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Sheriff's office joining in child identification effort

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

State and local law enforcement officials and educators are joining forces to help keep Texas children safe with special identification kits aimed at students in kindergarten through the sixth grade.

According to Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, the effort is expected to reach more than million Texas children throughout the Lone Star State.

"Each kit contains an inkless fingerprinting card, a DNA swab and preservation envelope, and a wallet card. All information can be completed by a parent or guardian and stored at home. In the event of an emergency, the ID kit can be handed over to authorities to help locate a missing child."



making it the fourth largest ID history. kit distribution in American

"The distribution is being

Association of Texas, along with the American Football Coaches Association," said Walker. "Also joining in are the National FBI's Child Identification Program, Texas Association of School Administrators and Gov. Rick Perry's office.

"With the help of Texas sheriffs and superintendents, ID kits will be distributed through the public school systems and

sponsored by the Sheriff's sheriff's offices. Students enrolled in the public school system in grades K-6 will receive an ID kit through their school superintendent.'

Walker said the program is also providing kits for children outside the K-6 range.

"Each sheriff in Texas will receive 600 kits to be handed out on a first come, first serve basis to children who fall out-

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BSSH fetes employees for service

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Spring State Hospital shift team leader Tina Neel was recognized for 30 years of service to the state of Texas during the quarterly service awards ceremony in the hospital's Allred Auditorium.

Employees enjoyed cookies and punch as they applauded their coworkers' milestone accomplishments during the recently concluded through September November quarter.

Neel's career has elevated her to shift team leader on the rehabilitative psychiatric services unit where she supervises a shift of direct care workers.

Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon said her distinguished career is one in which many young people should applaud and emulate.

"A 30-year career with the state of Texas will allow you to retire with benefits that are equal to or above the amount of what your career pays," he said.

Neel was one of 29 employees who were recognized Jan. 24 for five. 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service to the state hospital, which serves people with mental illness in 58 counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

Although Moughon said he enjoyed handing out

the more established longevity awards, he said particular attention should be paid to the newer employees. He compared it to 50-year wedding celebrations.

"Really, those (50-year anniversaries) are the easiest to celebrate. What we need to celebrate are the 5- and 10-year anniversaries because I feel equally excited for individuals who have joined us. Celebrating those first five years are important because those first five years are the challenging years. I am proud of the colleagues who make their first fiveyear milestone.'

Five-year employees honored were Tonya Baker, environmental services; Mary Galaviz, food service; LaHoma Jordan, RPS; Francis Magallanes, food service; Carmen Morin, food service; Jo Permenter, environmental services; Daniel Perez, RPS; Amalia Sanchez, environmental services; Blancha Sanchez, APSF; Amy Summers, and Wilson, Laura APSM/IOS.

Ten-year employees: Elizabeth Correa, quality management; Pennie Dean, HIMD; St. John Garcia, plant management; Sarah Marquez, admissions; Larry McWhorter, plant management; Yvette Pearson,

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Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council member Dorothy Sheppard prepares baskets for the volunteers Valentine's Day fund-raiser. Volunteers offer Valentine's Day deliveries, which include candy, stuffed animals and singing telegrams. Money raised from the Valentine's Day sale benefits the patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

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Bush's \$2.9 trillion spending unveiled

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON - President Bush is sending Congress a \$2.9 trillion budget that would provide billions of dollars for the war in Iraq, make his first-term tax cuts permanent and achieve a budget surplus three years after he leaves office.

The massive four-volume set of budget books, featuring two-tone green covers. was headed to Congress Monday, where the plan will receive a decidedly mixed reaction from Democrats. They have made clear that they plan to push their

own budget priorities after regaining funding the war effort, preserving his control of the House and Senate for the first time in 12 years.

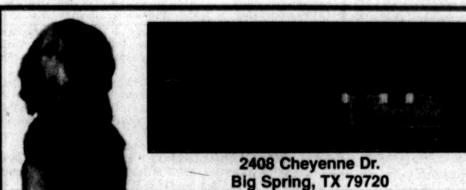
In his new spending blueprint, for the 2008 budget year that begins Oct. 1, Bush is pledging to balance the budget by 2012, make health care and higher education more affordable and promote energy security.

Iraq is likely to dominate the debate with war opponents who are pushing nonbinding resolutions expressing disapproval of Bush's 21,500-troop buildup there.

Faced with the competing goals of See BUDGET, Page 3A

first-term tax cuts and still achieving a balanced budget, the president stuck mostly with modest new initiatives.

Democrats, however, contended that Bush was able to balance the budget only on paper by leaving out significant costs such as the money needed to make sure that the alternative minimum tax, initially targeted at the wealthy, does not ensnare more middle-income taxpayers. He includes a fix for 2008 but not for later years.



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Obituaries

James E. Medford



James E. Medford, age 88 of Kerrville, passed away Friday, Feb. 2, 2007. He was born July 12, 1918, in Avery to Charles and Ruth Keen Medford.

James retired from Getty Company. He was a Master Mason and had received his pin for 50 years of membership. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an incredible mathematician. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

James loved his family and his grandchildren and great grandchildren were number one to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife of 53 years, Naomi R. Alvis Medford in 1993 and his second wife, Pauline Cannon Medford in 2004; brothers, Gervaise Medford, Perry Medford and Joe Medford; and sisters, Louise Hardman, Opel Ashby and Imogene Teague.

Survivors include his daughter, Dorinda Kay Mays and husband Jimmy of Ingram; son, James Scott Medford and wife Vickie of Coppell; brother, Seldon Medford of Clarksville; grandchildren, Kevin Mays and wife Shelia and Kristi Polley and husband Brent: and great grandchildren, Ryon Mays, Brandon Polley and Christopher (Topher) Polley.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. today, Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at Trinity Memorial Cemetery in

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Preston Springer

Preston Springer, 51, of San Angelo and formerly of Stanton, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Take Note

HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE WILL MEET at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Posse Clubhouse, 7 miles west on the Andrews Highway (Hwy. 176). Everyone is invited. The group participates in the Pony Express, has a search and rescue team and takes part in other activities throughout the year. For more information, contact Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or 932-0016 or Jay Freeze at 267-7077 or 517-0177.

 IMMACULATE HEART AND SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP SPONSORS are hosting a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall, 1009 Hearn. Cost is \$5 per person, adults only; no one under 18 will be allowed in. Joel Perez will be the DJ. Door prizes, donated by local businesses, will be given away. Funds raised will go to help the church's youth groups. For more information, contact Merlinda Moron at 816-1231 or Bonnie Loya at 213-1356.

THE 5TH ANNUAL RELAY RASCAL RAZZMATAZZ will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 24, in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Entry forms are available at KBST and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Entry deadline is Feb. 20.

 SAY IT WITH CAKE FUND-RAISER TO BENE-FIT RELAY FOR LIFE orders are being taken until Feb. 9. Personalized heart-shaped cakes in either 8inch size for \$5 or 5-inch size for \$3.50. Your choice of chocolate or vanilla. Delivery is available. Contact Angel Sosa at 264-4108 or Georgia Torres at 267-1312.

THE CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the TravelCenters of American truck stop.

 THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers.

Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-

 CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COL-LECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

· CAMILO MARTIN NIETO JR., 32, of 1901 Morrison, was arrested Saturday on a local capias warrant and three local warrants.

 MARIO EUSEVIO PEREZ, 17, of San Antonio, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

• FRANK LEE JACKSON, 48, of 107 W. 19th Street, was arrested Saturday on charges of disorderly conduct - language and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

 ISABEL ZAMORA HUERTA, 61, of Edinburg, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to yield the right of way.

 UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 200 block of Marcy. - in the 900 block of Willia.

