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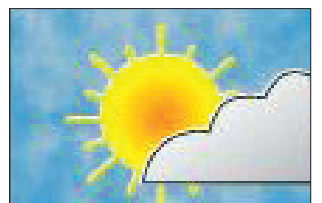
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## ADA lawsuit settled

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The lawsuit brought against the city of Big Spring for failing to meet federal ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards was settled in Abilene's Northern District of Texas Monday morning, according to attorneys overseeing the case.

The suit, brought against the city by a group of residents with physical disabilities in July 2008, was filed by the Texas Civil Rights Project on behalf of the plaintiffs, and according to project spokesperson and legal manager Patricia Kelly, addresses a number of deficiencies with city-owned facilities.

"The city has agreed to install automatic doors at the entrance of City Hall," said Kelly. "These doors will be in full compliance with the ADA architectural guidelines, and will ensure independent access for all people in wheelchairs. Also, the city has agreed to renovate more than 100 intersections throughout Big Spring with ADA compliant curb ramps by January 2010.

"In addition the city has agreed to make the route on Lancaster Drive fully accessible for people in retirement communities to access important businesses, such as groceries, banks, etc., in the city."

Kelly said concessions were also made concerning the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

"The city has agreed to ensure there is an accessible route for people in wheelchairs from the parking lot to the entrance of the amphitheater, and throughout all areas of the amphitheater otherwise accessible to

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**"The automatic doors at City Hall are up and operational, and the work on the intersections is being addressed through both the Street Bond Project and the ADA transition plan."**



Sjogren



Howard County commissioners discuss an agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety for use of its Crime Records Service during Monday morning's meeting.

## Prison backlog causes elevated numbers at jail

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With the inmate count at the new 96-bed jail facility still hovering in the low to mid 80s Monday morning, overcrowding in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system may be one cause of the elevated numbers, according to county officials.

Howard County commissioners met with Sheriff Stan Parker during the court's meeting Monday, with the jail's inmate count quickly becoming a topic of interest.



Parker

"The jail's inmate count was 80 this morning," Parker told the court. "We had been holding about 32 inmates waiting for TDCJ to accept their transfer. Six of those inmates went out Friday, but that's all."

The jail recently peaked at 98 inmates a couple of weeks ago, a problem Parker said is being contributed to heavily by the large number of inmates awaiting transfer to a TDCJ facility.

"I know we've been sitting with about a third of our (jail) population at one point being sentenced inmates," said Parker. "I think that's one of the reasons we've seen the jail numbers increase so much, because so many inmates are just

waiting to be transferred to a TDCJ facility."

Parker attributed the problem to a backup in the state's prison system.

"The prison system is backed up. Usually, we can get them out within three or four days of sentencing. However, now we're running anywhere between 35 to 40 days on hold," said Parker. "They have 45 days in which to accept the transfer, otherwise they have to start paying us a per diem cost everyday. Once they can be transferred, we transport them."

Local officials hoping to see the number of inmates awaiting

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## Panel rejects government health insurance option

By DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — In a long-anticipated showdown, liberal Democrats twice failed on Tuesday to inject a government-run insurance option into sweeping health care legislation taking shape in the Senate, despite bipartisan agreement that private insurers must change their ways.

The two votes marked a victory for Montana Democrat Max Baucus, the Senate Finance Committee chairman, who is hoping to push his middle-of-the-road measure

through the panel by week's end. It also kept alive the possibility that at least one Republican may yet swing behind the overhaul, a key goal of both Baucus and the White House.

"My job is to put together a bill that gets to 60 votes" in the full Senate, Baucus said shortly before he joined a majority on the committee in defeating efforts to rewrite a key portion of his draft legislation. "No one shows me how to get to 60 votes with a public option," he said, using the term used to describe a new government role in health care. It would take 60 votes in the 100-member

Senate to overcome any filibuster Republicans might attempt.

Supporters of a new role for government repeatedly accused private insurers of placing profits over coverage, and said they would try for a federal option again when the full Senate votes.

"With some work and some compromise, we can get the 60 votes on the floor of the Senate that will make our system better by providing for a strong, fair and viable public option," said Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, who backed one of

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## Obituaries

### Billy E. Vaughn

Billy E. Vaughn, 79, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2009, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. John McCullough of Central Baptist Church of Elbow officiating.

Billy was born Jan. 15, 1930, in Sierra Blanca to Methel Bell Murray and Willie Wesley Vaughn. He married Donnie Spears July 4, 1954, in Big Spring. He served in the U.S. Army from 1949 until 1953 under "The Big Red One." He retired from Rowan Drilling. He was a member of Central Baptist Church of Elbow.

He is survived by his wife Donnie Vaughn of Big Spring; one daughter, Patricia Ann Vaughn Mahan and husband, Mike, of Midland; Billy Edward Vaughn Jr. and Lacy B. Vaughn, both of Big Spring; two grandsons, Oscar Thomas Kelso and wife, Nicole, of Austin, and Jackie Earl Kelso and wife, Bethany, of Midland; four great grandchildren, Patty Ann Kelso and Emily Kelso of Austin, and Brianna Kelso and Aiden Kelso of Midland; one sister, Lavelle Armstrong of Roanoke; two special sisters-in-law, Nel Bottolo of Kingman, Ariz., and Pauline Stinson of Big Spring.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Margie Chambers; a daughter, Linda Vaughn; and one brother, Jimmy Harrison.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

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### Olene Francis Cunningham

Olene Francis Cunningham, Grandma, 86, of Odessa passed away Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, at Parks Methodist Retirement Village. She was born Aug. 24, 1923, in her home in Bailey County. She married her husband of 49 years, the Rev. Ray Lee Cunningham, Aug. 17, 1947, in Stegall. As a pastor's wife she lived in numerous Texas and New Mexico cities. She retired in Lubbock and moved to Odessa in 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and numerous brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her son, Billy Dean Cunningham and wife, Cheryl, of Odessa; brothers, Chester Coffman and wife Alene of Big Spring, and Carl Coffman and wife, Rhena, of Grand Junction, Colo.; two granddaughters, Angela Disley and husband, Chris, of Gardendale, and Ashlee Bates and husband, Phillip, of Odessa; and three great-grandsons, Michael and Caden Disley of Gardendale, and Rhett Bates of Odessa.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Curtis Brewer officiating. Interment will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Morton Memorial Cemetery in Morton.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Margarito Mendoza Ortega

Margarito Mendoza Ortega, 74, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take Note

American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the post, 3205 W. Highway 80. Everyone is welcome. Delivery is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$10 each. Carryouts will be available.

Home Hospice would like to welcome anyone who would like to give a few hours of their time a month volunteering with patients or doing office work. There are many areas you can volunteer in. We train you at your convenience. Please call Sherry Hodnett, volunteer coordinator, at (432) 264-7599.

The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

## Clarification

In Monday's story on the Big Spring Independent tax rollback election, the headline stated that voters OK'd the rollback. To clarify, voters approved the district's proposed tax rate, which exceeded the rollback rate.

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## Police blotter

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

- CASSIE RENE EMERSON, 21, of 3202 Cornell, was arrested Monday on a local warrant.
- ANTONIO GONZALES TAMAYO, 53, of 1705 E. Highway 350, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct - language and failure to identify.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 69, transient, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELEUTERIO GUERRERO VILLA, 54, of 1206 Mesquite, was arrested Monday on a charge of no driver's license.
- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 600 block of Bell.
- FICTITIOUS OR COUNTERFEIT INSPECTION/INSURANCE DOCUMENT FOR DISPLAY was reported in the 500 block of Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Johnson.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1200 block of Benton.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- ERNEST CLARK, 69, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CASSIE RENE EMERSON, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- DAINA CAROL PEUGH, 31, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on contempt charges for no driver's license, no insurance, speeding and charges of failure to appear, possession of a dangerous drug and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- ANTONIO GONZALES TAMAYO, 53, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct - language and failure to identify - giving false information.
- ELEUTERIO VILLA, 54, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license. Villa is being held for immigration.

## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Larry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Bell. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Sgt. Paredez. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support Groups

TODAY

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St. Tuesday, Jan. 6, Teen Challenge will be held at The Path. They will present a Rally for Jesus.
- 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.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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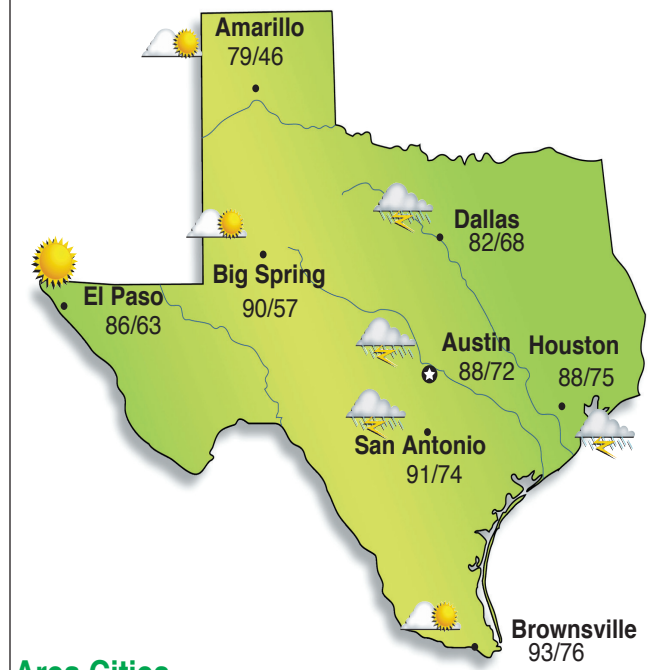
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 10/14	Thu 10/15	Fri 10/16	Sat 10/17	Sun 10/18
<b>90/57</b> Partly cloudy. Hot. High near 90F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.	<b>78/49</b> More sun than clouds. High in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>72/48</b> Abundant sunshine. High in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>72/50</b> Sunny. High in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>76/54</b> Sunshine. High in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:49 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:14 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:13 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:12 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:11 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:52 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:10 PM

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Amarillo	79	46	pt sunny	Livingston	87	72	t-storm
Austin	88	72	t-storm	Longview	79	68	t-storm
Beaumont	87	74	t-storm	Lubbock	87	51	pt sunny
Brownsville	93	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	84	72	t-storm
Brownwood	89	66	t-storm	Midland	90	60	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	94	77	t-storm	Raymondville	96	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	84	68	t-storm	Rosenberg	90	75	t-storm
Dallas	82	68	t-storm	San Antonio	91	74	t-storm
Del Rio	92	73	pt sunny	San Marcos	88	72	t-storm
El Paso	86	63	sunny	Sulphur Springs	74	65	t-storm
Fort Stockton	93	64	mst sunny	Sweetwater	88	57	pt sunny
Gainesville	76	62	t-storm	Tyler	79	67	t-storm
Greenville	76	65	t-storm	Weatherford	83	65	t-storm
Houston	88	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	63	56	cloudy

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The winning numbers in Monday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 3-5-3.

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**SUIT**

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patrons," said Kelly. "The city also agrees to post signs where needed to identify accessible routes." According to City Attorney Linda Sjogren, many of the details of the settlement have either already been taken care of, or are currently in the process of being brought into ADA compliance. "Many of these changes are things that we were working on long before the lawsuit was brought," said Sjogren. "The automatic doors at City Hall are up and operational, and the work on the intersections is being addressed through both the Street Bond Project and the ADA transition plan.

As for the amphitheater, all of the required measures were already in place except the signs." At least two facilities named in the lawsuit remain in flux, however, as city officials are still struggling with ways to bring both the Municipal Auditorium and city swimming pool into federal compliance. "Unfortunately, due to the new federal requirement requiring the city of Big Spring to replace its drain cover to its pool, the municipal pool was closed," said Kelly. "The parties were in discussions regarding pool accessibility until the city claimed it was financially unable to make the drain renovations, as required under the new federal regulation. However, the city plans to open a new waterpark that will be accessible to

everyone." The Big Spring City Council agreed earlier this year not to open the pool at the beginning of summer because the facility — including the pool itself and pool house — failed to meet a number of federal requirements. Since that time, the council has agreed the pool must either be renovated or replaced, but a plan to do so has yet to solidify. Sjogren agreed with Kelly's assessment of the agreement concerning the pool, although pointing out a "waterpark" is anything but a sure thing at this point. "Whether or not the city will build a waterpark remains to be seen," said Sjogren. "However, the city does not plan to reopen the pool until it is ADA compliant. The other facility in question is the Municipal

Auditorium, and as with the pool, the city doesn't plan to reopen the auditorium until it meets federal guidelines." Local resident Judy Durham, who served as one of the lead plaintiffs in the lawsuit, said she's pleased with the agreement. "I am thrilled at the access already implemented because of our lawsuit," said Durham. "I've been able to use the streets and sidewalks downtown with the new curb cuts, and have been to both City Hall and the (Heritage) Museum, now that those buildings have been made accessible. I'm encouraging others in wheelchairs to visit downtown." James Harrington, director of the Texas Civil Rights Project, called the measures well overdue.

"City planning for accessibility and compliance under the ADA was 18 years overdue," he said. "It took a lawsuit and some courageous residents to push the city to act. We're happy Big Spring now understands its obligations and is committed to accessibility." And while the lawsuit is essentially finished, Durham said she'll be watching the city closely until all aspects of the agreement are met. "I'm going to follow closely the fulfillment of all the items agreed to in the settlement," said Durham.

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**JAIL**

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transfer to dissipate may be left waiting, according to Parker, as the backup in the prison system doesn't show any signs of letting up. "I don't honestly see

any relief in sight for quite a while," said Parker. "I think it's something we're just going to have to factor in and manage." Also during Monday's meeting of the commissioners court, the government panel approved an agreement with the Texas Department of

Public Safety for use of its Crime Records Service, a nationwide database Parker said his investigators use on a regular basis. "It's known as TDEX, and it's basically an investigative tool," said Parker. "It helps us find people, cars and things like that during the

course of an investigation. It keeps up with reports done anywhere across the nation that's done on a particular person or arrest. It helps us keep track. It's just another investigative tool. It's not necessarily a big part of what we do, but it's a part of it." And with county cof-

fers already stretched thin, Parker said the price was unbeatable. "There's no charge to the county for use of the system," said Parker. "It's funded by the state and federal government, so there's no charge to us. All we have to do is sign up and use it."

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**HEALTH**

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the proposals rejected Tuesday. A combination of Baucus, moderate Democratic allies and all committee Republicans combined to defeat both amendments.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., issued a recent appeal for funds for his re-election bid, saying, "Delaying reform to protect insurance companies' profits is completely unacceptable to Nevadans, the American people and me."

to offer competition and a lower-priced, reliable choice for consumers shopping for coverage. Rockefeller, whose measure was rejected, 15-8, assailed the insurance industry in withering terms. "I hate to use the word 'rapacious,'" he said — but quickly added it was warranted. He said omission of a government option from the measure was a virtual invitation to insurance companies to continue placing profits over people, and he predicted they would raise their premiums substantially once the legislation went into effect.

"Washington is not the answer," declared Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, cited private studies — one by the conservative Heritage Foundation, the other by the Lewin Group, owned by United Health-Care — saying millions would be pushed out of private insurance as the government held fees to doctors at artificially low levels. He said the result would be a violation of

Obama's pledge that consumers would be able to keep their current insurance if they wanted once the legislation went into effect. While Baucus voted against the proposal, he was at pains to counter Rockefeller's charge that the legislation increased subsidies that would go to insurance companies without dictating changes in past practices. He said the legislation would raise taxes

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The maneuvering occurred as the committee plunged into a second week of public debate on legislation that generally adheres to conditions that President Barack Obama has called for. The bill includes numerous new consumer protections, including a ban on companies denying insurance on the basis of pre-existing conditions. At the same time it provides government subsidies to help lower-income Americans afford insurance that is currently beyond their means. It also includes steps that supporters say will begin to slow the growth in health care costs nationwide. Obama has urged lawmakers to hold the cost of legislation to about \$900 billion over a decade. That's significantly more than House committees originally envisioned in measures cleared earlier in the year, and the leadership has been working in recent days to find ways to cut costs. "It's hard work but we're determined to get it down," Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said of the price tag after a marathon closed-door meeting.

Similarly, Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., who drew national notice for yelling "You Lie" at Obama during this month's health care speech to Congress, has emerged as a newly featured fundraiser for the National Republican Campaign Committee. After weeks of delay, both the House and Senate now appear on track to vote on different versions of health care legislation this fall. Passage in both houses would set the stage for a compromise to be voted on by year's end. Inside the Senate Finance Committee, the first effort to remake a key portion of the bill came from Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., who said his proposal was far from the government takeover that critics portray. "It's not. It's optional," he said, adding it was designed

Republicans countered that the proposals would lead to the demise of the private insurance industry and result in a system that is completely run by the government.

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## OUR VIEW

# Salvation Army deadline looms on Angel apps

While we've already noted that it seems much too early in the year for thinking about Christmas gifts, that's exactly what the Salvation Army in Big Spring is doing these days, and so should those needing to make application for the annual Angel Tree program.

