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Candice Marquez, left, battles Chatter the Chipmunk (Erica Rios) in a game of Tug-of-War during Templo Belen's Slime Time Fall Festival at the church Saturday evening.

## Atmos Energy pact, \* routine items on city council agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will meet to discuss a number of items Tuesday evening, includ-

ing the emergency approval of negotiations between Atmos Energy and the West Texas steering committee investigating proposed rate increase with



the utility provider. The council approved an ordinance adopting a new rate review mechanism between Atmos Energy's West Texas Division and the steering committee which has been probing the validity of rate increase claims for several months now — during an August meeting.

According to Peggy Walker, financial director for the city of Big Spring, the negotiated increase is less than half what Atmos had originally asked for.

"Atmos asked for a rate increase in its West Texas market of \$9.5 million on Aug. 29," said Walker. "After negotiations between Atmos and the steering committee were completed, a \$3.9 million rate increase was approved. That will translate into approximately a 3 percent increase in Big Spring customers' bills, or about \$1.98."

Walker said the rate increase will go into effect

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## Astronauts to unpack space shuttle's cargo

#### 'Leonardo" will allow station to house six crew members

By MIKE SCHNEIDER

**Associated Press Writer** 

**HOUSTON** — Astronauts aboard the international space station and the newly arrived shuttle Endeavour planned Monday to start unpacking a new toilet and a contraption that purifies urine and sweat into drinkable water at the orbiting outpost.

The main business of the day is unloading a cargo container nicknamed "Leonardo" from space shuttle Endeavour's belly and attaching it to the in-

Inside the 21-foot-long container is almost 15,000 pounds of equipment that will allow the space station to expand from three to six crew members next

"Things are going exceedingly well," said LeRoy Cain, chairman of the mission management team.

Besides the extra bathroom and urine processor, Endeavour delivered an exercise machine, kitchenette and two sleeping compartments. Endeav-

ternational space station. See SHUTTLE, Page 3

## Shuttle mission

Endeavour's tor expansion.

**Scheduled** length

#### Fifteen days **Objectives**

 Install \$250 million water recycling system; will turn wastewater into drinking water

· Deliver new additional bathroom, kitchenette, two bedrooms and exercise machine: expanded living quarters allow space station crew to be doubled to six by June 2009

· Four spacewalks to work on joints that turn station's solar array wings

#### **Leaving one behind**



Sandra Magnus will stay at the space station after the crew leaves; spent 10 days in space in 2002

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## Forecasters: tough road ahead for the economy

By JEANNINE AVERSA

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The country is sinking deeper into the economic doldrums, and it's likely to stay there for a while.

That's part of the latest outlook from forecasters in a survey to be released Monday by the National Association for Business Economics, also known by its acronym, NABE.

Approximately 96 percent of the economists polled believe that a recession has started, and nearly three-fourths think it could persist beyond the first quarter of 2009.

Under one definition, a recession happens when the economy shrinks for two quarters in a row. The economy contracted 0.3 percent in the third quarter as battered consumers cut back sharply on spending, the government reported

With the economy losing traction, the nation's unemployment rate will climb to 7.5 percent by the end of next year, the economists predict.

last month. It was the worst showing since 2001, when the country was last in a recession.

NABE economists, among other experts, predict activity will continue to shrink in both the final quarter of this year and the first quarter of next year as weary consumers hunker down further under the stresses of rising unemployment, shrinking nest eggs and falling

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#### Hangar 25 memberships

Hangar 25 Air Museum is offering 10 percent off during its annual membership drive. The special offer runs until Jan. 1. The museum highlights Big Spring's role in aviation, honors veterans and holds various activities many of them youth-related.

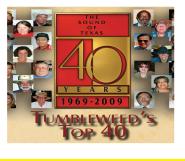
One-year memberships, with the 10 percent discount, are student, \$13.50; individual, \$27; family, \$54; sponsor, \$90; supporting, \$225; patron, \$450; and founder, \$900. Checks or money orders may be made to Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Drive, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 264-1999.

#### **Tumbleweed's Top 40**

The Heritage Museum will host Tumbleweed Smith's debut party for his latest CD, "Tumbleweed's Top 40," from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The CD features his favorite programs from each year of the 40 years of

his radio series, The Sound of Texas. The Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry.



#### **EDC** meets Wednesday

The board of directors for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation will meet Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room, located at 215 W. Third St.

The board is expected to consider financial and investment reports for October, as well as modification of the existing agreement between the EDC and Gaston Racing Inc. According to Terry Wegman, executive director, Gaston Racing will be changing its financial agreement with the corporation from payroll credits to a loan. For more information on the meeting, call 264-6032.

## **LOCAL NEWS**



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## **Obituaries**

#### Sally L. Beam



Sally L. Beam, 73, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, in an Abilene hospital. The family received friends Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, from 5 to 6 p.m. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Sally was born Aug. 25, 1935, in Winnsboro, Her father, Robert Baber, moved to West Texas from East Texas in 1925 to play baseball for Cosden. He

was accompanied by his faithful wife, Emma Lee. Sally says her father was an excellent hitter, having seen a myriad of pitchers in the minor leagues. Sally lived in Big Spring for most of her life and graduated from high school in 1952. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

Many Big Spring residents remember Sally as their second-grade elementary school teacher; she taught school in the Big Spring Independent School District for 43 years before she retired. Sally was famous as the petite teacher who loved 'Nilla wafers and shared her sweetness with others. She gave the children candy on Fridays for their good behavior. After Sally retired, she worked as a substitute teacher for several years. When asked why she continued to teach after retirement, she said, "I loved those children very much." Sally was a life member of the Texas State Teachers Association.

Sally married the love of her life, James H. Beam, in June 1968. Their wedding took place in Odessa. Jim was a principal at College Heights in Big Spring. He loved football and coached for most of his life. They were happily married until his passing in January 1989. Sally loved Jim very much and missed him greatly.

Sally loved working in her yard (up to five hours a day), playing with her cats Katy and Suzie, and watching college football. She knew the fine details of many college teams, especially the Texas Longhorns. She genuinely enjoyed dancing as well as listening to Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra and Tom Jones. She saw Elvis in concert twice, first as a young girl in the early part of his career, and again when he was probably the most famous and popular entertainer in the world. She garnered her greatest joy from spending time with her family and friends. Sally Beam was an avid, faithful member of the First United Methodist Church where she had many loving friends. Sally was a truly wonderful, sweet, kind lady who had a flare for fashion and a great sense of style. Sally was well known in town and loved by all.

She is survived by many family and friends, including her nephew Bill Beam and his wife Cathy of Abilene, and relative Bette Finlayson Agsalud, 41, and her husband John, 43, of Honolulu, Hawaii, who were all by her side when she peacefully left to join her Lord. Additionally, Aubrey Weaver Jr., was like a son to her and provided tremendous, compassionate assistance to her, especially late in life.

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

#### Rev. Walter Ladell Driver



churches.

The Rev. Walter Ladell Driver, 93, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 17, 2008, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Jim Wright and the Rev. Augustin Ypina officiating. A visitation will be held following the service. Additional services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19. 2008, at the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church in Amarillo with

interrment to follow at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo. He was born Oct. 13, 1915, in Kaufman County and married Betty Blassingame Aug. 30, 1975, in Howard County. He was the son of the late T.W. and Ella Irene Driver and grew up in the Lakeview-Petersburg area. He finished school at Petersburg and received his college work at McMurray College in Abilene. Walter became a Methodist minister in his early years and served numerous churches; among those are Stinnett, Longworth and Blair circuit, McCloud, Okla., Rochester, Ackerly, Kress, Knox City, Roscoe, Plains, Earth, Crowell, Pleasant Valley at Amarillo, Draw and O'Donnell. He retired in 1979 from the O'Donnell church, but returned to minister the Ackerly church. He built the parsonage at Knox City and while in Roscoe he built the sanctuary. He did repair and remodeling in other

Walter belonged to the Lions Club, Rotary and the Masonic Lodge.

