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Military academy application deadline looms opportunifrom the 19th District to these institu-

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, reminded high school students wishing to attend a United States military service academy of the upcoming Nov. 15 application deadline during a statement released Thursday.

"Service academies provide excellent educations, develop leadership skills and open the door to many re-



Neugebauer

look forward to nominating students

dents to talk with their

parents and teachers

about this opportunity

to determine if one of

the nation's service

academies is right for

them," he continued. "I

ties," said Neugebauer. tions.' "I encourage stu-As a member of the U.S. House of

Representatives, Neugebauer can nominate students to service academies — the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy — each year.

Due to the highly competitive and selective nature of the nominating process, applicants should use every avenue available, Neugebauer added.

In addition to Neugebauer's office, applications can also be submitted to Vice President Joe Biden and Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn.

For more information on this process and application requirements, contact Mary Whistler in Neugebauer's Lubbock office at 1-888-763-1611.

Circus?

Council faces need to amend new ordinance

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

of the Big Spring City Council seems like a circus, it won't be a coincidence, as council members are expected to consider an amendment to its newly revamped animal control ordinance that will allow circuses to perform in Big Spring.

If Tuesday night's meeting

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the previous animal control ordinance included a section addressing travelingcarnivals circuses, exempting them



from many of the standard codes, including the dangerous animal provision. Unfortunately, according to

Darden, that section failed to make its way into the most recent revision of the animal control ordinance.

"It's just one of those things you don't realize has been left out until the need for a permit arises," Darden said. That need, according to city

officials, became evident when a circus looking to travel to the Crossroads area contacted the city administration to get

"That's the reason we're placing this on the agenda as

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BALING CONTINUES



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Cotton baling goes on well into the dusk on this stretch of property owned by Lloyd Underwood north of Big Spring on the Gail Highway. Underwood said he's expecting this year's crop to eclipse last year's numbers.

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FUMC preps for Living Christmas Tree "The last two or three years we've By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Come all ye faithful!

That's the cry going out from

officials at First United Methodist Church to area vocalists and singers, as the local church gets ready to present its 32nd annual Living Christmas Tree next month.

"We've had as many as 100 singers participate in the Living Christmas Tree program since we started 31 years ago," said Eddie Vandewalker, coordinator for the holiday program.

had between 70 and 75 singers participate. Right now, we're not quite at that level, so we're really hoping area vocalists will sign up and be part of this Big Spring

tradition." Set for Dec. 4-5 at First United Methodist Church, Vandewalker said he's excited with some of the new faces that will be taking part in

the annual event. "The varsity choir from Big Spring

High School will be participating in

this year's Living Christmas Tree, as will the junior varsity choir," Vandewalker said. "They will be singing, as will several other groups. It's a little bit different than what we've done in the past and everyone seems really excited about the addition. I know I certainly am."

Vandewalker said practices for the performance are slated for Nov. 13 and Nov. 20, when the group will meet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Obituaries

Leonard James 'L.J.' Brown

Leonard James "L.J." Brown, 80, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The family will receive



friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010, at Trinity Memorial Park with Trip Gibbs officiating.

He was born May 14, 1930, in Big Spring to Jessie and Charles Brown. He married Geneva "Sugar" Horn in 1949. She preceded him in death Aug. 23, 2010. He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. He

worked 32 years for Coffman Roofing and was a

Baptist.

He is survived by one son, Ricky Brown and wife, Angela, of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Stephanie Fryar, Corbin Brown and wife, Kendel, and BraShara Brown, all of Big Spring; one greatgranddaughter, Harlee Brown of Big Spring; four sisters, Ella Faye Edens of Lubbock, Joyce Howell and Jerrie Murphy, both of Big Spring, and Rosezina Cass and husband, Jim, of Odessa; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Charles Edward Brown, Thomas Melton Brown, Owen Brown and Bobby Brown; and two sisters, Eva Ruth Gillihan and Dorothy Martin.

Pallbearers will be Claudie Horn, Larry Horn, Corbin Brown, Jim Cass, Wade Bledsoe and Speedy Gonzales. Honorary pallbearers will be Chester Coffman, Gene Berry and Paul Horn.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

William Addy Jr.

William Addy Jr., 78, of Mansfield, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, in a Mansfield nursing home. His 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:

• TRISTAN MARCEL WARD, 19, of 109 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Saurday on warrants for no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to • VICTORIA MARIA LOZANO, 25, of 605 Holbert,

was arrested Saturday on warrants for expired license plate and failure to appear.

• SONNY OLIVIO, 37, of 811 S. Aylesford, was arrested Saturday on a charge of evading arrest or

• NICHOLAS COY HERNANDEZ, 29, of 2705 Hernandez Rd., was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

 \bullet JAMES ELIJAH MARLOW, 20, of 2003 Runnels. was arrested Saturday on a warrant for disregard-

ing a stop sign. • CHRISTOPHER JACOB AMALLA. 25. of

Littlefield, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.

was arrested Saturday on charges of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance. • BENITA KAY PADRON SALAZAR, 37, of 3312

Drexel, was arrested Saturday on a charge of illegal dumping.

• DONALD WILLIAM BRYANT, 47, of 447 Armstrong, was arrested Saturday on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear and theft. • JOANN OLIVIO RODRIGUEZ, 39, of 1217 W.

Third St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction. • MICHAEL ANTHONY SMITH II, 32, of 1406

Goliad Apt. B, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • IRENE RODRIGUEZ, 39, of 4203 Muir, was

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arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid. • TONY MOJICA CASTELLANO, 37, of 1601

Avion, was arrested Sunday on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.

• JOSEPHINE OCHOA, 44, of 1205 E. Sixth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while

• FREDRICK HERNANDEZ, 41, of 1405 S. Runnels, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-

• BLANCA FAZ, 42, of 710 E. 14th St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

 ANTONIO GARCIA JR., 22, of 4216 Parkway, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended/ invalid with a previous conviction. • ANNETTE GLORIA TORRES, 29, of 611 N.E. 10th

St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction. • DAVID FRANCO, 32, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was

arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-MARIA OCHOA RODRIQUEZ, 57, of 501 W. 17th

another agency. AMBER RAY ALEXANDER, 31, of 1907 S. Runnels, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft

St. Apt. 208, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from

with two or more previous convictions. ADRIAN MENDEZ GARCIA, 61, of 1214 Lindbergh, was arrested Sunday on a charge of fic-

titious/counterfeit inspection certificate. DAVID LUERA, 48, of 500 S. Lancaster, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-

• RALPH GAMBINO, 50, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

 CHRISTIAN DEVON GORDON, 21, of 2638 Langley, was arrested Sunday on warrants for no driver's license - when unlicensed, failure to appear (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 1100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue.

In the 3600 block of Hamilton

• THEFT was reported:

In the 2600 block of Barksdale. In the 1000 block of W. Eighth Street.

In the 100 block of E. FM 700

In the 200 block of W. FM 700. In the 1500 block of Runnels.