Each year at this time, Salvation Army staffers begin the task of providing presents for children and elderly citizens that might not otherwise have a merry Christmas.

The Salvation Army helps hundreds of children and senior citizens, but this year, it's a pretty good bet even more will need help.

"It's going to be a tough Christmas holiday for a lot of families this year," was the way Salvation Army Paula Lafler put it.

The Salvation Army is taking applications from parents needing the holiday assistance now at the Corps building, located at 811 W. Fifth St., and will continue to do so from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day through Friday.

That means those planning on getting the Salvation Army's help this holiday season have to get applications in this week. There will be no late registration because the Army's personnel have to get everything written on cards and get them distributed to the various Angel Tree sites.

The list of documents applicants need to bring with them to apply is rather lengthy, but applicants will be able to know whether or not they are approved on the spot.

Those seeking to apply should bring a picture ID for the person applying, Social Security cards for all household members, birth certificates for children 12 and under and some proof of income like a payroll check stub from work or forms provided by food stamps, AFDC, TANIF, HUD etc. They must also provide a copy of all of their expenses, as well as a list of what their children might want for Christmas, including clothing and shoe sizes.

Once the names and gift ideas are collected and put on the trees in the form of cards, area shoppers will have the opportunity to brighten a child's holiday by choosing one and purchasing items for them.

Although the Angel Tree program is a large part of the Salvation Army's holiday spirit, it's by no means the only one. The local corps office staff is also gearing up for the Thanksgiving holiday, as well as the annual canned food drive.

For information concerning any of the Salvation Army's community programs, call 267-8239.

And for those of us more fortunate, we encourage participating once the Angel Trees go up around town. It just takes a few dollars to brighten this special time for a child or an elderly person.

We invite you to reach out to a small child or elderly person in need this holiday season. To our way of thinking, helping others is truly what the holiday spirit is all about.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are either part of the solution or part of the problem, Lord, may we come to You for answers.

Amen

# Push for payback at the bench

Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker opened the gates to hell this month when he ruled that strategists for Proposition 8 — the 2008 ballot measure, passed by 52 percent of California voters, that limited marriage to a man and a woman — must release internal campaign documents to measure opponents.

Political activists of all stripes beware: Unless this ruling is overturned, the word will be out that sore losers who can't beat you at the ballot box and probably can't beat you in court can file a lawsuit designed to pry away proprietary information that they later can use to embarrass you.

And be clear: Every campaign has its dirty laundry. Including, I would imagine, the Proposition 8 opposition. What was Walker thinking? As The Chronicle's Bob Egelko has reported, the plaintiffs — two same-sex couples, a gay rights organization and the city of San Francisco — cite a previous federal ruling to argue that if the court finds that Proposition 8 backers were motivated by discrimination, then the court can strike down the measure without having to decide if gays and lesbians have a constitutional right to marry.

Confused? You are not alone. After all, there is little mystery about why voters approved Proposition 8. More people opposed same-sex marriage than supported it.

If there were any mystery about the sponsors' intent, the California voter pamphlet and campaign literature could fill in

the blanks.

But opponents of the measure are not satisfied with the public record. They want to see strategy documents for themes not presented to the electorate. Matthew McGill, who represents the two same-sex couples, told me, "The Prop. 8 proponents have said that Prop. 8 is motivated by entirely benign concerns such as 'responsible procreation.' We're entitled to test that assertion."

Walker agreed. Thus he ordered Proposition 8 authors to hand over "enough information about the strategy and communications of the Prop. 8 campaign to afford a record upon which to discern the intent underlying Prop. 8's enactment."

Opponents are trolling for information that "would constitute a binding admission or a statement directly at odds with representations" made by Proposition 8 proponents in court.

The problem is, campaigns are messy things, famous for infighting and factions.

Suppose that a campaign staffer suggested a television spot that focused on a specific religious objection to same-sex marriage, and campaign biggies rejected that advice. Would that mean the campaign sponsors agreed with the suggestion?

The answer may well be: whichever conclusion is more damning. And if the judge doesn't find the sponsor's motives to be sufficiently benign, the voters may well be damned. As for Walker's contention that campaign consultants Frank Schubert and Jeff Flint forfeited any claims to proprietary information because they wrote a magazine article that discussed strategy, well, the judge knows better. If you flash your ankle, you don't have an obligation to bare your thigh.

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# Working mom guilt not news

Tomorrow the majority of American mothers with young children will hug their little ones goodbye and rush to full-time jobs they wish could be part-time.

Only 13 percent of these mothers think this is an ideal life for their children, but most of them feel they have no choice. Most of them feel they are rushing through their lives some of the time; 4 in 10 say they are rushing all the time.

When it comes to whether they're making a difference in the world, an equal number of working mothers are divided between those who think their employment is good for society and those who think it has been bad. Another 31 percent think they've made no difference at all.

Stay-at-home moms hold a harsher view of their counterparts. Forty-four percent say the increase in working mothers with young children has been bad for society. The general public isn't any gentler. Four in 10 say part-time is better than full-time work, but 42 percent of people insist that these mothers should not be working at all.

Still, most working mothers who are married say they are just as happy and satisfied with their families as stay-at-home moms and working dads.

This is a partial snapshot of a big chunk of women's lives, presented by a Pew Research Center

study titled "The Harried Life of the Working Mother."

As is the case with most studies of women, there are some noteworthy caveats. Working fathers feel less stressed than any group of mothers, and 79 percent of them prefer full-time jobs. There's an exception with those happy working moms, too. Only 27 percent of single mothers say they're very happy, compared with 41 percent of married mothers.

We've seen quite a flurry of studies in the past couple of years trying to quantify women's happiness. One study said flowers keep a woman happy for three whole days. Another said women who gossip are happier. Yet another said women have become increasingly unhappy since the 1970s, regardless of their education, income or employment.

These attempts to gauge a woman's happiness would be amusing if they didn't trigger so much angst in the women who have time to pay attention to them.

Ask any woman whether she's happy and, once she recovers from the shock that someone cares, she typically rattles off the reasons she should be. There is, after all, no reward for a woman willing to admit she's anything less than ecstatic about her life.

With a little coaxing, she may admit to flaws in the game plan, which she typically identifies as no one's fault but her own. We constantly are reminded that we've got all kinds of rights and privileges that were denied our sisters less than 100 years ago. If you don't think that matters, just set your dial to AM talk

Center for Governmental Studies, could not think of a similar court ruling requiring a campaign to hand its strategy papers over to the opposition. Nonetheless, he mused, "There is no campaign consultant-client privilege."

"It could have far-reaching ramifications," Stern added. "It could clean up campaigns a little bit. It could drive things underground."

It almost certainly will lead to more lawsuits filed by ballot-box losers. As Proposition 8 attorney Chuck Cooper told me, "I cannot imagine that what is sauce for the goose will not also be sauce for the gander."

Call it the tort-ification of elections, as those who lose at the ballot box go for another bite at the apple through the bench. Today, it's the Proposition 8 opponents. Tomorrow, it could be environmentalists or civil libertarians.

In May, the California Supreme Court upheld Proposition 8 in a 6-1 decision. Chief Justice Ronald George wrote that the issue before his court was the "right of the people" to change the state Constitution regardless of whether "the provision at issue is wise or sound as a matter of policy or whether we, as individuals, believe it should be a part of the California Constitution."

Walker chose a different path. He will determine if the "intent" of the backers was sufficiently pure. Whatever he decides on that issue, Walker's ruling would give the campaign's losers an inside track on how the other guys won.

That's some consolation prize.

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radio and listen to wails over how no one wants to cook for the menfolk anymore.

Wouldn't it be nice if just once we could read about how the overwhelming majority of women agree that life's journey is tumultuous and roiling for all of us and that the best way to navigate one's ship is to welcome everyone on board?

Instead, we always are asked how we feel about "the other side" of our own gender. Brings out the worst in so many of us, including a pretense to a superiority we don't really feel.

The thing is Super Moms make lousy girlfriends. All that perfection? Exhausting. How could I be myself with any mother who has a toddler and a clean car at the same time? For me, a few Cheerios crushed into the carpet or a sippy cup spackled with fingerprints went a long way in connecting the dots to sisterhood, and I was willing to do my part.

The problem with these studies is they don't encourage us to support one another in our missteps. Instead, we get yet another glimpse into just how unkind we can be to one another — and to ourselves.

So, this latest study tells us the majority of America's working mothers rush to jobs and feel guilty for leaving their children.

What I want to know is why anyone thinks this is news.