He loved his Lord, church, family, friends, gardening and teaching Bible studies.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of the home; two sons, Bobby and Ladell both of Lubbock; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Warren Driver of Sherman; one sister, Doris Booth of Hobbs, N.M.; and one brother-in-law, Norman "Smokey" Stover of Oklahoma City, Okla.

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

Jacqueline Smith

Jacqueline "Jackie" Smith, 35, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



#### Marcus DeLeon Jr.

Marcus DeLeon Jr., infant son of Sonia Garcia and Marcus DeLeon, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, in an Odessa Hospital. Graveside services are tentatively set for 1 p.m. Nov. 18, 2008, at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

Survivors, in addition to the parents, include maternal grandparents, Ernest and Lori Garcia of Big Spring; paternal grandparents, Robert Sr. and Delores Hilario of Big Spring; seven uncles; and three aunts.

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

#### Berneice Coats

Berneice (Granny) Coats, 84, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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

• DAVID FRANCO, 30, of 1602 Virginia, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant and charge of public intoxication and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• BRYAN STETSON, 36, of 109 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street Apt. B, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.

• COREY HOFFPAUIR, 32, of 1308 Sheppard, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.

• JOSEPH LEFTRIDGE, 20, of Dallas, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while license invalid and minor in possession of alcohol beverage.

• KRISTINA ESCAMILLA, 25, of 820 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

THEFT was reported:

in the 300 block of Owens.

in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

in the 1800 block of Gregg Street. in the 1700 block of FM 700

• POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:

in the 1900 block of Highway 87. near W. Seventh Street.

 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AGAINST A SECURITY OFFICER was reported in the 2900 block of Old Highway

• UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON was reported in the 1500 block of Virginia.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported near W. Seventh Street.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 200 block of Third Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad.

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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** 

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- 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.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

#### **TUESDAY**

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

## Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the area of Hollings Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

ullet TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of E. 16 $^{
m th}$ Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Jefferson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2900 block of Old Highway 80. Service refused.

## Sheriff's report

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 53 inmates at the time of this report.

• ANNA ALICIA ROBLES, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• JACOB DANIEL PETROWSKI, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• JOSE DAVID RIVAS, 44, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxi-• ELIAS LEDESMA, 22, was transferred to the county

jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less. • THEODORE ESCAVADO RIOS JR., 17, was trans-

ferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief – more than \$500, less than \$1,500.

• RAYMOND IGLESIA ALVEAR, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • DONNI KAY ROBERTSON, 23, was transferred to

the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft. • PAUL VIERA JR., 21, was transferred to the county

jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated rob-• BRENNA LEDAE HILL, 17, was arrested Saturday

by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• JUSTIN KYLE DAHMER, 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.

• DAVID CHRISTOPHER PETREE, 24, was trans-

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The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol- ferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of making a terroristic threat.

> • ELGIN NILES MORENO, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone. • EUGENE SCOTT, 59, was transferred to the county

jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. ROCKY R. YANEZ, 26, was transferred to the county

jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated - open container, driving while license invalid – DWI related and enhanced, and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• JOHN JAY FLORES, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

RONALD TERRY PARHAM, 47, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence.

• ERNEST GARCIA JR., 36, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone, possession of a dangerous drug, resisting arrest, search or transportation and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

• JONATHAN SILLOY DOUGLAS, 27, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of assault – family violence, no driver's license, no liability insurance, allowing a child between the ages of 2 and 17 years to ride unsecured and speeding – 60 MPH in a 40 MPH zone.

• COLBY JAMAR FORD, 26, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for theft by check and a local bench warrant.

• LOUIS VELA, 48, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated – open container, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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## **Optimist Club honors eight seniors**

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Eight area high school seniors have been named recipients of the annual Optimist Club's Youth Appreciation Award.

Steve Waggoner of the local Optimists said students were selected for the award based on their contributions in academics. extra-curricular activities and community service.

"We sent out a letter earlier this year to the schools, asking them to select students for the award," Waggoner said. "We left the selection process entirely up to the schools. They know their kids and what they've accomplished."

The students were presented a plaque at Wednesday's club meeting, Waggoner added.

The youth, honored for achievement in both school and the communitv. were:

• Kade Parker and Ariel Johnson from Big Spring High School.

Parker, the son of Stan and Shelley Parker, was a National Merit Commended Performance Scholar this year. In addition, he is corresponding secretary of the student council and a member of the National Honor Society and district champion cross-country

Parker also has been



Area high school seniors who received the annual Youth Appreciation Award from the Big Spring Optimists Club are, front row, left to right: Brittni Blagrave, Megan Conley, Shelby Mcdonald and Ariel Johnson; back row, left to right: Nathan Gomez, Kade Parker, Logan Gaskins and Alex Huckabee.

active in University In- at Howard College. terscholastic League academic events during his high school career and has maintained a continuous "A" average in his cours-

Johnson, the daughter of Owen and BB Johnson, is a member of the National Honor Society, French club, student council, band and Key Club, as well as participating on the varsity golf team.

She maintains a 4.0 grade point average and has received more than 20 semester hours of credit in concurrent courses taken

• Nathan Gomez and Megan Conley of Coahoma High School.

Gomez, the son of Fidel and Elvira Gomez, is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, Spanish Club and Howard County 4-H. In athletics, he competes on the football and powerlifting teams.

Conley, the daughter of Mike and Carrie Conley, is active in the student council, band, National Honor Society, Drama Club, Spanis Club and has been a member of the yearbook

staff for three years. She currently serves as president of the student council and is president and head drum major of the band.

 Alex Huckabee and Shelby McDonald of Forsan High School.

Huckabee, the son of Gary and Angie Huckabee, is in the top 10 percent of his class and has participated in football, basketball, track and band. He won first team honors at quarterback in 2007, qualified for the regional track meet and helped the band win the Class 1A state marching title in 2007.

McDonald, daughter of Terry and Glenda McDonald, is in the top quarter of her class and has served as a class officer throughout high school. She is active in basketball, tennis and band and has qualified for the state team tennis tournament the past two years.

· Logan Gaskins and Brittni Blagrave of Sands High School.

Gaskins, the son of Van and Chris Gaskins, is first in his class with a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, Future Farmers of America and 4-H. Additionally, he participates in UIL academics, basketball, track and golf. In 4-H, he was a national champion in shooting sports and presented the grand champion swine at this year's Howard County Stock Show.

Blagrave, the daughter of Stan and Carla Blagrave, is ranked fourth in her class with a 3.8 grade point average. She is student council vice president, National Honor Society secretary and participates in track, basketball, cross country, UIL academics, FFA and one-act play.

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Firefighters make gains on S. California wildfires as weather conditions improve

DIAMOND BAR, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters aided by Mother Nature continued to make gains early Monday on three raging wildfires that reduced hundreds of homes to ash and cinders and forced thousands of residents to flee in Southern California.

Ferocious Santa Ana winds finally abated after fanning the blazes that have destroyed more than 800 houses, mobile homes and apartments since Thursday night from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles and counties to the east. In all, the fires burned more than 35,000 acres or 55 square miles.

