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Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney and her daughter, Gracie, admire one of the many Christmas trees on display. The museum's annual Christmas Tree Forest exhibit, featuring more than 40 decorated trees, will run through Dec. 21.

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## Road use pact on county list

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are set to meet Tuesday — a day later than normal due to the holiday — to consider a number of routine items.

Among the items is discussion and possible action regarding a proposed road use agreement aimed at requiring area trucking companies profiting from the boom in the oilfield to help finance the rehabilitation of numerous county roads.

**"What it should do... is place more of the financial burden on the companies causing the majority of the damage, instead of the taxpayers."**



Barr

The agreement — which commissioners have been working on for several months now — would help pay for much-needed repairs to county roadways, according to County Judge Mark Barr.

"Overall, the damage is estimated at approximately \$22 million right now," Barr said. "This isn't something we're going to be able to fix all at one time, obviously."

The county recently took measures to begin addressing the problem when it inked its 2012-2013 budget, which includes between \$400,000 to \$500,000 to be spent annually to address the local roadways.

According to Barr, the road use agreement is based on documents used by other Texas counties.

"The template we're using for this agreement is based on a very similar agreement being used in other counties," Barr said.

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## State hospital patients need warm clothing

**Herald Staff Report**

Big Spring State Hospital patients need outfits, particularly coats to keep themselves warm during the cool fall weather and the approaching winter season.

Jackets, coats, jeans and men's shoes are the biggest need right now, said Melissa Adams, Big Spring State Hospital program coordinator.

Big Spring State Hospital patients often arrive at the hospital with one set of clothing. The hospital depends on the community for donations of gently worn clothing for the patients, Adams said.

Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to

the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs.

Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need, Adams said.

For more information, call Adams at 432 268-7730.

Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed psychiatric hospital serving people with mental illness in West Texas.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Stephen Cameron finishes the St. Andrews Day Celebration with a drum solo at St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church. See article, Page 3.

## Gas prices are down 5.1 cents

**Special to the Herald**

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 5.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.17/g Sunday.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 3.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.46/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 5.8 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 35.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The

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## Obituaries

## Allan Jay Hoover



Allan Jay Hoover, 89, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, in Cedar Park. Memorial services with military honors will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Bill Ivins, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.



He was born Nov. 30, 1922, in DuBois, Pa., and married Lucy Belle Sparks on Sept. 3, 1943, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Aug. 25, 2012.

Jay served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and attained the rank of Lt. Col in the Air Force Reserves. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1950. He worked for Jones Motor Company, Kasch Brothers Construction and for Price Construction for 20 years, retiring as office manager. He loved flying and woodworking, but most of all spoiling his grandkids.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and John Freeman of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Jay Randall (Randy) and Lisa Hoover of Cedar Park; two grandchildren, Kevin Freeman and wife Karen and Chad Freeman and wife Kara; four great-grandchildren, Chandler and Sterling Freeman and Ross and Ty Freeman, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Harold Hoover of DuBois, Pa., and Robert Hoover of Tennessee; one sister-in-law, Juanelle Fort of Big Spring; niece, Jan Burrow of Austin; nephews, Larry Sparks and wife Leslie of Austin and Rick Fort and David Fort, both of Big Spring.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Elvie and Mary Hoover; a son, Douglas Allan Hoover; a brother, Herbert Hoover; and a sister, Alice Smiley, all of DuBois, Pa.

The family suggests memorials be made to Isaiah 58, P.O. Box 1103, Big Spring, Texas 79721; or your favorite charity.

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

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## Hermerejildo 'Herman' Orosco Sr.

Hermerejildo "Herman" Orosco Sr., 91, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Lucy N. Ochoa

Lucy N. Ochoa, 71, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## O.A. Davis

O.A. Davis, 90, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at his daughters home in Lubbock. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Apolonio 'Hoppy' Hernandez

Apolonio "Hoppy" Hernandez, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Lou Knight

Lou Knight, 71, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## Abraham Espinoza Jr.

Abraham Espinoza Jr., 74, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Tony Sawyer



Tony Sawyer, 56, of Lenorah, Texas, departed from this world to be face to face with the Lord on Nov. 9, 2012. A lifelong cotton farmer and resident of Lenorah, Tony graduated from Grady High School in 1974 and served on the Grady School Board for several years. With a good will, he served his community of friends as a member of the Tarzan Co-op Gin Board, Millholland Board, Martin County Water District Board, Martin County Appraisal Board, National Sporting Clay Association and the Lenorah Volunteer Fire Department.

Tony was born Nov. 6, 1956, to James Sawyer, who preceded him in death in 1995, and Donna Womack-Sawyer, in Seminole, Texas, and married the love of his life Wendy Tunnell in September of 1991. A workman of Christ, he attended both Lenorah and Tarzan Baptist Churches and studied daily building upon his library of doctrinal notes, pausing only now to be away from his body and at home with the Lord where he has eagerly awaited hearing first-hand accounts of all the wonders the Bible holds and to discover how the Lord will use him next.

With a boundless gift of encouragement, he spurred many of his friends and family on to spiritual maturity with the same grace, wisdom, love and fairness he strived to show in all things and just seemed to be his nature.

Survivors include his wife, Wendy; children, Savannah Nicole and Bryan and wife Tasha Creech; mother, Donna Womack-Sawyer; sister, Darla and husband Steve Poole and sons Dee and Dusty Saunders; grandchildren, Wyatt and Braylan Creech, JC and Melinda Tunnell, Brad and Ginger Tunnell, Shelly Warren, James and Jogay Hill; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, James Sawyer; sister, Joanna; and favorite cousin and friend, David Bruner.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at the First Baptist Church of Tarzan with interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton. Visitation was held at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to Hospice of Midland.

