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Property tax deadline looms

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It's tax time.

Area residents who haven't paid their property taxes have until the end of January to ante up their 2007 tabs or face penalties and interest, according to local tax officials.

Area property owners can avoid the annual last-minute dash to pay their taxes by getin the month, according to County Tax Assessor Kathy Sayles.

Once the taxes go delinquent in February, the penalties and interest start at 7 percent and increase each month," said Sayles. "As of July 1, the penalty and interest grow to 18 percent, with an additional penalty tacked on for attorney fees."

Sayles said area residents ple, because of their homestead

ting them out of the way early who aren't sure how much they owe can get that information over the phone or in person at the tax office.

"Some individuals don't get their statement for whatever reason," said Sayles. "We can pull up their name on the system and tell them the amount that's due. So if you haven't received a statement, call us or come by the office. Some peo-

exemptions, have no taxes, so plan that can help some taxpaywe don't send them a notice. However, if they just want to make sure everything is OK, all they have to do is call.

"They can reference their check with an account number that we can give them so they can get their payment in the mail. Once that's done, we mail them back a receipt for their payment.'

There is a special installment See **TAXES**, Page 3A

ers avoid penalties and interest, which can quickly add up.

"There is a provision that allows taxpayers over the age of 65 to pay their taxes in four installments without any penalties or interest," said Sayles.
"You make your first payment in January, then you just make the remaining three payments

COOKIN' UP SOME CASH



Chris Willoughby adds ingredients while preparing his entry in the Sixth Annual West Texas Centers for MHMR chili cook-off at the Eagles Lodge Saturday morning. Proceeds from the event benefit the center's Children in Need Fund.

Council to get update from **Moore Board**

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is set to meet Tuesday to discuss a number of routine items, including a quarterly update from economic development agency Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

The meeting between the council and the Moore Development Board of Directors is expected to take place in two parts an update concerning ongoing efforts to attract business prospects to the area in an executive session, and discussion concerning the reconstruction of the main runway taxiways McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark in open session.

Also on the agenda, the council is expected to hear:

· Final reading of an ordinance approving a settlement agreement with ATMOS Energy Corp. West Texas Division with regard to the company's proposal to implement interim grip rate adjustments for gas utility investments in The ordinance would adopt a tariff that reflects an adjustment consistent with the settlement agreement between ATMOS and the steering

committee the city of Big Spring joined in 2007.

 Final reading of a resolution extending time to hold property deeded in lieu of tax foreclosure covering Lots 1 through 6, Block 37, Bauer Addition.

· Approval of late homestead exemption refunds the month November 2007.

· Award bids for a distributor truck and bulldozer, as well as consider going out for bid on a lease purchase finance

 Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission for a regional solid waste grant and authorizing the city manager to act as the authorized representative in all matters related to the application.

· First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a lease agreement with Fibercom Inc..

The meeting is slated for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

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Travel Showcase to be unveiled By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With everything from Dallas day trips to two-week jaunts to the wilds of Africa on the 2008 Big Spring Retired Senior Volunteer Program's annual Travel Showcase, vacationers can take their pick of a wide range of adventures.

The 2008 RSVP Travel Showcase, which offers moderately priced tours to area adults, will be unveiled at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center — located at 100 Whipkey Drive — and according to

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Nancy Jones, director of the local RSVP office, there are plenty of destinations to

choose from. "I haven't even seen the full brochure yet, so it's still a secret from me at this point," Jones said with a laugh. "However, I know there are trips to see the antebellum homes in Natchez, Miss.; a river barge cruise from Galveston to New Orleans; and a trip to Big Bend National Park planned. There is also a 14-day trip to Africa in the brochure which will be revealed in full Thursday.'

The Big Spring, San Angelo and

Abilene RSVP offices contract with Bilbrey Tours Inc. of Abilene to provide a variety of tour destinations, according to Jones.

"It's really a lot of fun," she said. "Some people will only sign up for one trip, while others will go on close to a dozen. It gives you a chance to pick and choose. We usually have about 100 local people participating in the program.

"The cost of the trips has a pretty wide range, and costs have gone up some this year. We have a pretty popular day trip

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IN BRIEF

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches rankings

Several Crossroads high school basketball teams are populating the TABC's latest top 20 state rankings.

BOYS CLASS 1A, DIV. I

- 1. Cayuga
- 2. Graford 3. White Deer
- 4. Martin's Mill
- 5. Valley View
- 6. Thorndale
- 7. Clarendon
- 8. Big Sandy
- 9. Trenton
- 10. Avery 11. Poolville
- 12. Moulton 13. Sudan
- 14. Albany
- 15. FORSAN
- 16. Mumford
- 17. Cross Roads 18. Anderson-Shiro
- 19. Spurger
- 20. Port Aransas

CLASS 1A, DIV II

- 1. Happy
- 2. Lipan
- 3. Goodrich 4. Rule
- 5. Rankin
- 6. Nazareth
- 7. Tenaha 8. Laneville
- 9. Avinger
- 10. Waelder
- 11. D'Hanis 12. Ira
- 13. Adrian
- 14. Eden **15. GRADY**
- 16. Calvert
- 17. Paducah
- 18. Miller Grove
- 19. GARDEN CITY 20. Fayetteville

GIRLS

CLASSA 1A, DIV. II

- 1. Saltillo 2. Kennard
- 3. Follett
- 4. D'Hanis
- 5. Carmine 6. Leggett
- 7. GARDEN CITY 8. Roscoe Highland
- 9. Roby
- 10. Strawn 11. Rochelle
- 12. Guthrie
- **13. SANDS 14. GRADY**
- 15. Apple Springs
- 16. Hedley
- 17. Lazbuddie 18. Paint Rock
- 19. Oakwood
- 20. Calvert

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar **TUESDAY**

Big Spring boys basketball vs. Brownfield, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan girls basket-Midland ball at Trinity, 6 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball at Midland Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball at Stanton, 6:30

Coahoma boys basketball at Stanton, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Big Spring girls basketball at Frenship, 6

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

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Anson, 6:30

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

Ohio St. seeks redemption in BCS title game

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Redemption and validation.

Top-ranked Ohio State enters the BCS national championship game against LSU searching for redemption, hoping to bury the memories of an embarrassing loss in last year's title game.

"As much as you try to forget about it, there's no way of forgetting about it," Ohio State fullback Dionte Johnson said. "I can close my eyes and go through that game like I'm still there."

The second-ranked Tigers come into Monday night's showdown at the Superdome looking for val- championship? idation, trying to prove they were indeed the team most deserving of a chance to play the Buckeyes for the title.

"I really feel it was our destiny to be here," LSU receiver Early Doucet said. "For things to go the way they went — us losing to Arkansas, Pittsburgh beating West Virginia and Oklahoma beating Missouri — it all fell into place the way it did and I just think it was meant to be."

That's a good theory. How else to explain how two teams that lost their second-to-last games are playing for the national

The winner will become the first school to win two BCS titles since the Bowl Championship Series began in 1998. The Buckeyes won it in 2002, then lost 41-14 to Florida as a prohibitive favorite in last year's championship game.

LSU won the BCS title in 2003, beating Oklahoma right here in New Orleans, the Tigers' home 90 miles south of Baton Rouge.

Ohio State (11-1), the Big Ten champions, and LSU (11-2), champs of the Southeastern Conference, have been two of the nation's elite programs over the past six seasons; the Buckeyes have won 66 games and the Tigers 63.

Yet, there's been little talk about dynasties or a place in history going into this championship game.

The winner will get a crystal football and the title of BCS national champion, but the debate over which team is truly the best in the country will continue, especially by fans of Southern California and Georgia.

There's even been speculation about voters in The Associated

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Giants top Buccs, draw Cowboys next

By FRED GOODALL

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. - Turns out Ronde Barber was wrong. The New York Giants weren't vulnerable because of Eli Manning.

At least not against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Shrugging off past postseason failures, as well as critical comments by the twin brother of Tiki Barber, Manning and the Giants dominated the Bucs 24-14 in Sunday's NFC wild-card game.

"We have been in the playoffs the last three seasons, and I haven't played particularly well in the two games before," Manning said. "Just to come here and play well, give our team a chance to win the game and make some big plays, that was quite a situation to be in.'

Barber, the Bucs' top cornerback, made headlines in New York last week when he said Manning "can be had" because the fourth-year quarterback is inconsistent and tends to make costly mistakes.

Manning, also criticized in the past by Tiki Barber, answered by throwing for 185 yards and two touchdowns. In addition, he didn't have a turnover for the first time in three career playoff games.

New York's first postseason victory since January 2001 sends the Giants (11-6) to Dallas for a divisional round matchup against the NFC East champion Cowboys, who handed New York its only road loss in the season opener.

Barber discounted the impact his words had on the Giants, who fell behind 7-0 before taking over the game. It was 14-7 at the half, and New York pulled away after the Bucs fumbled on the secondhalf kickoff.

"We're all professionals. Those guys don't need me to motivate them," Barber said. "I'm 1,200 miles away from New York."



New York Giants runn ing back Brandon Jacobs (27) dives for extra yards on an 11-yard reception from quarterback Eli Manning during the third quarter of their NFL wild-card playoff football game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Sunday in Tampa, Fla. Jacobs scored two touchdowns in a 24-14 win over Tampa Bay.

Nevertheless, the victory was vindication for Manning, the top pick in the 2004 draft who has struggled to live up expectations — some probably unfair — as the younger brother of Peyton Manning.

The Giants were shut out in the opening round of the playoffs two years ago, then lost to the Jeff Garcia-led Philadelphia Eagles on a late field goal last season. Manning played poorly in each game.

After a slow start against the NFL's second-ranked defense, Manning delivered several key third-down throws and kept Tampa Bay on its heels with a running game that helped New York dominate time of possession after the opening quarter.

"We didn't get any big plays, but we did get some nice steady opportunities to convert," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "I thought that was the best thing he did."

Amani Toomer had seven receptions for 74 yards and a touchdown. Manning also threw a TD pass to Brandon Jacobs,

who added a rushing TD and gained 34 of New York's 100 yards rushing. Ahmad Bradshaw ran for the other 66 on the ground. The Giants improved to 8-1 on

the road and will have a chance to atone for the lone blemish next Sunday.

"There are no surprises. We know who they got, who their backups are, and they know who our backups are," Toomer said.

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Clemens files law suit on former trainer



Roger Clemens, left, throws alongside strength coach Brian McNamee at the Houston Astros minor league baseball mini camp in Kissimmee, Fla., Feb. 27, 2006.

By RONALD BLUM AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens beat Brian McNamee to court, filing a defamation suit against the former trainer who claimed to have injected him with performanceenhancing drugs.

Clemens filed the suit Sunday night in Harris County District Court in Texas, listing 15 alleged statements McNamee made to the baseball drug investigator George Clemens Mitchell. claimed the statement were "untrue and defamatory."

"According McNamee, he originally made his allegations to federal authorities after being threatened with criminal prosecution if he didn't implicate Clemens," according to the 14-page petition, obtained early Monday by The Associated Press.

