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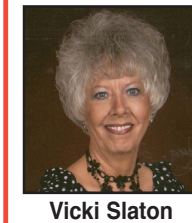
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Committee to report on city charter

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring's recently appointed Charter Review Committee is slated to meet Tuesday afternoon, as the group looks at ways to update and improve the city's municipal charter.

The meeting, which is slated for 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers — approximately 30 minutes before the council is set to meet in regular

 Duncan

The meeting comes on the heels of recommendations from Mayor Tommy Duncan, who told the city council the charter could use an overhaul to make it more

accessible to city residents.

"There are a couple of things I'd personally like to see put into the charter," Duncan told the council during a recent meeting. "I would like to see term limits initiated on council members. I think it's important council members have the opportunity to serve then other members of our community have the chance to come in and provide their expertise.

"What I'd like to see is a term limit

imposed on the mayor starting this past May, and term limits imposed on the council members the next election after that charter amendment. That way every council member sitting on the council now will have a full two term opportunity to serve. After a council person or a mayor serves two terms, if they sit out two terms they will be eligible to run again and serve two more terms."

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Relief

Long-term relief for heartburn topic for October Healthy Woman

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center and its Healthy Woman Advisory Council invite members to attend the October Healthy Woman event, "No Heartburn, No Pills, No Scars — Long-term Relief of Heartburn Without a Surgical Incision," scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the fourth floor activity room at SMMC.

Tens of millions of Americans suffer with daily heartburn or other symptoms of reflux such as regurgitation, chronic cough, hoarseness and dental erosions.

Until recently these people faced either a lifetime of daily medications, and often incomplete resolution of their symptoms, or the risks of invasive surgery.

Featured speaker for "No Heartburn," Dr. Ladd Hoffman, will discuss a new option with guests.

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FRYING UP AMERICAN LEGION FISH



Ricky Davis checks on a batch of catfish he's frying during the American Legion Post 506's annual Fish Fry, held Saturday at the post home on W. Highway 80.

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Productive Congress gets no respect

JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The public panned it. Republicans obstructed it. Many Democrats fled from it. Even so, the session of Congress now drawing to a close was the most productive in nearly half a century.

Not since the explosive years of the civil rights movement and the hard-fought debut of government-supported health care for the elderly and poor have so many big things — love them or hate them — been done so quickly.

Gridlock? It may feel that way. But that's not the story of the 111th Congress — not the story history will remember.

Democrats are dearly hoping history won't repeat itself. In 1966, after Democrats created Medicare and Medicaid and passed civil rights laws, they got hammered in the election, losing 48 seats in the House and four in the Senate. They maintained their majorities in

both at the time, but an identical result next month would turn the House over to Republicans.

In the 1960s Democrats paid the price for events largely outside their control — an escalating war in Vietnam going badly, rowdy anti-war protests and violence in American cities, said Linda Fowler, professor of government at Dartmouth College.

"I think that's what's going on this time too," Fowler said, "despite a very significant record of accomplishment."

Democrats struggling now to retain majorities in the House and Senate must deal with a public that is quick to blame Washington for the prolonged economic downturn, and that resents the bank bailouts that were actually passed by the previous Congress.

In terms of legislative successes, the current session of Congress is "at least on a par with the 89th Congress" of 1965-1966, said Norman Ornstein, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

But, he added, Republicans have done all they could to discredit Congress and Democrats have failed to sell their agenda. Moreover, it will take years to fully feel the effects of the health care law and financial regulation.

"A world dominated by bickering and epithet-throwing and bomb tossing in Washington obscures accomplishments," Ornstein said.

Congress passed an \$814 billion economic stimulus package soon after President Barack Obama took office, tapping a staggering sum of money to avoid a full-blown depression. Democrats have trumpeted the gains from that effort, but know it's not enough for restive voters. "Americans still see themselves in a ditch," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer.

The two other landmark acts of this session were the health care overhaul, a giant step toward universal coverage

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Obituaries

Katie Inus Digby Beaird

Services for Katie Inus Digby Beaird, 90, of Lamesa will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Sunset Baptist Church with Phillip Digby and Gerald Parsons officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Katie passed away Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010, in Lamesa. She was born Aug. 15, 1920, in Knott to O.B. and Georgia Nichols. She married Elliott Earl Digby in September of 1939 at the First Methodist Church parsonage in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Sept. 17, 1980.

Katie remarried to Earl T. Beaird on Aug. 15, 1981, in Wichita Falls. He preceded her in death Feb. 20, 2008.