"And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words." (1 Thes. 4:16-18)

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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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:

- ZYON GONZALEZ, 35, of 811 Debra Lane, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH VALLE, 21, of 1903 S. Johnson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALLISON REDDING, 40, of 1314 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Sunday on two warrants from other agencies.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon.
- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.

## Support Groups

## MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

## TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-

## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 11/14	Thu 11/15	Fri 11/16	Sat 11/17	Sun 11/18
65/41 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	68/43 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	65/48 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	70/48 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	72/49 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	65	35	sunny	Kingsville	73	51	pt sunny
Austin	67	40	mst sunny	Livingston	66	35	pt sunny
Beaumont	67	39	pt sunny	Longview	61	34	pt sunny
Brownsville	73	57	rain	Lubbock	65	37	sunny
Brownwood	67	39	sunny	Lufkin	65	36	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	70	53	pt sunny	Midland	66	42	sunny
Corsicana	64	36	sunny	Raymondville	73	54	rain
Dallas	64	38	sunny	Rosenberg	68	41	pt sunny
Del Rio	69	49	pt sunny	San Antonio	67	45	pt sunny
El Paso	71	42	mst sunny	San Marcos	67	40	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	66	41	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	35	sunny
Gainesville	62	34	sunny	Sweetwater	63	41	sunny
Greenville	61	33	sunny	Tyler	63	38	sunny
Houston	68	42	pt sunny	Weatherford	63	35	sunny
				Wichita Falls	64	36	sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	50	42	cloudy	Minneapolis	47	36	pt sunny
Boston	47	34	sunny	New York	47	37	sunny
Chicago	45	29	cloudy	Phoenix	80	51	pt sunny
Dallas	64	38	sunny	San Francisco	72	52	pt sunny
Denver	52	31	pt sunny	Seattle	50	37	pt sunny
Houston	68	42	pt sunny	St. Louis	51	33	pt sunny
Los Angeles	79	55	pt sunny	Washington, DC	50	38	mst sunny
Miami	79	70	pt sunny				

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Wed 11/14	Thu 11/15	Fri 11/16	Sat 11/17	Sun 11/18
4	4	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

785-0942.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or [kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com](mailto:kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com)

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; 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 (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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Big Spring had 27 students make and perform with the Region 6 All-Region Choir. They included from bottom to top, left to right, Daisi Salazar, Yuliza Cervantez, Alexis Armstrong and Andrea Cervantez; Omar Salinas, Marcus Arrendondo, Aron Rios and Cory Hilario; Nolan Otto, Destiny Gray, Ebonie Stewart and Kate Sorton; Hannah Morgan, M'Kaylee Morgan, Carlos Ross and Diamonique Mayes; Micaiah Rodgers, Anthony Romero, Demetre Randle, Marisol Starr and Jerrian Jordan; and not pictured, Jasmine Grosse, Sam Madry, Lauren Smith, Mckenzie Word and Mariah Brehm.



Courtesy photo

Big Spring State Hospital Programs Specialist III Jacob Castle ties yellow ribbons on the fence surrounding the hospital's Meditation Garden and Walking Track Friday as part of the hospital's Veteran's Day Ceremony. Dr. Jesse Burgard, chief of mental health for the West Texas VA Health System, addressed patients and employees on the importance of Veteran's Day prior to the yellow ribbon tying ceremony. Veterans, including patients and employees were recognized for their contributions to service.

## COUNTY

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"It won't put an end to this problem, however. What it should do, though, is place more of the financial burden on the companies that are causing the majority of the damage, instead of the taxpayers."

Also on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting, the court is expected to consider an inter-local agreement with Lubbock County which

would provide a public defender if a capital case were held locally, as well as an agreement with the city of Big Spring to provide ambulance services outside the city limits.

Commissioners are to meet with County Auditor Jackie Olson to discuss Invoices, purchase requests, proposed budget amendments and presentation of monthly financial reports.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is to present personnel consider-

ations, a payroll report and consideration of the 2013 retiree medical and prescription benefits renewal.

County Clerk Donna Wright is slated to present her department's monthly report, while County Librarian Hollis McCright is to propose a new "food for fines" program at the library. The court is also to meet with County Jail Administrator Mike Dawson to discuss detention center needs for the newly constructed joint

law enforcement center, as well as a request for a waiver to annual vacation maximum allotment.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge's office at 432-264-2202.

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

## GASOLINE

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national average has decreased 32.6 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 3.1 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The national average has again decreased in

the last week, but the decreases are beginning to slow down," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Wholesale gasoline prices rose strongly on Friday, which could send prices higher in states with among the lowest prices in the United States. The fuel tightness has

also continued in NYC — for those in Sandy's wake, fuel availability remains difficult, and is the reason GasBuddy has implemented an emergency fuel availability service," DeHaan said.

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E.J. Jones plays the Great Highland Bagpipes following the St. Andrews Day Celebration held Sunday night.

## Hundreds attend annual celebration at St. Mary's

### Herald Staff Report

Chilly weather didn't deter the 400-member audience that attended the annual Scottish Music Festival and evening prayer Sunday night sponsored by St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church.

Featured professional musicians E.J. Jones, Dough Frosbese, Richard Keen and Stephen Cameron played songs from the competition melody of the St. Thomas Alumni Pipe Band in the recent world bagpipe contest. Three of the featured musicians participated in the St. Thomas band which came within a "hairs-breadth of winning the world competition," according to St. Mary's organist and choir master Linda Hill.

Also participating were conductor Dr. Keith Graumann, organist Darryl Knapp, The Tardy Bells under the direction of Susan Dawes, the combined choirs of St. Mary's, First Presbyterian, the Howard College choir and St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church of Midland.