The suit, first reported by the Houston Chronicle,

states McNamee told others that when he first was interviewed by federal law enforcement last June, he denied Clemens had used steroids or human growth hormone. The suit quotes McNamee as saying he was pressured Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Parrella and IRS Special Agent Novitzky — key members of the BALCO prosecution — to implicate Clemens. The suit did not attribute where the quote from McNamee was obtained. "After this exchange,

and for the first time in his life, McNamee stated that he had injected Clemens with steroids in 1998, 2000 and 2001," the suit said. "Following his recantation, McNamee has relayed that he magically went from a 'target' in a federal criminal drug investigation to a mere 'witness,' so long as he continued to 'toe the

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Obituaries

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Thelma 'Granny' Schafer
Thelma "Granny" Schafer, 91, of Big Spring died on Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at the Home Hospice House in Odessa. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Joe Torres with Home Hospice officiating.

She was born on Nov. 7, 1916, in Manny, La., and married John Wesley Schafer on June 10, 1933, in Westbrook. He preceded her in death on Aug. 4, 1988.

Thelma loved sewing and cooking and was an expert at making cobblers and pies. She adored her family, especially time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Dawne and Mike Pearson and Mary Beth and Clay Ingram, all of Big Spring; one son and daughter-inlaw, Travis and Janette Schafer of Tuttle, Okla.; seven grandchildren, Cherry Furqueron and husband, Phillip, of Big Spring, Craig Ingram and wife, Lisa, of Big Spring, Renee Minton and husband, Dale, of Oklahoma, Darrell Curry and wife, Michelle, of San Antonio, Michael Schafer and wife, Pam, of Oklahoma, Michelle Kidd and husband, Devry, of Stanton and Nicole Larcenaire and husband, Gary, of El Paso; 14 great-grandchildren; and three step greatgrandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and three sisters.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Home Hospice House, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761.

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

Paid obituary

Wendel Payte

Wendel Payte, 73, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Esperanza Levya

Esperanza Levya, 84, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

- · 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-
- 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.

TUESDAY

- •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.

SATURDAY

· Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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Police blotter

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

- DAVID A. JUAREZ, 21, of 1300 College, was arrested Saturday on charges of unlawful restraint and assault Class C/family violence.
- ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE III, 47, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication and two local warrants.
- MARK PATTIN, 45, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on 12 local warrants.
- JOHNNY LARA, 42, of 1605 Lincoln, was arrested Saturday on four local warrants and a charge of driving while license suspended - enhanced.
- LIZA HERNANDEZ, 31, of 306 Third Street, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.
- JUAN ACUNA, 24, of 3902 Parkway, was arrested Saturday on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct - language.
- VERONICA H. MARTINEZ, 24, of 800 W. FM 700, was arrested Monday on nine local capias warrants.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 1200 block of Settles.
- TERRORISTIC THREATS were reported in the 3300 block of 11th Place.
- **THEFT** was reported: in the 2500 block of Wasson, in the 1100 block of Gregg Street, in the 300 block of Owens, in the 1000 block of Stadium, in the 1700 block of FM 700 and in the 1300 block of Mulberry.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 1100 block of Austin.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 800 block of Aylesford.
- in the 800 block of FM 700. • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:
- in the 600 block of Linda.
- in the 1400 block of Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2300 block of Scurry.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
- in the 1100 block of Lloyd.
- in the 4100 block of Parkway.
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-PORTATION was reported in the 1900 block of
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 800 block of Willia.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Centerpoint Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Ann Drive. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3900 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Tubb
- Loop Road. One person was transported to SMMC. • STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1300 block
- of E. Third Street. • RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 100 block of
- Brown. • GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of E.
- 17th Street.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 4700 block of Centerpoint Road.
- **DUMPSTER FIRE** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. East winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid

Thursday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

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.

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Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.

- CORNELIUS LACEY DAVIS, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence.
- JOE ERIC CANALES, 32, was arrested Friday by
- the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication. • CHRISTOPHER LOUIS BROCKER, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ABEL L. TORRES, 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- LESTER CLAUDE DUFFER, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.
- JACQUELINE ISABELLE TIERNEY, 53, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JAY CHANCELLOR, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBIN LYNN EUDY, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- PATRICK EDWARDS, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication. MICHAEL SCOTT DEAN, 26, was arrested
- Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication. • KALTAVIOUS BOOKER, 26, was transferred to
- the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention. • CALVIN EARL JACKSON, 24, was transferred to
- the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- LEONARD CHARLES CAYWOOD, 31, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of
- FERNANDO ARELLANO GARDEA, 33, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of assault family violence.
- JUAN PAULO MENDEZ, 34, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense. **GREGORIO ARENIVAZ JR.,** 37, was arrested
- Sunday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended. JOHNNY GUTIERREZ, 28, was arrested Sunday
- by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less.
- BALVINA GUTIERREZ, 25, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL MARTINEZ, 23, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - open container and driving while license invalid.
- GRADY DOMINIQUE HAWKINS, 24, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHNNY LARA, 42, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.
- ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention, bail jumping - failure to appear and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- JUAN JOSE ACUNA JR., 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- DAVID ANTHONY JUAREZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawful restraint.
- JACOB RAY SAVAGE, 20, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-16-20-29-31-51 Number matching six of six: None.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$12 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 18-19-22-30-33 Number matching five of five: None. Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 6-1-9-4. Sum It Up: 20.

in order: 6-4-1. Sum It Up: 11. The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday after-

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night,

noon, in order: 2-4-7-1. Sum It Up: 14. The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday after-

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noon, in order: 5-7-9. Sum It Up: 21.

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"The way we started the season down there, we played well and just coming up short — I know we're excited to go back there."

Manning completed 20 of 27 passes to outplay Garcia, who signed with Tampa Bay two months after ending New York's season last January. The Bucs quarterback was 23-of-39 for 207 yards and a touchdown, but also threw two interceptions.

It was a disappointing end for Tampa Bay (9-8), which overcame injuries to several key players to win the NFC South after finishing last in 2006. The most surprising part of the loss was that Garcia made critical errors, not Manning.

An end zone interception ruined a promising drive with the Bucs trailing 17-7 in the third quarter. The other pick ended any hope to make it close at the end.

"It was a frustrating day, a frustrating game," Garcia said. 'It's disappointing.'

Although he rested most of his starters during the last two weeks of the season, Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden said rustiness was not a factor in Sunday's performance.

The Bucs lost four of their last five games, however Gruden thinks his young team is headed in the right direction.

"What they saw today is where we are, and what we've got to do to turn the corner," Gruden said. "They gave it everything they had, but the tank just ran out."

Meanwhile, Manning is eager to take the Giants' road show as far as he can.

"You can't be satisfied with what you're doing," he said. "It's about the bigger picture and keeping this thing going."

Sunday's victory was New York eighth straight away from home.

Teammates were impressed with how Manning managed the game after the Giants started slowly.

"Eli showed that no matter what, he's going to hang in there. He's going to figure out a way to get it done," said defensive end Michael Strahan, who had nine tackles and one sack.

"It didn't start out so great for our offense or our defense. But he hung in there and made plays ... didn't turn the ball over, controlled the tempo of the game. You couldn't ask any

more from him.'

Chargers 17, Titans 6

SAN DIEGO — Now that they've won their first playoff game in 13 seasons, the San Diego Chargers don't want to stop there.

The Chargers finally came to life late in the second half Sunday to beat the Tennessee Titans 17-6 in an AFC wild-card game.

LaDainian Tomlinson was held to 42 yards on 21 carries, but the star running back got to celebrate the first playoff victory in three tries in his brilliant seven-year career.

you, I'm just happy to get that first one," Tomlinson said. "It's a relief, but at the same

"It didn't come easy, but I tell

time, it's not like we're saying, 'OK, we won a playoff game, so let's get ready to lose,' you know what I mean? I'm already thinking about next week and how tough of a game we're going to have going to facing Indianapolis, champs.

The Chargers (12-5) advance to face the Colts on Sunday. San Diego escaped with a 23-21 win over the Colts at Qualcomm Stadium on Nov. 11, when Peyton Manning threw a career-high six interceptions and Adam Vinatieri missed a 29-yard field-goal attempt with 1:31 left.

"We're feeling good, but like I've been telling everybody all week, we're smirking and not smiling," outside linebacker Shaun Phillips said. "It's just one playoff win and if we're satisfied with just one playoff win, then we should just pack our bags right now."

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line."

The suit said that when McNamee initially refused a request from federal authorities that he speak to Mitchell, he was threatened with prosecu-Clemens tion. said McNamee decided only then to cooperate with Mitchell and the suit said McNamee told other the interview "was conducted like a Cold War-era interrogation in which a federal agent merely read to the Mitchell investigators McNamee's previously obtained statement and then asked McNamee to confirm what he previously stated."

Clemens asked that damages be determined by a jury.

'Clemens' good reputation has been severely injured," the suit said. "McNamee's false allegations have also caused Clemens to suffer mental anguish, shame, public humiliation and embarrassment."

McNamee's lawyers are likely to remove the case to U.S. District Court in Houston, since Clemens and McNamee reside in different states. McNamee also could ask that the suit be moved to federal court in New York.

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner, who was scheduled to hold a late afternoon news conference Monday in Houston, sounded indignant and defiant in a seg-CBS's "60 ment of Minutes" broadcast Sunday night, his first interview since McNamee accused him.

The two are approaching a potential confrontation if they testify under oath at a Jan. 16 hearing on Capitol Hill.

The most prominent player implicated in last month's Mitchell Report, Clemens steadfastly maintained his innocence and called McNamee's allegations "totally false."

"If he's doing that to me, I should have a third ear coming out of my forehead. I should be pulling tractors with my teeth,'

said Clemens, who wore a lavender button-down shirt during the interview, taped Dec. 28 at his home in Katy, Texas.

On Friday, when the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform invited Clemens and McNamee to testify, the pair spoke by telephone, an individual close to the situation said, speaking on condition of anonymity because public comments weren't authorized. The conversation first was reported Sunday by Newsday.

The individual would not say what was discussed.

Clemens' lawyer, Rusty told Hardin, the Chronicle that it was McNamee who arranged to talk to Clemens on Friday but instead of getting back to Clemens the conversation was leaked 'with spin" to Newsday.

"We kept thinking McNamee might change his mind and come to his senses and admit he was lying," Hardin told the Chronicle.

McNamee also had been contemplating a suit.

"We welcome a lawsuit. It makes our decision easy," Richard Emery, one of McNamee's said earlier lawyers, Sunday. "If he sued McNamee, it would make things very simple."

During the "60 Minutes" segment, Clemens said he might be willing to take a lie-detector test and was "shocked" close friend Andy Pettitte used HGH. He said — again — that he probably will retire.

A fiery look in his eyes and stubble on his face, Clemens told CBS's Mike Wallace that he would have spoken with Mitchell had he been aware of McNamee's accusations.

"I thought it was an impassioned, disingenuous and desperate plea," Earl said Ward, McNamee's primary lawyer.

One of the few revelations in the much-hyped interview came when Clemens was asked whether he conceivably would take a lie detector

"Yeah," he answered. "I don't know if they're good or bad.'