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**Bird Poop:**

# Cooper's hawk survives hunting accident of its own

Hidden in the dense foliage of the tree, it waited patiently for the sparrows and doves to land beneath the feeder. As they foraged for the remaining seeds, the raptor suddenly took flight.



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Plummeting downward, the accipiter gained speed as the rhythm of its short wings carried it toward the distracted flocks. Alternating between rapid flapping, gliding, then flapping again, the bird of prey neared its quarry. The hunter managed to pounce

upon a sparrow as the hungry assembly burst from the ground in fright.

Flying up to a secluded part of a tree, the larger bird perched and quickly consumed the small amount of sustenance the sparrow offered. Although the small bird could sustain it, the raptor needed to continue searching for the larger white-winged doves.

After cleaning its beak against the rough bark of the tree, the hunter took flight again. Using its long tail like a rudder, it maneuvered effortlessly through the trees and left the neighborhood.

At an automobile dealership, the owner walked from among pickups to the sedans. Sent aloft by the constant truck traffic that

coursed the highway in front of his business, dust coated the inventory daily. Maintaining clean cars and trucks was a continuing effort, he thought.

Bending to pick up cigarette butts, gum wrappers and whatever else the public threw their way, the man also noticed the seeds left behind from passing grain haulers. Now he could understand why the town's pigeons seemed to prefer his lot.

Later in the day, the owner noticed a bunch of doves at the far end of the property. "Free feed," he thought. Hoping they wouldn't mess on his cars, he saw them suddenly take flight.

Out of nowhere, flying four to five feet off the ground came a medium-sized hawk. Gaining on the scattering flock, the bird of prey rapidly closed the gap between itself and one of the doves. Having flown over the rows of cars, the dove veered sharply. Out-manuevered, the hawk tried to elevate and turn as its sight diverted from its prey to what lay ahead.

Slamming into the windshield of a dual-cab truck, the hawk slid across the glass with both wings extended. Falling to the pavement, it managed to close its wings. As if in a daze, the bird stood, motionless.

Hurriedly, the dealer

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Descending upon its prey quickly, the Cooper's hawk hunts for small birds, rabbits, squirrels, mice and large insects.

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# Parent's Corner: A look at studies in happiness

You have all heard the term "self-fulfilled prophecy" and we so often present this philosophy to ourselves without even knowing it. We often set ourselves up for success or failure through our thought processes and we use these on a daily basis to determine our moods? Now I know I have written several columns on happiness, but I'd like to address it again in a different way.



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is that happiness is a vague

A guy walked up to me the other day and out of the clear blue asked me, "Are you a happy person?" I answered to the affirmative but it got me to thinking.

We all want to be happy but the problem

concept and we have difficulty measuring it. There is also a problem with the word "happiness." It often has the context of something frivolous.

Scientists now say they can actually measure happiness and they suggest that happiness is more than a vague concept or mood; it is real. It is argued that what a person says about their own happiness tends to tally with what friends or even strangers

might say about them.

Most people say they are fairly happy. Abe Lincoln made the remark that people are usually as happy as they make up their minds to be.

Happiness seems to have almost magical properties. It appears that happiness leads to long life, health, resilience and good performance.

Scientists are comparing people's reported happiness and a host of other factors such as age, sex, marital sta-

tus, religion, health, income, unemployment and so on, but at the moment, scientists cannot prove causation, whether for example people are healthy because they are happy, or whether people are happy because they are healthy.

They have been able to identify some very strong links. The evidence suggests that happy people live longer

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## HAWK

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called Animal Control, whose officer took the hawk to the local veterinary clinic. After consulting with the game warden, the veterinarian called to tell us the hawk had no broken bones but had suffered abrasions underneath both wings.

By the time we had driven 66 miles west-

ward, the raptor was recovering in a large, outdoor cage adjacent to the clinic. Isolated from the flow of human traffic and noise inside the building, the bird had regained its composure and was eager to leave.

Standing on an uppermost shelf, the male Cooper's hawk glared at us with its orange-red eyes. Its back, tail and upper parts were best described as the color of gray mice. A slender hawk, the Cooper's had

a long, rounded tail enhanced by blackish bars and tipped with white. Even its darker primaries were barred.

Most noticeable was the abundant tawny or rufous barring on the under parts of the hawk.

If it had not already been named Cooper's, the word "copper" could have been used.

Climbing inside the cage, I used a large towel to catch the elusive bird. Finally,

its striking talons were held in the material and I could bring it out of the structure.

Placing it on its back with its head covered, we saw the skin abrasions located at the wrist area of each wing. The skin had been rubbed raw.

As we started to place the Cooper's in a carrier, we noticed the top of its head was somewhat darker. It appeared to be wearing a black cap. Dull in

comparison were the lightly streaked sides of its head.

After five days of antibiotics to prevent infection, and an ample supply of mice and baby chicks, the hawk was taken to South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock. When its wounds healed and it mastered the flight cage, we were assured of its release.

Having dealt with the early arrival and care of a Cooper's, we antici-

pated more reports of the winter hawks that "hunt at my back yard feeders." To thin overabundant populations that otherwise would suffer due to excessive competition for food, the accipiter is nature's way of providing sustenance for this species while at the same time, control of another.

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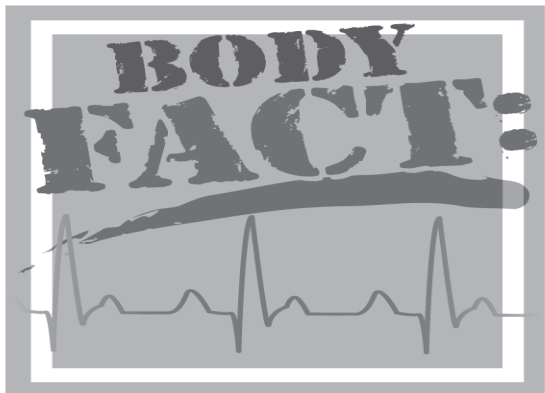


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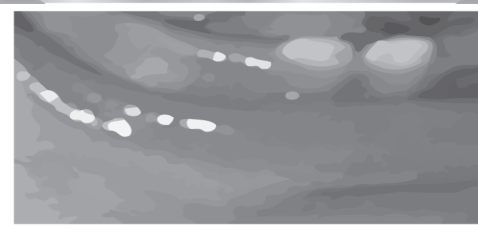
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# Getting to know you

*Parents met teachers (and vice-versa) at Big Spring High School's open house*

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Scenes from the recent open house at Big Spring High School: In the photo at right, Biology teacher Linda Battle feeds her snakes during a break in the activities; the major reason for the open house was to give parents and teachers a chance to interact. Battle (bottom right) and Larry Dearen (bottom left) are shown addressing parents.



# Trial begins for mayor in Texas over missing check

McALLEN (AP) — Prosecutors argue that the outspoken mayor of Brownsville was trying to steal \$26,000 from the Texas border town when he deposited a city check to a vendor in his personal account last year.

Mayor Pat Ahumada has maintained that he has no

idea how he got the check.

Opening arguments in his trial on charges of abuse of official capacity, misapplication of fiduciary property and theft were scheduled for Tuesday morning. A jury was selected Monday afternoon.

In March, Ahumada told The Associated Press, "I did not abuse my office...I did not

steal from the city. I'm ready to go to trial."

The judge has since ordered the parties involved to not speak publicly about the case. Ahumada, his attorney and representatives for the police department did not return calls for comment Monday.

Ahumada is a colorful mayor known nationally for

his vocal criticism of the border fence and locally for his defense of dogs.

He presides over a city of more than 170,000 in the southern tip of Texas across the Rio Grande from Matamoros, Mexico. The \$26,139 check to Tarsia Technical Industries, a Long Island, N.Y. company, for public library equipment

nearly equaled Brownsville's \$26,878 median household income, which is only slightly more than half the national average.

Last year, Ahumada told the Brownsville Herald that he returned the money immediately after officials at his bank called him about the check.

## RYAN

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than unhappy people. In one study, the difference was nine years between the happiest group and the unhap-

piest group, which is a huge effect.

Happiness researchers have been monitoring people's life satisfaction for decades, yet all the massive increase in our wealth in the last 50 years our levels of happiness have not increased. The evi-

dence that having more wealth is not making us happier.

The research suggests that richer countries do tend to be happier than poor ones, but once you have a home, food and clothes, then extra money does not seem to make people much happier.

Scientists think they know the reason why we do not feel happier despite all the extra money and material things we can buy.