Katie was a food service manager for the Lamesa Independent School District until her retirement. She was a member of Sunset Baptist Church for 56 years where she also taught Sunday school classes. Katie accepted Jesus as her personal savior when she was a child by being baptized in a tank at a brush arbor revival in Knott. She was a devout Christian who loved to serve the Lord. Katie was a member of Rebekah's Lodge and the Eastern Star.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, a daughter Darnell and husband, Bobby King Sr., of Seminole and son, Phillip Earl and wife, Judy Digby, of Wichita Falls; five grandchildren, Bobby Wayne King Jr., John Russell King, Christopher Earl Digby, Hershel Bradley Digby and Regina Ann Digby Wilson; and six great-grandchildren, Ashley Digby, Bradley Digby, Sara Digby, Laura King, Andrew King and Harrison King.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband and father of her children, Earl Elliott Digby; and her second husband, Earl Beaird; three sisters, Ione Nichols Adams, Dice Nichols Mingus and Pauline Nichols Manning; and a brother, Lloyd Nichols.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Saint Jude Cancer Center in honor of Austin Wiss by calling 1-800-873-6983.

Paid obituary

Frances Renfro

Frances Renfro, 90, of Midland died Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, in a Midland nursing home. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Eusebio Fierro Jr.

Eusebio Fierro Jr., 60, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-22-35-39-43-52.

Number matching six of six: None.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$13 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-17-19-25-31.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$22,256.

Winning ticket purchased in: Conroe.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

None of the tickets sold for the Powerball game Saturday evening matched all six numbers drawn, which were:

11-12-15-16-28 Powerball: 11.

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Eldon Callarman

Eldon Callarman, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 15, 2010, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Private graveside services were held Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, at Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco.

He was born Dec. 18, 1929, in Cisco to Dovie Ophelia and Edward Lewis Callarman. He grew up in Cisco, graduating from Cisco High School and Cisco Junior College. He married Nelda Richards on June 2, 1962, in Andrews and moved to Big Spring in 1973 from Hobbs, N.M. He worked for Texaco for 30 years, retiring as an area superin-

tendent.

He is survived by his wife, Nelda Callarman of Big Spring; one brother, David Callarman and wife Judy of Cisco; one sister, Faye Deffebach of Abilene; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers.

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

Police blotter

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

- RICKY VIERA, 45, of 405 W. Fifth St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- JAMIE LEOS MONTES, 33, of 305 E. Ninth St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.

- PEDRO ROSENDO AGUILAR, 49, of 312 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Saturday on charges of assault – family violence and interfering with an emergency phone call.

- ISABEL LOMAS, 54, of 806 N. Goliad, was arrested Saturday on charges of no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- GUADALUPE SAMUEL CRUZ, 20, of 613 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Saturday on warrants for no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to appear.

- HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 26, of 1511 S. Scurry, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.

- ANTHONY ROSS CELENZE, 29, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass.

- JAMES TRENT MCQUEEN, 20, of Colorado, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass.

- JESUS M. GANDARILLA, 26, of Canutillo, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JESUS MANUEL RAMIREZ, 22, of 300 Tulane Apt. 2, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 1700 block of Owens.

- THEFT was reported in the 600 block of Manor Lane.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail

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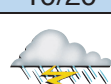
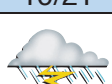
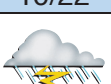
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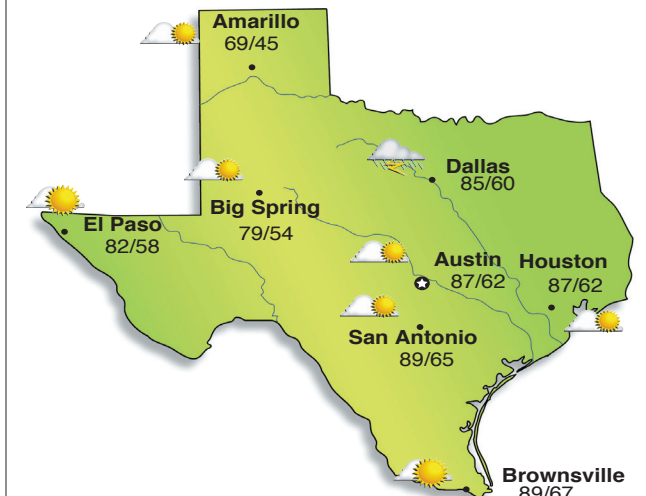
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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79/54 Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 79F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.	79/58 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	70/53 Scattered thunderstorms possible.	75/53 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	77/53 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:53 AM Sunset: 7:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:53 AM Sunset: 7:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:54 AM Sunset: 7:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:55 AM Sunset: 7:06 PM	Sunrise: 7:56 AM Sunset: 7:04 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	55	pt sunny	Kingsville	91	66	pt sunny
Amarillo	69	45	pt sunny	Livingston	88	58	t-storm
Austin	87	62	pt sunny	Longview	85	59	t-storm
Beaumont	86	62	pt sunny	Lubbock	75	47	pt sunny
Brownsville	89	67	mst sunny	Lufkin	87	60	t-storm
Brownwood	87	58	pt sunny	Midland	82	56	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	88	67	pt sunny	Raymondville	91	66	mst sunny
Corsicana	85	59	t-storm	Rosenberg	88	62	pt sunny
Dallas	85	60	t-storm	San Antonio	89	65	pt sunny
Del Rio	89	64	pt sunny	San Marcos	88	61	pt sunny
El Paso	82	58	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	59	t-storm
Fort Stockton	82	57	pt sunny	Sweetwater	80	54	pt sunny
Gainesville	81	54	t-storm	Tyler	85	58	t-storm
Greenville	83	56	t-storm	Weatherford	83	56	t-storm
Houston	87	62	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	76	53	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	55	mst sunny	Minneapolis	63	43	mst sunny
Boston	60	44	pt sunny	New York	60	50	rain
Chicago	61	41	pt sunny	Phoenix	83	64	mst sunny
Dallas	85	60	t-storm	San Francisco	73	57	mst sunny
Denver	65	41	mst sunny	Seattle	63	45	pt sunny
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reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- ARMANDO AVINA, 28, was arrested Friday by the HC SO on a motion to revoke.
- DENNIS CHARLES SMITH, 44, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.
- TOMMY BILLALBA JR., 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on warrants for no safety belt, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and displaying an expired registration.
- JOE LOUIS STONE, 32, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY HORVATICH, 42, was arrested Saturday by the HC SO on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- BENJAMIN REYNOLDS, 64, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to appear (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection and assault – family violence.
- SETH ERNEST WILLIAMSON, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for minor consuming alcohol, failure to appear (two counts), minor driving under the influence of alcohol and changing lanes when unsafe.
- CARLOS RAMIREZ BARRIGA, 35, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated with an open container – second offense.
- RACHEL N. BERRERA, 32, was transferred to

the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for speeding and violation of a promise to appear.

- NICHOLAS COY HERNANDEZ, 29, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ERIC I. URANGA, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROXAN SYLVIA DIAZ, 24, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELEUTERIO PADRON, 61, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ERLINDA EVETTE RIOS, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- JENNIE MARIE RUSHING, 35, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.
- ERICK AYALA SANCHEZ, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ANASTACIO CARRASCO BAEZA, 58, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- HUMBERTO BAEZA, 49, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CARLOS NOEL APONTE, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICKY VIERA, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving

while intoxicated.

- ERICK DAVE HERNANDEZ, 31, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- CHRISTOPHER WOOTEN, 49, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMIE MONTES, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- GUADALUPE SAMUEL CRUZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to appear and no driver’s license.
- PEDRO AGUILAR, 49, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of interfering with an emergency phone call and assault – family violence.
- ISABEL GONZALEZ LOMAS, 54, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of no driver’s license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- TRENT JAMES MCQUEEN, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- ANTHONY CELENZE, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- GILBERTO RAY HINOJOS, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HC SO on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.
- STEVEN WAYNE TURNER, 46, was arrested Monday by the HC SO on an Andrews County warrant for a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- JESUS MANUEL RAMIREZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

COUNCIL

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Duncan said he’d also like to see changes to the way initiatives and referendums are handled by the municipality.

“One of the things I’d like to see in the charter is an initiative and referendum in order to allow the citizens of Big Spring easier access to a more active role within the government,” he said. “I think there are a lot of varied ways initiatives and referendums can be placed in the charter, and the city attorney

has been looking at other cities and is drafting some language that would be a starting point.”

Named to the committee by Duncan were himself, Sjogren, City Finance Director Peggy Walker, council members Gloria McDonald and Craig Olson, former mayor and local business owner Tim Blackshear, and Linda Fernandez.

Any changes to the municipal charter must first be approved by city voters, according to officials, with an election tentatively planned for May 2011.

Following the meeting of the charter committee,

the council is expected to meet to discuss a number of agenda items, including final approval of the sale of property to the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

The council approved first reading of the sale on a 6-1 vote two weeks ago, with Councilwoman Stephanie Horton the lone dissenter. The property is expected to be used by CRMWD to build a water reclamation plant near the water treatment plant on Midway Road.

The vote came after CRMWD General Manager John Grant found himself in the hot seat regarding a 8.5

percent cost increase to the city of Big Spring, which purchases water from the district for sale to its municipal customers.

The increase — which will total \$275,000 for the city and it’s customers — drew Horton’s ire, as the councilwoman called for the water district to absorb the cost of the increase.

“We’ve had the worst quality of water compared to the other communities (Odessa and Snyder), and did we see a price break then?” Horton asked Grant during the meeting.