In Orange and Riverside counties, the fires chewed through nearly 24,000 acres and were pushing toward Diamond Bar in Los Angeles county. A major aerial attack on Sunday raised containment to 19 percent.

Meanwhile, a 15 squaremile fire that hit hard in the Sylmar area of northern Los Angeles on Saturday had moved into the Placerita Canyon area of the rugged San Gabriel Mountains and was burning vigorously, but outside the city.

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Nov. 15.

Also on Tuesday's agenda, the council will consider:

• Approval of plans, specifica-

tions and permission to advertise for bids for street improvements, part of the ongoing Street Plan. Bond Reconstruction Project. The council will also consider a change-order for utility upgrades in the project.

 Approval of an agreement with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper

Inc. for consultant services for the 2008 Railroad Spur Master

• Emergency reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance by approving preliminary final plat of Adkins Subdivision and Krishna subdivisions.

• Approval of Industrial Park lease agreements with Hangar 25 Air Museum, Liberty Machine Shop and Clifton Talbot.

• Discussion of entering into an agreement with Alon USA and amending the lease agreement with Western Container Corporation regarding the use of the railroad spur.

The meeting is to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

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## **SHUTTLE**

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our docked with the space station Sunday afternoon almost two days after it launched from Florida.

The shuttle's crew will spend almost two weeks orbiting 220 miles above Earth at the outpost, setting up the new equipment and going on four spacewalks to clean and lubricate a solar wing-rotating than a year ago.

Once the hatch opened between the space station and shuttle, it looked like a family reunion. The shuttle's seven astronauts exchanged a cacophony of greetings with the station's three crew members, wrapping one another in bear hugs and shaking hands. In a long-standing tradition, a bell was rung at the station's entrance.

"Sandy, welcome to your

joint that broke down more new home," space station commander Mike Fincke told astronaut Sandra Magnus, who traded places with astronaut Gregory Chamitoff as a space station crew member. After living for six months at the station, Chamitoff will return to Earth with Endeavour.

> Analysts on the ground continued looking at images taken during launch and right before Endeavour docked. When En

several hundred feet of the space station Sunday, shuttle commander Christopher Ferguson guided it through a 360-degree backflip so Fincke and Chamitoff could take close-up photos of its thermal shielding. About 200 digital images will help NASA determine whether Endeavour sustained damage during liftoff Friday night. Shuttle officials initially

thought a narrow strip

deavour pulled within of thermal blanket was yanked off during launch, but images showed the blanket remained intact. They now think the piece of debris seen coming off Endeavour or its external fuel tank during launch likely was a piece of ice, which didn't strike the shuttle.

Shuttle officials can order an extra inspection if they're concerned but won't make that decision until Tuesday. The extra precautions were implemented after the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated during re-entry in 2003 over Texas, killing all seven crew members.

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Jacqueline "Jackie' Smith, 35, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## **ECONOMY**

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home values.

economists "Business became decidedly more negative on the economic outlook for the next several quarters as a result of the intensification of credit market stresses and evidence of spillover to the real economy," said NABE president Chris Varvares, president of Macroeconomic Advisers.

NABE economists are now forecasting the economy to shrink at a 2.6 percent pace in the final quarter of this year and then at a 1.3 percent pace in the first three months of 2009. The new projections marked downgrades from the association's previous survey, which called for growth of just 0.1 percent in the final quarter of this year and a 1.3 percent growth rate in

the following quarter.

For all of 2008, the association's economists are predicting the economy's growth will slow to 1.4 percent, down from 2 percent in 2007. If the new, lower projection proves correct, it would mark the weakest performance since the

The picture would turn worse in 2009. The NABE economists are projecting the economy will jolt into reverse, shrinking by 0.2 percent for all of next year. If that happens, it would mark the worst showing since 1991, when the country was starting to pull out of a recession.

With the economy losing traction, the nation's unemployment rate will climb to 7.5 percent by the end of next year, the economists predict. Other analysts think it could rise to 8 percent at that time, or even hit 10 percent or

higher if a U.S. auto company were to go under.

The nation's unemployment rate bolted to 6.5 percent in October, a 14-year high, the government reported earlier this month. To cushion the fallout,

the Federal Reserve has slashed a key interest rate, dropping it to just 1 percent, a level seen only once before in the last halfcentury.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has warned that the country's economic weakness could last for some time — even if the government's unprecedented \$700 billion financial bailout package and other steps do succeed in getting finan-

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cial and credit markets to operate more normally.

In a speech Friday, Bernanke left the door open to another rate reduction, warning that financial markets remain under "severe strain."

Wall Street investors and economists believe the Fed probably will lower interest rates again on Dec. 16, its last regularly scheduled meeting this year, by one-quarter or even onehalf percentage point.

The NABE survey of 50 forecasters was taken Oct. 28 through Nov. 7.

The raft of grim economic news prompted Sandra Pianalto, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, to say in a speech Friday that the data to date "tells me that the economy is now in a recession."

"At the moment, the signs point to a recession beyond just a 'garden variety' downturn," she said. "The length and severity of the recession will depend on how quickly credit markets return to normal."

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OTHER VIEWS

## Bush, Obama passing the baton with definite class

ormally, political scientists and campaign aides are the only ones who follow the ins-and-outs of presidential transitions.

Government professors examine the interregnum period to see how the handoff went, and then they write lengthy papers about the process. Staffers in the exiting White House polish their resumes while aides to the victor angle for jobs in the new regime. For the rest of us, who are worn out from the campaign or lusting for the energy a new presidency brings, transitions are a yawn-

But we clearly aren't living in normal times. Not with two wars still being waged, the economy in a no-man's land and terrorists interested in dealing us harm. Some experts think this is the most important start to a new presidency since Franklin Roosevelt began in 1933.

The international and economic perils are why the rest of us, whether we're in Dallas or Washington, have a stake in the Bush administration and Team Obama smoothly handling this period. So far, the two sides have done that, and the credit starts with the top of the teams.

Bush threw open the White House doors last week to the Obamas earlier than most presidents do. And he did it without any Truman-like acrimony for his successor, who regularly tossed campaign bromides Bush's way.

The pair's hour-plus meeting at the White House Monday allowed them to talk about the issues President-elect Obama will face Jan. 20. Equally meaningful, the photo-op of the Republican president and his Democratic successor sitting together showed the world that we aren't living in a vacuum until the Obama presidency begins.

Bush also has made it clear that he wants his entire administration to allow Obama appointees to immediately start dealing with issues like Iraq and the economy. He previously signed a law to expedite transitions, and he is making good on his promise.

Obama also has hit the right notes by emphasizing the United States has only one president at a time. His decision not to participate in Bush's weekend economic summit perhaps gives him political cover, but it also reaffirms the point that he has no official powers until Inauguration Day.

Americans should benefit from the fact Obama didn't wake up Nov. 5 and just then start thinking about his administration. He and his advisers worked on the transition before Election Day so we can avoid interim nightmares.

There's still room for problems, including in the debate over bailing out Detroit. But the two sides are off to a strong start. We all will benefit if they continue to successfully exchange the presidential baton.

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## How transition is supposed to be done

hat scene at the White House last Monday, with the president and first lady greeting the president-elect and his wife, was one we all should relish.

It was a moment that said more about this country than any election, any technological or scientific achievement or any military victory could ever say. That powerful single image transcended the two men pictured in that snapshot of a transition of power. It was a symbolic



RAY **SANDERS** 

passing of the keys to the "people's house" at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, and it represented the basic ideal of America, a country that comes together and moves forward after even the most bitter of political fights.

