opened our store, there was no facility like ours in the United States. Now they're everywhere," said Andres Gamero, the couple's son.

franchising opportunities.

In Portland, Mark and Greg Goodwin got the idea after hearing from a friend about a dog wash

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"We just dove into it," Mark said.

Their business features waist-high tubs with all the accessories close by combs, shampoos, conditioner, perfumes, towels, hair dryer. There are eye wipes and ear wipes and even dental wipes with a minty scent.

It's a simple concept. Customers are willing to pay from \$8 to \$16 — the price is based on the size of the dog — to let the Goodwins sweat the details.

Although some might

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consider it a splurge, it's the theme. Some, like far less expensive than taking a dog to a professional groomer. On average, self-service dog washes charge 30 to 50 percent less than the cost of a professional groomer, according to Stephen Mart from PetGroomer.com in Yelm, Wash.

As with any good idea, there are variations on

California's U-Wash Doggie, offer professional groomers in addition to self-service washes. Others aim even higher, or farther over the top, depending on your point of view.

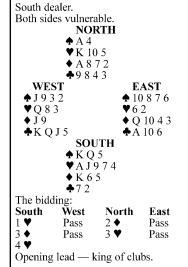
In Portsmouth, N.H., the Club Canine Dog Wash

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By Steve Becker

A Nonconfrontational Solution



Players who relish trying to guess the location of a missing queen are welcome to the pleasure, but most people would be just as happy to avoid it. Oddly enough, avoiding the guess altogether is sometimes the best way to resolve the problem.

Consider this case where South is in four hearts. He sees at once that he must lose two clubs and a diamond, so the outcome hinges on whether he loses a trick to the queen of hearts.

In the actual deal, if declarer is smart enough to finesse against West

for the missing lady, he will make the contract. But in the absence of a peek into an opponent's hand, it appears that South will have to guess which opponent to finesse for the queen.

In this case, however, the best way to solve the problem is to ignore it entirely! The opponents start by leading three rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing the third. South then cashes the A-K-Q of spades, discarding a diamond from dummy. This is followed by the K-A of diamonds.

At this point, five tricks remain to be played. Declarer has the A-J-9-7 of hearts and a low diamond, while dummy has the K-10-5 of hearts, a diamond and a club. The last club is led from dummy and ruffed, after which South leads his losing dia-

It doesn't matter which defender wins this trick. With the A-J-9 of hearts in his hand opposite dummy's K-10-5, the queen is bound to be trapped regardless of which opponent leads next.

It is true that if East has the fourth club, West will be in position to overruff when dummy's last club is led. In that case, declarer will be forced to guess which opponent has the queen of hearts after East follows.

The advantage of the recommended approach is that if East started with only three clubs, South is certain to get home safely no matter who has the trump queen.

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Bird Poop

Grebe rescued from unlikely landing spot

overed with dried mud, the pickup followed the dirt road as if from memory. Every bounce from the ruts was familiar to both the man and his vehicle. Since his job required

his sojourn into the desolate parts of the county, he enjoyed the solitude and his encounters with nature.

Surprised McCasland by what lay ahead, the man applied

the brakes. Struggling to rise, a small bird in the center of the road had a light film of caliche covering its feathers. The truck coming toward it had caused the creature to panic. Unable to hide or quickly dive and swim away, the bird was frightened when its quiet rest was interrupted. Even more alarming was the crunch of the boots and the size of the man that approached. It had never encountered such a threatening experience.

Quickly, the large, rough hands surrounded the wiggling creature. Taken to the pickup, the bird was wrapped in a towel for the trip to

Telling me he thought it might be a waterbird, R.C. gently handed over his squirming package. Through the terry cloth was sticking its short, slender pointed bill. Protruding from the other end of the towel

were the bird's legs and partially webbed, lobed toes. "It's a grebe," was my answer to the puzzled look on his face.

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When I asked him if he had found it on a paved surface, R.C. shook his head and replied, "No. The middle of a caliche road." Sometimes grebes and loons mistake the sheen of asphalt for water. Too late they learn that their landing site has made it impossible for them to become airborne again.

We both wondered why a bird that runs on the surface of a lake or pond would decide to land in an area that had no bodies of water. "Maybe it was just exhaustion," was my only thought.

If the little grebe were unhurt and capable of swimming, it would be ready for release. Showing R.C. that the bird's legs were at the back of its body rather than in the middle, I explained that we would place the grebe in the bathtub filled with water. Insuring us that its feet and legs worked properly, the bird would be set free as soon as we could get to a lake. "You've made my day," was part of my thanking him for rescuing the grebe.

In the bathtub, the drabness of its winter plumage was offset by its scarlet eyes. The soft, thick feathers on the upper chest gave the buxom swimmer a more than ample appearance. Dark gray to black above, and white to gray below, the American eared grebe enjoyed paddling the length of the tub. The



The bathtub offered the eared grebe the reassurance of propelling itself through water again. To feel the soothing comfort that a lake or pond would offer encouraged the bird to splash and hurl water in celebration.

whitish patch back of each ear helped in our identification.

