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Search on for new college trustee

No timetable set for naming replacement for Harold Davis

By STEVE REAGAN

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Staff Writer

Howard College officials are casting a fairly wide net in their search for a new trustee.

The search for a replacement for long-time trustee Harold Davis, who died in October after more than 30 years on the college board, is about to hit high gear. College President Dr. Cheryl

Sparks said qualifications for

Sparks

more than anything. Trustees appointed Sparks, Board

President John Freeman and Trustee Murray Murphy to a search committee tasked with finding candidates to fill Davis' unexpired

Sparks said the committee

the job will count met Thursday to begin the to the board as a whole. search process. If all goes well, interviews could begin in the near future.

> "We've reviewed some individuals who live in Precinct 3 (Davis' district) and we've been asked to do some follow-ups and check on qualifications," Sparks

> Sparks said the committee has not talked to any potential candidates yet — that will be left

She also noted no firm time table has been set for finding Davis' successor. The earliest a new trustee could be named would be at the board's Nov. 24 meeting, but Sparks declined to speculate whether the new trustee would be named at that time.

The only thing for certain is that trustees will not call for a special election in the matter, but instead appoint a replacement, Sparks said.

"The appointment would be until the 2010 election," Sparks said. "At that time, the person appointed to the board would choose whether to run for the remainder of Mr. Davis' unexpired term."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@ bigspringherald.com



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Construction crews work on the entrance area of the new Howard County Jail early Friday morning. Work on the \$11.57 million facility is more than 30 percent done, according to county officials, and is on track for completion sometime in March.

Nation's jobless rate soars to 14-year high

By JEANNINE AVERSA AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's unemployment rate bolted to a 14year high of 6.5 percent in October as another 240,000 jobs were cut, stark proof the economy is almost certainly in a recession.

The new snapshot, released Friday by the Labor Department, showed the crucial jobs market deteriorating at an alarmingly rapid pace.

The jobless rate zoomed to 6.5 percent in October from 6.1 percent in September, matching the rate in March 1994.

Unemployment now has surpassed the high seen after the last recession in 2001. The jobless rate peaked at 6.3 percent in June 2003.

October's decline marked the 10th straight month of payroll reductions, and government revisions showed that job losses in August and September turned

out to be much deeper. Employers cut 127,000 positions in August, compared with 73,000 previously reported. A whopping 284,000 jobs were axed in September. compared with the 159,000 jobs first reported.

So far this year, a staggering 1.2 million jobs have disappeared. Over half of the decrease occurred in the past three months alone.

Although the unemployment report was worse than expected, and Ford Motor Co. reported dismal third-quarter results and announced plans to cut more than 2,000 additional white-collar jobs, investors seemed attracted by stock prices beaten down the past two sessions. The Dow Jones industrial average was up about 50 points in morning trading and broader market indexes also are

About 10.1 million people were

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People line up to speak to Valerie Campbell, left, a representative of St. Joseph's Healthcare System at a job fair sponsored by Monster.com at a hotel in Newark, N.J Oct. 30. The government announced today that the nation's unemployment rate bolted to a 14-year high of 6.5 percent in October as employers slashed 240,000 jobs.

Feds indict father & son

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

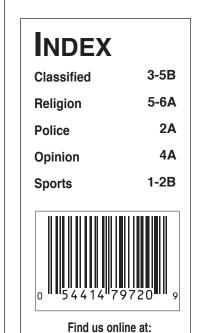
Two Big Spring men have been indicted by a federal grand jury on weapons charges, according to information from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Horace "Bunky" Atkinson was indicted on a charge of convicted felon in possession of a firearm, while Atkinson's son, 36-year-old Clay Atkinson, was indicted on the same charge, along with the armed career criminal enhancement.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Haag is the prosecutor in charge of the case, but could not be reached for comment.

The indictments were

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Valle, Leubner lead BSHS into Region I meet Saturday

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Six straight District 4-4A titles is one thing. Winning a second consecutive Class 4A, Region I title might be just as nice for the Big Spring Steers cross country team.

However, it might be a tall order as well.

An individual regional championship is expected for senior Jordan Valle, though. Valle and the rest of the Steers take part in the meet Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in are Jim Stitt of Mansfield

Lubbock. The top ten individual finishers and the top three teams will advance to the state meet Nov. 15 at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

Valle enters the race as the top runner, finishing the same 3-mile course in 15:29.70. He will have some worthy competition, though.

Fort Worth Southwest's Andrew Herrera won his district meet with a time of 15:30.10. Others entering the race with a sub-16:00 performance

Timberview and Ramiro Garcia of Fort Worth North Side.

As a team, the Steers are not favored to finish in the top three with teams like El Paso Austin, Fort Worth Southwest and Canyon favored to advance to

Still, Head Coach Randy Britton is optimistic Big Spring could still sneak into the state meet.

"I wish I could say we were a shoo-in to make

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The Big Spring Steers cross country team holds up six fingers indicating it has won six consecutive District 4-4A titles Oct. 30 in Lubbock. The Steers will compete in the Class 4A, Region I tournament Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Pictured from left to right are Kade Parker, Sergio Torres, Shane Allen, Jordan Valle, Daniel Segundo, Dalton Grenier, Sammy Segundo and Coach Randy Britton.

Shattered BCS dreams

TCU's hopes ended by 13-10 loss to Utah

By DOUG ALDEN

AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The BCS Busters II are still alive.

Brian Johnson led No. 10 Utah to a thrilling comeback, marching the Utes 80 yards in the final minutes and completing a 9-yard touchdown pass to Freddie Brown with 48 seconds left in a 13-10 victory over No. 11 TCU on Thursday night.

The Utes remained unbeaten and in contention for a Bowl Championship Series berth despite getting outgained 416 yards to 275. Utah is 10-0 for just the second time in school history, matching the start of the original BCS Busters in 2004.

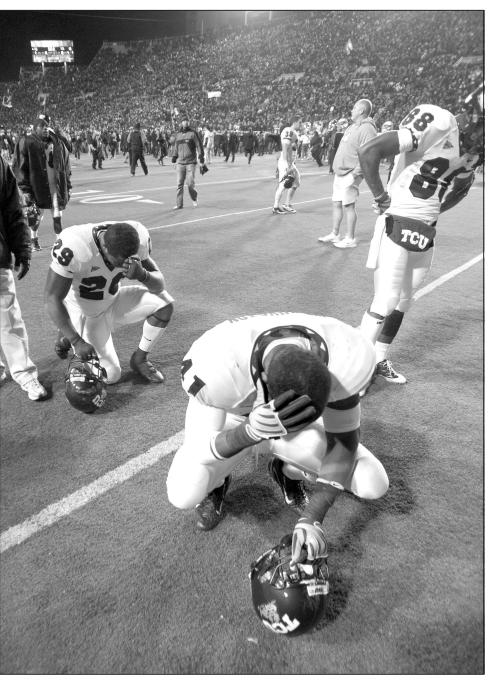
"We knew it was there for us," said Johnson, who was 7-of-9 for all 80 yards on the winning drive.

It was the second time this season Johnson has saved the Utes (10-0, 6-0 Mountain West) in the final minutes. He led Utah to an 11-point rally in the final 90 seconds of a 31-28 win over Oregon State on Oct. 2.

"I told the guys, 'Stay in it. We're going to have a chance to win it late," Johnson said.

The 45,666 fans were the secondlargest crowd to see a game at Rice-Eccles Stadium, which was shaking as thousands jumped up and down when Johnson found Brown on a

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TCU linebacker Daryl Washington, center, safety Colin Jones, left, and wide receiver Jimmy Young (88) react to their loss against Utah after a NCAA game Thursday in Salt Lake City. Utah defeated TCU 13-10, keeping its BCS hopes alive.

Grady finishes season with mercy-rule win

Herald Staff Report

LENORAH — There wasn't much to play for at Tunnell Field in Lenorah Thursday night, but it turns out pride was the only reason Grady's Wildcats needed to pull out a big win.

The Wildcats closed the 2008 sea-

son with sole possession of third place in Six-man Division I, District 7 after routing Spur, 70-22.

Ira and O'Donnell, which both defeated Grady earlier this season, clinched the two playoff spots available within the district.

The win improved Grady's record to 7-3 with a 3-2 league mark. Last

season, the Wildcats shared a district title and advanced to the state quarterfinals before being ousted by Rankin.

The Wildcats lose just three seniors from this season's team. Graduating are Casey Shands, Guillermo Medina and Matthew Meeks.

<u>Steer</u> **Spotlight**

Senior Defensive End **Cade Hollandsworth**

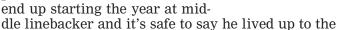
By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Coming into this season, no Big Spring Steer name was mentioned more across the state than Cade Hollandsworth.

Hollandsworth was an honorable mention all-state selection at middle linebacker last season and was honored by Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine as a preseason all-state selection at the same position this year.

Although he prepared to play defensive end throughout the offseason and even in two-a-day practices, Hollandsworth did end up starting the year at mid-



Hollandsworth

In the Steers' 20-14 season-opening victory over Snyder, Hollandsworth totaled an astounding 26 tackles. The Tigers ran 52 offensive plays, meaning the senior linebacker was in on half of the potential

tackles that could be made. Hollandsworth registered in the double digits in tackles in the first four games of the season, but then a player's — and even more so, a parent's — worst fears happened.