President Bush's invitation to Barack and Michelle Obama to visit the White House less than a week after the election was a way of showing the world — while reminding Americans of all parties and stripes — that, in this country, the passing of power will be peaceful.

The president assumed the role of a statesman, a gentleman and one capable of leading by example. His actions, from his congratulatory comments after election results were announced to Monday's visit by the Obamas, were a way of telling the nation that we need to heal our wounds, unite as a people and show respect for the new leader of the land.

Some partisans who support the president have criticized him for being a little too accommodating, which is why I want to defend him. Since his days as governor of

Texas, I certainly have been one of

George W. Bush's ardent critics. Although few would remember, I also have praised Bush over the years on those occasions when I

believed he exhibited his genuine

sincerity, sometimes surprising strength and, yes, his humanity.

I was in the Governor's Mansion with him one morning when he was meeting with the foreign minister of Mexico, and he impressed a Mexican television crew (and me) by conducting an interview entirely in Spanish.

He wasn't showing off; he was being real.

There was the time in 1999 when Bush interrupted a campaign trip in Michigan to come to Fort Worth after a gunman had walked into Wedgwood Baptist Church during a youth rally, killed seven people, wounded seven others and then killed himself.

The governor met privately with the wounded and victims' family members because he didn't want his presence to be a media event. In some of those meetings, he could not hold back the tears.

At a public memorial service at Texas Christian University's Amon Carter Stadium, he sat in the stands rather than on the rostrum, telling me he had chosen to do so because "I thought this was a religious ceremony, not a political event."

His first address to the nation after the terrorist attacks on 9-11 was his finest moment as president. He showed a leadership many Americans didn't think he possessed, and his words carried a sense of lamentation and resolve; a declaration of war on those responsible and a call to all Americans for unity.

And that first State of the Union speech after the September attacks was masterful, in substance and delivery, again rallying a nation at a time of heartbreak and mourning.

Then there was the speech that most Americans never heard, at least not in its entirety, because it occurred on a day when events in Iraq once again had captured the nation's attention.

While on a five-nation tour to Africa in 2003, Bush spoke from Senegal near the "door of no return" where thousands of Africans began their journey to the Americas as slaves.

His discussion of slavery and the slave trade was a masterpiece, and while not quite a Gettysburg Address, its brevity — just eight minutes — and its power reminded me of Lincoln's most famous speech.

Because so few people had had heard his words that day, I felt compelled to publish the complete text in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

I'm on record commending the president for several of his policy positions, including the administration's commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS in Africa. And, yes, I could give a list of my criticisms of my fellow Texan. But not today.

When I heard some conservative blow-hard on the radio complaining about Bush being "too gracious" to Obama, it riled me.

Sure, Obama had run against Bush as much as he had run against Sen. John McCain, and he was quite critical of the president's leadership in this time of war and economic crisis. But that's part of the political process.

Bush understands that, and his gesture of quickly inviting the Obamas to their future home was what our Founding Fathers intended in terms of providing a smooth transition of power.

We have seen in just the past few months the kind of strife and turmoil that can come with a change of power in other nations. And we often have witnessed so-called democratically elected leaders who simply refuse to give up the power that the people had bestowed up on them, many times using their armies to stay in office.

That's how we are different. Through a simple, gracious 90-minute meeting at the White House on Monday, we showed the world how it is supposed to be done.

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## President Obama on the internet

ranklin D. Roosevelt was the ■ first politician to master the use of radio as a way to communicate directly with the nation. Three decades later, John

F. Kennedy became the first candidate to exploit the power and reach of television.

And now, in 2008, Barack Obama has demonstrated the power of the Internet — not just to raise money but to mobilize an army of supporters for his presidential campaign and to communicate his

message directly to them.



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And the more I'm learning about what the Obama campaign did, and how it did it, the more I believe Obama's use of new technology could have an equally profound impact on how our nation governs

This is big stuff. It's hard to believe that some of the sites that the campaign took major advantage of — Facebook and YouTube, notably — either didn't exist or were in their infancy four years ago. The hottest Internet firm around these days might be Blue State Digital, which organized Obama's online efforts and explains how it works on its Web site: bluestatedigital.com.

Obama was able to bypass the press and get his message out directly to his supporters in an unprecedented manner. He held few news conferences and generally remained aloof from the reporters who were traveling with him. Can he adapt those same techniques when he's sitting in the White House? Or will he ignore the press at his peril?

In the old days, it was the role of political parties to raise money, organize workers and get the message out to voters. That role was greatly reduced with the popularity of television.

Political consultants replaced party bosses as the key campaign operatives, and 30-second commercials and sound bites became the primary means through which to communicate with voters.

But 2008 was different. Short commercials were still a major way candidates tried to get their messages across, but in many cases those commercials never went out over the airwaves.

Instead, they aired on the candidates' Web sites — at no cost. And longer messages got a full hearing on the Internet, a distinct departure from how we've been doing our politics in recent years. For example, one of the most-watched events of the political primaries was Obama's 37-minute race-relations speech that he gave in Philadelphia in March.

The Internet meant that you could watch what you wanted when you wanted to — it didn't matter if you missed a candidate's appearance when it aired on television. And you didn't have to depend on columnists and pundits to tell you what it

In fact, one of the criticisms of how the news media has covered politics in recent years — that what the candidates actually say gets

short shrift and is too often only presented through the prism of a newsperson's analysis — is easily remedied on the Internet, where the actual speech or policy paper itself is always available.

The negative side of that, however, is that you are receiving raw information that hasn't been verified. There's the tendency of even the most inaccurate rumors to take on a life of their own, as they are emailed from address list to address list.

One example that had the potential to hurt Obama was the false claim that he is Muslim. That report continued to fly around the Internet even after it was discredited.

But such negatives seemed to have been outmatched by the Obama campaign's ability to transform passive supporters into active participators in his campaign. And if he could do that during a campaign, why can't he do it as president?

He's maintained from the beginning that change must come from the bottom up.

This always sounds good, but it's hard to implement in a society as complex as ours, with as many different interest groups as ours. But maybe, just maybe, Obama has found a way to trump interestgroup politics.

This much I'm sure about: The Internet doesn't offer incremental change in how we do politics. It's revolutionary.

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## HERALD SPORTS HONOR ROLL

#### **Iordan Valle**

Big Spring senior state champion Valle won the biggest race of his life Saturday in Round

Rock, winning the Class 4A state cross country title.

He treked across the 3-mile course in 15:15, more than six seconds ahead of the near-



As a team, the Steers finished fifth with Kade Parker placing 13th and Shane Allen coming in 36th.

#### **Bridgette Tuitt**

Big Spring freshman guard After just one game into the 2008-2009 girls basketball season, the Big Spring Lady Steers have already chalked a win after finishing the 2007-2008 season winless.

The Lady Steers defeated Snyder, 41-39, in Steer Gym Friday with Tuitt leading the way with 14 points.

#### Matt Ritchey and **Monte Anderson**

Big Spring junior footballers Ritchey and Anderson both

topped 1,000 yards rushing for the 2008 football season in Big Spring's 49-14 bi-district playoff victory over Canyon Saturday.

Ritchey ran for 105 yards and two

touchdowns on 16 carries, giving him 1,079 yards for the season.



**Anderson** 

carries the ball 21 times for two scores and 168 yards, putting his season total at 1,025 yards

Anderson

Meanwhile,

despite missing three games due to injury. As a team, the Steers rushed for exactly 400 yards on 46 car-

#### **Adam Montez**

Stanton sophomore receiver Montez quickly covered a lot of ground with his legs over the weekend.