Members of the brass quartet were Dan Kiley, trumpet; Gabe Martinez, trumpet; Samuel Hale,

French Horn; and Rocky Harris, trombone. St. Mary's rector, the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, officiated the service and parishioner Patti Nabors was the lector.

Following the service, which is held by St. Mary's to celebrate the American Episcopal Church's close ties with the Scottish Anglican Church, was a well-received reception consisting of Scottish fare provided by the women of St. Mary's. Hill and parish member Cynthia have headed the event for the past 11 years.

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Nena Grenon, 81, died Thursday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Apolonio "Hoppy" Hernandez, 77, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lou Knight, 71, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Abraham Espinoza, Jr., 74, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## sudoku

ANSWERS

7	6	4	3	2	9	1	8	5
2	5	8	1	6	4	7	9	3
9	1	3	7	8	5	6	2	4
1	9	6	5	4	8	3	7	2
3	4	2	6	7	1	9	5	8
5	8	7	9	3	2	4	1	6
4	7	5	2	9	6	8	3	1
8	3	1	4	5	7	2	6	9
6	2	9	8	1	3	5	4	7

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At right, Capt. Valentina Garcia, Val Garcia, Linda Hernandez, Linda Paradez and Elvira Sander participate in Veteran's Day ceremonies at Mount Olive Cemetery. Pictured below, left to right, are Brian Ybarra, Capt. Valentina Garcia and Val Garcia.



"I was so happy people came and supported our veterans and had their families recognized. I wish more people could have come and supported our veterans and our troops who are still serving. But I do thank everyone who came. God bless," said Nora Hernandez, who organizes the annual event.

Courtesy photos



## LCP to present 'Shontina' on stage

Special to the Herald

LAMESA — Lamesa Community Players is pleased to welcome Tina Vernon back to the LCP stage.

Shontina, as she is known, made her stage debut on the LCP stage as a child and will be in concert at Lamesa Community Players Theatre on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9.

There is reserved seating for the production. The box office is located at 214 N. Austin Ave. in Lamesa. Box office hours are 4-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and the telephone number is 806-872-2705. The concert will consist of a combination of blues, jazz, country and gospel.

A Lamesa native, Tina Vernon is a writer, noted playwright, actor, performer, songwriter and singer. She also has experience in the television entertainment industry.

While living in New York City she performed her original award-winning one-woman biographical play "Wanted" Off-Broadway. She presented the musical production of "Wanted" at Lamesa Community Players in 2010 and has also performed the play on the west coast and in at least two foreign countries. Tina has a diverse style of performance and music and is enjoying a growing musical and recording experience.

## Time running out for Adopt a Military Hero

Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christmas for the Troops, is accepting APO addresses for military members deployed to Afghanistan. Send APOs to adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net. All APOs should be turned in immediately.

If you would like to "Adopt a Military Hero," boxes are available at 1606 E. Third or call 432-270-8554 for more information.

# 27th Annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade

5:30 pm, Saturday, December 1st

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- Parade entries not in line by start of parade will be ineligible for awards.
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## sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

7	6				9			5
					6	4		9
9	1	3	7					2
		6		4		3		2
3			6		1			8
5		7		3		4		
	7				6	8	3	1
	3		4	5				
6			8				4	7

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♦ A 2  
♥ K J 8 7 4  
♦ 7 5  
♣ 7 6 4 2

**WEST**  
♦ 6 4 3  
♥ 3  
♦ J 10 8 4 3  
♣ J 9 5 3

**EAST**  
♦ 5  
♥ A Q 10 9 5 2  
♦ 9 6 2  
♣ K 10 8

**SOUTH**  
♦ K Q J 10 9 8 7  
♥ 6  
♦ A K Q  
♣ A Q

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass  
2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass  
4NT Pass 5♦ Pass  
6♣

Opening lead — three of hearts.  
Looking at all four hands, it's hard to imagine how South went down one in six spades — yet he did. What's more, almost anyone else in his shoes would also have gone down against the brilliant defense he encountered.

West led a heart, on which declarer made the normal play of the jack from dummy. However, East, Mike Smolen, deviated from the norm by taking the jack with the ace! This extraordinary play, when Smolen could have won the trick with the queen, subsequently brought

about South's demise.  
Smolen had realized, of course, that his partner's three of hearts was a singleton. But he also realized that establishing dummy's king of hearts as a trick would not help declarer at all, since South would not be able to cash the king without West ruffing. Indeed, the only way declarer could ever score a trick with the king was if he started with eight or more spades. Winning the first trick with the ace was therefore unlikely to cost, but might very well gain.

At trick two, Smolen shifted to the eight of clubs. One can hardly blame declarer for putting up the ace rather than playing the queen. From his viewpoint, it seemed foolish to risk a finesse when he could later discard the queen on dummy's king of hearts.

Accordingly, after taking the ace of clubs, declarer cashed the K-A of trumps, then played the heart king and discarded the queen of clubs on it. West unexpectedly ruffed, and poor South went down one.  
Now let's suppose East had won the jack of hearts with the queen. In that case, South would surely have made the slam regardless of what East did next. If East returned a low heart, declarer would ruff and sooner or later take a club finesse to make the slam. He would also make the slam after a club return at trick two, because he would have no other choice than to finesse.

Tomorrow: Good, better, best.  
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# Forsan boys state x-country champs

*Jeremy Cervantes and Tyler Evans medal, squad places No. 1 in Class 1A*



Courtesy photo/Tera Evans

The Forsan Boys cross country team (left) traveled to Round Rock over the weekend to participate in the state championship meet. The boys finished in first place as a team, giving Forsan its first cross country state title. Earning individual medals were freshman Jeremy Cervantes with a 3rd place finish and junior Tyler Evans with a fourth place finish (Bottom).