Early in the Steers game against Sweetwater, Hollandsworth had his knee taken out via an illegal chop block. The diagnosis was a sprained medial collateral ligament, sidelining Hollandsworth for a

"It was hard just sitting back and watching everybody play for a month," he said. "I could hardly just sit and watch. I had never had to sit out a game

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Hereford Whitefaces Big Spring Steers

When: 7:30 p.m. tonight Where: Memorial Stadium

Radio: KBYG 1400AM, KBEST 95.7FM,

KBST 1490AM, KBST.com.

Sports in brief

Seniors being honored before Steers final home game tonight

Tonight marks the end of the regular season for the Big Spring Steers as they host rival Hereford at 7:30

However, before the contest, the seniors will be recognized as they play in their final home game at Memorial Stadium.

Also, the junior class will be serving hamburbers in the parking lot on the home side. Plates are \$5 and includes chips, cookies and a drink.

Registration for Big Spring Youth Basketball have begun

The YMCA has began accepting sign-ups for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League for boys and girls through Dec. 1. Divisions of play include separate boys and girls teams in grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

Games are scheduled to begin Jan. 10. Practices begin the week of Dec. 8.

A coaches meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2. Teams will be formed following this meeting.

The registration fee is \$50 and includes a reversible mesh jersey, injury assistance and a participation award at the end of the season.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Chicano Golf Association hosting final tourney of year

Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is hosting its final golf tournament of the year Saturday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

It's a 4-man scramble format and the C.G.A. will assign

Fee is \$17 with tee times starting at 8:30 a.m. Deadline to sign up is 6 p.m. today.

Sign up at the pro shop or call 264-2366 and ask for Linda. A dinner will be served after the tournament for players only.

Steers basketball boosters meeting Monday at ATC

The Big Spring Steers Basketball Booster Club is plan-

ning to meet at 8 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center. All parents of boys basketball players for the junior high or high school are are invited to attend.

Call Sam Segundo at 268-3025 with any questions.

Coach Diddle and Hawk women

set for Hawk Buddies Program

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle, assistant coach Jamie Fisher and the Hawk women are announcing the start of the 2008-2009 Hawk Buddies Basketball Program for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade.

The first day of the program is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Cost is \$20 and includes a T-shirt, free admission for all family members to Hawks home games, two clinics with lectures on goals and basketball fundamentals, a pizza party with the Hawk women's team and a buddies night, including autographs and photos with the team.

For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or

Jamie Fisher at 264-5155.

Obituaries

Austin Gerald Harris



Austin Gerald Harris, 77, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008, at an Abilene medical center after an illness of several months.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, 542 Hickory, officiated by William E. Young. Interment will be in Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories. The family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral

Born April 12, 1931, in Canyon, Gerald was the son of Austin McGary Harris and Bessie Naomi Pogue Harris. His early years were spent at Sedan and Clayton, New Mexico and Texline, Texas.

In 1942 he moved with his parents to Big Spring, where he graduated from high school. He attended college at Texas Tech, receiving the BBA in marketing in 1955.

During the Korean Conflict, he served in the United States Air Force, 1951-54. He was assigned to the 75th Air Depot Wing in Korea and to the 374th Troop Carrier Wing in Japan.

After college he was employed by Dun and Bradstreet as a credit reporter until 1956, when he began a 36-year career with Humble Oil and Refining Company and Exxon Corporation. He worked primarily in specialty and industrial marketing, beginning with Humble at Abilene in 1956 and retiring at Houston in 1992. Other assignments were completed in Pampa, Lubbock, Irving and Dallas.

He married Mary Louise Odle on Sept. 6, 1957, in the chapel of the College Church of Christ in Abilene. Their daughter, Angela, was born in Lubbock.

Since returning with Mary to Abilene in 1999, Gerald has been a member of the University Church of Christ, where he had been active in visitation and ministry to homebound members. He has also served with Heart-Savers, a cardiac support group, visiting bypass patients at Hendrick.

Gerald was a people person. He loved to spend time with his coffee group that met at McDonald's on Wednesday and Friday mornings. He took pleasure in his hobby of handcrafting walking canes for his friends and designed each cane to reflect the life and interests of its recipient. An avid reader and history buff, he spent much time in genealogy research and writing which he shared with many relatives, inspiring several to initiate their own research of family history.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving are his wife, Mary; daughter, Angela Tooley and husband Eric, Allen, Texas; step-granddaughter, Sara Nichols and husband David, Highland Village, Texas; and step-great granddaughter, Gracie Jane Nichols. Other survivors include brothers-in-law, Louis Odle and wife Twila, Kerrville, Dennis Odle and wife Dorothy, Houston; sisters-in-law, Thelma Kemplin, Denton, LaJuan Odle, Sherman; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made in honor of Gerald Harris to the Dr. Zelma Odle Scholarship at Abilene Christian University, P.O. Box 29132, Abilene 79699.

View obituary at www.mem.com
Paid obituary

Take Note

- Interested in medieval history? Would you like to learn more about the Crusades? Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, members of Carrefour Hold, a local membership of the Kingdom of Levant, will be hosting a Harvest Festival at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St. There will be displays of various arts of the time period as well as fighting events such as experimental unarmored combat, knife, ax and spear competition, and archery. There will also be classes in Lucet braiding and drop spinning. A lecture on the Crusades will be held in the afternoon. This event is free to the public.
- The Eagles Lodge will offer chelos burritos from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday for \$8 per plate (includes drink and dessert). Takeouts will be available.
- Tuesday, Marcy Elementary will celebrate National Freedom Week with a Freedom Walk at 8:30 a.m. on the campus, a ceremony and a reception for United States' veterans following the walk. All veterans are invited to attend.
- AARP Drivers Safety Program offers "one very good deal" this month for its safety-conscious members. Members can bring a friend or spouse to a drivers safety classroom course for \$10. By bringing someone with them to the classes, both can attend for \$10. Both class attendees will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the course. The course will be held Friday, Nov. 14, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Ave. Call 267-1628 to register.
- Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Canterbury South. Please contact Jennifer Mendez at 263-1238 or leave a message.
- Confidential memory screenings are being offered by Accolade Home Care as part of National Memory Screening Day, a national initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA). They will be held from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at Room 214 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. For information, call Accolade Home Care in Big Spring at 264-1164.



Howard County Feed & Supply

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:
• BRANDON JONES, 25, of 1109 Ridgeroad, was arrest-

- ed Thursday on six local warrants.
 WAYNE VANHOUSEN, 47, of 1305 Oil Mill Road, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JOHN PANTOJA, 18, of 1507 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication, minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and possession of marijuana two ounces or less.
 - THEFT was reported:
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street. in the 1900 block of Wasson.
- FRAUDULENTUSE/POSSESSIONOFIDENTIFYING INFORMATION was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report.

• DANNY ZAMBRANO, 38, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of bondsman off bond for disorderly conduct – fighting.

• DAMIAN LUJAN, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance — more than three grams, less than 29 grams.

• ADALBERTO EDDIE DELEON, 46, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, violation of a promise to appear and evading arrest/detention.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. Service refused.

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

TUESDAY FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

CHANGING DATES

- The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library. For dates and times, contact Ramona Blassingane at 263-9748.
- Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.
- •The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.
- •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.



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Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice office for lunch and its monthly meeting. For more information, call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard

- College Cactus Room.

 Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big
- Spring Country Club.

 Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in
- the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY • Gideon In

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-12-28-31. Bonus Ball: 4. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$750,000.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 1-3-25-28-33.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-1-5-3. Sum It Up: 10.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-8-6. Sum-it-Up: 21.

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T.O. says Dallas' problems started before Romo injury

By SCHUYLER DIXON

Associated Press Writer

IRVING — Terrell Owens admitted what his Dallas teammates couldn't a month ago — at least publicly: The Cowboys were springing leaks long before Tony Romo broke his pinkie and their Super Bowl hopes started

Owens said doubt crept in as early as the first month of the season, when the Cowboys lost their first game against Washington then answered with an unimpressive victory against then-winless Cincinnati.

After beating the Bengals, the Cowboys complained about having to defend a win and reminded everyone they were 4-1. They did at least acknowledge that what they were saying for the cameras might be different from what they were telling each

other. Owens said it for the cameras Wednesday, during Dallas' bye week.

"I think the loss to Washington made a lot of people raise a lot of eyebrows," Owens said. "I think those two games alone kind of let everybody in this locker room know you got to have sort of a self check like, 'OK, we're probably not as good as we think we are, or probably not as good as hyped.""

The Cowboys went 1-2 without Romo after he injured his throwing hand during the first play of overtime in a loss to Arizona. The offense was anemic in all three games, even setting a franchise record for fewest yards in a win when they beat Tampa Bay 13-9.

But Dallas was 1-2 in the last three games with Romo, too, always scoring enough points to win but going through uncharacteristically long stretches of ineffectiveness on offense while the defense struggled to make key stops.

If they want to latch on to something positive, the Cowboys have this: The Redskins rematch — on Nov. 16 — could be the first time on the field together for Romo, Owens, recently acquired receiver Roy Williams, tight end Jason Witten, running back Marion Barber and budding star Felix Jones, a rookie who backs up Barber and has emerged as a kickoff return ace.

Witten is trying to play through a broken rib from the Tampa Bay game, and Jones is expected to return after missing the same amount of time as Romo with a hamstring injury.

"When you go in with a full

starting positions, you go in with a lot of energy, high expectations, as we did earlier in the vear," Owens said. "It seems like one by one, at different positions, guys have been going down. It's very unfortunate, but there are two halves to the season."