In the 4800 block of W. Highway 80.

· ASSAULT was reported in the 1100 block of

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1500 block of Johnson.

In the 400 block of Washington Blvd. In the 3300 block of E. Interstate Highway 20.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the

1100 block of N. Aylesford.

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.

 ADRIAN CARBALLO, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of fugitive from justice.

 PATRICIA BACON, 48, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, violation of a promise to appear and no valid inspection certificate.

• DANIEL SCOTT RAWLS, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for contempt of court – failure to pay child support.

• DAVID LYNN DOW, 27, was transferred to the • LATONYA KEYUNNA CUBIT, 29, of Lubbock, county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

 MICHAEL JOSEPH LEDFORD, 32, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and a charge of injury to a child/elderly/dis-

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Partly

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abled – reckless bodily injury.

 ZZANE RAYMOND OLYER-RHODES, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, failure to maintain financial responsibility and using a wireless device in a school zone. ARSELIA C. HERNANDEZ, 57, was transferred

to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of • JOHN WEST RUSK, 42, was transferred to the

county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft

of property with two or more previous convic-• DARRICK DEWAYNE MOSLEY, 43, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or

• AUGUSTINE RIVERA, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no seat belt – passenger and violation of a promise to appear.

• HEATHER ATKINSON, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention.

• STEPHANIE CANALES NIETO, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

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- NOEL FIGUEROA NOYOLA, 55, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, failure to display driver's license and violation of parole.
- JUAN GONZALES, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. • STEPHEN KYLE GAY, 26, was
- transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. • TRISTAN WARD, 19, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no driver's license and failure to
- AMY LEIGH YANEZ, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or
- VICTORIA MARIA WARREN, 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of displaying an expired registration and failure to appear.
- ROBERT LOPEZ, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- NICHOLAS COY HERNANDEZ 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- JAMES ELIJAH MARLOW, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of running a stop sign.
- ROBERT A TARONNO, 50, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open
- ALBERT RIVAS, 51, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
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Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: • MEDICAL was reported in the

- 4000 block of Dixon. Service refused. TRAUMA was reported in the 1800
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- block of S. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the
- 1800 block of Morrison. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported near the 165 mile marker of Interstate Highway
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Jury to hear second week of testimony in DeLay trial JUAN A. LOZANO donations into Texas rectly tied DeLay to the DeLay had little involveecutors are presenting lowed the GOP to push

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Both the prosecution and defense remained confident things were going their way as testimony in the money laundering trial of former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay was to start its second week on Monday.

Prosecutors were to resume presenting their case, in which they accuse DeLay of using his political action committee to illegally funnel \$190,000 in corporate

will

provided,"he said. "This

will give us a chance

to really work hard on

the arrangements and

Christmas carols we'll

be performing. Then,

every evening of the

week leading up to the

performance we'll be

be

said

will

legislative races eight

DeLay, who has denied any wrongdoing, told reporters last week that prosecutors have yet to show any evidence he broke the law. "We will prevail," said

DeLay, who is charged with money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering. He faces up to life in prison if convicted.

None of the 12 witnesses who have testified for prosecutors have di-

begin with a formal

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4,

Continued from Page 1 which will be open to are free, according

"It's basically the first

chance the community

can come and see the

show, and see how hard

the men and women

participating in the

Living Christmas Tree

have been working," he

said. "Later the same

evening we'll hold the

first actual performance

at 8 p.m., and the last

performance will be the

the public.

dress rehearsal at 2 Dec. 5, also at 8 p.m."

but

alleged scheme.

Prosecutors allege De-Lay and two associates John Colyandro and Jim Ellis — illegally channeled the corporate donations collected by DeLay's Texas PAC, through the Washington-based Republican National Committee. Under Texas law, corporate money cannot be directly used for political campaigns.

Dick DeGuerin, De-Lay's lead attorney, has stressed to jurors that

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Vandewalker said the

show should be just the

thing to get folks in the

Crossroads area in the

"The show is made up

of a new arrangement of

officials,

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admittance.

holiday spirit.

traditional

ment in running the PAC. The money swap the PAC was involved with was common and legal, and no Texas candidate got corporate money, he said.

The presentation of evidence has been methodical and driven by documents, and testimony has gone into great detail about political fundraising and the work of lobbyists.

Travis County Assistant District Attorney Gary Cobb said pros-

Expected to testify this week were the seven Texas legislative candidates prosecutors allege received laundered corporate donations.

The trial is expected to last at least three weeks.

many pieces of the al-

leged scheme that will

ultimately "give the

jury the big picture."

Prosecutors say the money helped Republicans take control of the Texas House in 2002. That majority al-

up and takes care of it.

It's really a very heart-

warming thing to see

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Ellen Simer, 71, of Big

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redistricting plan that

sent more Texas Repub-

licans to Congress in

2004 and strengthened

DeLay's political power,

Prosecutors deny de-

fense claims that the

charges are politically

MYERS & SMITH

prosecutors said.

Spring died Friday. Memorial Services were at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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practicing."

Vandewalker

TREE

"Lunch

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an emergency item," said. "We Darden basically have this circus on hold until we can get this amendment passed. Until it's passed, there's basically no way for us to give them a permit." Emergency agenda

items are not required to pass a second reading. Also during Tuesday's

meeting, the council is expected to do some house cleaning concerning it's boards committees, and some abolishing unneeded panels while

reducing the number

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of people serving on others.

Among the groups to be done away with are the City Traffic Commission, Parks and Recreation Board and the standing Citizens Advisory Board. In the case of the

Citizens Advisory Board, the abolishment provides for the appointment of a new board "when necessary to resolve a complaint.' Board

Adjustments will also see a change, as the panel is pared down from seven members to All of the changes to

the city's board will be presented as first readings, and must pass

carols everyone loves," knows and Vandewalker said. "It's

a second reading in

December before going

into effect. Tuesday's meeting will also include an update from the Charter Review Committee, the group recently appointed to review the municipal charter in an effort to bring the document up to date, as well as address needs identified by newly elected Mayor Tommy Duncan.

Shortly after his election, Duncan instructed the city staff to begin looking at the document to identify conflicts between and state law, as well as ways to incorporate term limits for council members and initiatives and referendums.

1900 Scurry

a wonderful thing to help get everyone in the Christmas spirit."

Vandewalker work to put the annual show began some time back, and while there is still plenty of work to be done, he can't help but grin at the way things are coming together.

"The willingness of people to volunteer is something that has really amazed me," "When we said. need something for the Living Christmas

The update Tuesday night isn't likely to be a productive one, however, as the committee met last week to discuss putting the matter on hold due to conflicts between the desired changes to the charter and a federal court order the city remains under due to a lawsuit settlement from the early 1990s. Tuesday's meeting is

expected to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth





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OTHER VIEWS

Death-row case underscores its real fallibility

et us recount the grave injustices inflicted upon Anthony Graves. He has spent the last 18 years behind bars, including 12 on death row, for a murder he did not commit. Prosecutors never established a plausible motive linking him to the 1992 deaths of six people who were shot, bludgeoned and stabbed to death in Sommerville, Texas, near Bryan. And prosecutors hid crucial exculpatory evidence that would have helped exonerate Graves.