Convinced of its ability to swim and run, we headed to Comanche Lake. Lifting the grebe from the carrier, I could feel the eagerness of the bird to return to water. After placing it on the water, we watched it immediately dive out of sight. Having swum a short distance, it reappeared. Pleased with its surroundings, the grebe leapt into the air and plunged straight down

Almost as quickly as it dove, it resurfaced, only to do it again.

with closed wings.

While it might have been clumsy on land, it was energized by its precision diving, underwater swimming and feeding.

Mark was feeling stressed out by his primary job as an environmental consul-

fun, even though this is the busy time of the year because it's getting cold outside.

In the deep open water, the bird was finding small fish, aquatic insects and their larvae. Water plants, flies, moths, midges and its own body feathers would complete its diet.

Freezing weather on northern lakes had forced the eared grebe to migrate. Its unfortunate landing had resulted in another chance on an inland body of water. Rested and well fed, the bird would in the near future rise quickly out of the water some moonlit night to continue its flight to a winter haven.

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WASHES

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and Spa lets owners lavish their pets with blueberry facials and bubblebath paw treatments, even canine massage and Reiki, a Japanese stress technique reduction using touch.

"It's a little new agey, I know, but people are doing it for themselves. Because their pets are also part of the family, they're doing it for their pets too," said Stacey Kimberly Rogers, coowner of the business.

If that seems too serious, dogs can lighten up with a monthly "yappy hour" where they can socialize over a bowl of nonalcoholic, no-fizz, beef-flavored "Happy Tail Ale."

"Fun is the operative

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word. You've got to have fun," Rogers said.

Mark Goodwin agrees with the idea of having fun, but said reducing stress is important, too. He said he and his brother launched their dog wash idea partly because

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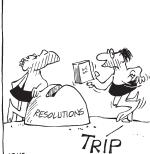


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2008. There are 364 days left in the year.

Highlight in Today's History:

On Jan. 2, 1900, Secretary of State John announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

On this date:

In 1492, Muhammad XI, the sultan of Granada, the last Arab stronghold in surrendered Spain, Spanish forces.

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.

In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnapping and murdering the 20month-old son of Charles Anne Lindbergh. and (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

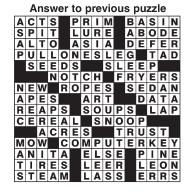
In 1965, the New York Jets signed University Alabama quarterback Joe Namath to a contract reportedly worth \$427,000.

In 1974, President Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 miles per hour (federal speed limits were abolished in 1995). In 2006, a methane gas

explosion at the Sago Mine in West Virginia, claimed the lives of 12 miners, but one miner, Randal McCloy Jr., was eventually rescued.

Ten years ago: The defense in the Terry Nichols federal trial rested its case in the penalty phase after calling nine witnesses who pleaded for his life. (Nichols was sentenced to life in prison on federal convictions of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter involving the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers. He was later convicted of state murder charges Oklahoma, and sentenced to 161 consecutive life sentences.)

Today's Birthdays: Country musician Harold Bradley is 82. Former television evangelist Jim Bakker is 69. Actress Wendy Phillips is 56. Actress Gabrielle Carteris is 47.



Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ritzy
- **5** Wearing loafers, say
- **9** Practices
- boxing 14 Utah ski resort 68 Call for
- 15 Cobbled
- together
- 16 Reef material 17 Frankenstein's
- helper **18** Teen fave
- 19 Still in the
- game
- **20** Factory input 23 Understand
- 24 Guitarist
- Paul
- 25 Show
- contrition **27** Completely
- wrecks 31 "Am not!"
- retort
- **33** Japanese dog **34** Auth. unknown **35** Govt.
- workplace
- watchdog 39 Dr. Seuss
- book 42 Novelist
- Paretsky
- 43 Tick off
- 44 Place for a
- pimiento 45 Snack with tea
- **47** Primitive fellows
- **48** Butter or oleo 51 "Unknown,"
- on a sched.
- **52** Rainbow gradation
- 53 Party time
- **60** Hitting **62** Be hysterical

- **63** Dry as dust **9** Fish features **64** Mapquest.com **10** Officeholder
- offering **65** Otherwise
- 66 "Well done!"
- 67 Sign up
- 69 Sharp as a
- tack

DOWN

- **1** Ark complement
- **2** Gymnast Korbut
- 3 Pack away
- 5 Wallops,
- **7** Fragrance 8 Supermarket section
- 4 Rough up
- old-style
- 6 Styx locale
- veggie 29 Stadium
 - section **30** Relaxing

11 Crop up

12 Poe bird

name

22 Concert

venue

26 Popular pet

27 Gets to "it"

28 Gumbo

forecast

21 Poe's middle

13 Winter

- 31 Go for fish **32** Wine choice
- 34 Not "fer" **36** Leveling
- piece 37 Hold title to

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 - comeback 40 Chip away at

38 Congregation

- 41 Without face value
- 46 Horse's gait
- **47** Dropped off
- 48 Don't hog
- 49 Add, as weight
- 50 Show otherwise
- **51** Tied up in knots
- 54 Small songbird
- **55** Ivy League school
- 56 Dropped sharply
- **57** Toledo's lake **58** Bad habit
- 59 Idyllic place
- **61** Had