It's been three-fourths of a season since Owens had a 100-yard game. He's averaging less than four catches and barely 50 yards per game this season, but he hasn't come close to complaining about it since he was criticized for saying after the Washington game that he needed to get the ball more. He made the comments after catching seven passes, taking two handoffs and having 11 other balls thrown his way.

"I can sit up here and say I deck of cards, everybody in their need the ball more, then you contributed to this report.

guys will go back and dissect how many balls are thrown my way so I'm not going to get into that," Owens said. "I know I am a playmaker. I've always been that, and I still consider myself that. I think it shows when I get my hands on the ball, things happen."

Instead of building the best record in the NFC like they did last year, the Cowboys find themselves in last place in the NFC East more than halfway through the season. But Owens says that hasn't changed the team's outlook.

"We're still a very confident group of guys," Owens said. "As a unit, we know why we aren't winning. We just have to get those mistakes corrected."

AP Sports Writer Jaime Aron

Pena, Young among multitude of first-time AL Gold Glove winners

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Carlos Pena grabbed attention for all those balls he hit. Now the Tampa Bay first baseman and his teammates are getting noticed for the ones he caught.

Pena raised the Rays' profile Thursday when he became the first player in franchise history to win the Gold Glove for fielding excellence.

The Rays reached the playoffs for the first time since starting play in 1998. They went to the World Series, losing in five Pedroia and Minnesota catcher Grady Sizemore earned his secgames to Philadelphia.

Texas shortstop Michael Young became the first infielder to win a Gold Glove from a team with the worst fielding percentage in the majors. Pena, Young, Boston second baseman Dustin

Joe Mauer were first-time win-

last season: Los Angeles' Torii lades with his seventh Gold Hunter and Seattle's Ichiro Glove. Seattle third baseman Suzuki each won for the eighth straight year and Cleveland's ond straight year.

ond award.

New York Yankees pitcher The outfield was a repeat from Mike Mussina added to his acco-Adrian Beltre won for the sec-

HOLLANDSWORTH

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with an injury before. I had no idea how long it was going to take for it heal."

Big Spring went 1-2 with its defensive captain on the sidelines, Hollandsworth finally made his return last week in the Steers' 42-32 win over Lake View in San Angelo. However, he saw more playing time at defensive end than he did at linebacker.

"It was a bit different to be at defensive end because I haven't really played the position, so I'm still trying to learn it,' explained Hollandsworth. "I'm getting on the field. That's all the matters to me. I'm just happy I'm getting to play. I'm willing to play anything to get on the field.

"At linebacker, I'm allowed to get all over the field and make plays wherever I can," he continued. "Defensive end is different because I have to stay at home and always play my responsibility. I prefer to be more mobile. I like being able to get to the ball instead of having to wait for it to come to me."

At 7:30 p.m. tonight, Hollandsworth starts his first game at end when the Steers host Hereford at Memorial Stadium. The game holds a lot of weight as far as the postseason is concerned, giving the contest a playoff atmosphere.

If the Steers win, they clinch the top spot in the Class 4A small school division with Lake View nabbing the other playoff spot. However, should Big Spring lose, then the Steers also need Lake View to fall to Frenship tonight in Wolfforth in order for their playoff hopes to remain

Then a points system is used as a tiebreaker. If Big Spring loses to Hereford by 3-13 points, then the Steers still make the postseason along with Hereford. A 14-point loss forces Lake View and Big Spring to flip a coin for the final spot. Losing by more than 14 eliminates the Steers from the postseason.

While the Steers don't need much more help getting hyped for tonight's game thanks to the playoff scenarios, the fact they need to beat Hereford to clinch a postseason berth only adds fuel to the

"I hate those guys," said Hollandsworth. "They're as bad as Sweetwater and Andrews for us. I hate Hereford so much. I'm so tired of them. Winning tonight would be my most exciting win of the season because Hereford has always kept us from getting past the first round of the playoffs. They've beat us out the first two years I've been on varsity. I think beating them and knocking them out of the playoffs would be the sweetest win we've had all year."

As for Hollandsworth's production at defensive end last week, he recorded a sack in his first game at the position and will have plenty of opportunities to register a couple more against Hereford tonight.

The Whitefaces throw the ball an aver-

age of 33 times a game with quarterback

J.P. Bridwell being their top player.

However, one of the reasons Hollandsworth moved to end in the first place was because of several colleges identifying him as an athlete who would better fit in at that position at the next

"I would love to play linebacker in college," said Hollandsworth. "I know it's not very likely right now, so it's good I'm getting some experience at defensive end. I prefer linebacker, but if a college came in and said they want me at defensive end, then I'd make the move for sure.

"I don't really care what level of college I play at," he continued. "The way I see it, football is football. I mean I'd love to go Division I, but I'll go play for whoever will give me a chance at a free education. That's the main reason I want to go."

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TCU

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slant pattern for Utah's only touchdown of the game.

Robert Johnson intercepted a pass from Andy Dalton to seal it with five seconds to go and after Johnson took a knee, the Utes were swarmed as the fans rushed the field.

"This was just magical,"

two third-down sacks that knocked the Horned Frogs (9-2, 6-1) out of field-goal

range. TCU missed two field goal attempts in the fourth quarter, either of which would have put the Frogs up by seven.

Ross Evans bounced one kick off the left upright. then with 2:48 left he was wide right on a 35-yard attempt. Utah got the ball

said defensive end Paul back on the 20 and Johnson yards on 15 carries and come out with a victory," football," Patterson said. Kruger who had one of led the lites from there

> "We missed two field goals. It was just one of those things," TCU coach Gary Patterson said.

> TCU gave Utah 15 yards with a pass interference penalty, but still nearly had the drive stopped as Utah faced a fourth-and-5. Johnson converted it with an 11-yard pass to Brown to the Frogs' 15, then two plays later, Johnson found Brown again for the winning score.

> Brown had nine catches for 105 yards.

> "It's like he has no pulse. He just stays calm in those situations," Johnson said of Brown.

Aaron Brown ran for 106

Dalton passed for 251 Kruger said. "This is an But the second quarter yards, but the Frogs hurt themselves with penalties and untimely breakdowns. TCU was called for 11 penalties, missed the two field goals and allowed four sacks — two of which cost them possible points.

In the third quarter, Dalton threw a pass to Walter Bryant inside the Utah 5-yard line, but Bryant was ruled out of bounds and the Frogs did not challenge the call. Kruger sacked Dalton on the next play to knock the Frogs out of field-goal range.

"We got together and we said we need to do something special if we want to incredible win."

It was a stunning loss considering the way TCU started the game, gaining 202 yards in the first quarter.

Utah fans wore black to match the uniforms the Utes broke out for the showcase game. The fans were loud and rowdy and didn't faze the Frogs one bit in the first quarter as TCU scored the first 10 points.

Evans kicked a 37-yard field goal and Ryan Christian scored on a 3-yard run for TCU.

"I thought the momentum was in our favor and our kids were moving the

belonged to the Utes, who held TCU to 6 yards of offense in the period. The Frogs self-destructed with five penalties in the quarter, including three false starts during one possession. Utah sacked Dalton twice in the quarter and Sean Smith returned an interception 37 yards to set up Louie Sakoda's 37-yard field goal at the end of the

half that made it 10-6. "No one panicked. we just hung in there," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "Nothing came easy but the guys toughed it out and they came up with big plays each time we needed

them."

Contrac

By Steve Becker **Bidding Quiz**

You are South, and the bidding has gone South

West North East

What would you bid now with

each of the following five hands?

1. ◆ Q72 ♥ J85 ◆ A92 ♣ AQ86

2. ◆ J5 ♥ AQ6 ◆ A4 ♣ Q109752

3. ◆ K8 ♥ J74 ◆ AK ♣ KQJ954

4. ◆ AJ9 ♥ J8 ◆ A97 ♣ AKJ63 5. ♠ A64 ♥ K852 ♦ 10 ♣ AQJ104

1. Pass. Opening bids of one in a suit normally contain 12 to 21 highcard points. So, whenever you open the bidding with one of a suit, your partner has no idea whether your

opening is of the weak, strong or

intermediate class. Most of the time, you get to identify the strength of your hand at your next turn to bid. In the present case, that time is now. Since your opening bid was clearly of the minimum class, you can best indicate those values by passing one spade, implying that you opened a minimum and that you have no clear-cut action over

2. Two hearts. Standing by itself, this is also a minimum hand, but it has risen appreciably in value because of the A-Q-x in partner's suit. Such excellent trump support

East's bid.

should not be suppressed even though you have only 13 high-card

3. Three clubs. This hand is in the intermediate range (16 to 18 points) and can best be described by jumping to three clubs. Game is likely in clubs, hearts or notrump, although partner can pass with a minimum (six or seven points). The final contract depends on what he does next.

4. Two notrump. This hand is also in the intermediate class, but the available information — at least for the time being - indicates that notrump is probably your best spot. The jump to two notrump shows 18 or 19 points, notrump distribution and stoppers in both of the oppo-

However, the final contract is still an open issue. Partner may be able to raise notrump, or may prefer a suit contract. Wherever he leads you follow, because your values are flexible and can fit any type of hand he holds.

5. Three hearts. Your four-card trump support, singleton diamond (worth three points) and potential four or five club tricks all combine to put your hand into the intermediate class, so you jump to three hearts to invite partner to go on to game. Partner is allowed to pass with the skimpiest of values, but will seldom do so in actual practice.