On Wednesday, Burleson County District Attorney Bill Parham conceded that Graves "is an innocent man" and obtained his release. "There is nothing that connects Anthony Graves to this crime,' he said after completing a five-month investigation of his predecessor's seriously flawed handiwork. "I did what I did because that's the right thing to do."

Graves is, no doubt, overjoyed today as he relishes his first hours of freedom and the ability to hug his mother whenever he wants. But if Graves harbors resentment and outrage over former District Attorney Charles Sebasta's egregious behavior in this case, he is absolutely justified. Graves owes his freedom in no small part to the work of University of St. Thomas journalism students, the Texas Innocence Project and Texas Monthly magazine.

Nothing excuses what prosecutors and investigators did in a blind pursuit of a conviction, an expansive account of which appeared in Texas Monthly's October issue. The real murderer, Robert Earl Carter, declared while strapped to a gurney before his 2000 execution: "Anthony Graves had nothing to do with it. ... I lied on him in court."

Under questioning shortly after the murders, Carter blurted out Graves' name as the instigator, apparently trying to sidetrack the investigation. The two barely knew each other.

Carter later admitted having acted alone, prosecutor Sebasta told a reporter in 2000. Yet Sebasta withheld that crucial information from defense lawyers during Graves' trial. Even worse, Sebasta induced two witnesses to declare that Carter had never wavered about Graves' involvement. The fact that Sebasta continued to press for Graves' prosecution and execution earned the district attorney a deserved rebuke from a federal appeals court.

... it is unnerving that investigators, prosecutors and appeals court judges were prepared to allow the execution of an innocent man.

As this case demonstrates, human institutions are fallible, and yet this state employs the death penalty, which is irreversible. The Graves case underscores why this newspaper believes the death penalty must be abolished." After months of investigation and talking to every witness who's ever been involved in this case, and people who've never been talked to before, after looking under every rock we could find, we found not one piece of credible evidence that links Anthony Graves to the commission of this capital murder. ... This is not a case where the evidence went south with time or witnesses passed away or we just couldn't make the case anymore. He is an innocent man."

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

May we be willing to embrace You, Lord, and Your heavenly word.

Famous people flawed like rest

merica always seems shocked when an athlete or a celebrity turns out to be different than his public image. No matter how many times this happens, we always assume that the next famous person we

perceive as a 'good guy" will live up to that billing. And, of course, we will inevitably be let down when said celebrity or athlete turns out to be just as big of a jerk as the ones before



KLINE

So, before the entire nation goes up in arms over the next actor, quarterback or home run hitter who we find out cheats on his wife, takes drugs or does something else bad, let me explain the obvious. Most — not all — but most, men do bad things based on the availability of those bad things.

If a lot of women who are not your wife forcefully want to sleep with you, then not too many guys can resist the temptation. I'm not talking about the travelling businessman who might have been able to score with the flirty bartender at his hotel, I mean the guys for whom

women are offering themselves up on a daily basis.

Certainly there are some men who can resist repeated temptation, but as you can see just by looking at the pant size of most Americans, we're not generally very good at doing that in any area. If large numbers of regular, non-famous people have affairs, do drugs, steal from their employers then why would we be surprised when celebrities do the same thing?

Nothing about playing a sport well or being talented/good looking enough to become a famous actor or singer makes you a better person. Being really good at golf obviously did not make Tiger Woods less likely to cheat on his wife. Instead, it made it easier since a certain group of women value money and fame over personality and appearance.

Without fame, Woods may not have had the temptation since nerdy guys with limited personalities and odd looks don't tend to be the real ladies' men. Of course, the non-famous Woods would still be rotten at the core, ready to cheat on his non-supermodel wife, but the opportunities would not be as great and, perhaps, decency would win out. Of course, when Woods' trans-

gressions became public the

entire nation seemed surprised because some guy who was really good at golf turned out to not be the person we imagined he was. The same shock has recently been applied to Brett Favre as we learned that he might have a propensity for sending cell phone pictures of his genitalia to attractive young women.

This surprised us because Favre plays football well and seems like a decent guy in his jeans commercials. We don't actually know Brett Favre, but he looks rugged, plays hard and that should make him a faithful husband.

Watching someone play a sport, act in a movie or sing a song does not mean we know them. Tom Hanks might seem like a nice guy, but it wouldn't shock me if he had a collection of hobo skulls in his basement.

I don't expect celebrities to be any better people than I expect regular people to be and experience has taught me that any expectations should be set low. Favre's actions don't disappoint me because I would have been shocked if he wasn't up to no

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Nancy Pelosi, superhero

eally, what did you expect? The first woman speaker of the House, a tough, smart, rich and attractive pro, the most powerful woman in the world, helps get a Democrat elected

president and then helps that Democratic president get his ambitious agenda through amid very difficult economic times and two wars. Did you think someone would send her flowers to say thank you?



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Of course not. She's a witch and worse. Unprintable.

The best thing about this election cycle being over is that maybe everyone can take a break from beating up on Nancy

The president was right to take responsibility during his postelection news conference, but that won't stop a lot of people from blaming Pelosi. Easier than blaming the guy who is still president. I feel like making a sign: "Stop Blaming Nancy."

I don't know how much of it is sexist, and even that is unconscious and all but impossible to measure. Pelosi is one of those women people have strong reac-

tions to. Haven't you noticed?

You find people who have never met her and don't actually know all that much about her except that she personifies everything they hate.

Sorting through responses to politicians as opposed to responses to women politicians is especially difficult in a year when we saw so many different kinds of terrible — and terrific women candidates that some of the stereotypes, good and bad, had to die. By any measure, though, Pelosi has been the punditry's pinata.

So let's set the record straight: She didn't single-handedly lose the Congress. She isn't the architect of destruction. She did precisely what her president asked her to do and what, dare I remind folks, he promised to do when running for president.

This was not some set of moves she devised on a freelance detour. This was the plan.

Getting one bill passed is close to impossible. Ask any kid who has spent a summer in Washington, or better yet a semester, and can't understand how people tolerate its menu of constant frustration. Imagine mastering it. She did. Imagine keeping all the independent contractors marching in the same direction when their jobs are at stake. You could say she made it hard, but you have to admit the Republi-

cans did not at any point make

Some day, when our kids or grandkids take it for granted that everybody has a card that allows them to get health care when they're sick, maybe she'll be remembered as courageous. Even today, you aren't going to convince me that Democrats would have fared better in this election if they had nothing to show for the last two years.

Between pushing his plan through and failing to get it through, you'll be hard-pressed to convince me that Pelosi should be blamed for doing the former instead of the latter.