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

**ROUND ROCK** — The third time proved to be a charm for the Forsan boys cross country squad. The team traveled to Round Rock over the weekend to compete in the Class 1A state championship and brought home a first place title.

Individually, freshmen Jeremy Cervantes finished third overall (first and second went to seniors) and junior Tyler Evans finished in fourth place. 12 schools participated in the event.

Forsan Cross Country Coach Robert Hillger said the win was a pleasant ending to what was an otherwise difficult season.

“Honestly, I wasn’t sure what to expect at the beginning of the season,” Hillger explained. “So many runners had injuries. We had two with stress fractures, one with turf toe from playing football, one with a bruised foot — at some meets, we barely had enough runners. We only had two or three guys to

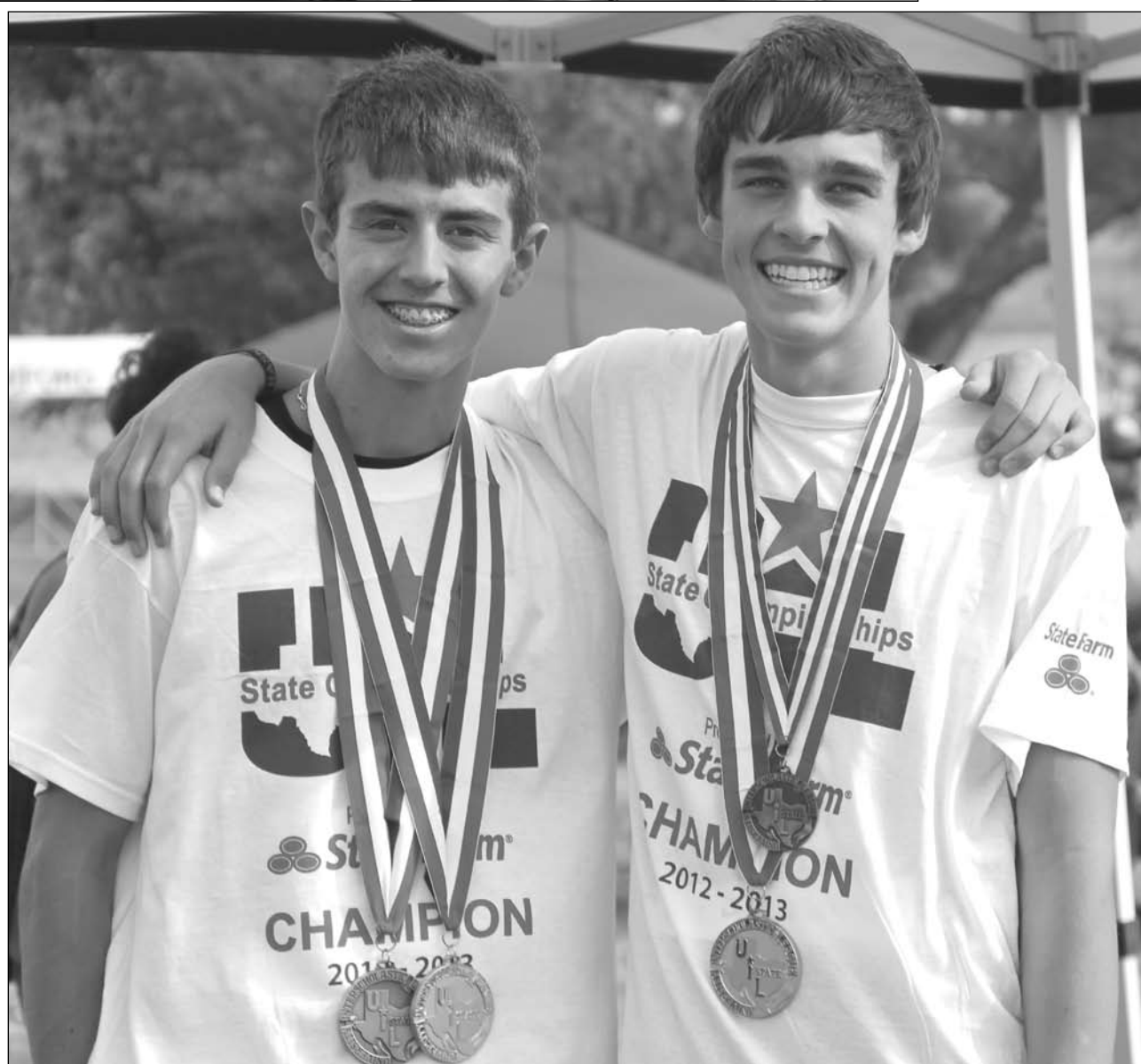
run sometimes.”

Forsan has been knocking at the door of a state title for several years now. The boys have claimed the district championship for five consecutive years and six out of the last seven years. In 2010, Forsan finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place overall and last year came in third and brought home a bronze.

Hillger credits his runners’ work ethic for this year’s success.

“They battled through so many things to get here this year,” Hillger said. “They put in a lot of hard work as a team. (Cervantes) has got a huge amount of God-given talent and had an exceptional year. He set personal records and school records. (Evans) chopped two minutes off his time from the time he was a freshmen. He put miles and miles in over the summer. He is just a hard worker and has a lot of grit. If Jeremy Cervantes wins state next year, it’s because Tyler

See **CHAMPS**, Page 10



# Romo leads Cowboys past Eagles

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Tony Romo and a potent Dallas defense have injected some life in the NFC East race.

Michael Vick is hurt, the Eagles are reeling, and coach Andy Reid’s future in Philadelphia is tenuous.

Romo threw two touchdown passes, Dwayne Harris had a 78-yard punt return TD, and Brandon Carr returned an interception 47 yards for a score to lead the Cowboys to a 38-23 win over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

The Cowboys (4-5) are second in the NFC East, 1½ games behind the New York Giants, who lost to Cincinnati earlier Sunday. The win, and a break in the schedule, could propel the Cow-

boys back in the thick of the division race. They will play five of their next six games at home, starting Sunday against Cleveland.