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.

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state," said Britton before the Steers won the District 4-4A meet last week, "but I can't. There are some strong teams in this region and it's going to take our best race to advance to state. I do think we can get two of our guys to state."

Britton expects Valle to be joined by Kade Parker at the state meet. The longtime cross country head coach feels Parker has the ability to finish second at the regional race Saturday.

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"Kade has probably been the most improved runner I have ever seen," Britton said. "He's incredibly intelligent and just runs smart. He has the ability to finish second in district and at regionals."

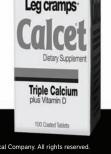
On the girls side, Catherine Leubner is the lone Lady Steer representing Big Spring in Lubbock. Last year, Leubner was running with the lead pack at regionals, but couldn't finish the race due to dehydration.

Britton says she'll have a great chance of finishing high enough to qualify for state this year.

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News in brief

Judge: Animal activist

harassed UCLA researchers SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — An animal rights

activist who as a child was the voice of "Lucy" in several "Peanuts" television specials has been convicted of contempt of court.

A judge Thursday found that Pamelyn Ferdin violated an injunction barring the harassment of University of California, Los Angeles faculty members who do research on animals.

She demonstrated outside the researchers' homes and distributed fliers that included their photographs, home addresses and phone numbers.

Ferdin faces up to five days in jail and a \$1,000 fine. She says she has "every right to hand out the leaflets" and plans to appeal.

Ferdin also appeared as a child on "The Odd Couple" and "The Brady Bunch."

Teen who plotted school attack improves

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A teenager who assembled an arsenal of knives, guns and grenades and asked a friend to join him in a Columbine-style attack will remain in a juvenile facility but can move to a less restrictive unit,

The judge on Thursday praised 15-year-old Dillon Cossey for losing 73 pounds and doing well in his studies during 11 months of treatment at the George Junior Republic facility for at-risk youths. He weighed 305 pounds a year ago.

Dillon told Montgomery County Judge Paul Tressler he enjoys athletics and having friends his own age. Tressler said his grades showed he has "a good brain."

"You've done well," Tressler said. "I see you going home — you've earned it."

Still, Tressler did not grant a request for a home visit now, saying he isn't ready to trust Dillon with his mother, Michele Cossey. She helped him build his arsenal and is awaiting sentencing for child endangerment.

"His major problem is sitting right over there — that lady in blue," Tressler said. "You have destroyed this kid." A report from the juvenile facility indicated the mother still brought food to him there, Tressler said.

She acknowledged spoiling her son and told the court she was grateful for a chance to make amends.

Cossey, bullied over his weight, had left public school in seventh grade and was being home-schooled. Over time, violent Internet sites fueled his revenge fantasies, his lawyer has said.

Blizzard pummels South

Dakota, stranding motorists

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — As snowfall neared 4 feet in the Black Hills and winds gusting higher than 50 mph continued to howl, state officials had a simple message for anyone thinking of trying to drive in western South Dakota's blizzard: Don't.

And they stressed that the storm, which stranded an

unknown numbers of motorists and knocked out power to thousands, would keep causing problems as it moves eastward Friday.

"This is a dangerous storm," Gov. Mike Rounds told reporters in a telephone conference call Thursday evening. "Western South Dakota is basically under a notravel advisory."

Officials closed a long stretch of Interstate 90, where dozens of vehicles were trapped. Some motorists have been stranded for more than 24 hours, Rounds said, noting that search teams can't get to them because of zero visibility.

"We cannot see a thing in many areas where we're out actually searching for people," said Tom Dravland, state Public Safety secretary, adding that the top speed for some rescue crews was as little as a half-mile per hour.

Dravland said he did not know how many people were stranded. The Highway Patrol has responded to more than 400 calls for assistance, including 10 crashes. No fatalities were reported by late Thursday afternoon.

The storm already has dropped 45.7 inches of snow near Deadwood, in the northern Black Hills. Reports of 10 inches to 2 feet of snow were received from many West River counties. In some towns, residents reported drifts were blocking their doorways, and in the southwestern corner of the state, 20-foot snowdrifts were reported on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Dozens of schools, agencies, businesses and attractions, including Mount Rushmore National Memorial, were closed because of the snow, which started Wednesday afternoon.

Thousands in Los Angeles protest gay-marriage ban

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ Outside the gates of a Mormon temple, Kai Cross joined more than 2,000 gay-rights advocates in a chorus of criticism of the church's role in a new California-wide ban on same-sex marriage.

Once a devout Mormon who graduated from the church's Brigham Young University, the 41-year-old Cross was disowned by his family and his church after he was outed as a gay man in 2001.

"They are on the losing side of history," Cross said Thursday of the church's opposition to gay marriage. Cross and other protesters blame leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for encouraging Mormons to funnel millions of dollars into television ads and mailings in favor of Proposition 8.

The ballot measure passed Tuesday, which was sponsored by a coalition of religious and social conservative groups, amends the California Constitution to define marriage as a heterosexual act. It overides a state Supreme Court ruling that briefly gave same-sex couples the right to wed.

The protest came amid questions about whether attempts to overturn the prohibition can succeed and whether the 18,000 same-sex marriages performed in California over the past four months are in any danger.

For Cody Krebs, 27, four months was not enough time to fulfill his "intense hope" to marry one day; he and his boyfriend have been together for little more than a year, so they aren't ready to wed.

On Thursday, Krebs dodged eggs hurled at protesters from an apartment building. He said he'd seen worse growing up in Salt Lake City.

"It's important to come out like this because it gets the gay community into the public eye," Krebs said. "I feel like this has started a lot of conversations that had to get

The temple protest was organized by the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center. Its chief executive, Lorri Jean, announced a Web-based effort, InvalidateProp8.org, to raise money to fight the constitutional amendment.

Gay-marriage proponents filed three court challenges Wednesday against the ban. The lawsuits raise a rare legal argument: that the ballot measure was actually a dramatic revision of the California Constitution rather than a simple amendment. A constitutional revision must first pass the Legislature before going to the voters.

Andrew Pugno, attorney for the groups that sponsored the amendment, called the lawsuits "frivolous and regrettable."

"It is time that the opponents of traditional marriage respect the voters' decision," he said.

The high court has not said when it will act. State officials said the ban on gay marriage took effect the morning after the election.

Game official resigns after illegal deer hunt

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The head of the New Mexico Game and Fish Department is resigning from his position, a month after the state Game Commission revoked his hunting license for illegally killing a deer.

Bruce Thompson submitted his resignation late Wednesday. Conservation officers had called for him to step down.

Gov. Bill Richardson announced Thursday that he has appointed a former deputy director of the department, Tod Stevenson, to serve as interim director until a permanent replacement is found.

Thompson was out of state attending a conference and could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Game Commission chairman Tom Arvas said Thompson's decision to resign was unrelated to the hunting flap. "Bruce pretty well felt that after six years that he had

achieved many successes with this administration and he felt that he wanted to look toward other resource management challenges in other areas," he said. Thompson's last day as game director will be Nov. 14.

He will start a new job Nov. 17 in a division of the state Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

The state Game Commission voted Oct. 2 to revoke Thompson's hunting privileges in New Mexico.

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the result of an investigation that culminated in a search of the father and son's property in early June, located east of the county airport on the Old Colorado City Highway. Clay Atkinson was arrested on charges of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and taken into custody. He was later arraigned in federal court ın Midland.

According to a statement given by Sheriff Dale Walker following the raid of the Atkinson property, several search warrants were executed, including

one to search for the Bynum, or any evidence been missing since 2003.

executed at the property of "Bunky" Horace Atkinson," said Walker. "There is a state search warrant which allows for investigators to search for the remains of Arlin

remains of 40-year-old pertaining to his disap-Arlin Bynum, who has pearance. Investigators also exercised a federal "A search warrant was search warrant issued by the ATF (Department of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms) for firearms violations."

Walker said "lots of weapons" were recovered at the Atkinson residence. Horace Atkinson had

hunting license, according law enforcement officials. to Walker. "As a convicted felon,

he's not allowed to possess a firearm," Walker said, explaining ATF's reason for searching the residence.

No evidence pertaining to Bynum's disappearance

come under federal scruti- was recovered as a result ny when he applied for a of the search, according to

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unemployed in October, an increase of 2.8 million over the past year. A year ago, the unemployment rate stood at 4.8 percent.

The employment market is much weaker than economists expected. They were forecasting the unemployment rate to climb to 6.3 percent in October and for payrolls to fall by around 200,000.

losses Job widespread, reflecting the mounting carnage from a trio of crises — housing, credit and financial.

Factories 90,000 cut the jobs, most since July 2003. Construction companies got rid of 49,000 jobs with heavy losses in home building. Retailers cut payrolls by 38,000. Professional and business services reduced employment by 45,000. Financial activities cut 24,000 jobs, with heavy losses in mortgage banking and at securities firms. Leisure and hospitality axed 16,000 positions.

All those losses more than swamped some gains elsewhere, including in the government, as well as in education and health

Racing to assemble his new Democratic Cabinet,

President-elect Barack Obama will huddle with economic advisers later on Friday. His team has been in close contact with the Bush administration to pave the way for a smooth hand-off of power.

All the economy's woes a housing collapse, foreclosures, mounting hard-to-get credit and financial market upheaval - will confront Obama when he assumes office early next year. And, the employment situation is likely to get worse.