First, it is thought we adapt to pleasure. We go for things which give us short bursts of pleasure whether it is a

chocolate bar or buying a new car. But it quickly wears off. Secondly, it is thought that we tend to see out life as judged against other people. Richer people do get happier when they compare themselves against poorer people, but poorer people are less happy if they compare up.

So, what is it that really makes us happy?

It is said that there is no one key to happiness but a set of ingredients that are vital. Family and friends are crucial, the wider and deeper the relationships with those around you the

better.

It is even suggested that friendship can ward off germs. Our brains control many of the mechanisms in our bodies which are responsible for disease. Just as stress can trigger ill health, it is thought that friendship and happiness can have a protective effect.

The second vital ingredient is having meaning in life, a belief in something bigger than yourself such as religion, spirituality or a philosophy of life.

The third element is having goals embedded in your long term values that you are working for, but also that you find enjoyable. We need to find fulfillment through having goals that are interesting to work on and which use our strengths and abilities.

The question of whether we can actually use our knowledge of what makes us happy to lift our levels of happiness permanently is hotly debated by psychologist but some say it is possible to lift our biological set range of happiness, at least to some extent if we work at it.

Maybe it would be worth while to use a Biblical quote, Proverbs 23:7, to gage our inner happiness; "as a man thinketh (in his heart) so he is." Which means, what you put into your heart defines what kind of character you have, and what kind of person you are. A self fulfilled prophecy, maybe, but it makes sense to me.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

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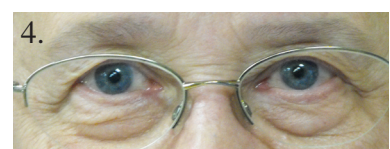
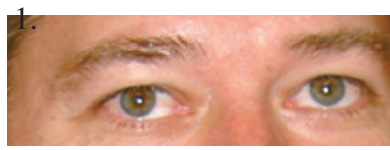
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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
The Only Way to Go

West dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 8 6 4  
♥ 10 4 3  
♦ 2  
♣ A K Q 9 3

**WEST**  
♠ 7  
♥ A 7 6 5  
♦ A K 7 4 3  
♣ J 10 7

**EAST**  
♠ 3 2  
♥ K J  
♦ J 10 9 8  
♣ 8 6 5 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q J 9 5  
♥ Q 9 8 2  
♦ Q 6 5  
♣ —

The bidding:  
1♦ North 2♣ East 4♣ South  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Let's say you're West and lead the king of diamonds against four spades. Partner plays the eight and South the five. This presents you with a tantalizing problem as to what to do next.

Of course, you can't see the East or South hands as you try to find the proper play at trick two. But after wrestling with the various possibilities for a while, you finally conclude that unless partner has the king of hearts, you can't beat the contract.

You therefore shift to a low heart, hoping that East has the doubleton king.

Your judgment is thoroughly vindicated when East produces the king, on which South plays the deuce. East then continues with the heart jack, on which South plays the eight. If you get careless at this point and let East's jack hold the trick, all your efforts go right down the drain.

In the actual deal, East is unable to lead another heart, and declarer later discards his Q-9 of hearts on dummy's clubs to finish with 10 tricks.

Overtaking the jack with the ace and leading another heart for East to ruff is clearly the right play. You know that South has the queen of hearts because East would have won the first heart lead with the jack had he held the K-Q-J. Also, you know that if South had held the Q-8-2, he would surely have covered the jack with the queen to establish dummy's ten as a trick.

The only sensible conclusion is that South started with the Q-9-8-2 and that he ducked the jack in the hope that you would also duck. South's clever attempt to lead you astray won't succeed if you stop to give the matter sufficient thought before playing to the third trick.

Tomorrow: Bad luck comes in bunches.

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## Steers climb Class 4A polls to No. 7

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Big Spring's ascension up the Associated Press' Top 10 High School Football Poll continued Monday.

The Steers jumped two spots following their 28-14 win over the Frenship Tigers Friday, currently holding the No. 7 spot in the Class 4A poll.

Big Spring is 6-0 for the first time since 1999, which was also the last time a Steers squad was ranked in the Top 10.

Big Spring's win over Frenship (4-2) snapped a 16-game district winning streak for the Tigers and was also their first loss at home since 2005.

Big Spring was ranked ninth last week, but jumped over No. 8 Schertz Steele (5-1), which defeated New Braunfels Canyon 27-7 Friday.

The Steers also benefitted from a 35-31 loss by last week's No. 6 squad Denton Ryan to Lake Dallas. Ryan (5-1) dropped completely out of the polls, while Lake Dallas (6-0) debuted at No. 10.

The Steers were given 80 points, which is six more than Schertz Steele and 24 less than No. 6 Highland Park.

Big Spring hosts Plainview (2-5, 0-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium for its second District 4-4A game. Plainview lost 28-15 to San Angelo Lake View in its district opener.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing sports@bigspringherald.com

## HC men's rodeo team wins at VC

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

VERNON — The Howard College rodeo team faced some fierce competition this past weekend at the 29th annual Vernon College Rodeo.

When the dust settled on Saturday night, the Hawk men found themselves in first place for the team standings.

Freshman Josh Siggins was the ring leader in the team victory. Siggins earned points in the tie-down roping and team roping to capture the Vernon College All-Around title.

During first-round action, Siggins placed fourth in the tie-down roping with an 8.5 second effort and third in the team roping with a 6.2.

The short round brought the opportunity to capitalize and that he did, posting a 10-flat run in the tie-down to finish fourth in the round and the average.

Siggins followed suit in the team roping clocking a 7.4-second run for fourth in the round and split third in the average. Siggins ropes with Seth Hall of Odessa College.

Siggins was not alone in the short round as he was joined by teammate Jason Schaffer in the tie down roping. Schaffer turned in an 8.4 on his first run and finished out of the average race.

Team ropers J.W. Townsend and Payton Norell also joined Siggins in the short-round action with Townsend stopping the clock in 6.4 and 6.0 to finish second in the round. Norell had a 6.5 first round run and finished the weekend in sixth place.

The Hawk rough stock riders also did well for the weekend as A.J. St. Goddard earned his way into the short-round action with a 68-point ride in the long round. St. Goddard marked a 73 in the short round to split the round win and fourth in the average of the bareback riding.

Lonny Graham and D.D. Spratt rode bulls for 80 and 76 points, respectively, to qualify for the short round. Graham finished third on his first bull and fifth in the average.

Jana Jasper and Maegan Hillhouse represented the Hawk women in the breakaway roping. Jasper posted a 2.7 and 2.8 to finish fourth in the average. Hillhouse had a 2.7 in the long round and a miss in the short round took her out of the average.

"This was the toughest contest we have seen this year for the timed events. We drew good stock and used them," said Head Coach Greg Kernick. "Things seem to be coming together more every week and that's what we want to happen."

The Hawks and Lady Hawks will meet up with their tough Southwest Region competition again in Lubbock at the Texas Tech University Rodeo Thursday through Saturday.



Siggins

## Relieved Cowboys

Dallas happy at 3-2, looking to improve

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — In one play, Miles Austin won a and spared coach Wade Phillips from either being fired or spending the next two weeks hearing why he should be.