 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 2900 block of Highway

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- in the 1700 block of Runnels. - in the 2600 block of Albrook.

- in the 800 block of Fourth Street.

- in the 1400 block of Young.

 ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:

- in the 1400 block of Young.

· in the 2900 block of Cactus.

Sheriff's report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 39 inmates at the time of this report. PROSPERO ANTONIO YANEZ, 19, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mis-

chief. RICARDO LONGORIA PEREZ, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

 AMANDA JEAN ALMAZAN, 30, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and theft of services.

· HENRY GRIMALDO, 22, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana two ounces or less and possession of drug parapher-

· ROY GUERRERO CERVANTES JR., 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a protective order - two counts.

· JEREMIAH COKER, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of drive ving while license suspended/invalid.

• CHARLES W. ELLISON, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

WESLEY RAY NEWCOMB, 17, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

 RUSTY WAYNE GRESSETT, 17, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a dangerous PAUL GONZALES, 17, was arrested Saturday by

DPS on miscellaneous Class C charges. WILLIAM DONALD WAID, 38, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while

intoxicated. · SAMUEL GARCIA, 45, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

· ANGEL EDIEVERTO TORRES, 22, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of suspended-surcharge due/no driver's license.

· CAMILO MARTIN NIETO JR., 32, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license

· MARIO EUSEVIO PEREZ, 17, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

 DENISE DEANDA, 35, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery

· CHRISTOPHER RYAN CASTANUELA, 22, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

Weather

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph after midnight.

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· Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

 District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

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

 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

· Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at The Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.

• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room. · Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at

606 E. Third. Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Fire/EMS

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

· TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of W. Marcy. Service refused.

 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of S. Highway 87. Service refused.

· TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

· TRAUMA was reported in the 900 block of 13th Street. Service refused. · MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of

Sheppard. One person was transported to SMMC. · TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 176 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 1900/block of

Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of N. Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Tubb Loop Road. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of N.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the inter-

section of FM 700 and Birdwell Lane. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported at Midway Baptist Church. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-12-25-29-45-53. Number matching six of six: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$36 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 9-17-18-20-21. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$16,782.

Winning tickets sold in: Fort Worth and Austin. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 7-7-3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 0-9-6

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Tina Neel receives her 30-year service award from Big Spring State Hospital Administrator Ed Moughon.



Marcy Marquez and Jay Colvin receive their 25-year service awards from Big Spring State Hospital Administrator Ed Moughon.

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Fifteen-year employees

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Kay Flowers and Marilyn Sanders receive their 20-year service awards from Big Spring State Hospital Administrator

Ed Moughon. Thompson, medical transcription services; and

transcription services. Kay Flowers, medical transcription services, and Marilyn Sanders. social work services, were honored for 20

Debbie Vernon, medical

years of service. Two employees were honored for 25 years of

service: Jay Colvin, security, and Marcy Marquez, environmental services.

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Tressie Lee Goolsby, 93, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park .

Charles Baker, 78, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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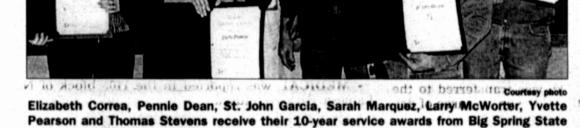
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Tonya Baker, Mary Galaviz, LaHoma Jordan, Francis Magallanes, Carmen Morin, Jo Permenter, Daniel Perez, Amalia Sanchez, Blancha Sanchez, Amy Summers and Laura Wilson received their 5-year service awards from Big Spring State Hospital Administrator Ed Moughon.

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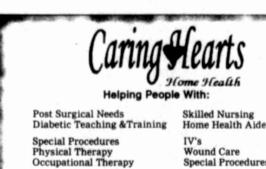
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Democrats argued that Bush's insistence on preserving his first-term tax cuts will cost more than \$2 trillion in lost revenue in the seven years after 2010, when the tax cuts are due to expire.

"The president wants to make the tax cuts permanent even though all the forecasts show that will explode the debt right at the time the baby boomers retire," Senate Committee Budget Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said in an interview Sunday.



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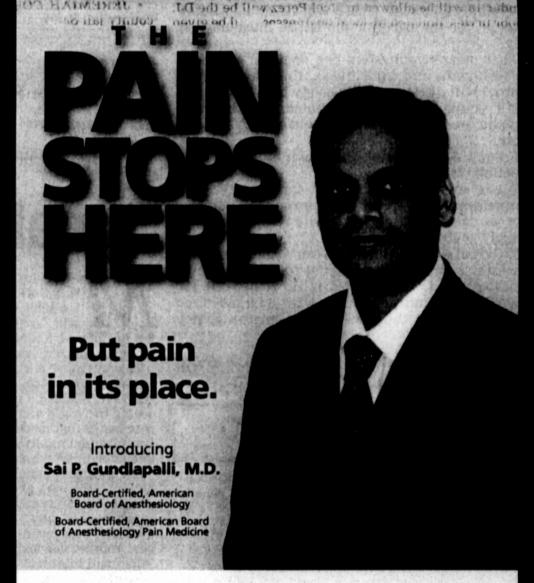
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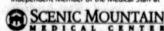
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OUR VIEWS

Don't miss out on museum's newest exhibit

atry tales — who doesn't love them? That's exactly what curators at the Heritage Museum were thinking when they unveiled their "Happily Ever After" exhibit last week, as part of their Valentines Daythemed display.

The exhibit, which depicts different stages from various children's' fairy tales, as well as a vintage Valentine collection provided by Hollywood actress and former Big Spring resident Jean Porter, opened last Thursday and will continue through March 10.

"This exhibit is focused toward the children and the young at heart," said Heritage Museum Curator Tammy Schrecengost. "We wanted to have something for them to see. So, 'Happily Ever After' depicts different stages of fairy tales, from stories like Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty to our Eternal Love display and Bearly Love exhibit. It's all about Valentines."

The exhibit will culminate with a special Valentine's Day party from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Feb. 14.

It will be an all-day party and Schrecengost says everyone is invited. There will be no admission charge, for the party or the entire museum that day.

That means youngsters can come in and have refreshments and enjoy the exhibit. Museum personnel will also have little goody bags for each of their young guests to take home, and they will also have a chance to enter to win a life-size teddy

For more information on the exhibit, contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

Schrecengost said when the opportunity to do something special for the museum's younger guests came about, she and the rest of the staff

simply couldn't resist. "We had a little time between some of the different exhibits we're bringing to the museum," she explained. "We wanted to do something for the children, and we thought a little fantasy type

exhibit just for them would be something they would really enjoy.' No doubt. And we're willing to bet these new exhibits will be something all of us can enjoy.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

From You, Lord, we get an endless stream of love.

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SAUNDERS

Strawberries in the meat grinder

here can be no better metaphor for why Republicans lost congressional seats in the November 2006 elections than Vice President Dick Cheney's decision, after wounding a buddy in a hunting accident, to go hunting on Election Day.

Cheney is firing wildly again. Or so it seems, as defense lawyers are using the veep's notes during the perjury and obstruction-of-justice trial of Cheney's former chief of staff, Lewis "Scooter" Libby. Cheney is out of control.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald has failed to charge anyone for illegally leaking CIA officer Valerie Plame Wilson's identity. Instead, Fitzgerald is going after Libby for lying about leaking. This is a trial that never should have happened — about leaks that do not appear to be criminal. Fitzgerald is out of control, too.

The trial has served its political purpose. As far as the Bush administration is concerned, the political damage is done. Once, Americans heard President Bush say he would fire any staffer who leaked Wilson's name. But Bush fired no one, even though Bush guru Karl Rove confirmed Wilson's identity to journalists who called him. (Be it noted, Fitzgerald is not charging Rove.)