“It was the best game everybody played,” Romo said. “If we keep creating turnovers and special team play, well, we could be a good ballclub, we really could.”

The latest game between these fierce rivals was more about salvaging a season than playing with something big on the line.

Vick was lost to a concussion after consecutive bruising hits in the second quarter and the Eagles have lost five straight games under coach Reid for the first time in his 14 seasons.

Rookie Nick Foles filled in for Vick and briefly rallied the Ea-

gles until the Cowboys started showing some touchdown versatility. Romo hit Dez Bryant on a 30-yard pass on the final play of the third quarter, and Harris and Carr scored their TDs in the fourth quarter.

As badly as Dallas needed the win, Owner Jerry Jones refused to call it a season saver.

“I don’t want to do that,” he said. “You can, but I don’t want to do it. I know how important the game is to us.”

With a 3-6 record, it’s likely too late for the Eagles, no matter who the quarterback is, to save their season.

“There are tough times in life and this is one of those tough

See **COWBOYS**, Page 10

# Texans take out Cutler, Chicago

**CHICAGO (AP)** — The Houston Texans created turnovers and played solid defense to beat the Chicago Bears at their own game.

The big question now for coach Lovie Smith and the Bears is how long will they be without quarterback Jay Cutler.

Arian Foster finished with 102 yards rushing and a touchdown catch, and the Texans intercepted Cutler twice before knocking him out

of the game with a concussion on their way to a 13-6 victory on Sunday night.

That injury was the biggest development on a night when the Texans prevailed in a showdown between two of the NFL’s best teams.

Cutler took a helmet-to-helmet hit late in the second quarter from Tim Dobbins, and coach Lovie Smith

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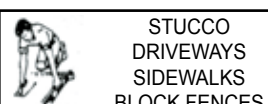
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**New Moon Prep Time**

The moon leaves Libra's loving arms for the mysterious realm of Scorpio, dimming with every hour as she makes her way toward the sun. She'll pass directly between the Earth and the sun tomorrow in a total solar eclipse, which serves as a cosmic curtain call. Give some thought as to what you would like the next act of your life to be like.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Before you'd run a mile, ideally you would put on the right clothes, stretch and decide on a route. But on this busy, crazy, weird day, the prep work seems superfluous. You tear into action.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There's something you wish you could do well, but you feel you haven't had the time to learn it. Devote five minutes a day to this for the next two weeks. Something magical will happen as the universe feels your intention.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You made yourself better through active effort. A friend wants to have what you have but doesn't realize the effort that would be necessary to make that happen. It will be your job to enlighten him or her.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Bright ideas pay off, especially if those ideas have to do with seeing the potential in others and believing in their ability to rise to it. You keep looking for the wonderful, and it keeps showing up.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You will absorb information and use it in your work. Instead of letting it happen unconsciously, it's better if you're aware of this process so you can credit the right people when the time

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

comes. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is something in your environment that doesn't agree with you. You'll make the choice to be kind to yourself and others even though it won't be the easiest route.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Irritants come in many forms; perfumes, pollen or people could be blamed for your state. Ultimately, you'll decide to rise above the problem and tolerate the thing that's making you uncomfortable to the fullest extent that you can.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Get serious and get busy. You work on many different types of projects, and it will serve you well to narrow your focus to the one you'd most like to move forward in the next seven days.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Winning at one task will lead to future wins, but if you try to do everything at once, you'll lose. So tackle one change at a time, keeping in mind that it can take several weeks or more for a new habit to be fully automatic.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Point of view is extremely important. Your perspective will make all the difference in the world today. Success will be entirely dependent on your worldview.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A brave spirit grabs hold. You'll be moved to speak your mind. As long as you are as kind as you are assertive, all goes well when you voice your opinion.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Tell your own story so others won't be tempted to tell it for you. Knowing yourself very well and being able to speak in a compelling way about who you are will help your status.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 12). Your presence will be strongly felt by all who surround you. You know who

you are and what you want, and that clarity rings out. In January, you will alternate between being the teacher and the student. You send your loving energy into the world, and it's reciprocated in May. June brings a big, exciting purchase. Pisces and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 28, 41 and 18.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Cancer woman with an active imagination. I love to fantasize about my fairytale love affair with a celebrity, which lately for me is preferable to the pain of real-life dating. Please contribute to my fantasy life. Which celebrities would I have an awesome time with?"

I believe that astrologically there are no inherently bad couple matches. All signs have the potential to get along and live happily ever after with any one of the other signs. However, some matches are just an easy-breezy fit. For instance, Cancer is fantastic with a fellow water sign, and those are Scorpio and Pisces. Two water signs have emotional resonance and a natural simpatico that makes for effortless connection. Water signs can be brooding, it's true: Scorpio broods in a mysterious, sensual kind of way that Cancer finds irresistible; Pisces broods like a poet and has been known to seduce Cancer types with artistic talents. I offer up these celebrities as fodder for your fantasy life: **SCORPIOS:** Ryan Reynolds, Owen Wilson, Ryan Gosling, Matthew McConaughey, Leonardo DiCaprio and Keith Urban. **PISCES:** Justin Bieber, Adam Levine, Shaquille O'Neal, Bruce Willis and Albert Einstein. Happy pretending!