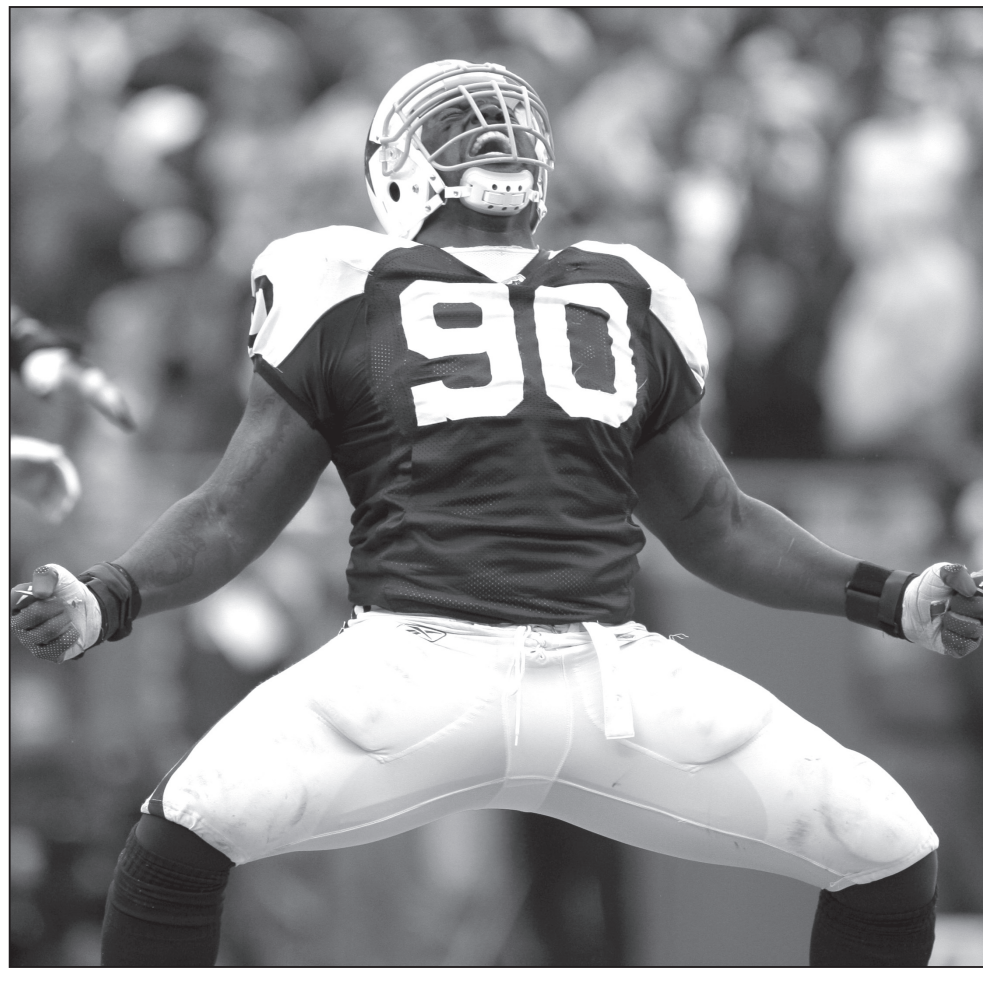
No wonder teammates mobbed Austin as if he'd just won the Super Bowl.

Yet the thrill of beating Kansas City had worn off by the time the Dallas Cowboys showed up to work Monday. The reality is, they needed overtime to beat a lousy team, playing so badly that even ever-optimistic owner Jerry Jones said, "We stunk."

Everyone understands that if they keep playing like that there won't be many more celebrations this season. "You tell them that," Phillips said. "You go to them and point out the things we need to do better and work on those things and attack those things, especially this week."

That's because the Cowboys are off this week, making for a perfect time for evaluations.

Dallas is 3-2. All the wins were against teams that were winless at the time (those clubs are now a combined 1-13) and all the losses were to



AP photo/Charlie Riedel

Dallas Cowboys defensive end Jay Ratliff celebrates after blocking a field goal attempt during the fourth quarter of an NFL game against the Kansas City Chiefs Sunday in Kansas City. Dallas won the game 26-20 in overtime.

teams that are still unbeaten.

The range of competition makes it harder to get a read on Dallas. Still, it's easy to see they've yet to have a game where the offense and defense were clicking.

The last four games have been decided in the closing minutes, with two decided on the last play. Taking

the New York Giants and Denver Broncos down to the wire was one thing. But having also done so against the Carolina Panthers and then, knowing they needed a breakout game, letting it happen against the Chiefs raises more eyebrows.

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## Longhorns defense rounding into dominant unit

JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — When Texas beat Oklahoma last season, the burnt orange half of the Cotton Bowl danced in euphoria.

The Longhorns defense took a deep breath of relief and left the field knowing it had merely survived.

Nearly 400 yards passing and five touchdowns by Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford was "very poor" by Texas defensive coordinator Will Muschamp's standards.

Heading into Saturday's annual

matchup with the Sooners, Longhorns defenders say they've come a long way from that long afternoon, rounding into a dominant unit that ranks first in the country against the run and fourth overall. Texas' last two opponents, Texas-El Paso and Colorado, gained just 180 yards.

"Defensively, I think we're playing as well as we ever have," said Texas coach Mack Brown.

The No. 2 Longhorns (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) know the No. 20 Sooners (3-2, 1-0) are a different level of opponent, especially with Bradford back in the line-

up after missing three games with an injured throwing shoulder.

Texas players say they're glad he'll be in the game.

"You always want to play against the best," safety Earl Thomas said. "He's a good quarterback and we are going to go out there and try to get some pass rush on him, make him throw the ball early and see if we can get some breaks on the balls."

Texas did that last year when it sacked Bradford three times and had

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## Sports in brief

### Sands cross country results from Saturday in Lamesa

Sands is celebrating two first-place finishes in cross country after its junior varsity boys and girls squads each nabbed the top spot at the Romp Through the Park in Lamesa Saturday.

Here's individual results from each division:

Junior high girls: 20. Stefanie Diaz 14:46; 81. Marisol Munoz 16:32; 94. Elizabeth Martinez 17:06.

Junior high boys: 21. Jared Staggs 12:39; 65. Sergio Plata 14:49; 87. George Pena 14:51; 80. Will McMorris 15:20; 84. Austin Blount 15:53.

JV girls: 8. Angelica Diaz 14:57; 10. Jennifer Gomez 15:13; 15. Alex Robles 15:37; 21. Nora Gomez 16:05; 34. Callie McMorris 16:45; 53. Jami Ybarra 17:57.

JV boys: 5. Junior Rogers 19:54; 7. Albert Ybarra 20:04; 15. Brian Moore 20:30; 17. A.J. Hernandez 20:42; 22. Brandon Zuniga 23:46; 23. Reuben McMorris 23:49; 24. Joseph Garland 23:55; 27. Anthony Villegas 25:19; 28. Jordan Cuellar 25:25.

Varsity girls: 15. Morgan Yarbrough 13:24; 74. Meagan Yarbrough 15:07; 98. Ashli Stockton 15:38.

### Railroad employees and families encouraged to attend gold tourney

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and

Trainmen is holding its first-ever golf tournament fundraiser and family picnic Saturday at the Big Spring Municipal Golf Course at Comanche Trail Park. The area chapter includes Howard, Ector, Nolan, Taylor and Mitchell counties.

The tournament and picnic are for railroad employees and their families only. Cost for the golf tournament is \$40 per team plus cart and green fees unless the player is a member of the course, then green fees are waived.

Players need to be registered at 8:15 a.m. The picnic will begin at 11 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help with the picnic and to help deliver water to the players on the course.

Also a BLET seminar is being held at KC Steakhouse at 6 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call Sandy Shifflett at 816-1606 or Jerry Bullard at 816-2336.

### BSCC hosting 6-6-6 golf tourney this weekend

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a golf tournament played in a 6-6-6 format Saturday and Sunday.

Six holes will be played as a scramble, six holes are scored by low ball and six more are done via modified alternate shot.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus cart. Private carts are welcome. There is a 1 p.m. shotgun start for both days.

The field will be flighted by first-round score.

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### S.M.M.C. hosting 4-man scramble to benefit Relay for Life

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is hosting a 4-man scramble Oct. 24 at the Municipal Golf Course at Comanche Trail Park.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Relay for Life. Cost is \$75 per golfer or \$300 per foursome.

Players need to be at the course at 8 a.m. for late registrations and tee times. There will be a cash prize for the top teams.

### Tickets available for Jerry's Youth Deer Hunt

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus and Saturn are conjunct in nurturing Virgo. This coupled with Jupiter's newly direct status bodes well for both projects and relationships. A healing and productive energy prevails. Where there



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was competition, there is now support. Simple conversations are all it takes to put things together. The stuck parts get unstuck. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A mother figure has been leaning a little too hard on you. She means well, but her methods are misplaced. It would do the both of you some good if you interceded on your own behalf. **TAURUS** (April 20-May