Cheney makes things look worse for framing Libby as a fall guy. Or as Cheney jotted in a note presented in court, "Not going to protect one staffer (plus) sacrifice the guy

that was asked to stick his neck in the meat grinder because of the incompetence of others.'

"The incompetence of others." Now that is choice. I have no idea if Libby is guilty or not. On the one hand, Libby's story about learning Wilson's identity from a journalist is denied by the journalist. On the other hand, intelligence officials who testified against Libby have had to admit that their memories about Libby's guilt oddly have improved over time.

During an editorial board meeting, I asked former Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe what he thought of Libby. He said that while any defendant should be presumed innocent, leaking a CIA officer's identity bordered on "treasonous."

If it is treasonous, why hasn't Fitzgerald charged Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, who originally leaked Wilson's identity to columnist Robert Novak, thus sparking the federal probe? And why aren't more Bush critics calling for Fitzgerald to charge Armitage? The answer: Armitage was no Iraq war booster.

Besides, if Wilson's husband, Joe, didn't want his wife to be outed, he should have kept a low profile. The Washington Post got it right when it editorialized: "The person most responsible for the end of Ms. Plame's CIA career is Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson chose to go public with an explosive charge, claiming — falsely, as it turned out - that he had debunked reports of Iraqi uranium-shopping in Niger, and that his report had circulated to senior administration officials."

The White House had a right to set the record straight - although you would think that the vice president would have better things to do than lead the charge. It reflects poorly on the Bushies and Armitage — that it did not seem to occur to them that they might be divulging classified information.

If Cheney comes across as heavy-handed and drunk with power, he can share that honor with Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald hasn't charged admitted leakers Armitage, Rove or former press secretary Ari Fleischer - but, in order to investigate their ostensibly illegal leaks, he made some 2,000 White House staffers produce records. And he put then-New York Times reporter Judith Miller behind bars for 85 days - when he already knew the source of Novak's column.

In a sense, then, Cheney and Fitzgerald have something in common: Capt. Queeg. They both are willing to trample other people's lives in order to avenge perceived threats, they are both ruthless to those who do not bow to their will, and they've both lost sight of the truly big threats. The ship is off course, and they're hunting for whoever stole the strawberries.

Personal note: Please take a moment to think fondly of Molly Ivins. In person, she was lively and gracious. On paper, she brought spark, fury and wit to the opinion pages — and I am quite relieved never to have been at the receiving end of her pen.

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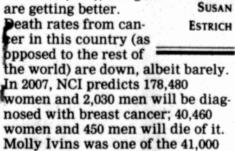
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Speaking of fighting wars

olly Ivins was a gem. In a world where women's voices are still rare, hers could not be ignored. She wasn't good at what she did, she was great. I didn't always agree with her, on Hillary for instance, but I always read her. She had a unique way of seeing the world and putting it into words that made a Molly Ivins column totally recognizable and often unforgettable.

She was passionate and inspirational, and now that passion and inspiration is gone. Stolen by breast cancer. Another one lost. When will this end?

According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), things are getting better. Peath rates from can-



women and 2,030 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer; 40,460 women and 450 men will die of it. Molly Ivins was one of the 41,000 we will lose. It may be better, but it is hardly good enough. It still feels like an epidemic, a war in which all you can do is try to duck the bullets.

One of my closest friends had her double mastectomy last week. The first reports from the pathologist are not good. Don't worry, I tell her, I'm good at going to chemo. I've been taking good friends for years. I make jokes, tell stories, befriend nurses. I am not afraid.

I am terrified. Thirty-five years ago, 75 percent of all women diagnosed with

breast cancer survived for five years; today, nearly 90 percent do. That's because of both earlier detection and improved treatment. But the number of women who are having regular mammograms is actually going down, not up.

According to the latest data from the American Cancer Society, the percentage of women 40 and older who reported having a mammogram in the past two years was 76.4 percent in 2000, but had dropped to 74.6 percent by 2005. "Although a 1.8 percent decline in mammography screening from 2000 to 2005 may not seem like much, it means that in 2005 about 1.5 million fewer women took advantage of getting this proven lifesaving test," says Len Lichtenfeld, MD, deputy chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society.

That means thousands of women with cancer don't know it and aren't being treated.

I click every day for free mammograms: http://www.thebreastcancersite.com/cgibin/WebObjects/CTDSites. I go every year for my own and hold my breath. If only that were enough. My friend had mammograms religiously every 12 months. But her cancer is stage III. How can that be? It is.

Five-year survival rates have improved, but five years isn't enough when you're in your 50s or 60s, let alone your 30s and 40s, when breast cancer tends to be most aggressive. The five-year survival rate for stage III breast cancer ranges from 54-67 percent. The overall 15-year survival rate for all breast cancer is only 57 percent.

As of August 2005, the American Cancer Society was funding 188 research projects related to breast

cancer, totaling more than \$103.8 million. Most of these projects, they say, extend over several years. That is supposed to sound like a lot. To me, it doesn't.

The war in Iraq has cost us \$350 billion so far. The total budget for all National Cancer Institute research for this year is under 2 percent of that. The NCI's annual budget for breast cancer research is barely \$600 million.

We talk about a war on cancer, but the truth is we're not really fighting one. The war we're fighting is a losing one in Iraq, not a winning one against cancer. How wrong can we be? The loss of 3,000 Americans over the course of the war in Iraq is unacceptable, but losing 41,000 every year to breast cancer is beyond intolerable.

President Bush, whom Molly memorably called "Shrub," was gracious about her death. But I can't help but believe he could have prevented it, that we could have, if only we got our priorities straight. How long will it take, how many more will we lose before we do? Enough is enough.

Just a few weeks ago, writing in the face of death, Molly urged every American to do their part to stop the war in Iraq. "We are the people who run this country. We are the deciders. And every single day, every single one of us needs to step outside and take some action to help stop this war. We need people in the streets, banging pots and pans and demanding. 'Stop it, now!""

We also need to start a new war, against the cancers that take our best from us. And this one, we need to win.

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It's important: A happy heart is a healthy heart

he heart is a symbol for many things. In love it can be won, lost, stolen and even broken. When people make difficult decisions, they are told to listen to their hearts. Despite its symbolic meaning, scientists once maintained that the heart was no more than an organ pumping blood to the body; but today, researchers are finding it to be much more different. As it turns out, thoughts and emotions can affect heart health.

Experts have developed significant data to show

that certain negative emotions are bad for the heart. Angry outbursts, for instance,

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Letter, low self-esteem and hopelessness have been linked to an increased risk of

dying from a heart-related illness. High anxiety can increase this risk as well. Simply suppressing these emotions is not the solution as this can amplify stress and make the situation worse.

The good news is that positive emotions can lead to improved heart health. A Duke University study linked optimism and feelings of happiness to lessened risk during a certain heart procedure. Other research has shown that heart patients with a positive attitude live longer and have a higher quality of life than those who experience chronic sadness and depression.

Researchers differ as to why and how emotions affect heart health. Some suspect that chemicals emitted by the brain, such as the hormones produced by stress, have an impact on the heart. Others think that negative emotions lead to behaviors such as poor diet and substance abuse which can also result in poor heart health.

Negative emotions are a natural and inevitable part of life. Nobody is happy all the time, and

life is full of challenges. Rather than giving in to negative feelings or bottling them up, we should strive to understand and manage them. This means identifying potentially stressful situations in advance and developing ways to cope with them. It also means finding constructive ways to deal with anger and irritation, such as talking about problems rather than ignoring them or lashing out. Managing negative emotions is not always easy, and enlisting the help of a profes-

sional can make a big

If you would like to learn more about how emotions affect your health, contact your physician.