It all started Friday night in Pecos when he ran for 101 yards on four carries, including a 91-yard touchdown on the first play of the second half.

Then Saturday, Montez competed in the Class A state cross country meet in Round Rock, placing 33rd with a time of

#### Johnny Rogers

Sands junior spreadback Rogers led the Mustangs to 30-unanswered points in the third and fourth quarters as Sands rallied to top Dawson,

60-52, in a bi-district playoff. Rogers threw the tying score to Jesus Gomez and then ran in the go-ahead touchdown from 15 yards out. He finished with 219 yards and three touchdowns on 27 carries and completed 9-of-15 passes for 122 yards and two more scores.

Each week the Herald recognizes area athletes for achievements in their particular sport.

## Valle claims X-country state title

## Big Spring places fifth as a team Saturday in Round Rock

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

When Big Spring's Jordan Valle left for the Class 4A state cross country meet in Round Rock Friday night, he had one personal goal in mind — win an individual state title.

Mission accomplished.

Valle completed the 3-mile course in 15:15 Saturday morning, claiming the top spot on the

finished 11th in 15:58 after placing 71st in last year's state meet. Shane Allen came in 36th.

Big Spring placed fifth overall with 152 points, while Boerne took first place honors, registering 54 points. Four of Boerne's runners finished in the top 33.

For Valle, the state title is a testament to the amount of work he's put in over the past two years. In 2006, when Big Spring

podium. Teammate Kade Parker won a team state title, he didn't really figure into the equation, finishing 168th with a time of 18:20.9. Last season, he improved upon his time by more than two minutes, placing 12th with a mark of 16:01.35. He came close to wiping another full minute off his time this year.

"Jordan is a poster child of how dedicated a runner has to be in this sport to be successful," said Coach Randy Britton before the state meet. "He worked so hard to improve over the past two seasons. I wish everyone I've coached over the years had the attitude he did."

Stanton's Adam Montez finished 33rd overall after rushing for 101 yards in a football playoff game Friday night.

Garden City's girls finished ninth with 218 points. Vikki

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## Playoff blowout

Canyon collapses as Steers win big, 49-14

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — There's not a better way to weather a cold day on the football field than to win big.

Plenty of warmth could be felt on the Big Spring Steers sideline Saturday at Tiger Stadium in Wollforth as the Steers dominated the Canyon Eagles, 49-14, in a Class 4A, Division II bi-district playoff.

Big Spring (7-4) racked up 400 yards rushing with three players topping the century mark, delivering the Steers into the area round of the postseason. They'll play El Paso Riverside (6-5) at 8 p.m. Friday in El Paso. Riverside defeated El Paso Burges, 46-10, in the first round.

Big Spring's dominant win comes eight days after the Steers shutout Hereford, 31-0, to end the regular season, and marks a three-game win streak.

"This is our third week as a full team, being fullly healthy. Who knows what we can do," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "Our offense is moving the ball nicely and we have a bunch of different weapons. Our defense is really playing great football right now as well. Coach (Don) Kelso is doing a great job of scheming against these passing teams."

Big Spring came out of the locker room



Big Spring Steers defenders Antwone White (left center) and Mike Menefield (right) were among a trio of Steers, who gang-tackled Canyon's Derek O'Dell as Kaegan Hunt (22) converges on the play Saturday at Tiger Stadium in Wolfforth. The Steers defeated Canyon, 49-14, in a Class 4A, Division II bi-district playoff. Big Spring travels to El Paso Friday to take on the El Paso Riverside Rangers in the area round of the postseason.

clicking on offense. After the defense held Canyon to a three-and-out on its opening possession, Martin Yanez gave the Steers an immediate spark, returning a punt 60 yards to the Canyon 14.

From there, the Steers took two plays to get on the scoreboard as running back Monte Anderson ran around right end for an 11-yard touchdown.

That was just the beginning of the onslaught though. Big Spring quickly extended its first quarter lead to 21-0 after

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#### Crossroads area football playoffs schdule

Class 4A, Division II area Big Spring vs. EP Riverside, 8 p.m., El Paso Class A, Division I regional Stanton vs. Morton, 7:30 p.m., Denver City Six-man Division I regional Garden City vs. Throckmorton, 7:30 p.m.,

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## Back in the hunt

## Dallas edges 'Skins in must-win game

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer

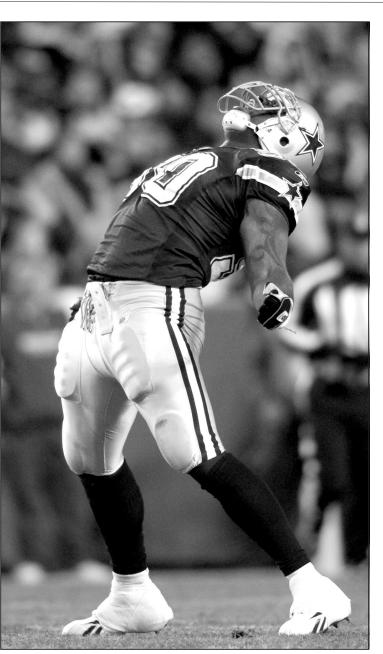
LANDOVER, Md. — Make no mistake, Tony Romo's return hardly transformed the Dallas Cowboys into an offensive juggernaut.

They still couldn't manage to score more than 14 points in a game. Romo passed for fewer than 200 yards and he threw two interceptions that thwarted long drives.

But all that really counts is this: With Romo starting at quarterback — splinted pinkie and all — and Terence Newman back at cornerback, Dallas pulled out a 14-10 victory over the Washington Redskins on Sunday night to renew its postseason hopes.

"We treated this as a playoff game in a lot of ways," said Romo, whose 25-yard touchdown pass to rookie Martellus Bennett with  $10\frac{1}{2}$  minutes to play provided the go-ahead

"I told the guys, 'The time is now.' It's a 'Show Me' game.



Dallas Cowboys defensive end Jay Ratliff (90) celebrates after sacking Washington Redskins quarterback Jason Campbell during the first quarter of an NFL game Sunday in Landover, Md. Dallas won 14-10.

## HC women win two, remain undefeated

**Herald Staff Report** 

GARDEN CITY, Kan. — Howard College's women's basketball team faced its toughest challenge of the season Friday, but overcame a feisty Garden City Community College (Kan.), 57-51. The Hawks then wrapped up their threeday trip to Kansas Saturday, cruising to an easy victory over Bethany College's junior varsity, 79-25.

With the two wins, Howard improves to 8-0 on the season entering the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Pre-Conference Tournament Thursday in Midland. The Hawks face Frank Phillips College at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Chap Center on Midland College's campus.

The matchup will feature the first headto-head meeting between Howard and former Hawks assistant coach Eric Rodewald, who is in his first season at the helm of the Frank Phillips program.

In Friday's game, the Hawks were tested, facing their first deficit of any kind this season. Garden City trailed by 10 at intermission, but erupted out of the locker rooms for a 16-0 run to start the second half as the Hawks went nine minutes without scoring.

Howard stormed back, though, and Clarissa Krum hit a 3-pointer with around 2:00 to play, putting Howard up by 2. Some clutch free throws down the stretch clinched the 6-point victory for the Hawks.

Saturday's game was never in doubt as four Hawks scored in double figures in a lopsided 54-point victory.

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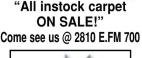
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and belief. **■** The two struggle to prove which is more important, words or the feelings we attach them. to Communication is either strained or uncontrolled.