20). There is an article of clothing in your closet that you like but are saving for a special occasion. It's taking rather long for the world to create the opportunity, so why not make that occasion yourself? **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your essentially trusting nature could lead you into a sticky situation if you're not careful. Be more cautious. You don't owe anyone your trust. It's still something that should be earned. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be pondering a domestic move. This

brings up a good question having to do with your priorities. Clarity will come. For now, keep things in the hypothetical. When you hit on the right solution, you'll just know. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). From the outside, it appears you've got it all together, though you may not exactly feel that way. If you can't talk to anyone, try to write down what's bugging you. Stating a thing clearly does a lot of good. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You thrive under deadlines now. Not everyone is as thrill-seeking as you, so be patient with the steady, quiet ones. They have their place in the beehive, too, even if they don't buzz as much. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A disagreement between two of your friends has gone too far. Your gift for diplomacy could bring these feuding factions around. Maybe you're not in the peacekeeping mood, but you're oh so effective. Rack up the karma points! **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your flexibility in dealing with conflict is what makes you such an effective employee. People who say you are shifty don't understand the values that inform your decisions. The treetops always sway the most. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The fashions change, and you change right along with them. Thanks to the influence of friends and colleagues, you'll be purging some tired phrases from your conversation and adding some new and interesting lingo. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your gift for

impressions has put more than one friend in stitches. Particularly when it comes to people's mannerisms, your aptitude is just plain remarkable. Use this power for good, and make someone laugh today. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you had to choose a yoga pose for the day, it would be Child Pose — lying with your forehead on the floor and your arms behind you, trusting yourself to the benign forces of a gentle universe. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Most of your recent concerns are unfounded. You may as well empty out that bucket of worry. Or at the very least, set it down for a second and walk over there where you can't look at it. Your shoulders are straighter already. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 13). You'll have much to be proud of by this time next year. You are taking steps to make your life fuller, not by adding activities but by prioritizing well. Relationships are your true treasures. Quality time with loved ones puts everything in perspective. December and January show you how to make more money. Virgo and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 23, 14, 3 and 20. **VENUS, IF YOU WILL:** Venus is the planet of beauty, pleasure and, of course, love. If you know where Venus was at your time of birth, it's an indicator of your romantic style. To find out about your natal Venus, check with an astrologer or investigate an astrology book or online chart generator. If your natal Venus is in SCORPIO, you are

drawn to your romantic counterparts for reasons that seem deeper than the moment. You often feel as though you've known your love in another life, and that your souls are somehow connected. There seem to be many complex levels in your relationships that people on the outside don't understand as you do. It is of utmost importance that your closest relationships remain sacred. You appreciate when the ones you love keep certain things private. You prefer that the bond between you and the one you love is not weakened by outside opinions. You need to feel that you can trust those in your inner circle — really trust them. That is why you often test others before you let yourself get emotionally close to them. You believe that love, in its highest form, is a union of spirits. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Sacha Baron Cohen is the mastermind behind such comic characters as Ali G, Borat and Bruno. This Libra creates truly outrageous characters, explores their comic possibilities in the real world and then retires them. He's on a quest for fresh entertainment opportunities and laughs, and his natal Mars in Aquarius reveals a need to rebel against social prejudices in the process.

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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

10/13/2009  
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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 10/30/2009 the City of Forsan will submit a request to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (ORCA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as 729251, to install approximately 8,531 linear feet of 2" to 6" water line, 25 meter replacements & reconnections, associated appurtenances, chlorination equipment and well control system, an electrical transfer switch for generator, and elevated tank lever indicator at the alley of 8th and 8th from Ave F to Rex Ave, on Rex from 9th to 7th, at the alley of 8th and 9th from Rex to Ave B, on Ave from 8th and 9th alley to Main, on 7th from Ave from Ave D to Ave B, on Ave B from 4th to 1st and 2nd alley, on 6th from Ave G to Ave D, on 3rd from Ave F to Ave H, on Ave H from 3rd Ave to 2nd Ave, at 1st St and 2nd St alley from Ave B to Ave A, and on Ave A from the alley and 1st and 2nd to 4th Ave.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Forsan has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Forsan City Hall, 106 E. Main Street, Forsan, Texas 79733-0714 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments

to the Office of the Mayor. The local comment period begins on 10/14/2009 and ends on 10/29/2009. All comments received by 10/29/2009 will be considered by the City of Forsan prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Forsan certifies to ORCA that Roger Hudgins in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ORCA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Forsan to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ORCA will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Forsan certification received by 11/16/2009 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Forsan approved by ORCA (b) the City of Forsan has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by ORCA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. The anticipated state comment period is 10/30/2009 through 11/16/2009. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to The Texas Department of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact ORCA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Roger Hudgins, Mayor  
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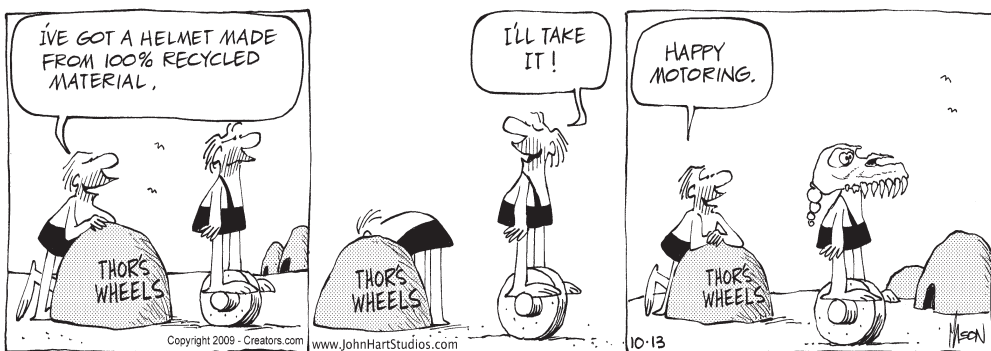
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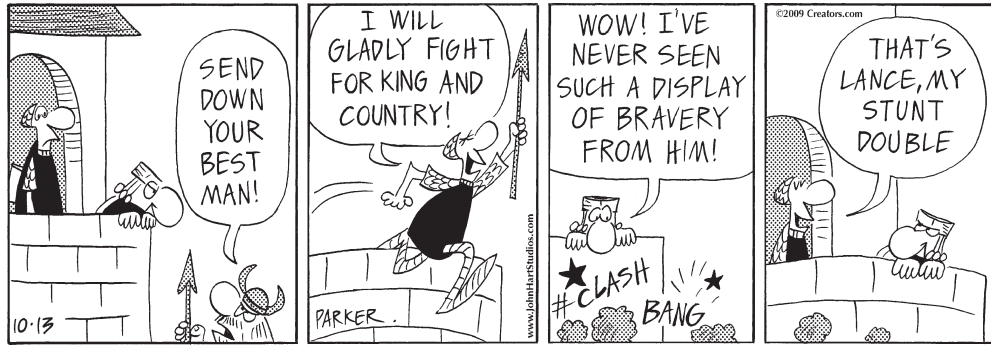
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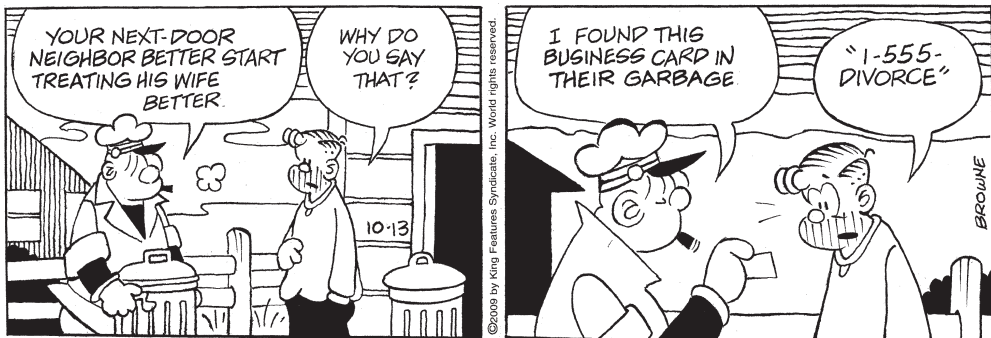
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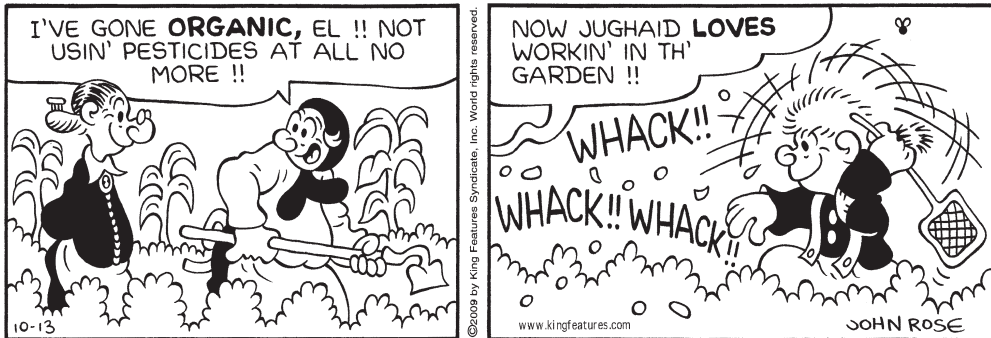
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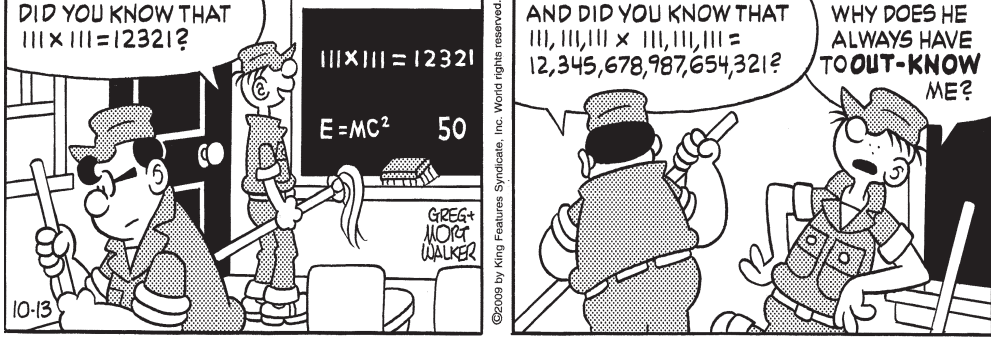
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On Oct. 13, 1792, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.