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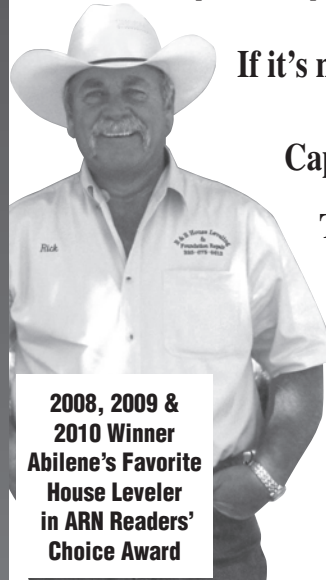
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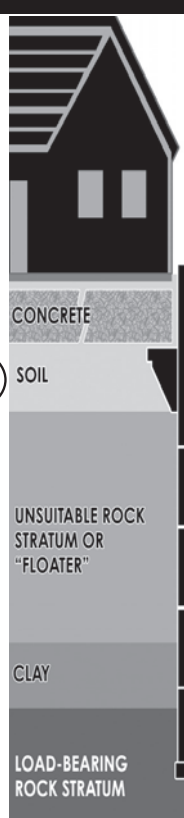
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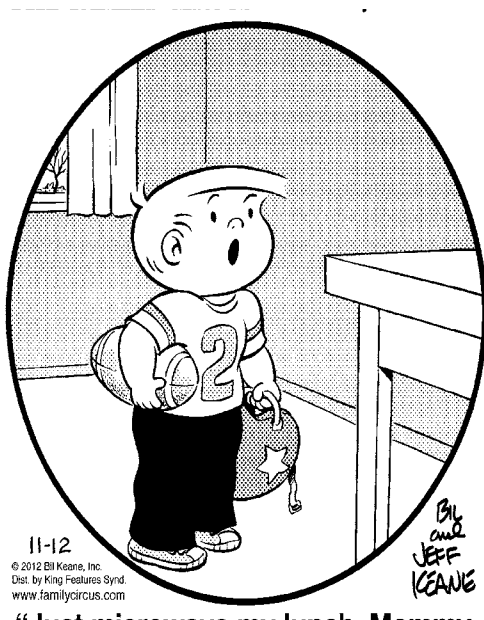
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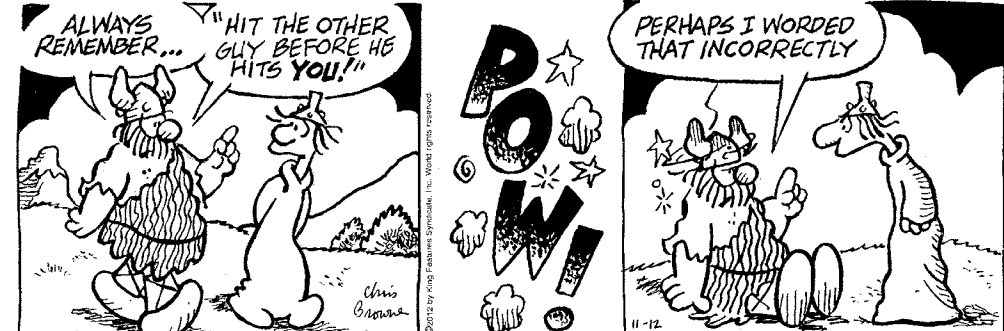
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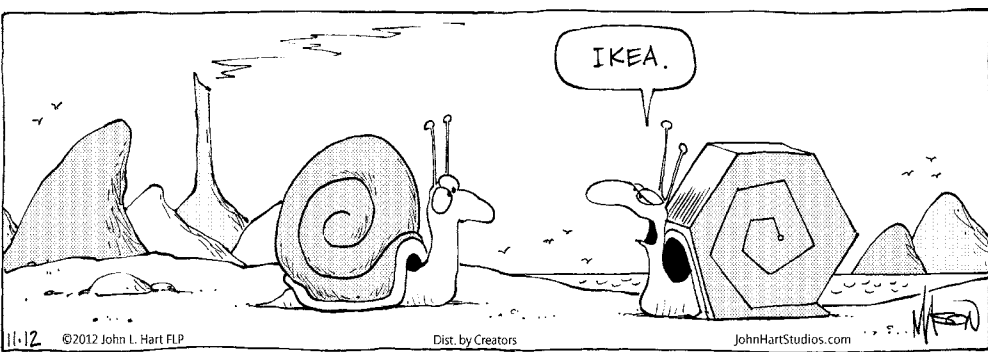


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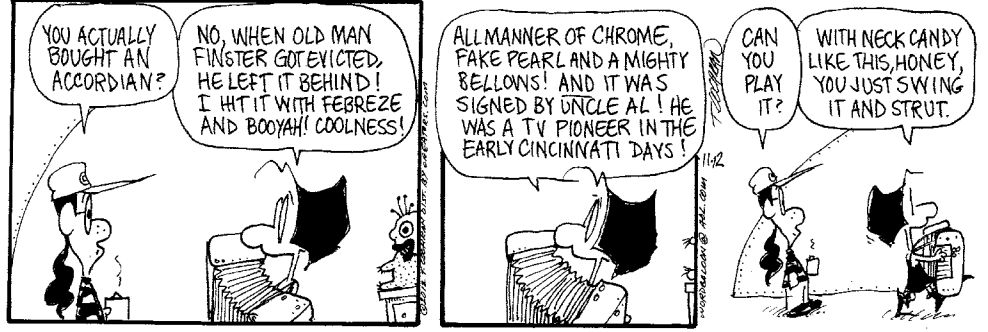