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Do you feel safe in your home?

Your physician wants to know and to help

A far cry from "open wide and say 'ahhhh,"" physicians are urged to ask patients, "Do you feel safe in your home?" Doing so might identify victims of domestic violence and bring aid to the

Texas law requires doctors to provide information about safety and shelter to patients with injuries that might be the result of family violence. The law also says the physician should document this type of discussion in the patient's medical record. Physician experts urge colleagues to mention the sensitive subject in typical patient visits, in hopes of helping patients through a difficult situation.

"The overall national incidence rates of domestic violence are falling, yet the Texas rates are rising and are now twice the national average," writes Rita E. Schindeler-Trachta: DO, and F. David Schneider, MD, both Texas MSPH, Medical

(TMA) physician leaders. "Domestic violence, now termed intimate-partner violence (IPV), affects both men and women of all ages, races, and socioe-

conomic strata." Dr. Schindeler-Trachta is founder and owner of Austin Family Medical Clinic in Austin and board member of the Women's Advocacy Project, and Dr. Schneider is professor and vice chair in the Department of Family and Community, Medicine at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and founding president of the Academy on Violence and Abuse.

The physicians' journal article urges physician colleagues to use their unique diagnostic skills to help identify and aid victims of IPV.

"Our best hope to aid in breaking the cycle of vio-Association lence is to actively screen

and distribute safety protests, he took the broto information our patients," the article declares.

Because patients trust their physicians, they often will divulge fears. threats, and actual events of domestic violence to their doctors.

Most any physician may encounter a patient who is an IPV victim, though the symptoms may not be readily apparent.

"While some victims come in with the obvious broken bones and contusions, many others have vague, nonspecific complaints for which domestic violence needs to be considered in the differential diagnosis," the article says.

One physician describes a chilling account of a patient visit: "Her estranged state husband, "Her recently released from jail, broke into the house. After forcing her to have intercourse, despite her

ken window glass, gut himself, and deliberately bled into her eyes. He told her he wanted her to get his hepatitis C. Despite all this, her initial complaint when she visited my office was 'hair loss.'"

Physicians can then assist the victim, including referring her or him to a shelter.

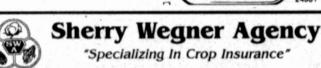
Texas has seen an 18 percent increase in the incidence of domestic violence in the past 10 years, though the nationwide rate has declined by 61 percent. Both women and men can be IPV victims. Each year as many as 1.5 million women and 800,000 men are victimized.

"We can increase public awareness, treat domestic violence as a disease, and employ preventive and transmission-reduction strategies," the physicians reason. "In so doing, we stand a better chance of breaking the cycle of abuse, reducing domestic violence, creating improved behavior models for tension and conflict resolution for ourselves and our children, and, as a result, reducing the transmission of domestic violence to the next generation."

The journal article appears in the January issue of Texas Medicine magazine, the official

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Test can help diagnose vertigo patients with sound sensitivity

HOUSTON — Inner ear specialists at Baylor College of Medicine are finding a surprising upswing in vertigo cases among people sensitive to specific frequencies.

"Patients will say, 'When I hear loud sounds, I either feel like my eyes are fluttering, or my vision changes and I feel dizzy for a few seconds," said Dr. Helen Cohen, professor of otolaryngology at BCM. "One patient couldn't listen to his daughter talk because her voice made him lightheaded."

A large percentage of these sound sensitivities has been traced to superior canal dehiscence, an irregularity in which a thin bone over the inner ear erodes, disrupting the mechanisms that gauge equilibrium and sound and causing vertigo. Many vertigo sufferers, especially those whose jobs involve loud machinery, are incapacitated from performing many daily activities.

The exact trouble spot inside the ear is not always readily apparent, but fortunately, an accurelatively unknown examination called a vestibular evoked myogenic potential (VEMP) test can help differentiate among several causes of vertigo. Developed in the 1990s but not used clinically until recently, the VEMP test identifies the specific site of injury to the inner ear and/or the balance

During the noninvasive test, small recording electrodes are taped to the neck and shoulders of the patient. Sounds are presented to one ear while the patient's head is held in a certain orientation. VEMP tests are slowly gaining widespread practice and given the prevalence of gadgets with earpieces and headphones, Cohen foresees more manifestations of sound sensitivity.



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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Friends, family remember Molly Ivins

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas journalist Molly Ivins was relentless in pursuing justice and defending the powerless, yet never lost her optimism and sense of fun, family and friends said as they celebrated her life Sunday.

In a lively, laughter-filled church memorial service that featured gospel singers and finished with Austin blues musician Marcia Ball performing "Great Balls of Fire," hundreds of admirers clapped and cheered Ivins' words and spirit.

Ivins, who died Wednesday at age 62 after a long battle with breast cancer, smiled down on the crowd from a portrait at the front of First United Methodist Church as numerous friends read from her writings and told funny stories of their adventures with her.

Advisory group split on futile-care debate

HOUSTON (AP) — A group charged with proposing changes to the state's futile-care law is at an impasse over the amount of time a family should have to transfer a patient if the hospital decides to end life-sustaining treatment.

Group chairman Greg Hooser said in a new report that he hopes members will find a compromise extending the transfer window, which is now set at 10 days.

The coalition, which is made up of doctors, hospitals, right-to-life groups and disability activists, was formed a year ago by the state House Committee on Public Health to investigate reforming the futile-care law.

Under the law, a hospital can discontinue treatment for a patient if a doctor decides treatment is medically futile and a hospital committee backs the decision. The patient's family then has 10 days to find a different facility that will take the patient.

Two arrests made in slaying of Dallas couple

DALLAS (AP) — Two people have been charged with capital murder in the slayings of a Dallas couple whose bodies were found in southeast Dallas after being missing almost a month, Dallas police said Sunday.

The bodies of Luis Campos, 20, and Linoshka Torres, 18, who were expecting their first child in April, were found Friday.

Jorge Guzman Banda, 51, who was being held in the Dallas County jail on unrelated charges, has now been charged with capital murder in the deaths Campos and Torres, police said. Bond is set at \$1 million.

Frank Estrella, 20, was arrested Sunday morning in

in the deaths, police said. He's also being held on \$1 million bond.

A kidnapping arrest warrant for a third suspect, 30year-old Nicolas Monarrez, has been issued.

Widow starts foundation for police families

FORT WORTH (AP) — The widow of a Fort Worth police officer killed in the line of duty has started a foundation to help new officers prepare their wills and support the families of fallen officers.

Teresa Nava lost her husband, Hank Nava, in November 2005 when he was fatally shot while investigating an identity theft ring.

To help keep her husband's memory alive, Nava has formed H.A.N.K. — Helping Another Next of Kin along with five of Hank Nava's friends.

Hank Nava died without a will, which impressed upon his widow the importance of young recruits "getting your affairs in order." One of the foundation's goals is to provide wills, free of charge, to graduating police cadets.

The group also wants to raise enough money to provide an annual scholarship to a child of a police officer, donations to the family of a fallen officer and equipment for the Fort Worth police.

Edinburg man dies in Houston chase

HOUSTON (AP) — A 20-year-old Edinburg man died early Sunday in Houston when he was thrown from the bed of a pickup truck following a chase that began after shots were fired following a minor traffic accident. Houston police said.

Police identified the victim as Martin Pina Cortez Jr. Police said Cortez and several other people were involved in a minor accident that led to a fight about 2:45 a.m. Shots were fired from a third vehicle. A chase began with the three vehicles and ended with two of the vehicles colliding on a Houston freeway. The pickup truck in which Cortez was riding overturned. He was taken to a hospital where he later died.