After Monday's news conference will come the congressional hearing. Pettitte, former Yankees teammate Chuck Knoblauch and former Mets clubhouse attendant Kirk Radomski, who supplied allegedly McNamee with performance-enhancing drugs, also were asked to appear before the committee.

Lawyers for Clemens and McNamee have said their clients are willing to testify but Hardin wouldn't commit to the date.

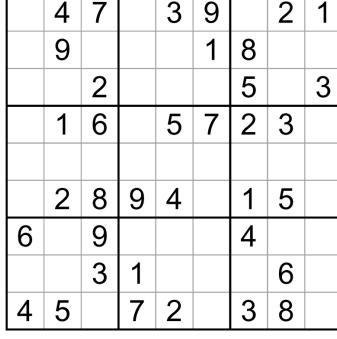
Emery said he wanted to hear testimony from Clemens.

"If Congress calls him, he pretty much has to take the Fifth, and if he takes the Fifth, nobody will ever believe him again and all this effort has gone down the drain," Emery said. "And if he doesn't take the Fifth, it's very hard to imagine that a prosecutor isn't going to pursue this. So I think he's put himself in a terrible corner."

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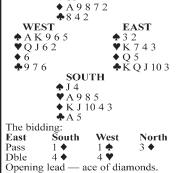
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By Steve Becker

Famous Hand



NORTH

East dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

In "The Maltese Falcon," Sydney Greenstreet's character, Kasper Gutman, refers to Sam Spade, played by Humphrey Bogart, as a man of "nice udgments."

In many ways, this description

can be applied to successful bridge players. At the highest levels of the game, where the players have mas-tered the most complex bidding systems, and where the card play is virtually flawless, the difference

between winning and losing is often determined by "nice judgments." Take this deal, which was instrumental in France's 27-IMP victory over the United States in the final of he 1997 world team championship.

The bidding shown occurred when Herve Mouiel and Franck Multon

were playing North-South for France against Bobby Wolff and Bob Ham-man of the U.S. Mouiel's threediamond bid was pre-emptive, and Wolff's double was "responsive," indicating moderate values and length in the unbid suits. Hamman's subsequent four-heart bid ended the Mouiel led the ace and another

diamond, ruffed by Hamman, who then played the heart queen, ducked by South. When Hamman next tried the heart jack, Multon won and returned the nine of hearts to dummy's king. This left Multon in position to draw dummy's last trump and run his diamonds after he gained the lead with the club ace, and the result was down four — plus 200 for

At the other table, the bidding went: South West North

Dble Eric Rodwell, South for the U.S., continued to five diamonds after his partner's pre-emptive raise to four, and was doubled by Alain Levy. Levy led the spade ace and switched to a club, establishing a club trick for the defense before the king of spades could be driven out. So Rodwell fin-

ished down one, another 200 points and 9 IMPs to France. Of course, if Levy had cashed the spade king at trick two, Rodwell would have made the contract, but that sort of misjudgment was decidedly uncommon for the French at the

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Press poll choosing one of those other teams as No. 1 after the Buckeyes and Tigers are through. That, however, seems unlikely.

For Ohio State, getting to this point was a surprise on two levels. The Buckeyes started the season ranked 11th, not even considered the best team in the Big Ten.

Led by a stingy defense and a steady offense, powered by bullish running back Chris "Beanie" Wells, the Buckeyes rose to No. 1.

Then Ohio State lost 28-21 to Illinois in November and appeared to be out of the national title race. A string of upsets and surprising results put the Buckeyes back on top, though the skeptics and there are still plenty also returned.

None of Ohio State's opponents were ranked in Buckeyes played them which yields only 11

this season.

After last year's sad snowing against the Gators, Ohio State and the Big Ten took a bashing. The Buckeyes were labeled too slow to keep up with the sleek SEC teams.

"I'm not buying that," Doucet said.

Still, the record does show Ohio State is 0-8 in bowl games against SEC teams.

Buckeyes say The they've learned from last year's debacle. That they're more focused. They arrived in New Orleans less than a week before the game and have mostly hunkered down in their hotel instead of bopping around Bourbon Street.

"Last year players were enjoying themselves a little too much," Alllinebacker America James Laurinaitis said.

Laurinaitis, defensive end Vernon Gholston and Malcolm cornerback Jenkins anchor the the top 20 when the nation's No. 1 defense,

points and 225 yards per game.

when they started the season ranked No. 2, the Tigers were squarely among the favorites to reach this game.

How LSU got here. though, was anything but routine.

The Tigers are the first team with two losses to play in the BCS title

game. "This team went through some highs and lows and a lot of drama,"

LSU coach Les Miles said. Miles was a leading man in the LSU's dramatic season, taking some gutsy chances on the field and being publicly court-

ed by Michigan off it. LSU twice lost when it was ranked No. 1, both times in triple overtime. When the Tigers dropped their second game at home against Arkansas, a shot at the national title seemed lost.

One last wild weekend in an unpredictable college football season gave the Tigers a third chance to be No. 1.

Vicki Slaton

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The Tigers say they're healthier than they've been in months. The defense, which was one of the best in the country early in the season, wasn't as dominant down the stretch when All-America tackle Glenn Dorsey was hampered by knee and tailbone injuries. Flynn missed two games, including the SEC championship, with ankle and shoulder injuries. A groin injury took Doucet out of fiA potent offense against a dominant defense. Two storied programs meeting for the first time in 20

years. For all the BCS championship game has to offer, it still almost sounded as if Miles was reminding everyone at his final news conference Sunday that winner will be the crowned national champion.

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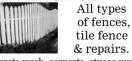


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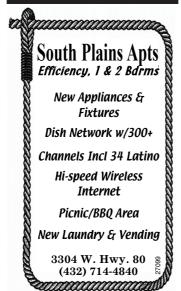
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury enters revolutionary Aquarius today brilliant! Thinking about starting a neighborhood recycling Pondering committee? the prospect of making a difference? Now you're getting swept up in the spirited camaraderie of this mentally stimulating day. We're talking about the future and connecting people to ideas to the world. Share knowledge.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are faced with complex problems, and you quickly bring all of your brainpower to the challenge. It's not so much because you're compelled to help — you just like figuring things

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're clever, seeing the sophisticated view of things now. Some of your opinions, though extremely pithy, should be reserved for only the select few

sure will get your humor. **GEMINI** (May June 21). It seems that you are far from home, even when

that you're

absolutely

you are inside your house. Your

mind is traveling a great distance as you work out the unresolved issues of your past.

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). Be sensitive to the timing of people who are moving at a pace different from your own. You don't have to join them at their hurried clip — or their slow-motion saunter, as the case may be. Just observe and enjoy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be reminded about what you owe someone. You could make a trade that helps you settle a debt faster. An update to wardrobe makes your you feel spiffy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. Whatever concentrate on, you'll get it done. An old friend (possibly a Sagittarius) needs attention. relationship may be in danger of fading away. Pick up the phone. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Organizational practices keep your life running smoothly. File receipts, note your phone calls, up-to-date keep an calendar. Don't take anything apart that you don't know how to put back together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're more likely now to instigate mischief than to enforce rules. Revisiting childhood memories unlocks a current puzzling relationship dilemma. Take a breath and dive into the past to figure this one out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do what you normally wouldn't. visit to the fringe is inspiring. Tonight, relationships need ingenuity to thrive. To stave away the old ennui, try something new.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Hesitation creates doubt — think fast and speak up. Others are relieved to know that you know what you're doing, or at least you seem to. Someone puts his or her trust in you tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's that time again — time to do something outrageous. Like dedicate your heart to one person. Tonight: You're fantastic a communicator. Translate for a not-so-fantastic communicator.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who are leaning on you too often will now begin to feel heavy. A Chinese proverb says the wise individual's friendship is as light as water. The small-minded person's relationship is as sticky as honey.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: The Moon. Timing and rhythm are the backdrops of the cycles of our lives, yet unless we know how to look, we miss those quiet graceful day-to-day transitions, compliments of the moon. Let's say the planets are all band members playing at a cosmic concert. The sun would be the star performer, Venus the harmony, Mercury the lyricist, and the moon, well, she would be the rhythm section, keeping the beat and tempo for our planetary performers. She's no attention hog. A passive and undemanding presence, you'd barely notice her. But without her organization,

rhvthmic the beautifully timed song would be an erratic, awkwardly cacophony of sound. The moon moves quickly, the fastest planetary body in the sky, but the eightfold phase in her journey from the sun and back marks turning points in our consciousness and often trigger real-world events. The events are most noticeable at the full moon, when emotions are spread thin and new awareness surface with a crescendo. Follow the moon phases to see how the moon affects you!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: It's no surprise that Capricorn rocker David Bowie has an unusual birth chart. Esoteric Neptune touches Saturn and Venus, explaining his talent for creating fantastic apparitions of macabre beauty — he's a rockermagician. This year brings new artistic ambitions for Bowie.

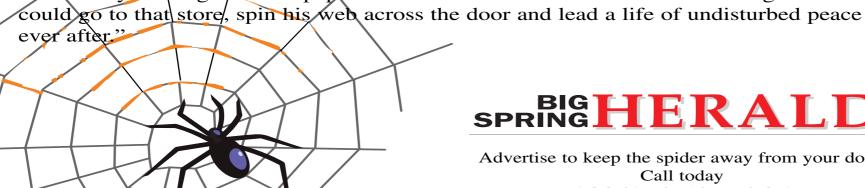
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<u>Texas News Briefs</u>

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Authorities find a body, a human ear in a pot

TYLER (AP) — Deputies responding to a 911 call in this East Texas town found a gruesome scene: a human ear boiling in a pot on a stovetop and a hunk of flesh impaled on a fork sitting atop a plate on the kitchen table.

Authorities believe that the 25-year-old man arrested in the death of his 21-year-old girlfriend cooked parts of her body and may have tried to eat them — actions he described to them in the emergency call that led them to the grisly discovery.

Christopher Lee McCuin, 25, was scheduled to be arraigned Monday on a capital murder charge. He was in solitary confinement at a jail on a \$2 million bond Sunday night and did not have an attorney, officials

Authorities say it is unclear whether McCuin consumed any part of the woman's body.

"We cannot prove that he did," Smith County Sheriff J.B. Smith said Sunday. "He was either going to, had

been or led us to think that he was doing it.' McCuin is also the suspect in the early Saturday morning stabbing of a man described as his estranged wife's boyfriend, Smith said.

San Antonio opens \$12 million animal shelter

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A new \$12.1 million animal shelter opening here Monday will offer services including free sterilization clinics and classes on caring for animals.

Animal Care Services is a city-funded organization charged with caring for San Antonio's abandoned, surrendered and abused animals.

Jef Hale, director of the shelter, said that the new 15acre facility will expand their capabilities and help treat the root of the animal control problem — a lack of resources and education in the community. He said it will also help them reach a goal of having a no-kill shelter by 2012.

The shelter was revealed three years ago as the deadliest large pound in the country, the San Antonio Express-News reports. According to a series from the newspaper, the shelter killed about 50,000 cats and dogs in 2004.