Of course, there is a third option. Maybe she should have convinced him to do less; to divide the health care plan into stages; less money for the stimu lus; fewer jobs now but more in the long run. Like her members

Politics isn't just about doing the right thing. It's also about winning. When doing what you think is right is going to cost you an election — as happened here — it's likely a good indication not that politics is bad but that you're wrong. Boy, that's a tough one. Did people really expect Pelosi to put the kibosh on change? Imagine what they would have said about her if she had.

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THE WORLD BRIEFLY:

Obama says U.S. will play 'any role' to foster peace between India and Pakistan

NEW DELHI (AP) — President Barack Obama said Monday that he was ready to play "any role' requested by India and Pakistan to foster peace between them as he moved delicately to address tensions between the nuclear-armed neighbors.

On the third and final day of his trip to India, Obama said that while both India and Pakistan have an interest in reducing tensions in the region, the U.S. "cannot impose a solution to these prob-

"We are happy to play any role the parties think is appropriate," Obama said at a joint news conference with India's Prime Minister Manmoham Muslim-dominated Pakistan and Hindu-majority

India have gone to war and still hold deep suspicions. Indian officials accuse Pakistan's intelligence service of helping orchestrate the 2008 Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people and say Islamabad has not done enough to crack down on the Pakistan based extremists held responsible.

Pakistan views India's ties with the U.S.-backed government in Afghanistan as an effort by its old rival to encircle it.

Top U.S. defense chiefs endorse Afghan goal of security handover by 2014

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Afghanistan should be ready to handle its own security by the year 2014, the top U.S. defense chiefs said Monday. Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen said NATO should endorse the 2014 timeline proposed by Af-

holds its annual summit later this month. "As a target at this point that makes sense, so I am comfortable with it," Mullen said.

ghan President Hamid Karzai when the alliance

The 2014 date would give a symbolic deadline for ending the war and bringing most combat forces home. The war is already in its 10th year and unpopular in the U.S. and Europe.

The U.S. plans to begin withdrawing some of its 100,000 troops next summer, but has never said exactly how long some forces would remain. The top NATO civilian in Afghanistan, Mark Sedwill, has said the 2014 deadline is feasible for all but a residual allied force including special forces and

Presidential commission to detail causes of Gulf spill, question companies involved WASHINGTON (AP) — The causes of the massive

Gulf oil spill will be laid out for the first time Monday by investigators working for President Barack Obama's independent commission, potentially shifting the blame and settling disputes between companies over the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

Representatives of the three companies most involved in the April accident — Halliburton, Transocean and BP — will be on hand to answer the allegations and respond to questions.

"It's the first public look at the events and actions that our investigators believe contributed to the blowout," said David Cohen, a spokesman for the seven-member commission, which has a Jan. 11 deadline to deliver a report to Obama outlining what caused the disaster and what needs to be done to prevent another one.

In a preview of what is likely to come, the panel's chief investigator, Fred H. Bartlit Jr., revealed in a letter last month that testing on cement mixtures similar to those used in the well showed that the formula was unstable before the blowout, but BP and Halliburton used it anyway. Bartlit said the companies should have reconsidered the type of cement used in the well. Cement is an essential barrier to preventing blowouts.

Hours after the letter's release, Halliburton Co., the contractor hired by BP to mix and pump cement, said in a statement that it never conducted stability tests on the final mixture, and that the earlier failed tests were on a different formulation than the one used

Does a Murkowski win change how the GOP legislates after her re-election?

ANCHŌRAGE, Alaska (AP) — Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski is on the cusp of vindication after waging a high stakes - and long shot - write-in campaign to keep her job. Initial returns show write-in ballots holding a

13,439-vote edge over GOP nominee Joe Miller, and

though it's not clear how many of those are for her

or will be counted as valid, she's confident enough in her winning to tell supporters that they'd "made history." The write-in count starts Wednesday in Murkowski needed broad-based support fellow Republicans, Democrats, independents – be successful in what was a three-way race (Demo-

crat Scott McAdams has conceded). And while a win would return her to Washington, to the colleagues and party leaders who turned their backs on her after her humiliating primary loss to the Sarah Palin-backed Miller, it also raises questions about how she would legislate. "I think so much about representation is trusting

me to do what I think is the right thing," she said. Expectations are high.

Residents flee city near Indonesia's deadly volcano amid warnings it may erupt again MOUNT MERAPI. Indonesia (AP) — Frightened

residents fled a bustling city of 400,000 at the foot of Indonesia's rumbling volcano Monday, cramming onto trains, buses and rented vehicles as authorities warned Mount Merapi could erupt again at any A mass burial late Sunday for many of the 141

people killed in the last two weeks served as a reminder of the mountain's devastating power that culminated in its deadliest blast in 80 years that sent hot clouds of gas, rocks and debris avalanching down its slopes. "My parents have been calling ... saying 'You

have to get out of there! You have to come home!" said Linda Ervana, a 21-year-old history student who was waiting with friends at a train station in the university town of Yogyakarta, 20 miles (30 kilometers) away. After failing to get tickets, they rented a minibus

with other classmates.

"It feels like that movie '2012," said her 22-yearold friend, Paulina Setin. "Like a disaster in a mov-

Vermont Yankee shuts down nuclear plant to fix radioactive leak, public not in danger MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Technicians at the

Vermont Yankee nuclear plant will begin work Monday morning to fix a pipe that leaked radioactive water and forced the plant to shut down.

The nuclear reactor was taken out of service at 7 p.m. Sunday. Plant spokesman Larry Smith estimated it would take 13 hours to cool down enough for workers to enter the area and make repairs. Smith said the leak of about 60 drops a minute

was spotted earlier Sunday during routine surveillance. It was coming from a 2-foot-wide pipe that was part of the circulation system involving the reactor, he said. The water was being collected by a sump pump and cycled back through the system,

The cause of the leak was not immediately known. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said the public was not in any danger.

It was the second shutdown within an hour at a plant owned by New Orleans-based Entergy Corp.

Qantas CEO: Tests find oil leaks on three engines on airline's grounded A380 fleet SYDNEY (AP) — Tests have uncovered oil leaks

in three Rolls-Royce engines on Qantas' grounded Airbus A380s, the airline's CEO said Monday, as engineers tried to zero in on the cause of an engine failure on board one of the carrier's superjumbo

Australia's national carrier grounded its six double-decker A380s, the world's newest and largest airliner, after an engine burst minutes into a flight from Singapore to Sydney last week, scattering debris over Indonesia's Batam island. The plane

made a safe emergency landing in Singapore. Engineers conducted eight hours of extensive checks on each engine over the weekend.

On Monday, CEO Alan Joyce said engineers have discovered oil leaks in the turbine area of three engines on three different A380s.