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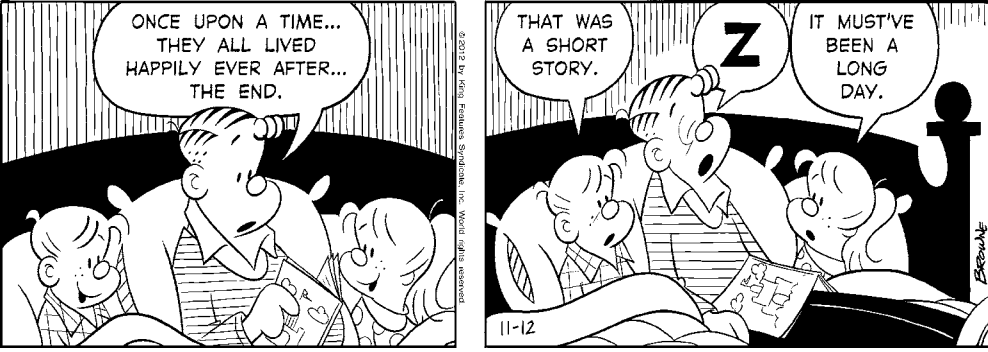
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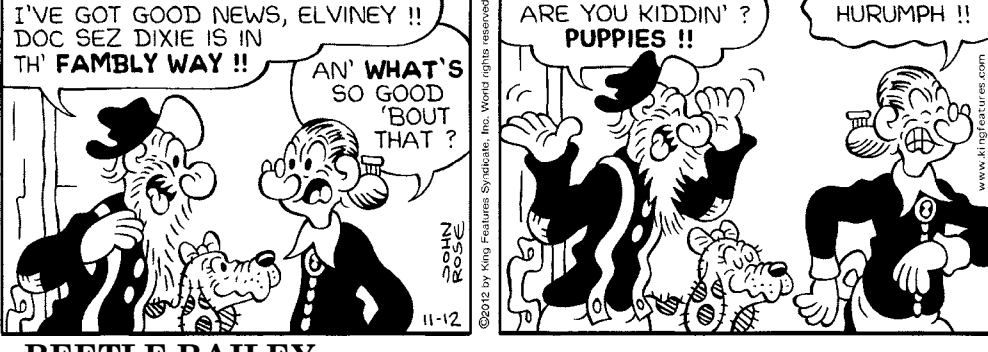
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Nov. 12, the 317th day of 2012. There are 49 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 12, 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. (The Allies ended up winning a major victory over Japanese forces.)

On this date:

In 1787, severe flooding struck Dublin, Ireland, as the River Liffey rose.

In 1815, American suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, N.Y.

In 1918, the short-lived Republic of German-Austria was declared.

In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

In 1936, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a telegraph key in Washington, D.C., giving the

green light to traffic.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

In 1969, news of the My Lai Massacre in South Vietnam in March 1968 was broken by investigative reporter Seymour Hersh.

In 1977, the city of New Orleans elected its first black mayor, Ernest "Dutch" Morial, the winner of a runoff.

In 1982, Yuri V. Andropov (ahn-DROH'-pawf) was elected to succeed the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

In 1987, the American Medical Association issued a policy statement saying it was unethical for a doctor to refuse to treat someone solely because that person had AIDS or was HIV-positive.

In 1990, Japanese Emperor Akihito formally assumed the Chrysanthemum Throne. Actress Eve Arden died in Beverly Hills, Calif. at age 82.

In 2001, American Airlines Flight 587, an Airbus A300 headed to the Dominican Republic, crashed after takeoff

from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 260 people on board and five people on the ground.

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Ruby Nash Curtis (Ruby and the Romantics) is 73. Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 69. Singer Brian Hyland is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jimmy Hayes (Persuasions) is 69. Rock musician Booker T. Jones (Booker T. & the MGs) is 68. Sportscaster Al Michaels is 68. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 67. Rock musician Donald "Buck Dharma" Roeser (Blue Oyster Cult) is 65. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., is 63. Country/gospel singer Barbara Fairchild is 62.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Skirt borders
  - 5 Female choir voice
  - 9 Speaks like Daffy Duck
  - 14 Unlock
  - 15 Lima or garbanzo
  - 16 Farewell, in France
  - 17 Leaning Tower city
  - 18 \_\_\_ and rave (make a scene)
  - 19 Not as brightly colored
  - 20 African's southern tip
  - 23 Bit of sunshine
  - 24 Menagerie
  - 25 Alternative to Brillo
  - 29 Guys-only gathering
  - 31 Sixth sense: Abbr.
  - 34 Book of maps
  - 35 Doe or fawn
  - 36 Amaze
  - 37 Surprised with smooches
  - 41 Full collection
  - 42 Auction-goods condition
  - 43 Defraud
  - 44 Twelve-month spans: Abbr.
  - 45 Pub beverages
  - 46 Deceives
  - 47 Dollar sign shape
  - 48 Shaped atom
  - 49 Secretive, as espionage
  - 57 Lopsided victories
  - 58 Tehran's nation
  - 59 Verbal exam
  - 61 Balance-sheet plus

- 11 Grain storage building
- 12 Chick's chirp
- 13 "Absolutely!"
- 21 Remove pencil marks
- 22 Missouri's \_\_\_ Mountains
- 25 South-mouthed
- 26 Aquatic mammal
- 27 Vending-machine openings
- 28 Good friend
- 29 Tournament rounds, for short
- 30 Pegs used in 54 Down
- 31 Makes less difficult
- 32 Hard work, informally
- 33 Sauce made with basil
- 35 Amount of medicine
- 38 Tex-Mex dip
- 39 Cupcake topping
- 40 That lady
- 45 Invites out for
- 46 Allowed to borrow
- 47 Diner patron
- 48 "Do \_\_\_?" (timid one's question)
- 49 Study all night
- 50 Finish last
- 51 Remove from power
- 52 Small bites
- 53 Bit of rain
- 54 Sport with greens and clubs
- 55 One of the Great Lakes
- 56 Leaf-gathering tool
- 60 Allow