Many expect the jobless rate to climb to 8 percent, possibly higher, next year. In the 1980-1982 recession, the unemployment rate rose as high as 10.8 percent before inching down.

To provide fresh relief, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Democrats, in a lame-duck session later this month, are pushing to enact another round of economic stimulus of around \$100 billion.

Average hourly earnings rose to \$18.21 in October, a 0.2 percent increase from the previous month, according to the Labor Department report. Over the past year, wages have grown 3.5 percent, but paychecks aren't stretching that far because high food, energy and other prices has propelled overall inflation at a faster

from sinking into a deep and painful recession, the Federal Reserve last week ratcheted down interest rates to 1 percent and left the door open to further reductions.

The economy has lost its footing in just a few months. It contracted at a 0.3 percent pace in the July-September quarter, signaling the onset of a likely recession. It was the worst showing since 2001

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As U.S. consumers watch jobs disappear, they'll probably retrench even further, spelling more trouble for the sinking economy.

That's why analysts predict the economy is still shrinking in the current October-December quarter and will contract further in the first quarter of next year. All that more than fulfills a classic definition of a recession: two straight quarters of contracting economic activity.







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OTHER VIEWS

Barack Obama's moment arrives

mericans can justly be proud of their republic today. Elections, especially historic ones, are fought as warlike affairs in which

the aim is to crush the opposition. Yet afterward. in the great play of democracy, we endeavor to come together as one people. It falls to the president to pull off that difficult transformation.

Barack Obama, chosen Tuesday as the 44th president of the United States, has the persona and character to accomplish that feat.

He exudes calm and confidence, as well as a spirit of conciliation. He will take office as the personification of the breadth of the American experience, the embodiment of both its heritage and its potential.

Obama is the first black American to be elected president. His victory is the historic culmination of the nation's long journey from the arrival of the first slaves in 1619 to the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery in 1865, to the civil rights acts of the 1960s banning legal discrimination.

At the same time, his youth brings generational change to our politics, moving the nation beyond Vietnam and the culture wars of the past 30 years.

The way Obama ran his campaign — in all 50 states, using a model of face-to-face politics, and financing his campaign through an unprecedented array of individual donations, many of them small — lays the groundwork to move beyond the static, polarizing politics of recent years. When he takes office, Obama will be able to call upon an army of dedicated supporters who can serve as a countervailing force against business as usual in Washington.

For this task, Obama can rely on his facility with the spoken and written word. Those skills give him a powerful tool with which he can seize the initiative, define issues and prepare Americans to confront difficult and complex problems. Most of all, he will need to use his skills as a communicator to create a sense of common purpose among Americans.

He can do that by renewing an agenda of upward mobility and equal opportunity for all Americans based on substantial values: access to a good education, health coverage, retirement security, and jobs that tap into the nation's need for infrastructure and global demand for American technology and creativity.

Obama must also use those skills to restore the nation's standing in the world. The task, as outlined by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, is daunting: "to confront our enemies without alienating friends; to defeat the practitioners of terror without creating more terrorists; and to demonstrate that the American dream still has meaning for people everywhere."

This is an agenda rooted in our history and values as a nation. It can appeal to Americans on a basis that is more than mere partisanship

But a president is not a king and cannot act by waving a scepter. Working in concert with a Democratic majority and pragmatic Republicans, Obama has the opportunity to forge honest, real solutions to pressing problems.

What's needed, as Al From of the Democratic Leadership Council said in an interview with The Sacramento Bee's editorial board months ago, is Franklin Roosevelt's thirst for innovation, Harry Truman's tough-minded internationalism, Lyndon Johnson's push for social justice and John Kennedy's call to civic duty.

On Tuesday, Americans showed that they believe Barack Obama has the character and skills to fulfill such lofty expectations. Now he must summon them to help him in that task.

THE SACRAMENTO BEE

Intruder alert: Letter to a thief

e had something exciting happen at the Brewer abode tonight. My 15-year-old son, Luke, came into the house just in time to see a thief bail-

ing out the bathroom window. It scared him pretty bad because he was actually in the house alone with the trespasser for a number of minutes and must have walked right past him in the dark. He went to the bathroom when this man wearing all black

actually ran past



Troy Brewer

Luke's bathroom and into another. Luke hurried to the bathroom and saw the bottom of his black Nikes as he bailed through the window.

Luke being wise, didn't chase after the man, he chased after a gun, loaded it and called the law. Sometime later, a very professional and courteous Johnson County Sheriff's deputy took the report. Though I am not happy about the incident I am so grateful my son is OK. I am also very grateful he didn't really get a chance to shoot the intruder because I have taught him to do so and Luke would of done it.

Mercy and Truth

A visiting Pastor from Africa asked me one time what I would do if someone was breaking into my house. I said I would shoot him. He was surprised at my answer and said, "How can you call yourself a Christian if you say you would shoot the intruder?" I said, "Well of course I would pray for him while we waited for the ambulance."

Here's what's real. I don't want to be known as the guy that shoots an intruder. I want to be known for feeding people and helping people. I want to be the Good News giver, the dream weaver, and the hope sup-

After the police left, my whole family gathered together to thank God for protecting us and to pray for this knucklehead that came to rob us. That God would give him a heart to know Him. That whatever addiction he has in his life would be taken out. That a very real fear would come upon him and he would stop breaking into people's homes. That God would visit him with a strong visitation and that he wouldn't get away anymore with what he has gotten away with before. That God would bless him and help him and put good people in his life and a way to live a different life than what he is living now.

We discussed how messed up he must be to go into somebody else's home to mess around. I would love to see God change this man's life. What an awesome story that would be. "Let it be Lord," we all said together.

So, would I shoot this poor soul if I caught him breaking into my house? In a heartbeat.

There are some situations I pray I don't find myself in. I would much rather be known as the guy that helped and blessed this man than the preacher who sent him to eternity.

Letter to the Thief

If you are the one that broke into my house and others around Caddo Peak in Joshua, let me tell you it is better to be on the receiving end of a prayer than of a shot gun. Please don't do it again. What you are doing is wrong and has terrible consequences.

I am committed to pray for you every single day that the hound of heaven chases you down and changes your life from a curse to a blessing. I pray according to Job 33 that you start having dreams and visions that wake you up into real-

You are so much better than this. You are born for greatness and destiny. Your life is important. You should start to live like it, do something with it. Things are going to change and your career as a housebreaking thief is over. Everything is changing for you now because I am praying for you and I am one of God's favorites. One way or another it's all coming to a very quick end so get ready. Poor guy, you had no idea it was a Jesus-Freak you was messing with.

Prayer Request

If you are not in the habit of looting homes, I would ask you to join with me in praying for this guy. Let's join together and see this life changed. Here's a model for the kind of prayer we are all praying. Get Him God.

Bring him to a place of repentance where he never robs again or have him arrested where he never can rob again. Protect people from him and let none of his evil intentions come to pass. Get him good, God.

Help him to seek you and to find you. Fix what's messed up in his life. Cover him with your goodness. Bless him.

Don't let him get away with anything but still protect him and have mercy on him. Let your light shine into his darkness in Jesus' name. Amen.

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A day I thought I would never see

never thought I would see the day.

"I, too, sing America. "I am the darker brother. "They send me to eat in the kitchen "When company comes ..."

— Langston Hughes (1934)

If you've never known the sting of racism or borne the scars of discrimination, you can't begin to imagine how I feel today.

If you never met Jim Crow face to face or looked into the dejected face of a mother

who was told to take herself and her child to the back door of a restaurant to be served, there is no way you can understand my joy at this moment in U.S. history.

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If you never heard your father curse a system that denied him the basic rights of citizenship while he religiously paid his income taxes, property taxes and, yes, poll taxes, there is no chance of your comprehending this thing exploding within me.

If you are not a descendant of a people forced for centuries to make do with the crumbs that fell from America's bountiful kitchen table, I could never begin to explain to you what the simple fact of Barack Obama's candidacy - much less his historic election to the presidency - means to this native son, who was born black and poor and curious and determined and forever hopeful in a segregated land.

While I was growing up in Texas in the 1950s and 1960s, this is the kind of day I dreamed of but never thought I would live to see.

And yet, as the votes started com-

ing in from across the country Tuesday evening, I realized that even though it was nighttime I was witnessing a marvelous daybreak in America — the dawning of a new era for a country like the one Martin Luther King Jr. had seen from that mountaintop the night before he was killed.

For the first time in my life, I broke the tradition of voting on Election Day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. My college-age son had called and said he wanted to go to the polls with me to cast his first ballot.

It was an opportunity I was not about to pass up. As we drove to the polls, I recalled the first day I had taken him to preschool and fondly remembered the afternoon when he was in first grade and came home to say his class had an election.

When I asked the then-5-year-old how he had voted, he proudly proclaimed: "George Bush! And George Bush won."

Thinking of his future and the future of the country, I also thought of the past and a long list of people who had helped make this Election Day possible.

So when I went to the polls last week, I was casting a ballot not just for myself but for a bunch of folks who are now gone, including Mama and Daddy. I was voting for Harriet Tub-

man and Frederick Douglass; for Abraham Lincoln and Sojourner Truth; for W.E.B. and Booker T.; for Franklin and Eleanor; for John and Bobby; for Martin and Medgar; and for Cesar and Lyndon.

There were four other people who quickly came to mind, and I voted for them, too.