"The oil leaks were beyond normal tolerances, Joyce told reporters. "So Rolls-Royce and our engineers have looked at what we have gathered as an accepted level and they have passed that thresh-

New Commerce Department data show broadband usage growing, gaps persist WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. still faces a

significant gap in residential broadband use that breaks down along incomes, education levels and other socio-economic factors, even as subscriptions among American households overall grew sevenfold between 2001 and 2009. What's more, even when controlling for key so

cio-economic characteristics, the U.S. continues to confront a racial gap in residential broadband use with non-Hispanic white Americans and Asian Americans more likely to go online using a high speed connection than African-Americans and His Those are some of the key conclusions of a nev

analysis of Census data being released Monday by the Commerce Department. It found that the percentage of households that connect to the Internet using broadband grew to 63.5 percent in 2009 from 9.2 percent in 2001, reflecting increases across near ly all demographics. The report — prepared by the Commerce Depart

ment's National Telecommunications and Infor mation Administration and the Economics and Statistics Administration — is based on a Census survey of about 54,000 households conducted in October 2009.

The new report provides some of the deepest anal ysis yet of broadband usage trends in the United States. And it is likely to help guide Congress and the Federal Communications Commission as they develop policies to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable high-speed Internet service.

MSNBC says Olbermann will be back on air Tuesday after two-day suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — MSNBC says Keith Olbermann will be back on the air Tuesday, ending his suspension for violating NBC's rules against making political donations after two shows.

MSNBC's chief executive Phil Griffin said late Sunday that after several days of deliberation, he had determined that two days off the air was "an appropriate punishment for his violation of our policy."

The left-leaning cable network's most popular personality acknowledged donating \$2,400 apiece to the campaigns of Kentucky Senate candidate Jack Conway and Arizona Reps. Raul Grijalva and Gabrielle Giffords. NBC News prohibits its employees from making political donations unless an exception is granted in advance by the network news president. In this case, Olbermann's bosses didn't know about them until being informed by a reporter.

"We look forward to having him back on the air Tuesday night," Griffin said in a statement.

Liberal groups had taken on Olbermann's suspension as a cause. An online petition calling for his reinstatement, run by the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, had exceeded 300,000 signatures Sunday, and Michael Moore had tweeted his support. The committee's Adam Green said Griffin was repeatedly e-mailed updates on the petition

Oil hovers below \$87 in Europe as dollar gains

The Associated Press

Oil fell further below \$87 a barrel Monday as the effects of a stronger dollar trumped news of a jump in new U.S. jobs, which suggests demand for crude is improving.

By early afternoon in Europe, benchmark oil for December delivery was down 31 cents at \$86.54 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 36 cents to settle at \$86.85 on Friday.

While the Nymex contract climbed as high as \$87.49 earlier in the session, it fell back as the firmer dollar made commodities more expensive — and less attractive — for investors holding other curren-

cies. The euro fell to \$1.3901 on Monday from \$1.4045 late Friday in New York, while the British pound

was down to \$1.6124

from \$1.6189.

"As soon as the euphoria about the labor market data eases and gives way to a more realistic view of things, the inverse relationship between oil prices and the external value of the U.S. dollar will have an impact again," said analysts at Commerzbank in Frankfurt.

Gains in the oil price last week stemmed from the U.S. Federal Reserve's decision to sink \$600 billion into buying Treasurys over the next eight months to stimu-

replied, "None of your dang business

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excited about the great results and great value that she got a big "Thera-Gesic" tattoo

late the sluggish economy by lowering longterm interest rates.

There was encouraging news on the economic front, as the Labor Department reported that employers added 151,000 jobs in October, the first net gain in five months. The unemployment

rate remained at 9.6 per-

The jobs report could signal more improvement in the economy, which could lead to stronger demand from consumers and busishort-term, however, improved economic indicators could strengthen the dollar and dampen enthusiasm for oil.

In Nymex trading in December contracts, heating oil was down 0.81 cent at \$2.3767 a gallon, gasoline fell 0.90 cent to \$2.1710 a gallon and natural gas gained 5.1 cents to \$3.988 per 1,000 cubic feet.

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Friday Spearman vs. Coahoma 8 p.m. Plainview

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Grady vs. Ira 7:30 p.m. Big Spring High School

A&M beats No. 11 OU 33-19

Tannehill continues to thrive at QB for Aggies

— As the final seconds ticked away in Texas A&M's 33-19 win over No. 11 Oklahoma on Saturday night the fans at Kyle Field began a chant.

It started quietly, but soon grew louder. "Wreck-ing Crew, Wreck-ing Crew," many of the more than 81,000 fans yelled.

Texas A&M gave up 426 yards a game last year and was one of the worst defenses in the country. On Saturday the unit evoked memories of the storied Wrecking Crew defenses of the late 1980s and 1990s for one of the first times in years, stopping Oklahoma's prolific offense on fourth-and-1 from the 1 three times.

The Aggies loved hearing the chants, but said they aren't the ones to decide if the Wrecking Crew has returned.

"It's up to the fans," safety Trent Hunter said. "I guess we're one step closer. The more we do the more the fans

COLLEGE STATION (AP) are going to point to us as the new Wrecking Crew."

Linebacker Michael Hodges led the defense with a careerhigh 19 tackles and two sacks for the most tackles by an Aggie since All-America linebacker Dat Nguyen had 20 in the 1998 Cotton Bowl.

"It's an indescribable feeling to hear the fans screaming that for us," Hodges said. "That's a goal of ours and we took a big step toward that today."

Ryan Tannehill threw for 225 yards and two touchdowns, Cyrus Gray added a seasonhigh 122 yards rushing another score as Texas A&M broke a seven-game losing streak to Oklahoma. Texas A&M won its third straight overall and beat the Sooners for the first time since 2002.

The Aggies built a 19-0 lead and withstood a 17-point third quarter rally by Oklahoma before adding two touchdowns early in the fourth quarter.

and missed some opportunities on three different occasions down on the 1-yard line," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "I'm proud of the way we fought back. We played hard, A&M just played better."

Texas A&M never trailed and was up 9-0 just three minutes into the game after a bad snap on Oklahoma's first play resulted in a safety and Tannehill threw a quick touchdown pass.

The loss puts Oklahoma (7-2, 3-2) behind in the Big 12 South standings and makes Texas A&M (6-3, 3-2) bowl eligible. It ends a string of misery against the Sooners that included being outscored 131-38 in the last two meetings.

Landry Jones threw for 290 yards with a touchdown and an interception and DeMarco Murray ran for 80 yards and a touchdown for Oklahoma.

Tannehill hit Ryan Swope on

"We clawed our way back a 64-yard touchdown on thirdand-4 in the fourth quarter to put the Aggies comfortably ahead, 33-17, after a missed field goal by Oklahoma. Swope finished with a career-high 136 vards receiving.

"At the end of the game it was a couple score game and we just didn't make them work for it," Oklahoma defensive coordinator Brent Venables said. "That's what was frustrating. Basic fundamental breakdowns gave them huge chunks of vards, field position. points and momentum when it counted the most."

Patrick O'Hara's field goal attempt from 36 yards wasn't even close and left Oklahoma down 26-17 with about nine minutes remaining.