"For a long time, the attitude was just picking up dogs without looking at the root problem. It was that way for 30 years," said Hale, who became head of ACS

"Under my guidance we have changed course. Since I've been here, we are now all on the same page," Hale

Operation cracks illegal worker network

DALLAS (AP) — For years, federal agents had received tips alleging undocumented immigrants were working at plants owned by the Pilgrim's Pride Corp., the nation's largest chicken producer.

This spring, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in Dallas acted on leads that pointed toward two

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"Everyone

Jones said this year's

menu of trips will include

a mystery tour, one of the

annual tour's most popu-

mystery tour because you

have no idea where

you're going," said Jones

with a laugh. "You just

a time. It's a lot of fun."

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of the company's seven East Texas plants.

Undercover agents posing as illegal immigrants infiltrated an alleged network of job-seekers who paid hundreds of dollars for fraudulent identification while those responsible for hiring them looked the other way.

By the time the investigation wrapped up in December, agents had arrested 24 people, including: A Pilgrim's Pride employee accused of dealing iden-

tification documents; • A human resources employee at the company's

Mount Pleasant facility; • Two other men agents say were part of the scheme

to get identity documents for illegal immigrants. Twenty other workers at Pilgrim's Pride plants in Mount Pleasant and Pittsburg were accused of using social security numbers not issued to them.

The matter is expected to go to a federal grand jury later in January. But newly unsealed court documents laying out the government's case offer a rare glimpse into an allegedly complicit circle of illegal workers, document dealers and trusted employees that made the scheme work.

Deadly mobile home fire near Alvin

ALVIN (AP) — An overnight mobile home fire near Alvin has left five people dead.

Houston television station KHOU quotes investigators at the scene who confirm five deaths — two adults and three children.

The Brazoria County sheriff's department told The Associated Press that the fire was reported around midnight Sunday.

The cause of the deadly blaze is sought.

Lambert's family offers wine named for songs

LINDALE (AP) — How about a sip of Kerosene? The song by country star Miranda Lambert is also

the name of a wine being marketed by her family. Beverly Lambert of Lindale says the Red 55 Winery is attracting tourists to the town. The name comes from her daughter's first truck, a red 1955 Chevy, the mother said.

There's also a blush wine called Electric Pink, named for one of the singer's guitars.

Lambert's latest single comes out Jan. 15. That's when the family's two newest wines will be available — Gunpowder & Lead, and Crazy Ex-Girlfriend — also Lambert songs.

The Lambert family teamed with Lou Viney Vineyards of Winnsboro to offer the wine.

Bridge expansion set to begin today

EL PASO (AP) — A nearly \$27 million expansion project is set to start Monday at the Paso Del Norte port of entry, lengthening the time it will take to cross the bridge, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection official

Four of the downtown port of entry's nine lanes will be closed until summer 2009.

The Paso Del Norte port will have 14 pedestrian inspection lanes and 11 vehicle inspection lanes when

will travel with participants to all destinations. The biggest advantage, however, may be in sim-

ple peace of mind. "There's great comfort and convenience," Jones said. "They'll pick you up at the front door and drop you back off at the front door, and they take care of every little detail."

show up and the trip is revealed to you a little at The showcase has the added attraction of bring-She added that escorts ing in extra revenue for

the local seniors program. "It supplements our budget," she said. "It does allow me to do some spe-

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Africa is over \$7,000. So

there is certainly plenty

in April, June and Aug. 1. This is for people 65 and older or who are receiving disability."

The tax penalty and interest schedule is as follows: After Jan. 31, 6 percent penalty and 1 per-

cent interest; after Feb. 28, 7 percent penalty and 2 percent interest; after March 31, 8 percent penalty and 3 percent interest; after April 30, 9 percent penalty and 4 percent interest; after May 31, 10 percent penalty and 5 percent interest; and after June 30, 12 percent penalty and 6 percent interest, including an additional 20 percent attorney fee.

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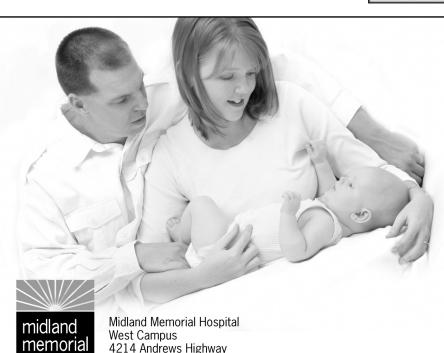
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Controversy creates interest in HPV vaccine

GALVESTON (AP) — Some pediatricians say last year's controversy over whether the state should mandate Texas schoolgirls to be vaccinated against the human papillomavirus has translated into more individuals getting the vaccine.

"It's really kind of an interesting thing — the controversy has really helped us get the word out," said Chris Turley, vice chair for clinical services at the University of Texas Medical Branch's Pediatrics Department. "We really do have moms coming and asking for it.

. People forget about the tetanus shot because it's been around forever, but they come in knowing about this and wanting it for their daughters.' Since July, Galveston-based UTMB pediatric clinics

have been administering about 60 doses a month, Turley said.

Gov. Rick Perry set off a political furor last year by ordering that girls get the vaccine, which protects against a handful of HPV strains that cause cervical cancer. His action irritated conservatives and the Republican-controlled Legislature later undid his executive order.

Texas would have been the first state to require the immunizations.

Since then, the Virginia and New Jersey legislatures passed a school vaccine requirement.

HPV infects about 20 million people in the United States with 6.2 million new cases each year, according to figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Perry's office said he is pleased his actions have prompted Texas families to talk about the vaccine.

"As the numbers are showing, many girls are being vaccinated, and the governor views that as a positive result of generating this debate in Texas and throughout the nation," Krista Piferrer said.

Though Perry can't legally order the HPV vaccine for schoolgirls for at least three more years, Piferrer said he hasn't given up the fight.

"The governor still believes this is a valuable tool to protect young girls against cancer," she said.

There was a "considerable interest in the vaccine" in 2007, said Jack Sims, immunization branch manager of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

No explanation for hiring driver with DWIs

VICTORIA (AP) — Officials from a charter bus company could not explain why they hired the driver now being investigated in a fatal bus accident despite his three prior convictions for drunken driving.

Baltazar Flores Jr., an employee of Capricorn Bus Lines, said at a news conference Saturday the company doesn't hire unsafe drivers, including individuals arrested for driving while intoxicated or with serious commercial-vehicle wrecks.

But Flores could not say why the Houston-based company hired Roberto Garcia Cruz, 42, of Houston. Cruz has three convictions for drunken driving, the last time in 2000, according to Texas Department of Public Safety records.



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OUR VIEWS

AARP in need of volunteers for tax program

t's almost income tax time. And while we're still a few months away from that April 15 deadline, the local AARP is preparing to kick off its annual Tax-Aide program.

AARP spokesperson Gloria Hopkins said the program is designed to help people that might not otherwise be able to file a tax return by helping residents make sense of the tax laws and forms that seem to get more and more complicated with each successive year.

The program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to those who cannot afford professional tax help — senior citizens, people with disabilities, those that cannot speak English and those with low-to-moderate income.

In fact, the program is a necessity for many area residents who can't afford to have their taxes prepared professionally, and the heart and soul of the operation are volunteers.

AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. They help complete returns, as well, right down to any refunds that might be due the taxpaver.

And that's why Hopkins is in the process of recruiting volunteers for this year's program.

This year, however, Hopkins says she's looking for more than just people willing to help provide the tax preparation assistance. That's because several of the computers volunteers have been using are no longer operable and there is some doubt replacements will be available by the time the program begins helping taxpayers on Feb. 4.

In fact, Hopkins said it's possible volunteers may have to go back to preparing paper returns.

As a result, Hopkins says she's hoping people who have laptops — loaded with Windows XP or later — can donate to the program.

'Laptops are easier to secure and work with when it comes to the program," she explained. "And if someone wants to volunteer and already has a laptop, we can always load the software on it for them and let them use their own. That would really be the ideal situation."

The Tax-Aide program will continue from it's Feb. 4 start on each Monday through April 14.

For more information on the program, or if you're interested in volunteering, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Your promises mean we will see the sun again, Lord, when we have cloudy days.

Amen

John Quincy Adams — if only...

urfing television and the Internet can be an exercise in serendipity. Bored with the incessant rerun of "A Christmas Story" on Christmas day, I discovered C-Span's presentation of an October 2007 State

Department Forum on "U.S.-Soviet Relations in the Era of Détente 1969-1976. The commentators were two men who were central figures in that period, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and former Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger.

What caught my attention was not the discussion of U.S.-Soviet relations but a comment by Kissinger about another key figure of the time: President Gerald Ford, the only occupant of the Oval Office who was never elected to the presidency or vicepresidency. President Nixon "nominated" and the Senate approved Ford as vice-president after Spiro Agnew resigned in disgrace in 1973, a scenario repeated in 1974 when Nixon resigned and Ford became president. In the context of the Nixon-Ford "transition's" effect on détente, Kissinger said: "Ford had never run for the presidency. He was as close to a normal human being as we'll ever get

Surfing the Internet Dec. 26, I found the web page of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. The first item noted that the embassy had accepted a statue of John Quincy Adams to mark the anniversary of the start of formal diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Russia

in December 1807. Adams was the first U.S. diplomatic representative (1809-1814) to the court of Tsar Alexander I in St. Petersburg.

Adam's public service stretched 51 years beginning in 1797 as U.S. envoy to Berlin and ending with his death in 1848 while in the U.S. House of Representatives — 100 years before Gerald Ford's first election to the House In between,

- Served six years (1803-1809) in the U.S. Senate;
- Was Secretary of State under James Monroe (1817-1825), where he crafted the Monroe Doctrine;
- Ran for president in 1824 against Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay, Monroe's Treasury Secretary William Crawford, and Secretary of War John Calhoun. Jackson won both the popular and the Electoral College polls, but failed to gain a majority in either count. The decision moved to the House of Representatives, where Clay threw his support to Adams, who was selected as the sixth U.S. president on the first ballot over Jackson. Jackson supporters cried foul when the new president then appointed Clay as Secretary of
- Was elected to the House of Representatives in 1831, serving until his death 17 years later. Again, like Gerald Ford, Adams

owns a distinction no other occupant of the Oval Office can claim: he is the only president to serve in Congress both before and after his election as president.

Despite his Federalist pedigree, Adams was not a prisoner of partisan politics but a man of principle - what I take to be the meaning of Kissinger's description of Ford as a "normal human being."

Throughout his 17 years in the House, Adams stood as a genuine "people's representative," opposing slavery and the 1846-1848 Mexican-American War – the first war of America's "Manifest Destiny." And although Adams is remembered most of all by diplomatic historians for crafting, as Secretary of State, what came to be known as the Monroe Doctrine, it seems most appropriate that his post-presidential service was in the "people's chamber," both because of his stand on war and on slavery and because his election in 1830 was, according to his-

The 1911 Encyclopedia Britannica said of Adams: "Few men in American public life have possessed more intrinsic worth, more independence, more public spirit and more ability than Adams." History judges John Quincy Adams' presidency as a failure, but not the man. It may well be too soon to judge objectively the efficacy of Ford's presidency, but there is no doubt that Ford, like Adams, was a success as a human being.

torians, unexpected.