This election fulfilled the dream of Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, the two young Jewish men from New York who would join James Chaney to help register

voters in Mississippi and who were murdered in 1964. Thanks in part to their sacrifice, my son and I were able to make that trip to the polls together.

And I can never forget Viola Liuzzo, the young white mother from Detroit who went to Alabama to help in the voting rights campaign there in 1965. She was shot to death as she ferried some young black demonstrators from Montgomery to Selma after that historic march. Her death was not in vain.

Back in 1961, Robert Kennedy had predicted that within "30 or 40 years" a black man could achieve what his brother had accomplished by becoming president of the United States.

His prophecy was off by only a few years.

With his assassination, and those of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., some of us felt that every time hope appeared on the scene, it was gunned down.

In Barack Obama and his extraordinary campaign, we witnessed the resurrection of hope.

Even Langston's words, written long before I was born, took on new meaning:

"Tomorrow

"I'll be at the table

"When company comes.

"Nobody'll dare "Say to me,

"Eat in the kitchen,"

"Then.

"Besides,

"They'll see how beautiful

"I am

"And be ashamed _ "I, too, am America."

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Church News

First Baptist Church, Knott

Former members, pastors and friends are invited to join in celebration and worship as the Knott First Baptist Church celebrates its 100th anniversary Sunday. A reception will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. that day at the church.

Church Women United

CWU's Big Spring celebration will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 8 at Bakers Chapel AME Church, 911 N. Lancaster. The program will focus on justice and peace in the global soci-

ety. "God's Wisdom Sets Us whether we are Free" bound by our own human failings or by prison walls. All of us need to change and grow, just like caterpillars change into cocoons or chrysalises before they can become beautiful butterflies with wings that will let them soar high and free. This celebration explores how we can reach out with God's wisdom and love to those behind bars, whether made of steel or human limitations.

An offering is sent to the national office of CWU for support of the movement.

Our celebrations are annual events that unite Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women in experiencing building common worship, strengthening friendly relationships within our community and providing awareness for social action.

CWU has been a part of the Big Spring community for almost 70 years. CWU started the West Side Community Center in the early 1940s as The Council of Church Women. We have served the Big Spring State Hospital for more than 60 continuous years.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the Scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The next Frolic, an evening of fun and fellowship, will be Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at the church social hall. Anyone with a talent to share is invited to participate. You don't have to be a Presbyterian to be welcome! A light supper will be provided.

The lectionary for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, the congreation will have the opportunity to hear our youth director, Brent Williams, at both services of worship. His sermon title will be "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord." And as he leads our worship he will also be spreading the word that his youth troops will be preparing and serving our annual Thanksgiving Dinner in Garrett Hall next Sunday following the late service. This is the youth group's principle fundraiser for the year; they and their parents will be working to make it extra special. Please support

their efforts. On the afternoon of the 16th we will host a Charge Conference for all the Methodist churches in the southern part of the district. Approximately 25 churches will be represented and will be led in a special service by District Superintendent Namiqua Shipman.

There is still plenty of time to join the Living Christmas Tree choir. Practice is held Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. If you like to sing and love Christmas music, you will be truly blessed to join this annual event that ushers in the season for our community. Give Jim a call at the church, 267-6394.

On Sunday, Nov. 23, guests from the Methodist Children's Home will join us during services share their stories with us. A special offering will be taken to to help the Home continue providing superior services that protect, support and enhance the lives of special needs children, youth and their families.

It's a busy and especially meaningful time at our church and you are invited to join us for any and all the special events. We're First Methodist in downtown Big Spring, where families grow in Christ.

First Church

First Church of the Naza-

have a "meet and greet" time with coffee and dopastor.

Aim your life toward your destiny

od's plan from the very beginning has been to make His family resemble His Son, Jesus Christ. He announced this inten-

tion at creation when He said, "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness: let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the cattle, over all the earth and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth," Genesis 1:26.

In all creation, only human beings are made "in God's image." This is a wonderful privilege and gives us great dignity. We may not understand how all-encompassing this idea is, but we do know that, like God, we are spiritual beings — our spirits are immortal and will never die. We are intellectual — we can think, reason, and solve problems. Like God, we are relational — we can give and receive true love, and we have a moral conscience. We can also discern right from wrong.

The Bible says we all look like God because we were created in His image. However, this in no way indicates that we will become God. That was the prideful lie Satan used against Adam and Eve. He told them that if they followed his

advice, they would be as gods.

We will never be the Creator. It was never God's intention that we become gods. It is, however, His desire that we become godly — taking on His values, attributes and characteristics.

God's ultimate goal for our lives on earth is not comfort, but character development. He wants us to grow and mature spiritually and to become more Christ-like in our daily lives. When we forget that character development is one of God's purposes for our life, we often become frustrated by our circumstances.

You may wonder, "Why is this happening to me?" One reason is that God did not intend for our lives to be sunshine and roses every day. He purposefully made life somewhat difficult in order to enable us to grow and develop more into His character.

Our lives on this earth are not exclusively our own! You and I exist for God's service and His work. Our time on this planet is to build and strengthen our character in preparation for our permanent home in heaven. Character gives us stability and helps us to endure when life gets tough.

We are unable to reproduce Christ-like character within ourselves. Willpower and good intentions are not enough. Only the Holy Spirit has the power to make

the changes God wants to make within our lives. Philippians 2:13 says, "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do His good pleasure."

Your character is essentially the sum of your habits. God often uses people, circumstances and His Word to mold us. All are indispensable for our character development.

Most of us have learned from experience that if we study and apply God's Word, fellowship with other believers, and learn to trust God in difficult circumstances, we will take on a more Christ-like character. This does not conclude that we obtain perfection. Spiritual maturity is not a solitary, individual pursuit. We don't grow into Christlikeness in isolation. It's necessary that we are around other people who inspire and encourage us, and that we interact with them on a regular basis.

Jesus Christ wants to make us more like Him. This should be our greatest privilege and ultimate destiny. He is far more interested in what you are than in what you do. According to 2 Corinthians 3:18, "As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect His glory even more."

This is our ultimate destiny. Intentionally aim your life toward that goal.

God bless!

of the Nazarene

rene welcomes everyone to our exciting and spiritfilled services.

Sunday mornings, we nuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. with a mixture of contemporary and traditional music sure to uplift your soul. This is followed by a scripturebased message from our

Wednesday nights, all adults are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for your choice of one of three interactive Bible Studies in the Sanctuary Building. Kim Shafer is presenting "How to Know when You Are Heading in the Right Direction: Discovering God's Will," by Andy Stanley. Pastor Brown is presenting ministry through various DVD presentations beginning with John Bevere "Driven by Eternity," and Leonard Hadley's class meets in the commons with various scripture studies.

The youth are invited to Youth Explosion! with pizza and fellowship, Youth praise and worship, and

Biblical messages addressing "hot topics" held in the "Salt Shaker."

Children meet Wednesday night for Caravan, our scouting ministry that teaches lessons that begin building towers of truth in our children's lives.

Our Prime Timers Group for those 55 and older is at 6 p.m. the first Sunday of each month.

A learning class for 2-3-year-olds will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Parents are encouraged to attend a special meet and greet Dec. 7 following morning services.

First Church of the Nazarene's ministry to Hispanics is led by the Rev. Felix and Marta Torres and meets for worship and Bible Study at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday in the fellowship hall. You are invited to this service, which is in Spanish.

Dare to Care Ministry will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 16.

Alive in Christ **Lutheran Church** LCMS

Our chosen credo is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives." Come celebrate and share with us!

Worship service is a 9 a.m. The sermon topic is "The Bridegroom is Coming." This is based on the parable of the wise and foolish virgins.

Scripture reader for this Sunday is Kent Ivey; Acolyte is Krystal Wood.

Organist is Angela Newton. The altar guild ladies are Dolline Budke and Jaunell Roever.

Sunday school and adult Bible class are at 10:15

Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. is the confirmation class with Bobby Roever as teacher. Adult instruction class is from 7-9 p.m.

If you are interested in joining this class, please join us right away so you will have time to catch up on the missed classes. There is sitter service for children. They will be cared for by an able adult and entertained as well.

Monday night, Michael Fuchs with Texas Partners in Mission met with the executive board to tell us about all the Lutheran Missions in Texas. The Texas District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod supports 66 missions and agencies which represents over 90 ministries." A voter's meeting will be

Tuesday at 7 p.m. There will be worship services Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m. Invite your friends so they, too, can

truly thank the Lord.

Bringyournonperishable food items to church so we can give out Thanksgiving baskets to the needy. You may also donate funds for perishable items.

Plans are being made for a Christmas Eve program at the church. Neighborhood children are invited to join us for this program called "Away in the Manger."

Tune in to KBYG to hear some of our church members as they tell you about our new church.

Look for Alive in Christ Lutheran Church's float in the Christmas parade. Come join us to help on this project.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

The College and Career Sunday School Class will be honoring the Veterans of our church and their spouses with a breakfast Sunday at 9.

We want to extend an in-

of Hope Revival Nov.16-19. Evangelist Jim Moss will bring the word and the Calvary Singers will bless us with their music.

vitation to our Celebration

Our Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m. and the evening service at 6 p.m. On Wednesday the adult prayer meeting and Bible study, vouth Bible study and music and the Children's Back Door Bible study and music all begin at 7 p.m. A men's Bible study is at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Join us at any of these times and let us share our worship and fellowship with you. Our church is located at 401 E. Fourth St.; our phone number is 267-2291. If you need a ride to our church, call the office and put you name on the van ministry list.