Then Texas A&M's defense took control, stopping the Sooners twice from 1-vard out with about five minutes left.

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Howard College's Carter Hahn pitches in the Hawks' scrimmage against Western Texas College Friday. The Hawks wrap up the fall schedule with a scrimmage against New Mexico Junior College Saturday in Hobbs, N.M.

Rodgers throws 3 TDs, Packers rout Cowboys

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) Every time it seemed as though the Dallas Cowboys hit their low point, Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers knocked them down another notch.

Rodgers threw for 289 yards and three touchdowns, Brandon Jackson scored twice and Green Bay routed the freefalling Cowboys 45-7 on Sunday night.

It was a new nadir in a lost season for the Cowboys (1-7), who came into 2010 with Super Bowl aspirations. And it's sure to kick off a new round of speculation about the future of coach Wade Phillips, despite recent statements from team owner Jerry Jones that a midseason firing was unlikely.

"We have so many things that we need to correct and address that this game so vividly exposed," Jones said. "I've got a lot of work to do. I've got a lot of decisions to make."

But he declined to pinpoint when a coaching decision could be expected.

"I think everybody in this country would agree that there's something wrong with this team, and I've got to address it," Jones said.

James Jones caught eight passes for 123 yards and a touchdown for the Packers (6-3), who have won three straight.

Packers coach Mike Mc-Carthy said he expected his team to play well — but even he was surprised at the lopsided result.

"I'm not going to sit here and say I expected the score to be what it was," McCarthy

Green Bay's Clay Matthews

added a final dose of embarrassment in the fourth quarter, picking off a pass from Jon Kitna and running it back 62 yards for a touchdown.

"I got lucky out there," Matthews said in a television interview. "It wasn't the prettiest interception — or Lambeau leap. Got to work on my skills."

Dallas fell behind 28-0 late in the second quarter, giving up three long touchdown drives before fumbling away a kickoff that was returned for a TD by Nick Collins.

Return man Bryan McCann

appeared to be down before he gave the ball away — but the Cowboys didn't have any timeouts left, so they weren't able to challenge the call.

It was just another misstep in a colossal downward spiral for the Cowboys.

Meanwhile, the Packers continued to show how a team with Super Bowl expectations is supposed to handle a disappointing start to the

It was an impressive performance by Rodgers, who

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-

League will be Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bill Easterling Memorial Stadium in Coahoma. Boys and girls in the third through sixth grade in the local area are invited to participate. The cost

Sign-ups for the Coahoma Youth Basketball

Coahoma Youth Basketball

is \$40. Teams will be chosen before the Christmas break and games will start when school resumes from the holidays. Additional opportunities to sign up will be announced at a later date. Contact Brian or Karen Moore at 432-517-4006 for more information.

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Big Spring boys - 17th

Mike Williams 69th 17:39

Mark Torres 105th 18:30

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Thomas

29th 16:56

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HOUSTON (AP) — Philip Rivers picked apart the Houston Texans' porous pass defense, even without some of his favorite receivers.

The NFL's leading passer threw four touchdowns on Sunday, and the San Diego Chargers earned their first road win of the season in beating the Houston Texans 29-23.

The Chargers (4-5) were missing tight end Antonio Gates (torn plantar fascia) and wide receiver Malcom Floyd (hamstring) to injuries. They're also awaiting the return of Vincent Jackson, who signed his contract tender on Oct. 29 and has one game left on a team-imposed suspension. Rivers didn't miss any of them on Sunday, us-

ing eight different receivers in completing 17 of 23 passes for 295 yards. Rookie Seyi Ajirotutu and backup tight end Randy McMichael caught two touchdowns apiece. "I usually don't get to throw Tutu a ton of balls,

or Randy for that matter, because practice reps are so valuable," he said. "If something is up for tight ends, Gates usually takes it. The last week or two, I was able to throw those guys a lot more balls than I have in the past and it certainly paid off."

The Chargers (4-5) head into their bye week on their first two-game winning streak of the season. Ajirotutu just moved up to the active roster on Oct. 23, when linebacker Kion Wilson went on injured reserve. The undrafted rookie out of Fresno State clutched the game ball in the locker room after catching four passes for 111 yards.

"I'm going to hold onto this for a while," he said. "I'll probably let it go after the bye week. I'm just glad I was able to get it. There was a lot of people that helped contribute to this win and I'm just glad I was able to get one."

Arian Foster rushed 27 times for 127 yards and two touchdowns for Houston (4-4), which has lost three of its past four home games. "You've got to protect your home turf," Houston

coach Gary Kubiak said. "Obviously, we haven't done that.'

This time, Houston failed on two fourth down plays in the second half to blow a 23-14 lead. McMichael's second TD catch cut the lead to

23-21 with 5:55 left in the third quarter, and the Chargers stuffed Foster on fourth-and-1 from the 17 early in the final quarter. Rookie Kareem Jackson has taken much of the

blame for the Texans' 32nd-ranked pass defense, but he intercepted Rivers' pass to Ajirotutu near midfield with about 12 minutes left. Rivers atoned on the next possession, throw-

ing over Jackson for a 28-yard touchdown pass to

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Results from Saturday's regional meet in Lubbock for **Big Spring cross** country

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Brutha's 20 Last Week's Scores Frickin' 10 Pin, 8; Pollard, 8; Team 2, 8; Team 8, 8; Those Guys, 6; The

Veterans, 6; Claiborness, 6; The Real Deal, 2; Culligan, 2; United Country, 2

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own high standards earlier this "I haven't played this kind of

hadn't been playing up to his

game, really, this season yet, playing the way that I feel like I'm capable of playing," Rodgers said. "It was nice to play better." Green Bay has won three in

a row after opening 3-3, including an emotional Sunday night home win over Brett Favre and the Vikings followed by a 9-0 road shutout of the New York Jets last week. Beating the talented but troubled Cowboys gives the Packers another boost of momentum heading into their

About the only serious mistake for the Packers was a personal foul penalty on Collins, flagged for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Cowboys receiver Roy Williams in the third quarter. Collins could be in line for additional punishment as the NFL cracks down on illegal hits this season.

Longtime Packers receiver Donald Driver sat out with a quadriceps injury, but Jones and Greg Jennings were able to pick up the slack in the passing game. Jennings had seven catches for 80 yards and a touchdown.

Green Bay's defense contained Cowboys quarterback Jon Kitna, who again was filling in for an injured Tony Romo and threw for 183 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.

Packers rookie cornerback Sam Shields made an acrobatic, one-handed interception of a deep pass by Kitna to set up Rodgers' 9-yard screen pass to Jackson for a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter.

A sack by Matthews helped force a punt on the Cowboys' next possession. After a 12-yard

to do. He's just a tremen-

19-17 A&M in the third

Oklahoma got the of-

fense going when it

capped a 15-play, 71-

yard drive with a 1-yard

touchdown run by Mur-

ray to get within 19-7.