Would that the same can be said of the person elected our next president.

More to the point, may the same be said of each of us in 2008 and beyond.

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From school yard to prison yard

n a number of America's upper-income communities parents like generations before them, preregister their children at birth for blue-chip nursery schools in hopes of placing them on the path to Ivy

League and other toptier universities. By contrast, millions of Black and Latino children from poor families with no or few stimulating prekindergarten opportunities never make it onto the college track. With multiple strikes against them — low birthweight, poor single parents, absent



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fathers, perhaps substance abuse — many begin life already on the prison track.

A good education in America is a major determinant of what kind of life a child will have when s/he grows up. A bad education is often a sentence to social and economic death. Education determines future income and social status as well as a child's range of future options and quality of life. Sadly, too many children in economically depressed minority communities are stuck in failing schools, greatly increasing their chances of ending up in a prison cell.

A child's experiences in the dawn of life establish the foundation that will prepare him or her to learn at school. Children in America's poorest communities who lack stable parenting, quality child care and who receive little stimulation in their early years will lag behind when they start kindergarten. When they enter

first grade, it's likely to be at a poorly funded, overcrowded. understaffed and low-achieving school. Inner-city schools have the highest numbers of teachers who are inexperienced or don't have degrees in the subjects they teach. Consequently, too many schools are likely to be staffed by teachers and administrators who have low expectations for children from marginalized families whom they may label as "dumb" or "bad."

Currently, 88 percent of Black children and 85 percent of Latino children in fourth grade can't read at grade level. This is when minority children with poor preschool preparation begin to be sorted out.

The lack of health and mental health care among low-income children is also an important factor in a child's educational development. A child's misbehavior may be a reflection of an unaddressed learning disability or mental or emotional disorder. Regrettably, too few schools have the staff capable of recognizing the behavior of a disturbed or disabled child for what it is, and if they do, are unable to provide treatment. More often, these children are seen as "disruptive," and instead of offering them counseling or psychological therapy, too many educators dispense "zero tolerance" discipline — usually in the form of suspensions or expulsions.

Once children drop out, or are pushed out of school, the prison pipeline is only one wrong move away. With most churches and mosques closed during the week and too many community centers boarded up, children with few positive alternatives to the streets

often head for the "corner," a different type of educational institution that teaches antisocial values like violence and criminal behavior, also glamorized on many of the TV programs they watch.

High school dropouts are almost three times as likely to be incarcerated as youths who have graduated. But dropouts are not the only ones who encounter entryways into the prison pipeline. Many middle and high schools have full-time police officers who can independently arrest children on school grounds for any number of infractions like disorderly conduct, malicious mischief and fighting that just a few years ago would have been handled by families, the schools or community institutions. And now, children as young as five and six are being hauled down to police stations in handcuffs. I think we adults have lost our common sense and sense of plain decency.

There are things we can do. Congress and states must fully fund quality Head Start, Early Head Start, child care and preschool programs that target the neediest children between the ages of three and five to provide comprehensive education, health, nutrition and social services. And we can all encourage the children in our lives and celebrate their academic achievements. Finally, educators who do not love and respect the children they are entrusted with preparing for the future should go do something else.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council. DISTRIBUTED BY MINUTEMANMEDIA.ORG.

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Brianna Kight, Dillon Lloyd, Bianca Lopez, Patel, Valerie Tusli Petrowski. Bailey Pittman, Devin Roberson, Marisella Rodriguez, David Sanchez, Antonio Solis, Briana Valencia, Kinsey Wash and Amy Winters.

Fifth Grade: Eddie Alvarado, Charlie Boling, Joshua Brown, Tyler Bryan, Alexander Franco, Angela Garza, Shea Giese, Samuel Harris, Timothy Jimenez, Kattlin Long, Pete Nguyen, Danie Ortega, Ashley Smith, Steel, Jennie Bruce Wallace and Stevi Ward. "A-B" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Alena Aguilar, Collin Almaza, Juilette Alvarez, Tyler Avant, Brittany Bakley, Baucum, Kaegan Angelica Canyu, Roy Carrillo, Casedy Madison Cervantes, Currie, Jacob Davis and Gary Ellett.

Cassie Espinosa, Mercedez Estes, Kellie Feaster, Michael Ford, Dustin Fraley, Adam Franco, Gilberto Garcia, Ashley Garza, William Gill, Nickolas Gonzalez, Charles Green, Bilhah Guillory, Desiree Guzman, Alesia Hernandez, Baylee Howell and Joe Juarez.

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Reba Alejandro Zavala. Fifth Grade: Nydia Teodora Arenivar, Spivey, Arguello, Joseph Barraza, Oscar Barraza, Mirando Bermea, Hannah Biemeret, Benjamin Brue, Vicki Bustamante, David Byrd and David Caldera.

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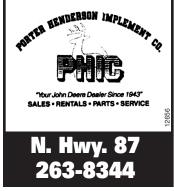
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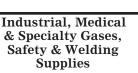
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Third Grade: Shiv Patel, Abigail Ramirez, Tv Ramirez and Alejandro Sotelo.

Fourth Grade: Sergio Garcia and Destiny Zamora.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Bryson Che'ly Bolton, Allen, Carroll, Brian Kiera Eggleston, Luxie Evans, Carlos Garcia, Tonya Garcia, Chaside Gonzales, Jeremy Gonzales and Kaitlin Hendricks.

Jayla Kinney, Sierra Mancha, Jared Paredez, S. Belle Ramirez, Leah Rivera, Julian Ruiz, Bree Spears, Alexis Starr and Zachary Zamora.

Second Grade: Kamron Betts, Caimon Billingsley, Yuliza Cervantes, Ivan Delgado, Jordan Dunn, Mikayla Gamboa, Kari Gross, Marcos Haro, Elisa Hernandez, Logan Hildabrand, Adrienne Angelica Mendoza, Mojica, Odaly Vela and B.J. Zepeda.

Third Grade: Aurora Preston Aguirre, Alexander, Joe Alvear, Noe Arguello, Holder Biemeret, Andy Canales, Aaron Carroll, Austin Edward Dannenbaum, Destiny Fierro and Franco.

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Marcy **Elementary School Second Six-Weeks** "A" Honor Roll

Kindergarten: Marissa Aguilar, Jose Ernie Barreto, Elizabeth Beach, Alexis Bristo, Alexandra Cantu, Miguel Carranza, Manuel Cervantes, Mariah Chavarria, Micheal Christain and Isaiah Clemons.

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Christopher Viasana, Jerrod Torres, Adrian Villa, Xavier Wilbert, Tyler Williams, Serenity Williamson, Abigayle Yates, Jessenia Ybarra and Alexandria Zavala.

First Grade: Ruby Alvarado, Humberto Barreto, Brittany Ceballos, Sebastián Duenez, Luke Chavarria, Jeremiah Cooley, Aryssa Garcia, Christopher Grisham, Mikayla Hernandez and Ashlee Hull.

Makenzie Jameson, Erynn Marquez, Kloe Mata, Louis Olivares, Haley Rios, Tomas Tino and Razel Yanez.

Second Grade: Abby Brown, Caden Cline, Escalera, Alexandria Adam Gonzales, Ashley Gonzalez, Alfonso Guiterras, Haleigh Haven, Kalli Jimenez, Tre (Gilbert) Madrid and Andrew Marquez.

Alyssa Molina, Courtney Myers, Nolan Otto, Noelia Ramirez, Faith Robertson, Alyssa Sanchez, Madison Sandell, Britney Tan and Mirella Villa.

Third Grade: Xavier Flores, Chante Garcia, Karen Hodges, Ysabel Soliz, Alexess Sosa, Hannah Valencia and Brandi Villa.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Kindergarten: Jatavien Brehm, Alexandria Bretz, Marcus Cano, Manuel Chavarria, Aaron Crawford, Bethany Delbosquez, Diego Duenez, **Nicholas** Futrelle, Ariana Gonzales and Hannah Haven.

Jacob Hernandez, Zackary Hill, Nathan Kerstell, Megan Lloyd, Elexius Lopez, Kelli Munoz, Maggie Ogle, Valerie Olivares, Hope Olivas, Lilly Perez, Anthony Ramirez, Faith Zachary D'Angelo Roberts, Mia Rodriguez and Marcus Zarraga.

First Grade: Gwendolyn Anderson, Lexsie Brehm, Dani Burcham, Alexis Cruz, Jason DeNio, Gage Fox, Destiny Gross, Marissa Hernandez, Jared Hill, Travis Johnson, Adrian Ledesma and

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Second Grade: Joanna Alvarez, Jeffery Bomer, Delfino Carrillo, A.J. Cash, Adrian Cedillo, Bryan Cordova, Danny Corona, Melanie DeLaSancha, Destiny Garcia, Savannah Grigg, Kadeam Herrera, Abbey Igneczi and Marcos Juarez.

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Workman. Third Grade: Caitlin Aaron, Andi Armstrong, Ashlan Armstrong, Marcus Arredondo, Itzamara Carranza, Cameron Chavera, Emily Crawford, Thomas Cruz, Adriana Garcia Timothy Garrard.

Briana Hernandez-Hamili, Ross Jennings, Matthew Jimenez, Stevi Madry, Kodi Marbeiter, Cameron Mikels, Jacob Moreno, Kelsey Murdock, Alexis Ovalle, Tanya Reid and Ronnie Rivera.

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Fourth Grade: Ciera Backus, Noah Brake, Janessa Canales, Dylan Delarosa, Trystan Davis, Ashlen Eckert, Jesse Espinosa, Hamish Finlay, Cassidy Futrelle, Cory Hilario and Richard Martinez.

Kami Miramontes, Samantha Murphy, Mia Oliva, Nathaniel Permenter, Eric Pool, Alexia Rawls, Brent Riffe, John Paul Rodríguez, Tranaesha Smith, Kaleb Ward and Lindsey Woodard.

Moss **Elementary School Second Six-Weeks** "A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Stacia Aldridge, Noah Barraza, Atticus Brumley, Chloe Bustamante, Lissette Cantu, Chance Carroll, Jason Lopez, Blake Marshall, Cassidy Martinez, David Molina, Johnathan Moore and Emma Norman.

Second Grade: Medina Bancroft, Danica Bishop, Lindsey Brooks, Abbey Bryan, Justus Carpenter, Raegan Deel, Gabi Gomez, Julie Hernandez, Trinady Joslin and Esperanza Perez.

Anissa Ramsey, Carlie Roberts, Alex Robles, Natalie Rodriquez, Sizenbach, Brayden Jaryn Vanover, Luke Wood, Aubrey Wright

Third Grade: Mariah Cervantez, Dillon Daniel, Garrett Feaster, Jasmine Grosse, Kaelie Grosse, Gloria Haliburton, Jessica Hall, Briana Amanda Rangel, Renteria, Sean Rios, Faith Roberson, Mariah

Sarmiento and Zoe Tovar. Fourth Grade: Mikaela Biddison, Bailee Chase, Toby Cotton, Kaytlin Feemster, Charisma Fierro, Mikaela Garza, Hannah Jensen, Lee Karwedsky, Audrey Lopez, Ben Mikeska, Faith Norman, Makenzie Christina Roberts, Rodarte, Jacob Scott, Lexie Trevino, Dylan Watson and Matthew Wood.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Paige Reagan Atkins, Brockman, Brice Bustamante, Lexi Braiden Cervantes, Feaster, Cassady Garcia, Amber Hernandez, Myda Hernandez, Hallie Hyatt and Brookelynn Jensen.