Records show no elevator safety device

HOUSTON (AP) — A stuck elevator that a 75-year-old man briefly escaped before falling 12 stories to his death was not equipped with a state-mandated safety device designed to prevent such accidents, according to city records.

Norman Fulton died Dec. 22 while he and his grandchildren tried to get out of an elevator that became stuck between floors at his condominium tower.

Police say a building employee helped pry the doors open and safely remove the grandchildren, but that

Anaheim, Calif., and was charged with capital murder Fulton slipped into the gap between the elevator and the floor and fell down the shaft.

Records obtained by the Houston Chronicle show the elevator was not equipped with a restrictor that locks elevator doors after becoming stuck, thereby preventing passengers from trying to escape before trained personnel arrive.

"This is a very typical accident," said John Quackenbush, a North Carolina-based elevator safety consultant. "It's the reason the code was enacted to put door restrictors on elevators in the first place.'

The Woodway Condominiums has applied for a deadline extension that grants building owners until 2010 to meet compliance, records show. The building is one of 105 in Houston that do not yet have the restrictor

Deborah Barfield, Woodway's general manager, wrote in a 2004 letter to the city's senior elevator inspector that the extension was requested because the costly doors would "create a burden on the (Condo) Association to correct at this time."

Barfield declined to comment on Fulton's death. Her letter in 2004 went on to say that the restrictor doors, which cost upward of \$5,000, would be installed before the 2010 deadline.

City asks judge to dismiss Santeria lawsuit

EULESS (AP) — Sued by a Santeria priest barred from sacrificing animals in his home, this Dallas suburb has asked a federal judge to dismiss a religious discrimination lawsuit on grounds that making an exception forces the city to favor a religion over secular law.

Jose Merced, 45, alleges that city officials denied him a permit to perform Santeria ceremonies that include slaughtering chickens and goats inside his home, even though people outside would not have been able to see or hear them.

Merced has argued that he doesn't want to break the law but is entitled to practice his religion, which mixes Roman Catholicism with African beliefs and demands blood sacrifices.

But in a motion to dismiss filed Jan. 24, the city argues that a 2000 federal law forcing local governments to show a compelling public interest before limiting a religious practice is unconstitutional, since it intrudes on a state's right to regulate the health and welfare of its residents.

City attorney William McKamie said because Euless' ban on animal slaughter is a health and safety issue, any exception means the city would effectively endorse Santeria over city law.

McKamie also disputed criticism that the city is not being tolerant.

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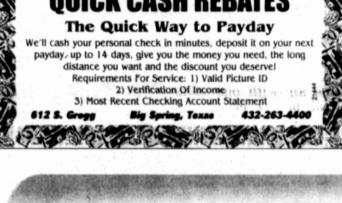
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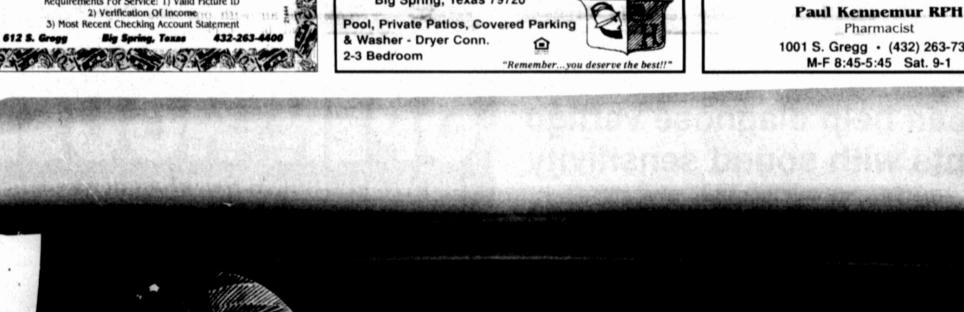
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Hawks open baseball season by winning 3-of-4

ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

The Howard College Baseball team hosted McCook Community College Friday and Saturday at Jack Barber Field, winning three of the four contests.

After winning both contests on Friday - 8-2 and 6-2 - the Hawks split with McCook on Saturday winning the first game in dramatic fashion, 6-5, while dropping the final game of the series 9-6.

Howard College head coach Britt Smith was pleased with the overall performance of his team this weekend.

"We won three out of four and that's a positive," Smith said. According to Smith, the Hawks began the season with a lot of positives, including freshman centerfielder Cameron Monger who ignited the Howard offense time and again despite batting ninth in the lineup.

"He has done so much work. He was out his whole senior year with a pulled hamstring and had a bad back from a car wreck that he was in over the summer," Smith said. "He really only practiced with us for about the last 10 days in the fall and he went home and really worked his tail off over the break and made himself a really good hitter."

With the weather holding Howard back from getting ample amounts of practice time outside, Smith felt that, combined with a sloppy field, led to fielding and



Howard Hawks starting pitcher Alec Marsh went 5 innings to pick up his first win of the season. Howard took three of its first four games against against McCook Community College over the weekend. McCook was in town from Nebraska and prevented the four game sweep Saturday afternoon at Jack Barber Field.r

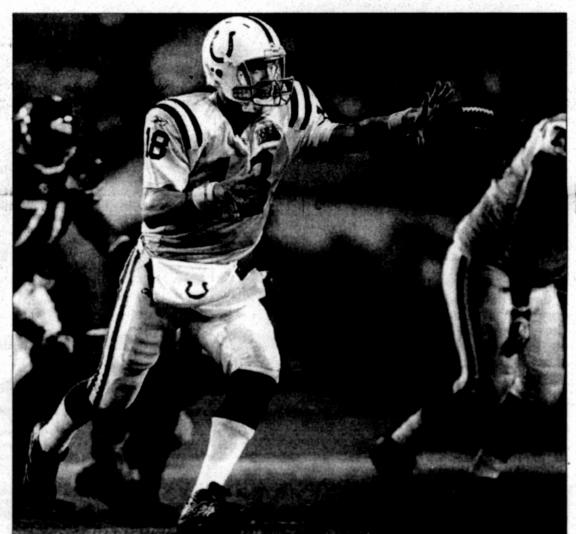
base running mistakes.

"Some of the mistakes are a product of us not being outside and getting a chance to work on it." Smith said. "I think we just got lackadaisical with our approach on the bases."

College took the nod with a 6-5 win over McCook Community

After a scoreless first inning, McCook capitalized on some Howard miscues in the top of the See HAWKS Page 28

In the first game, Howard second to score the first runs of the game. Despite striking out the first batter, a passed ball allowed McCook to get the leadoff batter on, followed by a walk,



MCT photo/David Eulitt/Kansas City Star Colts' quarterback Peyton Manning dumps the ball off against the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLI in Miami, on Sunday. The Colts defeated the Bears to become Super Bowl Champions, 29-

Manning enjoying his new title — champion

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer MIAMI - Peyton Manning grabbed the Lombardi Trophy with a choke hold, hoisted it in the air with one hand and barely cracked a

His career-long journey toward a title finally over, Manning was aiready preparing for life as a champion.

"It's all happening pretty fast right now, he said after being voted the Super Bowl MVP in the Colts' 29-17 victory over Chicago on Sunday night. "I'm kind of this is just kind of how I am, I guess. I'm excited.'

Judging Manning's reactions, he seemed more relieved than ecstatic after finally letting his play answer all the nagging questions about winning the "big game."

Detractors usually followed their acknowledgments of his greatness

with this: Manning could only earn his place legendary alongside quarterbacks John Elway, Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw with a Super Bowl win.

No need to worry any more. With another brilliantly crafted performance in the rainsoaked, windy conditions many thought could derail the Colts' championship run, Manning left behind the doubters.