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that you'll have to wait for it. Try not to think of waiting as a static condition. All the while be

busy making yourself

ready. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Understand the nature of the people around you. When you want to believe in someone, learn how they work. Then you'll know what you can trust them to do and what they are not likely to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll find yourself in close proximity to someone you know nothing about and the potential for awkward silences is strong. It doesn't really matter what you say, as long as you are pleasant. Talking about the weather works just fine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Be careful not to outshine your boss or anyone who has more power than you in a certain context. For now you are wise to be supportive, reflecting the glory of your outstanding deeds onto your higher-ups.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you are feeling vulnerable it's natural to want to protect yourself inside the isolated fortress of your cozy home. However, this is just the time you should be circulating and making allies. You're safe. Now get out there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have proven yourself as a steadfast and reliable worker or friend. Now that you don't have to worry about seeming scattered, scramble your pattern. You revel in the unexpected and so will the people around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Running after what you want will make it flee from you like a scared animal. Be more like the patient fisherman who provides just the perfect bait and then waits for a bite.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). For you to show up everywhere you are scheduled to be, complication must be worked out. The wonderful thing about these obstacles is that they bring you together with truly helpful people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have strong beliefs now and you are convincing because you understand how to illustrate your point. Your best argument is an action. Let others see you practicing instead of preaching.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You enjoy your work.

You commit yourself wholly to every step necessary in your process and are rewarded for your investment, first by the work itself and then from another source entirely.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My 33year-old Leo brother can't seem to get it together. Out of work, he's been staying in my house for three months now. I told him he could stay until he got back on this feet, but I'm starting to wonder if that will ever happen. On top of it, he's drinking too much and out of shape due to hours and hours of daily television. I want him to snap out of it, get it together and leave, but I can't kick him out."

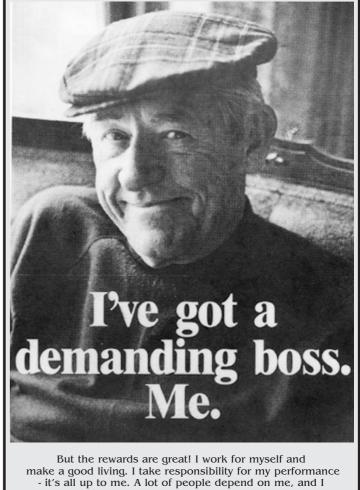
Your brother is so lucky to have a loving and tolerant sibling like you to lean on. Leo is the sign of creativity and children, and when they are wounded they can sometimes behave more like dependent children, indulging themselves in a kind of fantasy existence of reliance while they heal. So play the parent and deliver some tough love. Tell him now that he has until January to get it together. Help him map out a game plan for securing work and shelter, and then baby-sit him daily, asking what steps he has taken. The current Sagittarian planetary influences will help to give him the courage to get back out into the world and strike up his

new life. CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: Lorne Michaels created one of the longestrunning network programs in American television history. The producer of "Saturday Night Live" began as a radio broadcaster and went on to write for television. A Scorpio with Mars in Scorpio, Michaels' instinct for humor is based on his innate understanding of human nature and what comedy is -- a delicate combination of truth and pain. Venus in Capricorn represents longevity in love, and his love affair with SNL burns on.

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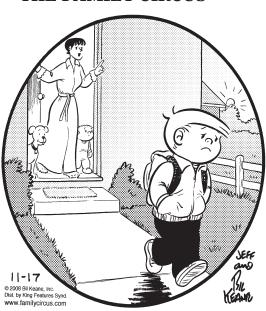
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#### DENNIS THE MENACE



'Joey's Mom Promised Him a Puppy, so I'M LETTIN' HIM PRACTICE ON RUFF."

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"Your day goes the way the corners of your mouth turn. So smile."

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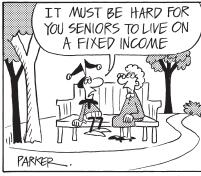






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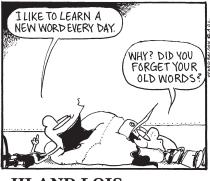
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## This Date In History

Today is Monday, Nov. 17, the 322nd day of 2008. There are 44 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 17, 1968, the NBC television network outraged football fans by cutting away from the closing minutes of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin a special presentation of "Heidi" on schedule. (Home viewers were prevented from seeing the Raiders come from behind to beat the Jets, 43-32.)

On this date: In 1558, Elizabeth I acceded to the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary.

In 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building. In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1917, sculptor Auguste Rodin died in Meudon, France, at age

In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, bet ter known as "Lady Bird," in San Antonio.

In 1962, Washington's Dulles

International Airport was dedicated by President Kennedy.

In 1970, the Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remote-controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod In 1973, President Nixon told

Associated Press managing editors meeting in Orlando, Fla.: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook." In 1987, a federal jury in Denver

convicted two neo-Nazis and acquitted two others of civil rights violations in the 1984 slaying of radio talk show host Alan Berg. In 1997, 62 people, most of them

foreign tourists, were killed when six militants opened fire at the Temple of Hatshepsut in Luxor, Egypt; the attackers were killed by police. Today's Birthdays: Rock musi-

cian Gerry McGee (The Ventures) is 71. Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 70. Movie director Martin Scorsese is 66. Actress Lauren Hutton is 65. Actor-director Danny DeVito is 64. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels is 64. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tom Seaver is 64. Movie director Roland Joffe is 63. Democratic National Chairman Howard Dean is 60. Actor Stephen Root is 57. Rock musician Jim Babjak (The Smithereens) is 51.

Elizabeth Actress Mary Mastrantonio is 50. Actor William Moses is 49. Entertainer RuPaul is 48. Actor Dylan Walsh is 45. Actress Sophie Marceau is 42. Actressmodel Daisy Fuentes is 42. Rhythmand-blues singer Ronnie DeVoe (New Edition; Bell Biv DeVoe) is 41. Rock musician Ben Wilson (Blues Traveler) is 41. Actress Leslie Bibb is 35. Actor Brandon Call is 32. Country singer Aaron Lines is 31. Actress Rachel McAdams is 30. Rock musician Isaac Hanson (Hanson) is 28. Actor Justin Cooper is 20. Actress Raquel Castro is 14.

Thought for Today: "There's one thing that keeps surprising you about stormy old friends after they die — their silence." — Ben Hecht, American author and screenwriter (1893-1964). <sup>®</sup> 2008 The Associated Press.



#### **Newsday Crossword**

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Paper fragment
- 6 Just slightly
- 10 Fishhook attachment
- 14 Chicago airport 64 Verbal
- **15** Shoe bottom \_ mater
- 17 Success-vs.-
- failure phrase 19 Drought ender
- 20 Make a choice
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- **22** Rowing a boat
- 24 Contractor's
- proposal
- 25 Name of a movie
- **27** Magazine
- editions 30 Provides with
- cards 34 Eyeglasses,
- slangily **35** Gets a
- glimpse of **37** Garbed
- 38 Canine kiss **39** Pekoe, for
- instance **40** Sounds from
- Santa
- 41 Poker-hand starter
- **42** Like
- skyscrapers
- 43 Croc's kin
- 44 Whodunit, for example
- **46** Spring flowers
- 47 "Dr." who wrote Green Eggs
- and Ham 49 Neither's
- partner **50** Regard highly
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#### **DOWN**

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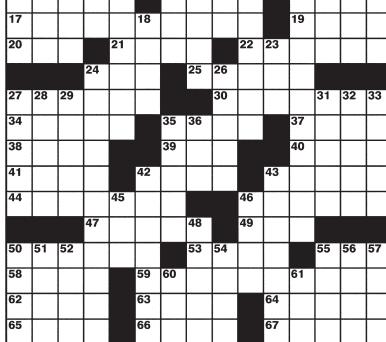
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  - swimmer
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  - 45 Extra-wide, on
  - a shoebox 46 Rural
  - stopovers 48 Treat with
  - contempt
  - **50** Catch sight of **51** Moccasin,
  - for one **52** Adolescent
  - **54** Hand-cream
  - ingredient **55** "Beat it!"
  - **56** Tulsa's state:
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# BCS is stagnant COWBOYS Continued from Page 5 We had to go out the

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — All the national title contenders took care of business and the BCS standings were unchanged at the top Sunday, with Alabama and Texas Tech holding the first two spots and Florida, Texas and Oklahoma poised to move up.