Christian Klug, Jasmine Leos, Xavier Leos, Kailey Cheyenne Mathews,

McFarland, Gabriella Medina, Cheyenne Montijo, Miranda Morales, Abigail Olivares, Jessica Pacheco and Fe Perez.

Anabella Porras, Christin Rodrizuez, Aaron Romero, Laney Salazar, Lawrence Shroyer, Kalie Valencia, Gage Warren and Lorena Yanez.

Second Grade: Jessica Amos, Christina Barraza, DeJuan Chapa, Stephen Chapa, Austin Darden, Autumn Fierro, Makayla Galaviz, Kloee Gang, Vaughn Green, Sarah Guillory and Robert Hayes.

Victoria Hernandez, Abel Hinojos, Lorenzo Jimenez, Raylene Johnson, Joseph Lancaster, Steven Lopez, Aaron Martinez, Bianca Martinez, Denise Medina, Brittany Olivo, Sabastien Ortiz, Aubrey Parum, Charli Deonte Perez, Telchik and Robert Valencia.

Third Grade: Jaci Aguilar, Zoey Berry, Astin Cooper, Nickolus Delgado, William Dolly, Jessica Bhili Gill, Gonzales, Joshua Guerra-Mata, Apostle Guillory, Blantyn Gusman, Ron Hale and Caitlan Hines.

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Fourth Grade: Julia Aguilar, Chance Carpenter, Aimee Cervantes, Lauren Cevallos, Maya Chavez, Melinda Duck, Morgan Flores, Destinee Flowler, Eric Garza and Madyson Gartman.

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Washington **Elementary School Second Six Weeks** "A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Angel Alvarado, Arthur Arview, Devon Atkins, Aliana Beserra, Dylan Cervantes, Tyler Croft, Leah Davis, Joseph Doll, Xavier Gonzales, Autumn Guidry and Nathan Letz.

Christopher Ledesma, Magallanes, Angel Manuel Marquez, Alexis Mojicia, Shelby Rains, Andrew Romero, Laura Romero, Abigail Roper, Haiven Rushing, Anjelica Savell, Casey Shubert, Toni Sitton, Katherine and Shelbi Wright.

Dylan Cox, Alexis Gaitan, Adolio Garcia, Joshua Grimsley, Christian Horton, Teresa Juarez, Carmen Lopez, Isreal McClinton, Hayley Jenkins and Abby Wentz. Third Grade: Brett Cervantes, Taylor

Christian, Destiny Mata,

Devynn Smith and Jacob Valdez.

Fourth Grade: Chase Bryson Billing, Burt, Dustin Garcia, Eric Ortega, Marisol Savell and Dakota Stahl.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Adrianna Julissa Alvarado, Barraza, Madison Campean, Jayden Canales, Antonio Cantu, Beth Carnagie, Breanna Castillo, Mercedes Castillo, Joe Chavera, Sebastian Cypert and King Ellison.

Brandon Esquivel, Sebastian Garcia, Ceirra Hutcheson, Cameron Lawson, Trevor McIntosh, Gabriel Nieto, Morgan Owen, Leo Pena, Devin Perrin, Amalia Rios, Aurora Roberts, Destiny Robles, Valerie Rodriguez, Cody Salinas, Francisco Yanez and Bobby Zambrano.

Second Grade: Madison Armentrout, Valerie Arview, Eric Bender, Kasper Campos, Cassidy Casey, Marilyn Cerda, Samantha Ferro, Yiselle Galvan, Nicholas Glass, Lance Gonzales, Naarah Lawshea, Cierra Gabriel Martinez, Melendez, Jeremy Moore, Alexandra Porter, Stephen Rios and John Smithwick.

Third Grade: Brandon Chapel, Klarissa Franco, Zachery Fuentes, Melanie Glass, Anthony Munoz, Nicolas Romero, Janasia Rushin and Dylan Wardwell.

Fourth Grade: August Alexander, Jessica Bermea, Leah Burton, Garrett Brownfield, RemDevon Craven, Myckala Edwards, Rizpah Ellison, Jose Garay, Brandon Garcia and Jose Gonzales.

Malilda Irvin, Lorenzo Jones, Jerrian Jordan, Luc Lewis, Anthony Lopez, Austin Riddle, Anthony Romero, Katlin Skiles, Kate Sorton, Victoria Yanez and Jonathan Yarbrough.

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Hodges-Alexandra Bosley, Sebastian Ferro, Alejandro Hilario and Tori Hughes.

Coahoma High School **Second Six-Weeks**

"A" Honor Roll Ninth Grade: Joshua Castilaw, Martin Guiterrez, Brayden Iden, Rachel Kennedy, Reagan Reid and Hunter Williams.

10th Grade: Judson Turman, Kali Woodruff Chevalier, Kylie Gee, Krista Lyons, Kalea Neff, Second Grade: James Reagan Rainey, Hilary Barton, Rowan Colette, Rodriguez and Heather Sloan.

11th Grade: Megan Conley, Nathan Gomez, Berkley Iden, Ashley Martin, Michael Mendoza, Alex Moore, Laci Sterling and Hilari White.

12th Grade: Teryn Bibb, Veronica Cortez, Amanda

Fernandez, Kayla Guiterrez, Krista Kerby, Colter Morgan and Justin

"A-B" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade: Adrian Amaro, Rachel Barbee, Robert Barlow, Machelle Barr, Itzel Gomez, Aaron Gonzales, Kevin Kirkland, Kelsey Mann, Jason Martinez, Medina, Brooke Quinn, Shelbie Reid, Austin Rinard, Casey Roberts, Kristen Shiver, Brandi Smith, Michael Weihert, Brent Wright and Brooke Zitterkopf.

10th Grade: Amber Batterton, Taylor Bridge, Amanda Brown, Ashley Buske, J.M. Castillo, Alex Crabtree, Katie Dunn, Chance Hart, Shaun Jerrigan, Jordan Martin, Kourtney McAdams, Hayli McCullough, Ashleigh McFadden, Erick Nino, Jake Owens, Josh Paniagua, Megan Parrish, Jennifer Pittman, Jared Ringener, Jackie Ruiz, Lauren Ruiz and Sarah Stonerook.

11th Grade: Steven Boren, Kim Calvert, Harrison Chevalier, Breanna Conner, Danja Gonzales, Victoria Gonzalez, Braden Griffin, Jay Harris, Camryn Herrera, Kelly Lee, Shelbi Paige, Jovi Paniagua and Katelyn Wilson.

12th Grade: Vanessa Cortez, Maricela Delgado, Amanda Denton, Chelsea Gonzales, Janice Gonzales, Johnny Gonzales, Channel Griffin, Geno Jacaquez, Casey Kilpatrick, Kendel Light, Cassi Massingill, Chris Mault, Lani Mow, Regan New and William Reilly.

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Coahoma **Junior High School** Second Six-Weeks "A" Honor Roll

Seventh Grade: Jessica Goodger, Morgan Luce and Laurel Nix.

Eighth Grade: Katherine Calvert, Heather Kirby, McKenzie Moore, Paul Salazar, Cole Sneed and Mackenzie Stone.

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Seventh Grade: Wendy Andersen, Kalob Arteaga, Devin Barbee, Jasmin Callejas, Shea Campbell, Katie Castillo, Breanna Corbett, Dustin Fontana Kara Fuentes, Rikki

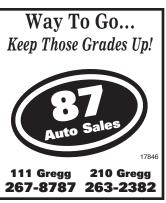
Gilbert, Eddie Hagins, Alex Hill, Hunter Lowery and Sarah Macik.

Jacqueline Martin, Kaleb McAdams, Ryan Reid, Tobi Robinson, Tanner Ruiz, Justin Stenman, McKenzie Wallace, Marla Wilson and Dakota Witkowski.

Eight Grade: Krystal Ayala, Jennifer Castilaw, Justin Coker, Jacob Echavarria, Lynzi Ferrell, Keveen Gilbert, Minnie Goodblanket, Dustin Gutierrez, Robert Guzman, Kaitlyn Hector and Christopher Henry. Breanna Hilario,

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First Grade: Myka Blissard, Abigail Casbeer, Bryson Cline, Allison Eilenberger, Jacelyn Golden, Cassie Gutierrez, Kamri Kemper, Emily Kesler, Andrea King and Colin Londenberg.

Marilee Mauzey, Emiliano Ortiz, Hannah Richardson, Illiana Sandoval, Hana Stanislaus, Megan Stevenson, Kaelob Stewart. Savannah Sumrall, Raven Taylor, Aubrey White, Caden Williams, Micah Worley and Kaylee Wright.

Second Grade: Landon Barber-Grant, Nickolas Chen, Tanner Dodson, Sydnie Gilbert, Diana Gonzalez, Tucker Greni, Jori Hanlan, McKinna Hector, Harmony Humble, Trevor Kernick and Emily Marsh.

Brice Martin, Jake Massey, Tyler McFall, Mason Moore, Makayla Overton, Britney Payte, Walker Rawls, Brynlea Rhodes, Victoria Sanderson, Hannah Sirmons, Sydni Sparks, Jaedan Stanislaus, Jaydian Vargas and Braidon Walker.

Third Grade: Haley Arguello, Kody Barber, Adam Brito, Reuben Campos, Annie Chandler, Carolynn Clark, Garrett Deatherage, Shawna Faucett, Breanna Grant, Makinsey Grant and Stephanie Gutierrez.

Darren Hernandez, Hobdy, Tyler Jetly Martin, Carli Martiez, Dylan Nalley, David Sandoval, Hunter Seymore, Megan Shifflett, Austin Sosa, Clayton Stewart, Thomas Wilson, Bravden Worlev and Landyn Young.

Fourth Grade: Julia Castilaw, Cameron William Crabtree, Franks, Hannah Hobdy, Taylor Mendez, Jessica Privett, Tara Robinson, Rebecca Spindler, Hannah Tucker and Tyler Witkowski.

Fifth Grade: Christopher Biddison, Brandon Clark,

Brandon Coker, Donald Ewing, Erin Fontana, Alexandra Gibbs, Patrick Goodgame, Braxton Iden, Namen McCullough, Kelli Schaedel and Christian Van Wey.

Sixth Grade: Shayla Martin, Savannah Neff and Shanen Warneke.

"A-B" Honor Roll First Grade: Joseph Arguello, Trey Brockman, Ryan Coker, Julia Cortez, Cassidy Duffer, Kynz Gonzalez, McKenzi Gressett, Paisley Gutierrez, Hannah Head, Amber Hoard, Haven Martin and Dakota

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Second Grade: Ethyne Arteaga, Trey Bingham, Cantu. Jonathan Castillo, Matthew Cervantes, Ty Clark, Jordan Derouin, Raymond Diaz, Escobedo-Gonzales, Eridanus Farmer and Brighton Feaster.