Jamell Fleming inter-

cepted Tannehill for

the second time of the

night on A&M's next

drive. The Sooners lost

2 yards on three plays

and settled for a 45-yard

field goal to cut the lead

to 19-10 with about $9\frac{1}{2}$

minutes left in the third

The Aggies made it

19Texas A&M had 222

yards to Oklahoma's 111

as the Sooners were shut

out in a first half for the

first time since 2007.

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scramble, Rodgers heaved a 22yard completion to Jones as cornerback Mike Jenkins slipped and fell to the turf. Rodgers went right back to Jones on the next play, this time finding him for 31 yards over Terence Newman to set up first-and-goal at the 2. Jackson plowed in for his second touchdown of the night.

Matthews made another big play on the Cowboys' next possession, stuffing Marion Barber on third-and-1 to force another Dallas punt.

Rodgers led another long drive, ending with an 8-yard touchdown pass to Jennings.

Then things really got ugly.

Jarrett Bush stripped the ball from McCann on the ensuing kickoff and Collins returned it 26 yards for a touchdown.

Replays showed McCann appeared to be down before the ball came out — but the Cowboys didn't have any timeouts left to challenge.

TCU closes in on top 2 in latest BCS standings

NEW YORK (AP) — TCU's best chance to catch Oregon and Auburn in the BCS standings came and went, and the Horned Frogs are still chasing the top

TCU closed the gap on the first-place Ducks and second-place Tigers, and widened its advantage on fourth-place Boise State on Sunday, a day after a resounding 47-7 victory at previously unbeaten Utah. "The bottom line is that

they put themselves on a different plateau," TCU coach Gary Patterson said of his team after the win over Utah. "They have to finish the season and we can only control what we can control.

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By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. East-West vulnerable **NORTH** WEST EAST ΦA ♥AQJ97 **V** 10 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ K Q 7 6 ◆ AJ1054 SOUTH **♦** K Q 7 5 4 3 **♣**AQJ10763 The bidding: South North

5 NT 6 💠 Dble Opening lead — king of diamonds. How can you bid a grand slam missing the ace of trumps and still come out ahead? Believe it or not, it actually happened when teams from Washington, D.C., and Chicago clashed in the final of the 1988 Grand National Team championship. The bidding shown took place at the table where Jack Oest of Chicago held the South hand. North's double was "negative," promising four spades. Oest's five-notrump bid, to his way of thinking, asked about the quality of North's spades, and he

interpreted the six-club response as showing the spade ace. He thereupon leaped to seven spades, which West quietly but assuredly doubled.

Declarer ruffed the opening diamond lead and sheepishly led a trump. West took the ace and tried the ace of hearts, but South ruffed, drew the last trump and claimed.

Minus 100 didn't figure to be a winning result for North-South, and things certainly looked gloomy for Chicago when the Washington pair at the other table sensibly stopped in six spades on this auction:

West 1 ♥ North East Dble Dble Pass Pass Redble

South's redouble gave West, Gerald Caravelli, pause for thought. He asked himself how declarer could be so certain that six spades would make and concluded that South expected to lose no tricks in the red suits. This left declarer with a black two-suiter, so Caravelli decided that his best chance to defeat the slam was to find his partner with no clubs, or one club and two trumps.

Accordingly, he led a club and was delighted when East ruffed. That, plus the ace of trumps, gave East-West a one-trick set. Redoubled, this came to 200 points, giving the Chicagoans a net gain of 100 points, or 3 IMPs, on the deal. Tomorrow: A shift in time saves nine.

AGGIES

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The Aggies took over from there, but couldn't get anything going and had to punt. The punt was blocked for a safety to leave the score at 33-

Oklahoma gambled with a fake field goal when the holder John Nimmo overthrew James Hanna in the end zone, giving A&M the ball at the its own 32 earlier in the fourth quar-

The Aggies stopped a

streak of 17 straight unanswered points when the Gray spun into the end zone for a 23-yard touchdown run after that miscue to make it 26-17 with about 11 minutes remaining. Gray spun all the way around to evade one tackler and did a second 360 degree spin to roll in for the score. It was Gray's first game

as the featured running back after Christine Michael broke his leg last week. "I don't have favorites

on the team, but if I did he would be at the top of my list," Sherman said of Gray. "He is an unselfish player. He will do whatever you ask him

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dous person as well as a su do ku player." Jones connected with Trey Franks on a 5-yard touchdown to make it

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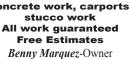
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During recent transit through private Scorpio, much revealed was in conversation, though mostly indirectly. The Freudian slips, innuendo, hints and allegations told more of the story than the exchange of official words. Now Mercury enters

Sagittarius and a new style takes hold. Intrigue is out. Straight talk is in.



HOLIDAY **M**ATHIS

you make with someone is through your eyes. All the warmth, humor intelligence you send out will be well received today, especially by like minds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What's fun for the short term isn't necessarily good in the long run. For instance, the current intensity of your schedule will be fine for a few days, but plan a rest at the end of the week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone has been on your mind, and this person will come out of woodwork and connect with you soon. Plan what you'll say, and

be perceived.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Try to look at yourself, your behavior and your activities from a place of detachment. If you are objective about your own life, you can see ways to improve your management of time and get more productivity out of your day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's true that what matters most cannot be bought with cash. Think about the hours that have been most precious to you. They were spent doing things that couldn't be purchased with any amount of wealth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be appreciated for who you are, though people only learn about this through your good works. As you continue to operate in a way that is efficient and effective, you gain a stellar reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are highly resilient to setbacks. Everyone experiences temporary defeat, but those who bounce back get to experience the sweet rewards at the end of the day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Trust in your plan. Someone will tell you that it's not a good one, but that's the kind of

Mercury's consider how you want to criticism that is always so effusive and generous you account for your generously dealt to the true innovators of the Through world, like you.

> **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know what you want, and your will is strong. You see your advantage, but you don't know if you should play it. There's a fine line between manipulation and influence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want to get involved with people who can help you, but not if you can't help them right back. You are, after all, a giver. You are most comfortable when you can give.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've been so decent caring and considerate in your dealings that someone is getting quickly attached you. What was supposed to be temporary arrangement will wind up lasting a long while.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You wield great powers of magnetism now, and before reading this horoscope, you were completely unaware of your power. Now that you know, be careful not to break hearts.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 8). You will find the open and unconditional love you seek. It is true in part because you are

with your attention. November, you'll test your strength and stretch your muscles, physically emotionally. December prize. brings Professional advancement happens in May. Gemini and Libra people adore vou. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 3, 20 and 14.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: husband just informed me that all the workers in his company agreed to take a 25 percent pay cut in order to keep the business going without having to fire anyone. We already live month to month and have very little savings. Where is the extra money going to come from to fill in the gaps? We have two children, ages 8 and 14. Should we tell them that we're having financial difficulty? How would you advise me to cut back? I am really stressed out about this." — Frugal

Pisces Fish. The first rule is not to lose your composure. You are lucky to have your health, each other and a source of income. And you have many other blessings, as well, so start counting them. Talk about your wealth your true wealth — your relationships and all of the joy and connection that couldn't be bought with money. Apply your ethereal Pisces nature as

many treasures of the spirit. These acts will help you to slip into a headspace of "having" instead of a headspace of "wanting" or "lacking." Instead of telling your children that you're having financial trouble, model strength, creativity resourcefulness. and You'll figure this one out. Feel and act rich — that is what you really are.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Jack Osbourne knows what it's like to spend 24/7 in front of a camera, and he's now finding out what it's like to be behind one, too. He's racking up credits as a producer and director and is currently making a documentary about his father, but he's doing it so secretively that even Ozzy doesn't exactly what it's about. Scorpios are masters at keeping secrets!