On this date: In A.D. 54, Roman Emperor Claudius I died, poisoned apparently at the behest of his wife, Agrippina.

In 1775, the U.S. Navy had its origins as the Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet.

In 1843, the Jewish organization B'nai B'rith was founded in New York City.

In 1858, the sixth debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Quincy, Ill.

In 1909, political cartoonist Herbert Block (aka "Herblock")

was born in Chicago; jazz virtuoso Art Tatum was born in Toledo, Ohio.

In 1943, Italy declared war on Germany, its one-time Axis partner.

In 1944, American troops entered Aachen, Germany, during World War II.

In 1960, Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy participated in the third televised debate of their presidential campaign. (Nixon was in Los Angeles; Kennedy was in New York.)

In 1962, Edward Albee's play "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" opened on Broadway.

In 1974, longtime television host Ed Sullivan died in New York City at age 72.

Today's Birthdays: Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is 84. Playwright Frank D. Gilroy is 84. Gospel singer Shirley Caesar is 71. Actress Melinda Dillon is 70. Singer-musician Paul Simon is 68. Actress Pamela Tiffin is 67. Musician Robert Lamm (Chicago) is 65. Country singer Lacy J. Dalton is 63. Actor Demond Wilson is 63. Singer-musician Sammy Hagar is 62. Actor John Lone is 57. Model Beverly Johnson is

57. Producer-writer Chris Carter is 53. Minnesota Timberwolves assistant Reggie Theus is 52. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., is 51. Singer Marie Osmond is 50. Rock singer Joey Belladonna is 49. Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers is 48. Actress T'Keyah Crystal Keymah is 47. Former NFL player Jerry Rice is 47. Actress Kelly Preston is 47. Country singer John Wiggins is 47. Actor Christopher Judge is 45. Actress Kate Walsh is 42. Milwaukee Brewers reliever Trevor Hoffman is 42. R&B musician Jeff Allen (Mint Condition) is 41. Actress Tisha Campbell-Martin is 41. Classical singer Carlos Marin (Il Divo) is 41.

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                 | 64 Vending-machine opening | 5 Walk leisurely          | 36 Fishhook attachment     |
| 1 Stinging insects            | 65 Sports complex          | 6 Boasts                  | 37 Chinese-cuisine staple  |
| 6 What a judge may grant      | 66 Heroic tale             | 7 Coupes and convertibles | 38 Pub servings            |
| 10 Baseball hats              | 67 Spot of land in the sea | 8 Adored celebrity        | 40 Potato buds             |
| 14 Incite (disturb the peace) | 68 Smooths, as wood        | 9 Library, for one        | 45 Military no-show: Abbr. |
| 15 Not respectful             | 69 Playing-card package    | 10 Unforeseen trouble     | 48 Invites to enter        |
| 16 Pronto, in memos           | 70 ___-do-well             | 11 United                 | 50 "Relax, soldier!"       |
| 17 Severity, as of rules      | 71 Online reading material | 12 Lose one's cool        | 51 Assisted                |
| 18 Oodles                     |                            | 13 Paid out               | 52 Range of view           |
| 19 Not any                    |                            | 21 Coral formation        | 53 Sound-related           |
| 20 Do a prospector's work     |                            | 25 Something true         | 54 Fur wrap                |
| 22 Getting ___ years          |                            | 26 Drycleaner's challenge | 55 Aquatic mammal          |
| 23 Not as much                |                            | 27 Pulled apart           | 58 "If all ___ fails..."   |
| 24 Upshot                     |                            | 28 "Woe is me!"           | 59 Dull-colored            |
| 26 Horse's home               |                            | 29 Traffic jam            | 60 Nevada city             |
| 30 Make a sketch              |                            | 30 Take a chance          | 61 Open, as a knot         |
| 31 Game on horseback          |                            | 33 Bread package          | 62 Halloween-costume part  |
| 32 Pooch's annoyance          |                            | 34 Corn portion           |                            |
| 35 Snake charmer's snake      |                            |                           |                            |
| 39 Make a speech              |                            |                           |                            |
| 41 Rowboat propeller          |                            |                           |                            |
| 42 Hiking path                |                            |                           |                            |
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| 46 Rats' relatives            |                            |                           |                            |
| 47 Piece of lettuce           |                            |                           |                            |
| 49 Fritters away              |                            |                           |                            |
| 51 Evaluate                   |                            |                           |                            |
| 54 Chimney dust               |                            |                           |                            |
| 56 Computer image             |                            |                           |                            |
| 57 Percussion instrument      |                            |                           |                            |
| 63 Fully cooked               |                            |                           |                            |

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### COWBOYS

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"I won't deny that we want to go out and really impose our will on somebody," linebacker Bradie James said. "We haven't done that yet. But I'd rather impose our will on somebody and win than impose our will and play on one side of the ball good and still lose. So we still need to put it all together. That's why we've got plenty more games to come."

Phillips isn't the critical type. In fact, he spent the first six minutes of his news conference Monday praising the individual efforts of various players, giving out so many kudos it was hard to remember the offense didn't score a touchdown in the first half and the defense gave up a touchdown with 24 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

Yet he also voluntarily pointed out the two things he plans to work on most this week: defending a two-minute drill and the offense inside the 20-yard line.

The defense has been pushed around at the end of games, which baffles Phillips because they basically use their third-down defense. And their third-down defense is fourth-best in

the league, behind only a trio of unbeaten teams.

"The only thing you can do about it is keep working," said Phillips, who also is the defensive coordinator.

Dallas' offense actually is the most productive in the NFL — in yards, that is. They average 420.4, but their 24.4 points are only good for 11th best.

Bill Parcells used to say a club should have a touchdown for every 100 yards it gains. Using that rule of thumb, the Cowboys should be around 30 points per game. They're not because of turnovers, penalties and their problems inside the 20. In the last two games, Dallas has one touchdown and two field goals after getting that close to the opponent's end zone.

The big news on offense is Austin's breakout game.

Making his first career start, the fourth-year receiver had 10 receptions for a club-record 250 yards. He scored on a 59-yard tackle-breaking play, then won the game with a similar play that covered 60 yards.

However, Austin also dropped two would-be touchdowns — one in the first quarter that might've helped break things open early and another just before halftime, when the Cowboys settled for a

field goal that pulled them to 10-3.

Austin started in place of Roy Williams, who is expected to be back from a rib injury to play a week from Sunday against Atlanta.

Considering his performance Sunday, he's got to get another start — right?

"Well, we are going to play him as much as he played last game, I'll say that," Phillips said, either not wanting to reveal too much information or not hurt the feelings of Williams and fellow starter Patrick Crayton.

"We're going to get him on the field," Phillips said. "He's got to get his touches in the ball game. That's just the bottom line. Give him a chance to do it again. He's not going to make 250, but give him a chance to make big plays again." Running back Felix Jones and safety Gerald Sensabaugh also should return after the bye. Running back Marion Barber also is likely to get plenty of rest this week to get over a lingering thigh problem. The most serious new injury is right guard Leonard Davis breaking a thumb.

Davis showed up at headquarters Monday saying it was jammed. X-rays revealed it actually was cracked.



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### TEXAS

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two interceptions.

The game didn't start that way. Thomas and

safety Blake Gideon, both freshman starters, looked lost as Bradford picked apart the Longhorns in the first half.

The secondary got so far out of position on a

couple of early touchdowns that Brown said he and Muschamp didn't know who to yell at. There was no Longhorn even close enough to a receiver to know just who had busted the assignment.

But Texas survived and steadily improved. Five games later, the school signed Muschamp, who hadn't been on a campus for year, to a long-term deal that pays him \$900,000 this year and made him the head coach-designate should Brown decide to retire.

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