The Crimson Tide ran away from Mississippi State in the second half of a 32-7 victory Saturday that kept Alabama on top of both the USA Today coaches' poll and the Harris poll. The Tide has a

Texas Tech (.9698) remained second in the polls and first according to the computer ratings during a week off. The Red Raiders head into their fourth straight game against a ranked opponent, this time at Oklahoma, in control of their national title and Big 12 championship

while Florida and Texas both had blowout victories Saturday.

Florida and Alabama will play for the Southeastern Conference title on Dec. 6, and if they can avoid losing before they get there, the game will probably amount to a national semifinal with the winner advancing to play for the national championship.

Southern California, also a big winner Saturday, is still stuck behind the top five and in need of at least a couple upsets to reach the national championship

USC also needs help to win the Pac-10 championship and earn a trip to the Rose Bowl. Oregon State, which beat the Trojans in September, can earn a Rose Bowl bid with victories at Arizona and

The Trojans, however, would be a prime candidate to receive an at-large bid to the BCS if they finish the season with victo-

Penn State and Utah can both lock up spots in the Bowl Championship Series on Saturday with victories.

The Nittany Lions can win the Big Ten title and a spot in the Rose Bowl by beat-

Utah would lock up an automatic BCS

bid if it can complete its perfect season with a victory against BYU. The Utes, from the Mountain West Conference, are seventh in the BCS standings and need to finish in the top 12 to earn their second BCS appearance since 2004.

Boise State is ninth in the standings and unbeaten.

The Broncos can be eligible for an atlarge BCS berth if they win out and are Western Athletic Conference champions, but they'll need Utah to lose to earn an automatic bid to one of the five marquee bowl games for the second time in three seasons.

Also on Sunday, BCS coordinator John Swofford responded to a playoff push by President-elect Barack Obama that was broadcast on CBS' "60 Minutes.

"First of all I want to congratulate newly elected President Obama and I am glad he has a passion for college football like so many other Americans," Swofford said in a statement. "For now, our constituencies — and I know he understands constituencies — have settled on the current BCS system, which the majority believe is the best system vet to determine a national champion while also maintaining the college football regular season as the best and most meaningful in sports."

Swofford added: "We certainly respect the opinions of president-elect Obama and welcome dialogue on what's best for college football."

Obama said he will use his influence to create such a system.

"If you've got a bunch of teams who play throughout the season, and many of them have one loss or two losses, there's no clear decisive winner. We should be creating a playoff system," he told reporter Steve Kroft.

According to Obama's proposed system, eight teams would play over three rounds to settle the national champion.

"It would add three extra weeks to the season," he said at the conclusion of a wide-ranging interview. "You could trim back on the regular season. I don't know any serious fan of college football who has disagreed with me on this. So, I'm going to throw my weight around a little bit. I think it's the right thing to do.'

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We had to go out there and show ourselves and show each other that we can play good football — or play good enough to win against a really good team on the road.'

The Cowboys tied the Redskins for second place in the NFC East at 6-4, and Marion Barber played as pivotal a role as anyone.

He gained 114 yards on 24 carries, including a 2-yard touchdown run a minute before halftime.

After Newman batted away a pass intended for Santana Moss on fourthand-4 with a little more than 6½ minutes left, the Cowboys kept the ball the rest of the game by handing off to Barber.

On the game-closing drive, Romo made six handoffs in a row to Barber, followed by a pass over the middle on third down to Barber, then another four Barber runs. To recap: 11 plays, all to Barber.

Part of that was a fourthand-1 at the Redskins' 17, when Romo pitched the ball to Barber, who earned

After being tackled, he bounced up with a fist raised and jumped into the arms of tackle Marc Colombo.

"He's a tough back. He's always been a tough back," Redskins defensive end Andre Carter said. "And we couldn't get him down, unfortunately."

The Redskins couldn't get to Romo, either, failing to sack him.

And while he didn't put up any more points than backups Brad Johnson or Brooks Bollinger managed — Dallas scored 14, 13 and 14 points in the three games Romo missed — he did lend flexibility.

"He's got a good feel for the pocket. He's got a good feelforpressure,"Redskins defensive coordinator Greg Blache said. "He's a dimension within himself to that offense — he adds so much to it."

After having to learn a new way to grip a football with four fingers only, leaving his heavily bandaged right pinkie out of the equation — and a new way to celebrate — with his healthy left hand, not his injured right hand — Romo went 19-for-27 for 198 yards.

"I felt like the most awkward individual, when I'm like 'Yeah!'" said Romo, raising his right hand and then lowering it quickly. On the follow-through, his very valuable hurt hand hit a reporter's tape record-

No additional damage, though.

"See?" Romo said with a laugh. "There it is."

On the other side of the

ball, Dallas harassed Jason Campbell into 22-for-34 for only 162 yards, touchdown Newman's second-half interception. Plus, the Cowboys were able to slow tailback Clinton Portis, the NFL's second-leading rusher, whose status was in doubt right up until about 1½ hours before kickoff because of a sprained left knee.

Portis began by gaining 29 yards on five carries during Washington's opening drive, which ended with Campbell's 2-yard TD pass to fullback Mike Sellers.

the Redskins But wouldn't reach the end zone again — and Portis finished with 68 yards on 15 carries.

After five consecutive games with at least 120 yards, he now has failed to reach that total over the past two games combined both losses.

Indeed, the Redskins have the first two-game losing streak of Jim Zorn's NFL head-coaching career — both at home, both at night, both on national TV — and have dropped three of five games following a

#### **STATE**

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Garza was the top runner as the 24th to cross the finish line. Lauren Wheeler placed 62nd.

Class 4A Bovs team

1. Boerne 54, 2. Mesquite Poteet 106, 3. El Paso Austin 134, 4. Canyon 143, 5. Big Spring 152. Boys individual

1. Jordan Valle, Big Spring 15:15.5; 2. Alex De La Garza, Mercedes 15:21.46; 3. Sann Allison, Canyon 15:26 78: 4 Will Antkowiak Brenham 15:34 97: 5 Jim Stitt. Mansfield Timberview 15:40.95; 6. Travis Barclay, Boerne 15:43.23; 7. James Bonn, Lockhart, 15:44.27; 8. Andrew Herrera, FW Southwest 15:46.36: 9. Brandon Swindler, Friendswood 15:46.53; 10. Colby McCune, Boerne 15:49.06; Notables: 11. Kade Parker, Big Spring 15:58.36; 36. Shane Allen, Big Spring 16:42.59; 84. Sammy Segundo, Big Spring 17:15.04; 152. Sergio Torres, Big Spring 17:51.73; 224. Daniel Segundo, Big Spring 18:00.31; 300. Dalton Greiner, Big Spring 18:13.34.