He played his game changing plays, gesturing at the Bears and, of course, completing passes. The two-time NFL MVP finished 25-of-38 for 247 yards with one touchdown and kept the Bears confused all night. It was the Colts' biggest victory since moving to Indianapolis in 1984, and gave the Colts the distinction of being the first dome team to win a Super Bowl outdoors.

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Colts victorious in rainy Super Bowl from behind for win

AP Sports Writer

Soaked with rain, he

walked across the sodden

field to hug his friend and

Super Bowl foe, Lovie

Smith. He hugged his

quarterback, Super Bowl

MVP Peyton Manning.

And soon he was standing

on a platform at the 50-

yard line, cradling the

Dungy became the first

black coach to win an NFL

title Sunday when his

Indianapolis Colts beat

Smith's Chicago Bears, 29-

"It means probably more

to him than it does to any

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Dwight Freeney said. "He

The weather was the

worst in Super Bowl histo-

ry, with steady rain from

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ed Dungy and his Colts

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Super Bowl trophy.

embrace.

Baddeley Aaron birdied three of the final four holes and took advantage of Jeff Quinney's late collapse to win the FBR Open on Sunday.

Baddeley, strokes behind Quinney with four holes to go, birdied the 15th, 16th and 17th holes en route to his second PGA Tour victory.

Quinney, a PGA Tour rookie after five seasons on the Nationwide Tour, had led since late in the second round but bogeyed the final two holes, marking the third straight tournament he has led or shared the lead in the last round but failed to win.

Baddeley, meanwhile, rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt on the 17th to go from one shot behind to

one ahead.

Baddeley shot his second consecutive 7-under 64 to finish at 21-under 196 for the win.

By STEVEN WINE their potent passing game, their defense and running MIAMI - For Tony game assumed a champi-Dungy, it was a moment to onship-caliber share of the

load. "We showed we could win many ways," Dungy said.

He and Manning also showed they could win the big game, shaking labels they've been saddled with for years. Dungy made the breakthrough in his 11th year as a head coach and his fifth with the Colts, until now perennial title contenders and late-season disappointments.

"He has had a lot of good speeches after some of those playoff losses, when most guys can hardly say anything and it's hard to hold your head up," Manning said. "He stayed positive and he kept believing. It's just great to have him as our leader."

Manning, meanwhile, strengthened his standing among the game's great See DUNGY, Page 2B

ball forced them to rein in quarterbacks by winning

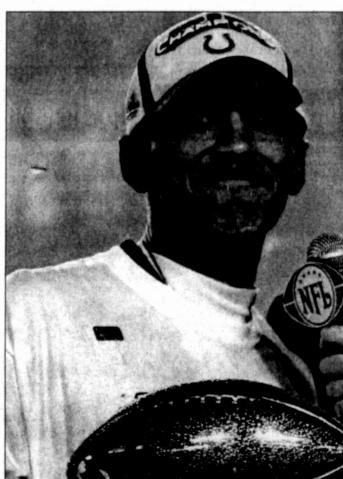
his first Super Bowl title. "It has been hard to watch these other teams hoist that trophy," said Manning, who threw for 247 yards and a touchdown. "That's a hard pill to swallow. You have to learn from it and realize how badly you want to be up there."

Manning's younger brother Eli has yet to come close to a title in three seasons with the New York Giants. Their father. Archie, was a star NFL quarterback for 14 years who never reached the playoffs.

Now the family has a ring, thanks to Peyton.

"If people think he needed to win a Super Bowl, that is just wrong," Dungy said. "This guy is a Hall of Fame player and one of the greatest ever.'

Manning had plenty of help as the Colts (16-4)



Colts' coach Tony Dungy holds the Lombardi Trophy after the Colts' 29-17 victory over the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLI.

beat New

England. When he did

that, the critics contended

he still hadn't won a

Now that he can wear

that shiny, new champi-

onship ring, Manning no

longer will be lumped

Tarkenton, Warren Moon

and Dan Fouts, who never

won a Super Bowl, yet are

in the Pro Football Hall of

Manning played with

"I don't really play that

card," he said when asked

if he had anything to say

to the critics. "I don't

poise and methodically

led the Colts back.

Marino, Fran

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But Manning couldn't forget entirely what it took to get here.

"It's been hard not only to lose in the playoffs, hard to watch these other teams hoist that trophy knowing they were the ones that — the team that beat us won the Super Bowl," Manning said. "That's a hard pill to swallow. You have to learn from it.'

The Colts finally did.

With their tag-team running backs piling up 190 yards, and a defense that allowed only one Bears touchdown, Manning, at last, had a winning combination.

Like Elway, who needed a game-breaking runner (Terrell Davis) to win a

Super Bowl, or Dan finally did, people said he Marino, who never did get over the hump, the Colts needed to rely on more than Manning's arm Sunday. They ran for one touchdown, scored on an interception return and got three field goals from Adam Vinatieri. Manning remained as patient with the offense playing from behind as he was protecting a fourth-quarter lead.

Manning lived with the unflattering image of a non-winner. Tennessee, he never beat Florida, and the year after he left, the Volunteers won the national title.

For more than a decade,

In Indianapolis, the doubts were reinforced. When he started 0-3 in the postseason, people wondered if he'd ever win a playoff game. When he

believe in that. I'm proud to be the quarterback of this team, this team that won a championship."

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Pruitt caught almost every game last season for the Hawks. This season the coaches hope to give him a little break.

"We want to get to the point where we can give him one game off a weekend, but we have to figure out what game it's going to be," Smith said. "He's such an impact player for us offensively and defen-

Pruitt's impact was felt

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earned their first title since the 1970 season, when they played in

Baltimore. Dominic Rhodes ran for 113 yards and Joseph Addai added 77 to help Indianapolis control the

ball for 38 minutes. The defense, often the culprit when past title bids came up short, recovered two fumbles and intercepted Rex Grossman twice in the fourth quarter, with Kelvin Hayden's 56-yard interception return sealing the win.

It was the kind of performance needed to win the first rainy Super Bowl. Gusty wind made the conditions even more challenging.

"We knew it would be a

nasty game," Colts linebacker Gary Brackett said. "As a defensive player, you love it. That's the way we played."

Manning threw an early interception but otherwise handled the ball flawlessly. Twice he slipped on the slick grass as he threw and fell but still managed to complete the pass.

Grossman, by contrast, fumbled two snaps and forced throws trying to rally his team. He can look forward to an offseason of debate in Chicago as to whether he's the Bears' quarterback of the future.

"My confidence never wavered," he said. "We missed some crucial plays, and that's the difference in the Super Bowl."

The Colts, who over-

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came an 18-point deficit against New England to win the AFC championship game, found themselves in another hole when a touchdown pass by Grossman put the Bears up 14-6.

The game could have been more lopsided. Four Colts drives stalled inside the 30. They committed three turnovers, and three times their scoring threats ended without a point.

"I'm proud to be the first African-American coach to win this," Dungy said during the trophy ceremony. "But again, more than anything, Lovie Smith and I are not only African-American but also Christian coaches, showing you can do it the Lord's way. We're more proud of that."

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putting runners on first and second.

Following a sacrifice bunt to put the runners in scoring position, Cory Huffine crushed a threerun homer over the left field wall, staking McCook to a 3-0 lead.

Howard battled back with one out in the bottom of the third inning. Cameron Monger ripped a single up the middle and stole second base. The catcher's throw caromed off Monger's helmet as he slid into second and the ball went into the outfield, allowing him to advance to third.

Ladendorf Tyler reached on a walk to put runners at first and third. Ladendorf then stole second. After a line-out, Matt Curry reached on a walk to load the bases for clean-up hitter Josh Riley. Riley also walked, scoring Monger for the Hawks first run of the

Keith Martin followed suit with an RBI walk, scoring Ladendorf and cutting McCook's lead to 3-2.