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said, started experiencing symptoms at halftime. "He took a lot of hits, more than he needed to take," Smith said. Will Cutler be available next Monday night at San Francisco? "We're hopeful, but you can't go that far," Smith said. "We just know he had symptoms, which started clearing up after the half. When a guy doesn't finish the game, you've just got to go with that right now." It was a better night for the Texans. "I think we showed them we can win any game, any situation, any time, any place, tough weather conditions, tough place on the road, a very good football team," defensive lineman J.J. Watt said. "We won, so say what you want." The Texans (8-1) had four

takeaways against a team that came in with a plus-16 turnover differential, and Dobbins delivered the biggest blow when he drove his helmet into Cutler late in the second quarter. Foster was the only reliable offensive option on either side, particularly in the first half when he ran for 85 yards and made a sprawling catch for a 2-yard touchdown to put Houston ahead 10-3. Otherwise, neither team got much going on a soggy night. The Texans were outgained 249-215, but they did just enough to come away with the win. Now they're tied with Atlanta for the league's best record after the Falcons were upset by New Orleans. "It's huge for us, we were 7-1 going in, to come out 8-1 in a hostile place, given the weather and the team we were playing, that's a tough group to go against," said Matt Schaub, who threw for just 95 yards and was picked off twice by Tim Jennings.

Andre Johnson, Schaub's top target, had just four catches for 35 yards with Charles Tillman on him. Former Bear Danieal Manning helped set the tone, forcing a fumble by Kellen Davis on Chicago's first play from scrimmage and picking off Cutler later in the first quarter. Cutler completed just 7 of 14 passes for 40 yards with two interceptions in the first half and was seen in street clothes after the game being driving off on a cart by team officials. Jason Campbell threw for 94 yards in the second half. "You never want to lose anybody, especially our starting quarterback," receiver Brandon Marshall said. "He is our leader, he is the heart and soul of our offense so we definitely want him to have a quick, speedy recovery." "In the meantime, Campbell is more than capable. There was no heads hanged down when Jay was down. There was no complaining. We understand we have a starting

quarterback in the backup so we're fortunate to have him. There will be no drop off in our offense." Marshall had 107 yards receiving, but also dropped a pass in the end zone. Matt Forte never got going, running for 39 yards for Chicago (7-2). But the biggest sequence came when Cutler got hurt. The Texans were leading 10-3 on a lunging 2-yard touchdown catch by Foster. A scrambling Cutler took that helmet-to-helmet hit from Dobbins after throwing a pass on third down at midfield late in the first half. There were offsetting penalties on the play. Cutler got called for an illegal forward pass because he was beyond the line of scrimmage and then got drilled by Dobbins, who was called for unnecessary roughness. Cutler stayed in and the drive ended with his second interception. Kareem Jackson picked off a pass intended

for Marshall in double coverage at the Houston 27. "It's tough," Campbell said. "That what defenses try to do." Was it a cheap shot? "He caught him right under the chin," Campbell said. Smith wouldn't say if the concussion occurred on that play, adding, "He took a lot of hits, more than he needed to take." He also said Cutler wanted to keep playing but added, "The decision was made for him." Cutler was in for the final drive of the half, but Campbell started the third quarter, sending a big chill through Soldier Field. With Campbell now in the mix, the Bears believe they could at least survive. "If I have to play, of course, during the week I will get those practice reps and get the guys used to (me)," Campbell said. "And they will get used to me as a quarterback, until Jay is ready."

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times," Foles said. Foles hit the field in the second quarter and was greeted by a loud ovation from a crowd that had become fed up with Vick's erratic

play. Vick was knocked on his back by linebacker Ernie Sims on an incomplete pass and was slow to get up. He headed for the locker room and Foles started warming up. Vick, however, may have been injured on the previous play when he was driven from be-

hind headfirst into the ground by Jay Ratliff. Vick did not talk to reporters but appeared groggy in the locker room. Reid said he'd determine the starter for Sunday's game at Washington based on Vick's health. "I was hoping he'd make it through without having a concussion, but that's where we sit right now with him," Reid said. Foles, a fan favorite without throwing a regular-season pass, looked like an instant hit and woke up a sleepy crowd when he hit Jeremy Maclin for a 44-yard TD and

a 14-10 lead. Alex Henery's 40-yard field goal made it 17-10. Foles was rolling, the Eagles were scoring, and the good times were back at Lincoln Financial Field. But in a season unraveling with each stumbling defeat, the Eagles were knocked down to reality. Romo, who finished 19 of 26 for 209 yards, tied it with that TD pass to Bryant. Dallas coach Jason Garrett had insisted the Cowboys weren't desperate after losing four of five. And they were dominant in the fourth period.

In the final minutes, fans behind Dallas' bench unrolled a banner that read, "Andy, Quit, Your Team Has!" Foles was 22 of 32 for 219 yards and one touchdown. "Not good enough to win," Foles said. "I made some mistakes and I can't turn the ball over. That's the most important thing to win games." Vick, the four-time Pro Bowl quarterback, has struggled this season and entered with 10 touchdowns and nine interceptions. He looked like his old self on the first drive, finishing it by connecting with Riley Cooper for a 2-yard TD. Cooper's sensational one-handed grab on a fade route gave the Eagles their first points on their opening drive all season.

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Evans runs him hard over the summer. I also have to give full credit to God. The kids peaked at the right time." Hillger was also appreciative of junior Matthew Mims, who was sidelined for the season after suffering a second injury to his ACL. "(Mims) served as an important part of what we did," Hillger added. "He helped us execute our plan this year even though he couldn't run. Last year, he helped us get third place at state. He's a big part of our team and hopefully he will be back next year." Hillger will be losing valuable senior leadership and talent next year. Jansen McDonald (97th place), Brady Gartner (77th), Dillon Bagnall (55th) and P.J. Horton (19th); will all be graduating, but with Cervantes and Evans returning, as well as junior Justin Goff (35th), there could very well be another state championship in Forsan's future.

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