#### Class A Boys individual

1. Jason Hamilton, Big Sandy 16:33.9; 2. Logan Mynar, Kopperl, 16:39.82; 3. Jonathan Lira, Plains 16:39.94; 4. Colton Dieterich, Riesel 16:45.95; 5. Frank Hernandez, Sundown 16:50.19; 6. Caleb Williams, Tolar 16:51.33; 7. Marcelo Segura, Mason 16:53.61; 8. Everett Wilder, Sulphur Bluff 16:56.41; 9. Jaxon Bean, Plains 17:01.89; 10. Logan Foster, Elkhart Slocum 17:10.74; Notable: 33. Adam Montez, Stanton 17:59.3. Girls team

1. Sundown 70, 2. Shamrock 74, 3. Lindsay 101, Notable: 9. Garden City 218.

1. Melissa Velazco, Shamrock 11:49.72; 2. Emeline Crutcher, Wellman-Union 11:50.07; 3. Meghan Bass, Crosbyton 11:57.88; 4. Jaylen Rodgers, Hamlin 12:04.75; 5. Julia Holub, Seymour 12:07.81; 6. Shelby Greenwalt, Shamrock 12:09.03; 7. MacKenzie Hodge, Sundown 12:09.34; 8. Kelsey Hermes, Lindsay 12:11.05; 9 Megan Caillier, Lindsay 12:11.65; 10. Laurie Byrd, Round Top-Carmine 12:11.71; Notables: 24. Vikki Garza, Garden City 13:02.98; 62. Lauren Wheeler, Garden City 13:24.69; 103. Morgan Schwartz, Garden City 13:27.43; 156. Melissa Hirt, Garden City 13:52.39; 218. Paige Niehues, Garden City 14:10.46; 294. Cassie Hirt, Garden City 14:49.86; 375. Shanna Halfmann, Garden City 15:32.22.

#### **STEERS**

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Sidney Parker caught a 9-yard pass from Matt Ritchey and then LaRay Woodard picked up a crushing block from Anderson on his way to a 68-yard touchdown run.

The Steers made it 28-0 early in the second, when Ritchev scored his first rushing touchdown of the game from 6 yards

Meanwhile, the Big Spring defense came up 2:27 short of shutting out opponents for six consecutive quarters, when Canvon finally got on the board courtesy of a 14-yard pass from Spencer Church to Chris Rhoten.

Canyon wouldn't score again until early in the fourth. The Steers, however, added insurance touchdown runs from Ritchey and Anderson in the third frame and Zamir Linton tacked on one last score in the final stanza.

Anderson rushed for 168 yards on 21 carries, Ritchey had 105 yards on 16 totes and Woodard was good for 102 yards and just two carries. Anderson and Ritchey topped 1,000 yards rushing for the season, respectively pushing their totals to 1,025 and 1,079 yards. Anderson has accomplished this despite missing three games due to injury.

Defensively, the Steers held pass-happy Canyon to just 305 total yards and forced four turnovers. Big Spring is plus-9 in turnover margin over the past two

"We're being very opportunistic on the defensive side of the ball," said Ritchey. "I'm proud of the way this team has come together this season despite all the adversity we've faced."

Big Spring's 346-mile trip to El Paso Friday won't be the farthest the team has traveled the season. The Steers trekked more than 360 miles to Denison for the second game of the year.

"That trip to Denison is going to end up paying off for this team," commented Ritchey. "This team knows what it's like to make a long drive and get off the bus to play good football. We came close to handing Denison what would have been its only loss of the season. Making a long trip to El Paso shouldn't effect us as much."

#### Canyon 0 7 Big Spring 21 7 14 7-49

First quarter

BS - Monte Anderson 11 run (Tyler Tannehill kick),

9:11 BS - Sidney Parker 9 pass from Matt Ritchey

(Tannehill kick), 4:02 BS – LaRay Woodard 63 run (Tannehill kick), 2:06

Second quarter BS - Ritchey 6 run (Tannehill kick), 9:31 C - Chris Rhoten 14 pass from Spencer Church

(Aaron Rowe kick), 2:27 Third quarter

BS - Ritchey 3 run (Tannehill kick), 6:37

BS - Anderson 6 run (Tannehill kick), 1:27 Fourth quarter

C - Derek O'Dell 31 pass from Church (Rowe kick), 9:59

BS - Zamir Linton 15 run (Tannehill kick), 4:52 CHS **BSHS** 

First downs 13 Total yards 456 305 Rushes-Yards 16-27 46-400 Comp.-Att.-Int. 19-30-2 5-12-0 Passing yards 278 Fumbles-Lost 3-2 0-0 Punts-Avg. 4-36 2-33.5 Penalties-Yards 3-15 6-45 Time of poss.

#### Individual statistics Rushing: Canyon - Blake Boyer 8-32, Chris Rhoten

1-3, Taylor Medrano 2-0, Hunter Coffman 1-0, Spencer Church 4-(-8); Big Spring - Monte Anderson 21-168, Matt Ritchey 16-105, LaRay Woodard 2-102, Zamir Linton 3-31, Martin Yanez 1-0. Passing: Canyon - Church 19-30-2 278; Big Spring

Ritchey 3-4-0 37, Tyler Tannehill 2-8-0 19

Receiving: Canyon - Coffman 6-117, Rhoten 6-76, Derek O'Dell 3-53, Boyer 3-30, Braden Kimsey 1-2; Big Spring - Sidney Parker 3-37, Thaddeus Straughter

#### **HAWKS**

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Howard 57, Garden City 51

Miesha Blackshear 4-11 2-2 10, Patricia Malouff 9-14 0-0 18, Rachael Dryver 4-12 0-1 8, Chasidy Cole 2-8 0-1 4. DeAndra Thomas 1-5 0-2 2. Tamara Wallace 0-1 0-0 0 NaTalia Smith 0-1 0-0 0 Danielle Cota 3-7 0-0 6

Halftime: HC 32, GC 22. Fouled out: None. Rebounds:

HC 33 (Cota 6). GC 34. Assists: HC 9 (Cole, Blackshear 3), GC 10. Total fouls: HC 9, GC 11.

#### Howard 79, Bethany 25

Miesha Blackshear 6-7 0-0 12, Patricia Malouff 4-10 2-2 12, Rachael Dryver 5-10 0-0 10, Chasidy Cole 4-6 0-0 10, DeAndra Thomas 2-4 0-0 4, Tynisha McDowell 0-2 0-0 0, Kassie Scott 3-7 1-2 9, Tamara Wallace 1-3 2-2 4, NaTalia Smith 3-4 0-0 6, Danielle Cota 2-4 0-0 4, Valerie Wood 2-3 0-2 4, Clarissa Krum 2-5 0-0 4, Totals

HC 54, BCJV 14. Fouled out: None. Rebounds: HC 31 (Smith 6), BCJV 37. Assists: HC 11 (Wallace 3), BCJV 3. Total fouls: HC 8, BCJV 6.

Clarissa Krum 4-8 0-0 9, Totals 27-67 2-6 57.

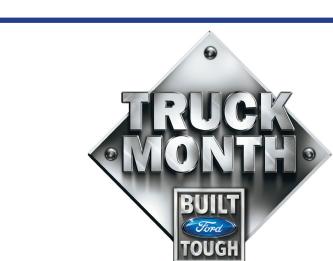
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The Sooners also had the week off,

against Oregon.

ries against Notre Dame and UCLA.

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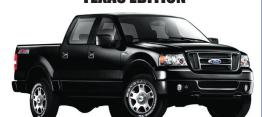
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