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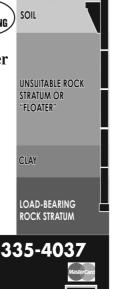
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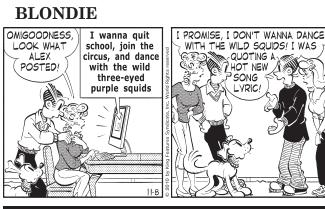


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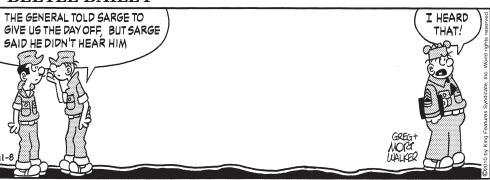


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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2010. There are 53 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On Nov. 8, 1960. Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for

the presidency. On this date:

In 1860, the Stephen Foster song "Old Black Joe" was copyrighted.

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1909, the original Boston Opera House first opened with a performance of "La Gioconda" by Amilcare Ponchielli.

In 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power in Germany with a failed coup in Munich that came to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch.'

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Herbert Hoover for tne presidency.

In 1935, the movies "Mutiny on the Bounty," starring Clark Gable and Charles Laughton, and "A Night at the Opera," starring the Marx Brothers, premiered in New York. In 1942, Operation Torch,

resulting in an Allied victory, began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa. In 1980, scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in

Pasadena, Calif. announced

that the U.S. space probe

Voyager 1 had discovered a

15th moon orbiting the planet Saturn. In 1988, Vice President George H.W. Bush won the presidential election, defeating Massachusetts Gov. Michael

In 1994, midterm elections resulted in Republicans winning a majority in the Senate while at the same time gaining control of the House for the first time in 40 years.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Norman Llovd is 96. Singer Patti Page is 83. CBS newsman Morley Safer is 79. Singeractress Bonnie Bramlett is 66. Singer Bonnie Raitt is 61. TV personality Mary Hart is 60. Former Playboy Enterprises

Christie Hefner is 58. Actress Alfre Woodard is 58. Singersongwriter Rickie Lee Jones is 56. Author Kazuo Ishiguro is 56. Rock musician Porl Thompson (The Cure) is 53. Singer-actor Leif Garrett is 49. Chef and TV personality Gordon Ramsay is 44. Actress Courtney Thorne-Smith is 43. Actress Parker Posey is 42. Rock musician Jimmy Chaney is 41. Actress Roxana Zal is 41. Singer Diana King is 40. Actor Gonzalo Menendez is 39. Actress Gretchen Mol is 37. Actor Matthew Rhys is 36. Actress Tara Reid is 35. Country singer Bucky Covington is 33. Actress Dania Ramirez is 31. Actress Azura Skye is 29.

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Julia Schuelke and Jacob Rodriquez are pictured as the Grady High School Sweetheart and Hero, presented at the pep rally Nov. 4 before the Klondike game.

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TEXANS

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Ajirotutu with 5:23 left. Mike Tolbert jumped over the pile for a 2-point conversion to give San Diego a 29-23 lead.

Rivers said last week that the Texans' secondary was vulnerable to deep passes. When the Chargers tried big plays on Sunday, Rivers said they clicked as well as they did in practice.

"A couple of things came up just how we drew them up," he said.

Rivers has 2,944 yards passing, the second-most yards passing through a team's first nine games of a season in NFL history. Drew Brees had 2,985 in 2008.

"He can make any throw," San Diego coach Norv Turner said. "He understands what we're doing. He makes a lot of guys look like real good players, and we got some young guys that are go-

ing to be good players."

The Texans had a chance for the go-ahead score in the final minutes, but the usually sure-handed Andre Johnson made a costly mistake.

On second down, Johnson couldn't handle Matt Schaub's pass, and the ball ricocheted off his knee and into the hands of safety Paul Oliver. Officials upheld the interception after a replay review, and Rivers kneeled down to run out

the clock.

"No matter what happened during the game before that play, we still had a chance to win that game," Johnson said. "I thought I had it. My knee came up, the ball hit off my knee, and the

guy picked it off." The Chargers improved to 4-0 against the Texans after starting the game with the kind of special teams blunders that have hurt them all season.

Oliver caught the opening kickoff and inexplicably stepped out of bounds at the San Diego 4. Texans linebacker Stanford Keglar then deflected Mike Scifres' punt, and Houston recovered at the Chargers

It was the fifth San Diego punt blocked or deflected this season, and Foster scored on the next snap.

Ajirotutu then sprinted past Jackson on a 55-yard touchdown pass from Rivers, the eighth reception covering more than 40 yards this season against Houston's secondary.

Notes: Rivers' other four-touchdown game came in a 41-24 win over Tampa Bay in December 2008. ... The Texans' defense faced a top-five offense for the fifth time this season. ... McMichael had the first twotouchdown game of his career. ... Foster had multiple scores for the fourth time this season.

TCU

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But I thought they made a statement. Everybody else in the country, when they go into someone else's house in a big game, they usually end up getting beat."

The Horned Frogs' BCS average is .9259 after coming in third in both the Harris and coaches' polls and second in the computer ratings. Oregon (.9638) is first in both polls and third in the computers. Auburn (.9611) is second in the polls and first in the computers.

LSU moved up to fifth overall after beating Al-

abama 24-21. Looking ahead, TCU (10-0) appears to have virtually no chance of moving up unless at least one of the top two teams loses. The squads that finish the

season first and second in the standings play in the BCS championship game on Jan. 10 in Glendale, Ariz.

TCU's remaining schedule includes games against San Diego State (7-2) on Saturday and at New Mexico (1-8) on Nov. 27, not the type of opponents likely to impress pollsters or com-

Both the Ducks and Tigers have tougher tests

Oregon (9-0) plays at California (5-4) on Saturday. After a week off, the Ducks host No. 18 Arizona (7-2) and play at Oregon State (4-4) on Dec. 4.

Auburn (10-0) is home for Georgia (5-5) on Saturday, then has a week off. The Iron Bowl against No. 11 Alabama (7-2) is the day after Thanksgiving. A win in either game gives Auburn a spot in the SEC championship game.

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NOVEMBER 11, 2010

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