With two outs in the bottom of the fourth inning, Monger picked up his second hit of the game beating out an infield hit and advancing to second on an errant throw. Ladendorf followed with an RBI single through the left side tying the game at 3-all.

Howard starting pitcher Alec Marsh pitched his way out of the fifth inning, recording back-toback strikeouts with runners in scoring position to get out of the inning unscathed and maintain a 3-3 ball game.

In the bottom half of the fifth, Curry led off with a solo homerun, propelling Howard to a 4-3 lead. Riley followed with a single, but was erased from the base paths when

Martin reached on a fielder's choice. Andrew Femath ran for Martin and stole second. Alex Harrison lifted an RBI double to left, scoring Femath for a 5-3 Hawk

McCook tacked on a run in the top of the sixth off Howard relief pitcher Gary Goldman who struggled out of the bullpen. Goldman got out of the inning with a strikeout and a pop up to preserve the Howard lead at 5-4.

In the top of the seventh, McCook tied the game on an RBI double which almost produced the go ahead run, but a great relay from right field erased the run at the plate. Harrison chased the ball down in the right field gap, hit the shortstop Ladendorf on the relay and sophomore catcher Ryan Pruitt made an excellent defensive

play at the plate to record the out.

sively."

in the bottom of the seventh, as Riley and Femath were issued back-to-back walks to lead off the inning and set the stage for a dramatic finish. As Pruitt saved the game defensively at the plate in the top half of the inning, he won the game in the bottom of the seventh with an RBI double for a 6-5 Howard victory.

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need some defensive help I'll be coming in the later innings of the third game," Pruitt said. "I was prepared to come in and do what I needed to do to help the team win the game."

According to Smith, Pruitt's ability to perform under pressure and carry himself on and off the field will hopefully rub off on Howard's young squad.

On the mound, Marsh pitched five solid innings, surrendering three runs on five hits and two walks, while recording four strikeouts. Goldman picked up the win allowing two runs off of two hits and a pair of walks while striking out one batter in his two innings of work.

Howard dropped the second game, however, dropping their advantage with a 6-9 loss to McCook.

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At the first table, the bidding went as shown. Poland's Adam Zmudzinski opened the West hand with one heart and played it right there, making eight tricks, after Lew Stansby of elected not to act over one

heart with the balanced 13-point North hand

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At the second table, however, the bidding was markedly different: South West North Dble Pass Pass Pass Dble

Here Poland's Piotr Gawrys chose to double one heart, inducing his partner, Krzysztof Lasocki, to make two bids with the South hand. When Gawrys eventually took a preference to three diamonds, East, Roger Bates, applied the ax. West, Michael Rosenberg, started

with the K-A of hearts - East discarding a club - and then led the jack, ruffed by Bates. Rosenberg won the queen-of-spades shift with the ace and returned the heart five. Lasocki would have done better to discard from dummy, but when he ruffed with the jack, Bates overruffed with the queen, which was overruffed by the ace.

Declarer next led a club to the ace and finessed the jack on the way back, losing to the queen. Rosenberg returned a club for Bates to ruff for the defense's sixth trick, and Bates had another trump trick coming for down three - 800 points.

The net score of 690 points resulted in a 12-IMP pickup for the Americans, giving them a lead they never reling

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You deserve a factual look at . . .

Jimmy Carter, Israel and the Jews Is our former President ignorant, malevolent - or both?

Jimmy Carter, our 39th president, has just written a book in which he purports to clarify the causes of the unending Israel-Arab conflict. The title of the book shows the bias that permeates it: Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid. It is a scurrilous comparison with the oppression of the black majority in South Africa. The entire book is shot through with falsehoods, distortions, and omissions of facts

misstatements, and omissions in his book

What are the facts?

There are so many falsehoods in the book that it isn't easy to know where to begin. But here are just a few of the many

· Yasser Arafat, the "leader" of the Palestinians for decades, was the man responsible for many murders that he had

personally authorized. Hafezal-Assad, the former tyrant of Syria, was also a mass personally murderer. responsible for the killing of at least 25,000 in the Syrian city of Hama. Both are described as leaders who

the result, therefore, of malevolence - ..." diligently sought peace with Israel. Mr. Carter knows better,

of course. · Mr. Carter asserts that peace would have descended on Israel/Palestine if the Israelis had not "colonized" Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank"). But that is quite incorrect. In the first place, the term "colonization" is not applicable. It presupposes that Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") is Palestinian territory, which those aggressive Israeli Jews have usurped. Not so, of course! Jews have had a presence in the area since time immemorial and certainly have at least the same rights to live there as the Arabs. It was never "Palestinian" land. So there can't have been any "colonization." Mr. Carter knows that, of course.

. Mr. Carter makes a great to-do about the "apartheid wall that snakes through of what is left of the West Bank." The purpose of this "wall," which is really a fence over most of its course, is to safeguard the Israeli populace from the marauding murder gangs that have terrorized Israel for years and have caused hundreds of victims. The fence has successfully done that. Mr. Carter knows that, of course.

· Mr. Carter focuses on Security Council Resolution No. 242, which calls for return of captured territories in exchange for peace, recognition, and secure boundaries. Nowhere does he mention that Israel accepted the Resolution and has fully complied with it. While not having returned all of those territories (the Resolution did not call for that), it has returned all of Gaza and, more important, the vast Sinai, with its strategic passes, its strategic port, its

strategic expanse of a huge buffer zone, and the oil fields that Israel had developed. They yield over \$1 billion in revenues per year, which would have made Israel independent of petroleum imports for the foreseeable future. And he does not mention that the Arab nations rejected Resolution 242 out of hand and instead issued their famous "three no's:" No peace, no recognition, and no "It is...not likely that the lies,

negotiation with Israel. Mr. Carter knows that, of course.

 Mr. Carter blames Israelis are the result of ignorance. They must be for their lack of effort to compose their interminable differences Palestinians. But that is an

outrageous lie. The Israelis have almost compulsively tried, time and time again, to find a solution to this never-ending problem. All of their efforts have faltered because of the racist and theocratic hatred that the Palestinians and Muslims have against the Jews, a hatred that nothing seems to assuage. One of the last memorable such efforts was in the last year of President Clinton's presidency, when he met with Mr. Arafat and with Ehud Barak, then prime minister of Israel. Mr. Barak declared his willingness to turn over 95% of the "West Bank" and the Arab quarter of Jerusalem to the Palestinians and to financial compensation to the "refugees." He did balk at allowing all of those so-called refugees - now miraculously swollen from the original 600,000 to 5 million - to "return" to Israel. It would (as intended) have meant the end of the Jewish state, Mr. Arafat left in a huff and started his second intifada, which has killed and maimed thousands on both sides. Mr. Carter knows that, of course

 Space does not permit to give more examples of the lies, and omissions in Mr. Carter's malicious book. But there are certainly many, beginning with his not mentioning that in 1947 the United Nations advocated a division of the country into a Jewish and an Arab sector, with Jerusalem being internationalized. The Jews accepted that compromise; the Arabs rejected it and instead invaded Israel with five national armies. He does not mention that the largest contingent of Israelis are Jews expelled or forced to flee from their Arab home countries, where they had been living for centuries. Mr. Carter knows all of that, of course.

Mr. Carter was certainly one of our most ineffective presidents, comparable perhaps to Fillmore, Polk or Harding. But he was probably one of the most intelligent. It is therefore not likely that the lies, misstatements, and omissions in his book are the result of ignorance. They must be the result, therefore, of malevolence - against Israel and against the Jews.