Korey Fowler, Serenity Garcia, Cassie Grant, Gary Hernandez, Ami Hoard, Elizabeth Juarez, Nicholas Loveless, Hannah Marsh, Mikayla Mauzey, William McMurray, Rolando Ortiz, Tia Stonerook, Christine Tovar, Aricela Valencia and Jason Wormington.

Third Grade: Alexander Biddison, Trevor Bingham, Summer Boudreaux, Ginger Coates, Kolten Crawford, Santana Cruz, Janeice Cuellar, Michael Duffer, Gonzalez, Trinity Timothy Goodgame, Evalena Gutierrez, Kavin Humble, Asia Jackson, Ana Mejia. Isaac Perez. John Porras, Bailey Swinney and Jack Waddell.

Fourth Grade: Kelsev Allen, Makaila Arnold, Robin Atkinson, Kassi Coker, Christopher Dominguez, Christopher Skydra-Lynn Edge, Farmer, Aaron Ferguson, Brandi Gammons and Quentin Gaston.

Kaylee Hill, Bailey Kennedy, Ashley Luce, Andrew Martinez, Crystal McCutchan, Taylee Miller, Dylan Nutter, Isabella Rivera, Abigail Sanchez, Aimee Solis, Haddan Stokes and Blake Zitterkopf.

Fifth Grade: Ashlynn Armstrong, Philip Bacon, Bailee Barber-Grant, Emily Campos, Kristin Cosby, Lauren Floyd, Kelsey Garza, Jalin Gilbert, Arturo Gonzalez, Christopher Hughes and Alexis Jackson.

McPherson, Joseph Melendez, Nicholas Paige, Victor Paniagua, Garett Parrish, Morgan Pierce, Tera Rinard, Adrian Rodriguez, Kayla Sanders, Aloura Scott, Camberlyn Stonerook, Zakary Walton, Fisher Williams and Kaeli Yager.

Sixth Grade: Richard Adamson, Rodolfo Brito, Breann Castillo, Kyla Clanton. Zachary Crabtree, Tyler Frazier, Kimberly Henry, Kayla Jerrnigan, Kimberly Jordy, Tabitha Keaton and Amanda King.

Zachary King, Evan Leib, Briana McCallay, Miranda McNew, David Mejia, Sarah Melendez, Caige Miller, Christy Mitchell, Loren Moore, Jordan Moron, Madison Rawls, Jerry Sloan, Cody Thomas, Joseph Thompson, Tamala Wilson and Timothy Wilson.

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"A" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Jammie Armstead, John Tyler Covan Breyman, Davidson, Tyler Evans, Chandler Freeman, Marisol Hernandez, Ali Knight, Matthew Mims, Maria Ortiz and Kiowa Spears.

Seventh Grade: Dillon Bagnall, Trevor Burchett, Brady Gartman, Case

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10th Grade: Macy Evan Burton, Briggs, Amanda Longorio and Laura Spence.

11th Grade: Valarie Goff, Zach Herrin, Charlene Stanley, Michael Steelman, Stephanie Williams and Kody Willis.

12th Grade: Jessica Ballard, Johanna Collier, Blake Jolinda Flores, Grantham, Kristan Hallford, Aaron Hughes, Carissa Jensen, Caitlin Jones, Tara Kuykendall, Clint Lockhart, Alex Cameron Newsom, Parker, Kaela Strickland, Rowena Suazo and Rachel Wheeler.

"A-B" Honor Roll Sixth Grade: Kenna Colvin, Eric Edwards, Kade Fannin, Taybor Flores, Corbin Foster, Clayton Galloway, Austin Grantham, Brittney Hergert, Vanessa Highfield, BreAnna Martinez and Polo Morin.

Falon Newton, Mikael Pappajohn, Aaron Karyssa Paterson, Elizabeth Ramirez, Rhodes, Timothy Rios, Self, Johsua Kolby Spivey, Connor Steel, Sara Stevenson and Colton Wheeler.

Seventh Grade: Tanner Ballard, Landon Boeker, Brandon Carrell, Thomas Dawson, Dalton Doss, Flores, Elena Aric Hernandez, Kelcee Hillis, Kie Jones, Leah Lloyd, Brayden Miles, Cody Moore, Shelby Roemer and Kavla Tillev.

Eighth Grade: Autumn Alton, C.J. Ballard, Courtney Blair, Foster Burchett, Ashley Buzbee, April Cevallos, Adrian Juan Juarez, Tomi Garza, Patrick Greer, Lindsey Heckler, Tyler Hester and Ambra HIll.

Ty Johson, Alex Park, Kyle Parker, Patyon Parker, Bryson Phillips, Patrick Robles, Caden Rosenbaum, Mara Sheets, Elgen Suazo, Spencer Wells and Stevie Wilson.

Ninth Grade: Sterling Chaney, Morgan Forshee, Erica Garrett, Zachary Hatfield, Tim Huitt, Michael Mims, Kevy O'Brien, Jake Rhoton, Kayla Schlipf, Kolten Kay'C Stanley, Shelf, Wells, Halli James Wheeler and Jonathan Williams.

10th Grade: D'Amberly Averette, Kyle Daniel, Aric Denton, Ryan Flores, Aaron Johnson, Claudia Kelsey Jones, Jones, Shelby Jones, Brittney Roemer, Joshua Sanchez, Travis Waid and Dillon Walker.

11th Grade: Faith Belew, Jeffery Carey, Shaina Dunnam, Monica Garza, Sandi Golleher, Jeromý Gomez, Nathan Henley, Tessa Kendrick, Jason Lawson, Rey Martinez, Cassie Matthews, Melanie McDonald, Pappajohn and Kemberli

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Elbow Elementary School Second Six-Weeks "A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Payton Beauchamp, Erin Carrillo. Jamison Cogburn, Macey Evans, Brandon Freitage, Cassidy Gamble, Emily Garcia, Aaron Gutierrez, Dora Hickam, Mackenzie Kinman and Michael Kukoly.

Brenna Lindsey, Tatum Miller, Kaylee Morgan, Kayla Morin, Montie Munsell, Ashtyn Pearson, Elijah Rushing, Luke Settles and Jacquelyn Torbik.

Second Grade: Baldwin, D'Amberly Walker Cimino, Sierra Darling, Garrett, Evans, Jenna Evans, Lexie Gee, Chasidy Grantham, Eric Hall, Jesse Hall, Bryce Hergert, Hope Howell and Jillian Jones.

Long, Elizabeth Jennifer Lopez, Duncan Madewell, Meagan Munsell, Nathan Ramirez, Roach, Erica Saige Stallings, Marissa Welch, Kayla White and Jaden Wilson.

Grade: Devin Third Adams, Aaron Alton, Braxton Coor, Joshua Britennia Evans, Franklin, Sterling Freeman, Sandra Hernandez, M'Kenna Hopper, Mackenzi Lain, Kendall Phillips, Kenneth Priest, Sharrod Rushing and Blaze Yeater.

Fourth Grade: Lane Beech, Kaytlin Brock, Nova Caldwell, Bryce MacKenzie Gartman, Kennedy, Taylor Morin, Munsell, Rikee Nina Alexis Ortiz, Roach, Skydra Sanford Abbygail Saucedo.

Fifth Grade: Mason Coor, Christian Gamble, Emily Hatfield, Alicia Zachary Hernandez, Long, Breana Madry, Sloan Miller, Christopher Mims, Ryan Pearson, Hannah Thompson, Nicholas Williams and Yanci Yeater.

"A-B" Honor Roll First Grade: Courtney Bankson, Keller Blackshear, Aissa Cervantes, Maranda Chappell, Megan Christian, Jordan Enriquez, Sterling Fuller, Keith Garrett, Isabella Gonzales, Lewis Heston, Dylon Kilgora, Natori Morin, Gabriel, Sanchez, Jacob Spivey and Alexis Stercks.

Grade: Seth Second Glen Burch, Bailey, Genesis Caldwell, Shelbi Carter, Conner Clarkson, Loree Dello, Lora Gomez, Esperanza Gonzales, Kaelon Harbour, Caleb Hernandez and Katy Hillis.

Raven Holduin, Elissa Jefferson, Andy Kikland, Leandra King, Austin Madry, Addison Newton, Jeffery Osburn, Tristin McKenzie Rangel, Schrecengost, Robert Stevenson, Tessa Talbot, Nathan Vidal, Kolby Watson, Tre' Wheat and Gabriel Williams.

Third Grade: Hannah Beauchamp, Sarah Bethke, CJ Bigelow, John Broughton, Miranda Cansino, Brittnie Clay, Hannah Hancock, Riley King, Alyssa Kirkland. Mason Lane, Averie Newton, Linzee Pitcox, Tori Roemer, Cayla Rosenbaum, Danyelle Tilley, Ashton Voight, BreAnna Wilson and Bria Wilson.

Fourth Grade: Alex Bowman, Jeremy Brooks,

Kody Dylan Bryant, Carrell, Jesse Cervantes, Chappell, Clayton Christopher Chavez, Kameron Cooper, Caden Davidson, Karissa Dixon, Peter Dubose, Eli Flores, Kerigann Harbour, Brennan Highfield and Aliscia Howard.

Stacy Jennings, Ashton Johnson, Kaylee Kemper, Katelvnn Kennemur, Emily Lansford, Wyatt Morgan, Granger Newton, Caitlin Park, Ian Park, Walker Park, Kiefer Pulis, Victoria Ramos, Gilbert Reyna, Madison Roman, Brayden Settles, Subia, Nando Elijah Torres and Sadie Wheeler.

Fifth Grade: Tristen Anderson, Erin Bagnall, Travis Ballard, Darby DePauw, Ashley Garcia, Colby Hair, Case Heckler, Hunter Hillis, Garrett Kilgora, Ashlie Knox, Caleb Lamb and Gabriel Leal.

McDaniel, Mary Minchew, Hannah Zachery Norman, Jared Erin Payne, Parker, Savannah Robinson, Alexis Smith, Kaleb Stanley, Diego Subiz, Dalton Taylor, Brianna Welch, Makala Wharton and Alexis Willis.

Grady ISD Second Six-Weeks "A" Honor Roll

Second Grade: Jalen Helms, T.J. Shands, Reagan Tyler, Petyon Welch, Justin Wells and Alec Willingham.

Third Grade: Brittney Garza and Joshua Yarbrough.

Fourth Grade: Emily Glaze and Tucker Wells. Fifth Grade: Ariel Arnold, Jacob Beaty, Bryce Blocker, Joseph Briseno, Julian Helms, Lupita Jimenez, Vivian Perez, Nancy Weibe and Jessica Willingham.

Sixth Grade: Kristen Blocker, Sadie Fields, Billy Froese and Aaron Perez.

Seventh Grade: Cole Gifford, Brent Glaze, Jack Kennady, Jason Klassen, Sarah Matthews and Zack Seiffert.

Eighth Grade: Abby Hanson and Morgan McDonald.