Berea Baptist Church

Robert Cepeda is the guest speaker for the morning worship service Sunday at Berea Baptist Church. Bro. Cepeda was selected to serve as the new director of Bivocational/Small-

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beauty.≡ Recognize the poignant and temporal aspects of life. Savor the feelings that come up.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You get a glimpse of a lifestyle upgrade and your brain is suddenly spinning with thoughts about having this for yourself. You're not sure how you'll make it happen, but you're sure this is for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're almost positive that a decision a loved one is making is the wrong one. However, it's detrimental to comment at this point unless you're asked. Relationships thrive when you observe

personal boundaries. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You wake up with different eyes. What satisfied you yesterday is no longer acceptable. You'll ity during the day that

notice at least 10 things that need to change before you finish your breakfast and you're confident you can change them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're not in the habit of questioning your reality, however when a loved one has such a vastly different view of recent events from yours, it seems like the only thing to do. Toy with this idea: you might both be right.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't mean to send mixed signals, but you do anyway. Maybe subconsciously you realize that you're more interesting to the object of your affection when this person doesn't know quite what to expect from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life is supposed to be easy for you today, so stay away from those pressured situations that don't feel right. Instead of pushing to make something happen, back up a few steps. Nothing is urgent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'd like to believe that a relationship is etched in destiny and was always meant to be. Yes. vou were always meant to share your heart, but you also have free will and every option open to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's so much activ-

you really need quiet and relaxation tonight. Turn off your brain and revel in a relationship that is filled with tenderness and affection.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in a mischievous mood and could pull a few pranks. You could also apply your cleverness to finding new ways to make or save money. There's an opportunity worth pursuing that involves Aries.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in fanciful mood and will get carried away with your own thoughts. For blissful moments, life is like one of those old musicals where lovely dancers fan pink ostrich feathers as bubbles and harp sounds fill the air.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People may comment on your work, but you do not take this as criticism. It's all information that can help you get better at the thing you want to master. You're grateful for all input.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Life requires you to be "on" and you rise to the occasion. You're mentally sharp, verbally astute and physically graceful. Maybe you're not required to work late, but you certainly have the stamina to do so.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:

ARIES: What you want and what your sweetie wants may seemingly be at odds, but there is a creative (not to mention sexy) way to work all of this out.

TAURUS: If you hear the party going on, join in. Do vou really need an invitation when there is a soul connection just waiting to meet you on the inside?

GEMINI: You see that love interest at a distance and suddenly realize that you're wearing the totally wrong thing. You can't possibly let that stop you!

CANCER: The way is made easy once you get your self-doubt out of the

LEO: Have a pep talk with yourself in the mirror before you even think about leaving the house.

VIRGO: Whatever the issue may be that is stopping you from making a love connection, it's all in vour mind.

LIBRA: The workweek has worn your psyche down a bit. Rest and you'll feel attractive soon.

SCORPIO: The start of new love happens within an old relationship.

SAGITTARIUS: You're stronger than you think and now is the time to risk your heart.

CAPRICORN: Not one but two people are craving your attention.

AQUARIUS: Your recipe for love is one part nice, two parts naughty.

PISCES: Someone finds your sassiness ever so interesting.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Pisces have a lot in common. They are two water signs with deep feelings that believe that it's important to go extremes once in a while to give emotions a chance to exercise their full range. Pisces tends to mold to whatever Scorpio wants to do right now, and enjoys not having to lead. Scorpio appreciates the vote of confidence and makes sure Pisces is treated to an adventure.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Three years ago, my husband of 20 years fell in love with another woman. Nothing physical happened between them, but it was definitely an emotional affair. Eventually, she found another job, and my husband and I went into counseling.

In the middle of deciding whether to divorce, I told my mother what had happened. She has never liked "Nate" and this information added to the fuel. Nate and I decided to stav together and our relationship has been much improved. moved to a distant community and started over with our kids.

We recently visited my mother, and she was very

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rude to Nate and said some terrible things to him. When we returned home. I confronted her about it and she blew up and told me that unless I divorce him, she wants nothing to do with my kids or me.

I know my mom is being protective, but Nate is really trying. I believe Mom is looking to cause problems for us. Yes, I sometimes worry he'll do something stupid again, and trust is occasionally rocky, but I told my mother she needed to butt out of my life -- and she has. Completely.

I find I don't miss her. My childhood did not include many warm family moments. My father was abusive and my mother didn't protect me. She is difficult and demanding. In the six months since she cut me out, I have enjoyed life more and my marriage is stronger. So why do I feel like a bad daughter? Is it bad if I never mend ties with her? -- No State, No Town

Dear No State: Your mother is what's commonly called "toxic." It means she is detrimental to your marriage and your emotional health. Your first obligation is to your husband and children. If that means Mom is no longer part of your life, it does not make you a bad daughter. It makes you a good wife and mother. Stop feeling guilty. The choice was hers.

band and I fight every year during the holidays, and frankly, I've come to hate them. His parents live around the corner. Christmas, Every Thanksgiving, Easter, Mother's Day, you name

Dear Annie: My hus-

it, must be spent with them. My in-laws are 70, and my husband thinks every holiday could be their last. He says holidays are about family, but why should I have to spend my holiday with HIS family? My grandmother is 84, my mom is living with a chronic disease, they both live nearby and yet I never get to spend a holiday with them. The best I can do is see them the day before, and my husband doesn't go with me. When is enough enough? -- The Holiday Hater

Dear Holiday: It's enough. Your husband is being unfair. Most married couples alternate holidays, some have the main celebration at their house and invite both sides, and others ignore the extended families altogether. If your husband insists on spending every holiday at his parents' home, let him. Join him now and then, but otherwise, go wherever vou want.

Dear Annie: "Historian" said spitting contributes to the spread of tuberculosis and we now have a drug-resistant strain. He forgot to mention it has become resistant due to with noncompliance

treatment. A simple annual test can be done to determine whether someone needs further screening to rule out active TB. And if one is given medication, it should be taken as directed for the full length of time. Otherwise, they will only have themselves to blame when the medications cannot treat them later. -- Health Care Worker

Dear Worker: This is true of many diseases, not just TB. Doctors have overprescribed, and patients have demanded unnecessary antibiotics for many years, often taking the medication only until they feel better, instead of using up the full amount. The result? Drug-resistant superbugs. Dear Annie: I've been

married to "Kerry" for two years. I spend all my energy cleaning up after him. When I ask him to help out more, he'll comply by doing the dishes once. His negative attitude drains me of any desire to be intimate, so he has turned to Internet porn.

I recently discovered Kerry joined an adult website that lets you meet women. When I confronted him, he claimed it was iust to look at the pictures they posted. Then, in his very next sentence, he said he'd like to start a family. We have discussed children before, and he's always been adamant that he wants to wait a few more years.

I think his sudden interest in kids was just to take the heat off. I am exhausted and depressed, and my self-esteem is rock bottom. Any advice? -- Working Wife

Dear Working: agree that Kerry's blather about children is simply a way to distract you from his betrayal. If all he's interested in are pictures, there's no reason to access a site where he can meet women. He needs to regain your trust, and the best way is for both of you to go for counseling. Insist on it.

Dear Annie: I have been living with bad karma for the past 30 years. So much goes wrong for me, despite my determination to prevent it.

It would help if I could talk my problems over with a friend or family member, but no one wants to hear it. They all say I am too negative. I try to maintain a positive attitude, but it's terribly hard when one catastrophe follows another. I listen to their problems. But mine? Forget it. What's the secret to being positive all the time? --Smiling Through the Tears

Dear Smiling: Of course it helps to unburden yourself, but you have apparently overwhelmed your friends and family members. No one wants to listen to a litany of sad stories. Consider talking to a professional who not only will listen, but will be able to advise you on ways to find the positives inside those negatives.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Surviving," who said caregivers need to be tolerant of angry cancer patients, hit a sensitive spot.

My husband died of cancer at age 42. Anger and frustration mean the patient is suffering and deserves help. It doesn't mean he gets to take it out on those nearest. I'd like to recommend this excellent piece that I found on the National Cancer Institute website (www.cancer.gov), author unknown. --Former Caregiver

Caregiver's Bill of Rights

I have the right to take care of myself. This is not an act of selfishness. It will give me the ability to take better care of my loved one.

I have the right to seek help from others even though my loved one may object. I know the limits of my own endurance and strength.

I have the right to maintain parts of my own life that do not include the person I care for, just as I would if he were healthy. I know that I do everything that I reasonably can do for this person. I have the right to do some

things just for myself. I have the right to get angry, be depressed and express difficult feelings once in a while.

I have the right to reject any attempt by my loved one to make me do things out of guilt or anger. I have the right to get

consideration, affection, forgiveness and acceptance for what I do for my loved one, as I offer these in return. I have the right to take pride in what I'm doing.

And I have the right to applaud the courage it has taken to meet the needs of my loved one. I have the right to protect my individuality. I

also have the right to a life that will sustain me in times when my loved one no longer needs my full-time help.