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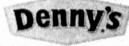
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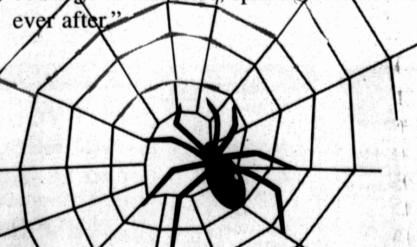
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mood. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You bring projects to fruition, regardless of obstacles or delays. So don't bother getting mad or impatient when it's not going perfectly. This can only put a damper on the spirit of the project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your sense of adventure is highlighted. You're compelled to wander in order to satisfy your love of continual variety. Sometimes it's like your home is just a central location from which to move out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Material possessions are important to you. You like your stuff. There's nothing wrong with that. But it's

accumulated to a level that's out of control. It's time to let some of it go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can give advice without using your wisdom as a way to exert control over others. However, there are times when loved ones would benefit immensely from doing as you wish. This is one of those times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some have beautiful things surrounding them, and yet feel little happiness. Others take joy in whatever they have. You're somewhere in the middle now and will grow richer as you make gratitude your habit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're deciding who your true friends are. Maybe this will help: A friend is someone who, when you've fallen behind, will carry you - not point out your mistakes while passing you by.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you feel like doing doesn't make much sense. But your instinct is rarely wrong. Honor your process, go with your gut and ignore the advice that more cerebral folks have for you. . . .

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your title should be Friend of the Most Excellent Order. This position doesn't nearly the fanfare it should right now, but in the weeks to come you'll find out just how much you're appreciated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in a quiet mood, yet strangely officially people. This pairing may of

appear to be a case of the "odd couple," but it's a perfect actually balance. You and Aries people have an especially nice "click."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'd rather not get involved in other people's conflicts, but when it comes to family, it's hard to avoid. Besides, you can really shed light on the situation, and you do it with great diplomacy and empathy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your spirits are high. Leverage this optimism. With the right team and a vast network, you can do it all. Make moves to bolster those aspects of your life. Start by making a powerful friend.

PERSONALITY OF A PLANET: MARS: In 1900, the esteemed French Academy sponsored a contest. The first person to find life on another planet would win a hefty cash prize. The only exception being Mars -Mars was exempt. Why? Because everyone already believed there was life on Mars. Astronomers, after all, had seen impressive canals on the planet. This is perhaps why nine out of 10 sci-fi aliens are Martians, and not Uranians or Plutonians. As it turned out, the canals on Mars are an optical illusion, although water did exist on the surface of Mars at one time, Centuries before humans had ever sent probes to Mars, the planet had the reputation of a warrior. He was even drawn to wildly outgoing named for the Roman god war. Scientific

investigation corroborated our intuitive beliefs that Mars represented volatility, action and physical force in that its surface is scarred by volcanic activity of epic proportion — one extinct volcano on Mars is three times as high as Earth's Mt. Everest. The energy of Mars can be destructive and frightening if it's not channeled into a higher purpose. But if wellguided, Mars represents energy and endurance, and bravery, vigor domination confidence.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Mena Suvari has the intangible "it" quality that Aquarius women embody so well. Ruled by Uranus, the planet of surprises, there's something offbeat and unexpected about her performances. From her debut in "American Beauty" to a powerful stint on television's "Six Feet Under," to the upcoming remake of "Day of the Dead," Suvari is forging a career path that will take her into her 90s - really!

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Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: All my life, my I've suffered from palmar hyperhidrosis, or

excessive sweating of the I will never hands. My condition is be accepted. quite severe, and it has What can I affected all areas of my life. As a child, I had to endure nasty comments from other children, and nicknames such "Sprinkler" and "Rain Man" really put a damper on my selfconfidence. Throughout my high school years, I was so self-conscious, I refused to shake anyone's hand. This made people think I was immature or a germaphobe, and I was taunted continuously.

I managed to get a waitressing job during my senior year. The job didn't last long because I had some difficulty holding multiple plates, and often they slipped out of my grip. Also, some of the customers were bothered by my hands and didn't want me near their food. After graduating, my condition continued to be an that inconvenience limited the number of tasks I could easily perform and made employment difficult. It also put a large strain on

my social life. At 23, I married "Dan" and thought he had come to accept my situation. However, after our first year of marriage, he distant. After grew another month, he admitted that he found

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hands repulsive and left me. I feel do? Sweating the Palms

Dear Sweating: We won't minimize the this pain condition has caused you, although it

does not help that you are so focused on it. It alters the way you approach people and how they perceive you. There are newer prescription medications available to help control excessive sweating, and if you have not seen a dermatologist recently, please make an

appointment immediately. As a last resort, there also is a surgical option. For more information, contact the International

Hyperhidrosis Society (sweathelp.org) at 520 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Dear Annie: I recently moved from a terrible neighborhood to a nice middle-class area and thought we were leaving inconsiderate neighbors behind.

There is a bus stop at one end of our dead-end street. Several of the neighbors drive their kids to and from the bus



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and stop. one of them chooses to and home. happens twice a day, five days a week.

Our driveway is paved, not and her big van

creating ruts at the end of it. I'd like to tell her to stop using our driveway as her own personal turnaround or to start contributing to a "fill the ruts" fund. Isn't our driveway private property? - Irritated in

Michigan Dear Irritated: Your neighbor may have no idea that her car is causing damage, so your first step should be to approach her, in a friendly fashion, and say, "I hope it won't be too difficult for you to turn around somewhere else. driveway needs Our repair work from all the additional traffic." If she persists, we suggest you put up a movable barrier so your driveway is less accessible during the times when she is most likely to use it. She'll get the message.

Dear Annie: My parents recently celebrated their wedding

anniversary. One guest, who had been the flower girl in their wedding, put our two hatboxes together driveway to and decorated them to turn around look like a wedding cake. Inside wide was a assortment of edible goodies and other products reminiscent of the 1950s. The nostalgic goodies were enjoyed by the family, and the contents didn't clutter up the house. I thought it was a very clever gift idea. - K.S.

Dear K.S.: We do, too. It was appropriate, fun, personal and inexpensive, required thought and care. The best of all worlds.

Mailbox

Annie's

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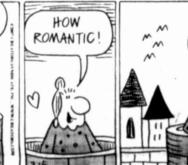


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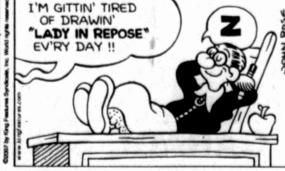






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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2007. There are 329 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of justices on the U.S. Supreme Court; critics accused Roosevelt of attempting to 'pack" the high court. On this date:

In 1631, the founder of Island, Williams, and his wife arrived in Boston from England.

In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States.

In 1897, the Indiana House of Representatives passed, 67-0, a measure redefining the method for determining the area of a circle, which included altering the value of pi. (The bill died in the Indiana Senate.) In 1917, Congress passed,

over President Wilson's veto, an immigration act severely curtailing the influx of Asians.

In 1917, Mexico's constitution was adopted.

In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolde, the last American combat casualty before the Vietnam cease-

In 1994, white separatist Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in Jackson, Miss., of murdering civil rights and was immediately sentenced to life in prison. (Beckwith died Jan. 21, 2001 at age 80.)

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Claude King is 84. The Rev. Andrew M. Greeley is 79. Baseball Hallof-Famer Hank Aaron is 73. Actor Stuart Damon is 70. Financial writer Jane Bryant Quinn is 68. Television producer-writer Stephen J. Cannell is 66. Actor David Selby is 66. Singer-songwriter Barrett Strong is 66. Football Hall-of-Famer Roger Staubach is 65.

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Answer to previous puzzle

Newsday Crossword

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 - 22 Ease off
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