Grade: Zane Ninth Robinson, Shane Teague and Johan Wiebe.

10th Grade: Maegan Blocker, Dylan Cox and Maxwell Kennady.

11th Grade: Kaitlyn Blocker, Kayla Browder, Eva Dyck, Patsy Flores, Justina Klassen, Lauren Robinson, Geoffrey Schuette and Anita Weibe.

12th Grade: Linsey Chavez, Ericka Medina, Pugh, Katie Roy Kandace Rodriguez, Schuelke, Lane Shands and Justin Tubb.

"A-B" Honor Roll Second Grade: Emyly Banke, Anisia Enriquez, Gifford Audrey Julianna Jimenez.

Third Grade: Maria Fehr and Jenny Fields. Grade: Eva Fourth Knelsen and Hunter

McCarter. Fifth Grade: Jasmin Juarez and Nichele

Raines. Grade: Sixth Macey Oppegard and Alyssa Reasoner.

Grade: Seventh Charmynee Arnold, Cayley Oppegard, Ivan Sanjuan, Savannah Sawyer, Isaak Unger and Charley Ann Wells. Eighth Grade: Gerry

Adkins and Ty Beaty. Ninth Grade: John Dyck, Natasha Enriquez, Nicolaus Hernandez,

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Ramirez, Josue Rodriguez and Carsten Russell. 10th Sam Grade:

Harryman, Tyler Matthews and Christian Medina.

Grade: 11th Taylor Kennady, Pechacek and Casey Shands.

12th Grade: Ann Hinojosa, Santos Montoya, Luciano Najera, Tommylee Rivas, Rachel Romine, Tyler Springer and Matt Webb.

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First Grade: Jake Avey, Paola Castillo, Julia Delgado, Talia Delgado, Pancho Friesen, Alexis Gonzales, Lukas Grantham and Jayden Wigington.

Second Grade: Samantha Blount, Landry Connell, Sarah DeLeon, Tina Friesen and Noah Wigington.

Third Grade: Reagan Hamlin.

Fourth Grade: Nicholas Cisneros, Autin Nichols, Rempel and Susana Dyllan Tindol.

Fifth Grade: Austin Blount and Zane Parker. Sixth Grade: Aaron Ragle and Jerad Staggs. Seventh Grade: Preston Zant.

Eighth Grade: Clarissa Elizondo and Hayden Ware.

Ninth Grade: Landon Parker, Meagan Yarbrough and Morgan Yarbrough. Grade: Xavier 10th

Elizondo. 11th Grade: Brittni Blagrave, Logan Gaskins, C. D. Karns, Richard Lucio, David Martinez, Tamara Nichols and Mason Parker.

12th Grade: Ronnie Peacock, Thomas Pena and Crystal Ybarra.

"A-B" Honor Roll First Grade: Alycia Cisneros, Alex Rempel

and Elizabeth Schmith. Second Grade: Reme Berta. Arriaga, Gage Dervk Andrew Ragle, Renteria, Robert Tarin and Christopher Ybarra.

Third Grade: Trevor Blagrave, Ashley Caceras, Miguel Elizondo, Lydia Enns, Johan Friesen, Eric Garcia, Yajaira Gonzales, Jacy Parker, Lisa Rempel. Franz Schmith, Susana Schmith, Kailey Tindol and Samantah Ybarra.

Fourth Grade: Felipe Aguinaga, Melissa Briseno, Aggie Friesen, Dylan Segundo Samuel Yzaguirre.

Fifth Grade: Davis Browne, George Elias, Colten Hughes, Sergio Plata, Johan Schmith and Sloan Shaw. Sixth Grade: Alma

Martinez and Michael Poynor. Seventh Grade: Jake

Browne and Callie McMorris. Eighth Grade: Sean

Blagrave, Michael Gomez, Maria Gonzales, Makayla Poynor, Justin Rogers, Ryan Stockton and Albert Ybarra. Ninth Grade: Levi

Duncan. 10th Grade: Abril Garcia, Gabe Guillen, Noemi Martinez, Reuben McMorris, Braeson Ramey, Johnny Rogers, Stockton

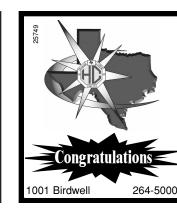
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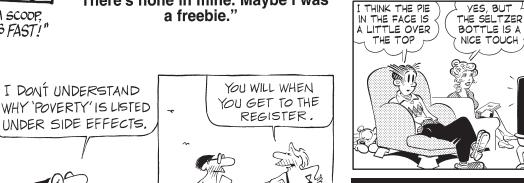
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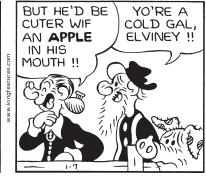




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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2008. There are 359 days left in the

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 7, 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month George later. chose Washington to be the nation's first president. On this date:

In 1608, an accidental fire devastated the Jamestown settlement in the Virginia

1610, astronomer Galileo Galilei began observing three of Jupiter's moons. In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, born in was Summerhill, N.Y.

International Marine Communication Co. of London announced that the telegraphed letters "CQD" would serve as a maritime distress call (it was later

announced in his State of the Union message to Congress that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell William and Jr. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

Today's Birthdays: Author William Peter Blatty is 80. Country singer Jack Greene is 78. Pop musician Paul Revere is 70. Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 62. Singer Kenny Loggins is 60. Singer-songwriter Marshall Chapman is 59. Latin pop singer Juan Gabriel is 58. ® 2007 The Associated Press.

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In 1942, the Japanese siege of Bataan began during World War II.

In 1953, President Truman

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How many reasons will it take to get active?

Imagine if you could protect yourself from some of the most common — and most deadly health problems in as little as half an hour a

day. According to experts, investing iust a few minutes in raising your daily activity level may do just that. A major internation-



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al report on the prevention of cancer finds that increasing physical activity to at least 30 minutes a day is one of the most strongly supported steps you can take to lower your risk of cancer (among other diseases).

This physical activity recommendation is just released American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) report, Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Prevention of Cancer: a Global Perspective. Developed by a panel of 21 renowned experts, the report acknowledges that there has been a shift in modern society in favor of a more sedentary way of life. Throughout most of world history, people have been active from childhood onward as part of daily life (in work or home care tasks and in

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for colon cancer. Studies often show that those people who are most active have a 40 to 50 percent lower risk of developing colon cancer than those who are least active. The report's expert panel also identified physical activity as a step that probably lowers risk of endometrial (uterine) cancer and postmenopausal breast cancer. More limited evidence suggests a possible protective effect for premenopausal breast and pancreatic cancers as well.

How could activity protect our cells against cancer? For starters, physical activity speeds passage of waste through the gut, reducing the contact time that cells lining the intestine have with possible carcinogens formed during transit. This may explain the role activity

plays in reducing cancers of the colon and rectum. It also reduces insulin resistance, a condition in which high levels of insulin and related growth factors seem to promote cancer development. Regular physical activity may even reduce levels of circulating estrogens — a promoter of some cancers — and strengthen the immune system.

While research showing a link between lower cancer risk and increased physical activity has been growing in recent years, experts emphasize that activity is an overall health protector, too. Strong recommendations call for regular activity as a key to preventing heart disease, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis and high blood pressure. The most recent guidelines issued by the American

College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association emphasize that activity is not just for young people, but is also essential for those 65 and older.

Weight control is another benefit of regular activity. In fact, according to AICR's expert panel, leading a sedentary life convincingly increases your risk of weight gain and overweight (along with the barrage of medical problems that excess body fat can lead to). The scientists' conclusion that a lack of physical activity is unhealthy raises many concerns when viewed alongside reports that more than half of U.S. adults are sedentary.

To reap all of the health benefits associated with moving more, the AICR expert report rec-

ommends at least 30 minutes a day of moderate activity (equivalent to brisk walking). If you are not physically capable of that, start with what you can do and work toward that goal. Research shows that health benefits increase even further as you exercise beyond that minimum. For those who need to lose weight (or have trouble maintaining a healthy weight), experts suggest at least 60 minutes of moderate activity daily or 30 minutes or more a day of vigorous activity, such as jogging, heavy yard work or aerobics.

AICR's Nutrition Hotline is a free service that allows you to ask a registered dietitian questions about diet, nutrition and cancer. Access it by phone (1-800-843-8114) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Try Reading Tea Leaves

Dear Margo: I am 33 years old and head over heels in love with a guy who I think is great. The problem is that he drinks a lot and then picks fights with me, and the next day, he doesn't even remember the fight.

recently He divorced, and I know from experience that it's a hard time dealing with everything. My family hates him and I think the feeling is pretty much mutual.

We live together, and finances are one of the things he picks a fight about. He thinks he's paying more of the bills than I am. The truth is, I am paying my half, but it seems he's paying more because he has bills from his marriage that he still has to pay.

I am at my wits' end about this whole situation. I don't want to leave him, but I can only handle so much more. -

Jane in Illinois Dear At: Run, Jane, run. If you evaluate the negatives about this guy vou are head over heels in love with, chances are you might reorganize your thinking. This chap is most likely an alcoholic. It is bad enough to drink to the extent that you become belligerent, but quite something else not to have any recollection of it the next day. Your family doesn't like valid (Sometimes

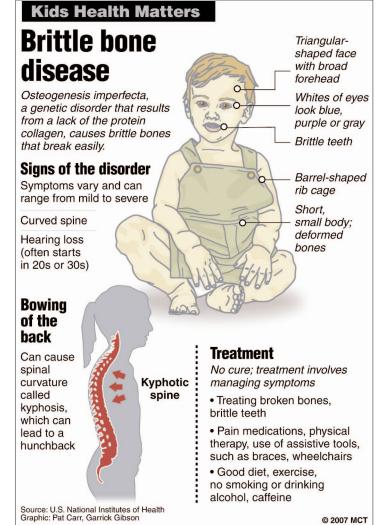
him for what seem to be reasons. families should be listened to. Do not ask me how I know this.)

In addition to his dependence on Jim Beam, he also has a chip on his shoulder about money. At the risk of being repetitive, marriage does not improve anyone's behavior. People are generally on their best behavior before the deal is closed. Caveat emptor. — Margo, warily

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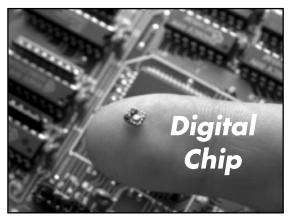




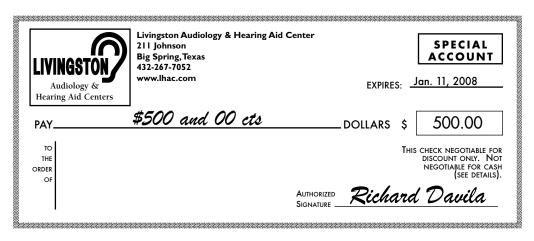
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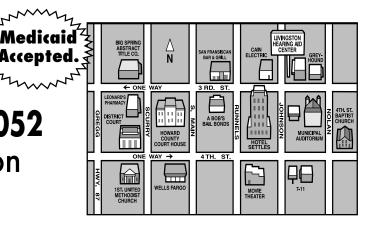






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