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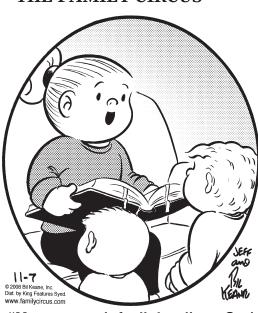
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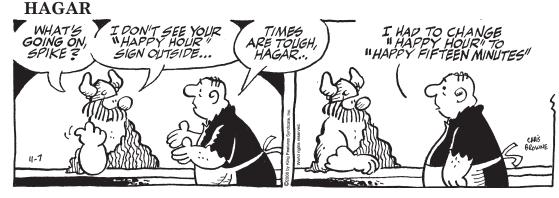
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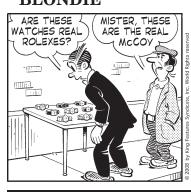
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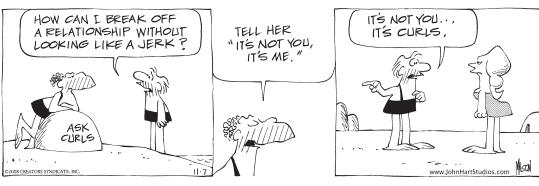
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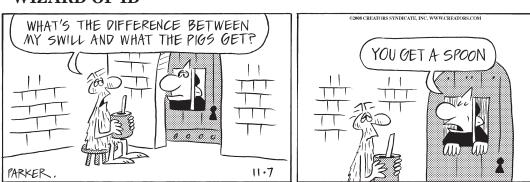




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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Nov. 7, the 312th day of 2008. There are 54 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 7, 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

On this date:

In 1874, the Republican Party was symbolized as an elephant in a cartoon drawn by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly.

In 1893, the state of Colorado granted women there the right to vote.

In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress.

In 1918, during World War I, an erroneous report that an armistice had been signed set off celebrations across the country.

In 1940, in Washington state, the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed during a windstorm.

In 1944, President Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1962, Richard M. Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

In 1967, President Johnson signed a bill establishing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

In 1972, President Nixon was reelected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

One year ago: An 18-year-old gunman opened fire at his high school in Tuusula, Finland, killing seven other students and the principal before taking his own life. A cargo ship struck the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, causing the San Francisco Bay's worst oil spill in nearly two decades. Space shuttle Discovery and its crew returned to Earth. concluding a 15-day space station build-and-repair mission. At the Country Music Association Awards, Kenny Chesney won his second straight entertainer of the year award, while Carrie Underwood made it back-to-back trophies as female vocalist of the vear.

Today's Birthdays: Evangelist Billy Graham is 90. Opera singer Dame Joan Sutherland is 82. Actor Barry Newman is 70. Singer Johnny Rivers is 66. Singersongwriter Joni Mitchell is 65. Singer Nick Gilder is 57. Actor Christopher Knight ("The Brady Bunch") is 51. Rock musician Greg Tribbett (Mudvayne) is 40. Actor Christopher Daniel Barnes is 36. Actors Jeremy and Jason London are 36. Actress Yunjin Kim ("Lost") is 35. Rock musician Zach Myers (Shinedown) is 25.

Thought for Today: "Vanity is as ill at ease under indifference, as tenderness is under the love which it cannot return." — George Eliot, English author (1819-1880).

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State Briefs

Paroled burglar put to death for strangling Fort Worth man during home burglary

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — More than 15 years after he was arrested following a wild police chase in a stolen tractortrailer cab, a paroled burglar was put to death for using hangers to strangle a 65-year-old mentally ill Fort Worth man during a home burglary, one of two men he was accused of killing in similar fashion.

Taylor continued to maintain his innocence from the death chamber gurney Thursday night after telling some friends and an aunt watching through a window that he was "going home."

"You ain't got to worry about nothing," he told them. "I hope to see all of y'all one day."

Then he turned toward another window, addressing relatives of the two men authorities said he killed.

"Stay strong," he said. "It's bad to see a man get murdered for something he didn't do. But I am taking it like a man, like a warrior."

He was pronounced dead nine minutes later.

Army appoints brigadier general to investigate Houston recruiter suicides

HOUSTON (AP) — The Army has appointed a brigadier general to investigate allegations of a cover-up among commanders of a recruiting battalion after a string of recruiter suicides, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn said.

Five Army recruiters from the same Houston battalion have committed suicide since 2001, including two since August.

Cornyn, a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services who won his second six-year term Tuesday, last month called for an independent investigation in a letter to Secretary of the Army Pete Geren.

Geren responded in a two-page letter dated Nov. 3, writing that he shared Cornyn's concern about the suicides and reports of "undue command influence within the Houston Recruiting Battalion investigations." He pledged to work with the senator's staff to provide answers "after we review and assess these issues," the Houston Chronicle reported Friday for its online edi-

In the letter, Geren informed Cornyn that Brig. Gen. Frank Turner of the U.S. Army Accessions Command

has been assigned to lead the investigation and make recommendations. In addition, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command is conducting fatality review boards and line-of-duty investigations into the two most recent suicides, Geren wrote.

Cornyn on Thursday said he is pleased with the Army's response so far, but his office will to continue to monitor developments and pursue further action as needed.

Appeals court hears arguments for new trial from woman serving life sentence

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A defense attorney for a woman serving a life sentence for capital murder is asking a court of appeals for a new trial, arguing flaws in the indictment and jury charge led to a wrongful conviction, officials said.

Hannah Overton, a mother of five, was found guilty of capital murder in the Oct. 3, 2006 death of Andrew Burd, a 4-year-old foster child she was in the process of adopting. She was accused of forcing the child to drink a mixture of water and Cajun spices.

A panel of three justices of the 13th Court of Appeals — Linda Reyna Yanez, Dori Contreras Garza and Rose Vela — heard arguments Thursday from both sides.

Attorney Cynthia Orr argued the indictment against Overton failed to charge an offense under the law and the jury then wrongfully convicted Overton by omission without any evidence she intended to kill the boy.

The instructions to the jury indicated Overton could be found guilty either by intentionally or knowingly causing his death or by failing to seek medical care. When polled, all 12 jurors said they found her guilty in Sept. 2007 because of her failure to act.

Orr also argued Thursday that the child could have died, not from drinking a mixture of Cajun spices and water as the prosecution asserted, but from eating salt on his own while he was unattended.

She also disputed the claim that the boy's bruised nose was evidence that Overton force fed the mixture to him,

saying the marks came from cardiopulmonary resusci-

Rice University launches \$1 billion fundraising effort to mark centennial

HOUSTON (AP) — Rice University on Friday was launching a \$1 billion fundraising campaign — its largest such effort — to mark the school's 100th anniversary

Rice will use funds raised from the Centennial Campaign to strengthen research, increase scholarship resources, expand undergraduate enrollment by 30 percent, build stronger connections to its home city of Houston and enhance its global presence.

"Four years short of a century ago, the founding president of Rice announced that this new educational institution would set no upper limit on our endeavors as a university," said Rice President David Leebron. "As we approach the century mark and look back with pride on what has been achieved, we continue to embrace that aspiration as we look forward to the next 100 years."

The campaign goal includes \$400 million for undergraduate and graduate education, \$310 million for research and \$290 million for collaborations with leading institutions in Houston and initiatives around the globe.

Rice has already raised half of the \$1 billion goal during the "quiet phase" of the campaign.

1 person burned in blast at vodka distillery

AUSTIN (AP) — One person has been injured in an explosion that tore through a Texas vodka distillery.

Firefighters were attacking the last flames from the blast Friday at the San Luis Spirits distillery in the community of Dripping Spirits southwest of Austin.

Hays County sheriff's Deputy Pam Robinson says one person was airlifted to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio with burns to his hands, legs and face. No identity nor condition was immediately available.

No cause has been determined for the blast.

CLUB NEWS

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GCAA Award workday was also discussed.

It was decided to hold our 2009 awards banquet in conjunction with the installation of officers Jan. 12 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 1.

TOPS TX No. 21

TOPS TX No. 21 met Monday evening as usual in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad.

Laura Sickles conducted the meeting and called on Linda Stapel to lead the TOPS pledge and Laura Sickles led the KOPS pledge. The Welcome Song was then sung by all members, led by Carol Smith.

Minutes of the previous meeting and financial report were read by Linda Staple. Olnee Menges read a humorous reading obtained from the "Lets Talk" computer report which was enjoyed by all.

Roll Call by Hughetta Roberts showed the club had a total loss this week of 15.25 pounds, a good report from 12 members present. The weekly best loser was Duffy Yancy with a loss of 4.5 pounds. He was awarded a certificate and \$1.

The business portion of the meeting reminded members to remember their Secret Pals with a card, gift or phone call.

A new contest stared Mon-

day evening. The members will form two groups competing for the best weight loss during November and December 2008. The team with the least weight loss will host the team with the greatest loss to a salad sup-

The Christmas party will be held Dec. 15, 2008, at Furr's Cafeteria. Secret Pals will then be revealed and a gift exchange will be the highlight of the activity. The members will weigh-in before going to Furr's Cafeteria and they may bring a spouse,date or friend. The meal at Furr's Cafteria will be "Dutch Treat."

Correspondence was read by Area Captain Clara Cleghorn with encouraging word to count calories and fat grams when we eat during the coming holidays.

The program titled "Fast Food Frenzie" was presented, reminding us to count calories. Fast foods are all about choice, our own choice. We were encouraged to set a weight loss goal or maintenance goal for this week for ourselves and report at our meeting next week of our successes.

For more information about Take Off Pounds Sensibly and our meetings call Frank Sickles at 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. All visitors are welcome at TOPS TX No. 21. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. with weigh in beginning at 5 p.m.

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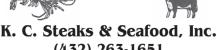
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