“We’ve steadily been charged more or the same as the other

communities, and they get a better quality of water. After all of the turmoil and chaos this city has been through because of the water, why can’t CRMWD give us a break?”

Grant agreed to take the matter back to the CRMWD board of directors to be reconsidered, but seemed less than hopeful the water district would be able to nix the increase.

“Water rates are based on the contracts between CRMWD and the cities it serves,” Grant told the council. “To change that rate a contract amendment would have to be made, not just for

Big Spring, but for all of the cities.”

The council currently has an ordinance tabled that would increase water rates for municipal customers through a new tiered system to cover the cost of the increase. It’s unknown whether the council will reconsider the matter during Tuesday’s meeting.

Tuesday’s meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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CONGRESS

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that had eluded presidents back to Franklin Roosevelt if not Teddy Roosevelt, and the Wall Street accountability act.

Obama has also signed into law at least a dozen other pieces of legislation of significance:

- Making college loans more affordable.
- The Cash for Clunkers program that helped rejuvenate the auto industry.
- New consumer protections for credit card users.
- Making it easier for women to challenge pay

discrimination.

- Increasing federal regulation of tobacco products.
- Cracking down on waste in Pentagon weapons acquisition.
- Making attacks based on sexual orientation a federal hate crime.
- Giving businesses tax incentives to hire unemployed workers.
- Tax credits for first-time homeowners.

So where is the love? Polls suggest three-fourths of Americans disapprove of Congress.

The 1960s were a time of upheaval, and Medicare only arrived after a bitter debate echoing with cries from the right that socialism was on the march in Ameri-

ca. Yet people had a lot more faith in government to do the right thing, polls from that time indicate.

And Medicare grew to be so popular that Republicans, the party that resisted it, have been quick to accuse Democrats of trying to cut it when they proposed to slow its growth and use the savings to help provide medical care to millions who lack health insurance.

An erosion of trust in institutions in general has enabled Republicans to score points by arguing that Democratic Big Government programs are exploding the national debt, Ornstein said. The result, he

added, is that not many Democrats are campaigning on the benefits of the stimulus package, even though one-third of it was tax cuts that put money in most people’s pockets.

“The amazing thing is that we have had such a productive Congress despite the obstructionism,” Hoyer said. “Republicans and their media have successfully sent out a message that the Congress has failed.”

Democrats cling to a hope that voters in the last two weeks before the election will come to a more favorable view of how the party handled health care and the economy.

But in taking on issues for the history books, Democrats have failed on some matters close to the hearts of allies whose energy is vital in an election. Legislation making it easier to unionize workplaces is stalled, Hispanics are still pressing for an overhaul of the immigration system and environmental groups want action on climate change.

Democratic leaders put off action for nearly two years on preventing a massive tax increase come Jan. 1, when the Bush-era tax cuts run out. And they couldn’t even put a budget together this year. But it’s not what Congress

didn’t accomplish the past two years, it’s what it did do that seems to have voters most riled.

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Eusebio Fierro, Jr., 60, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
Melvin Johnson, 63, died Sunday. Memorial services were at 1 p.m. Monday at the Hwy. 80 Church of Christ.
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The program will also be offered at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday as the Senior Circle Lunch-n-Learn for October. Lunch will be served in

the fourth floor activity room.

Both events are open to men and women of all ages. While there is no charge to attend, seating is limited, so reservations are suggested. For more details or to RSVP, log on to www.smmccares.com or call Kim Howell at 268-4842 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

Upcoming Healthy Woman events include “There’s Something About Merry — Mental Health and the Holidays,” offered Nov. 17 at 11:30 a.m. and Nov. 18 at

5:30 p.m. This event will be held in SMMCs fourth floor activity room and will feature local family medicine specialist, Dr. Scott Barclay, and West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith.

In January, the Healthy Woman program celebrates its second anniversary with “Two Terrific Years — Wild About Healthy Woman.”

The Healthy Woman program at SMMC was launched in January 2009 and boasts more than 900 members.

Women can now join

an online community to connect with other Healthy Woman members. Healthy Woman Online is a free resource to help empower women ages 24-64 to make informed health and well-being decisions. It is also the source for information about local Healthy Woman events as well as online health resources to answer health-related questions.

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OTHER VIEWS

Latinos still can and should beat vote projections

This probably isn't the first editorial you've read urging Latinos to make their mark at the polls. We've written some ourselves, so this plea to Texas' Hispanic voters is not new to us, either.

Nevertheless, the point remains. From jobs to education to immigration, Hispanic voters have quite a bit at stake in November's mid-term election. Yet some recent polling data suggests a significant number of registered Latino voters may sit this one out.

The Pew Hispanic Center reports that only about half of Hispanic voters nationally are likely to cast ballots. By contrast, 70 percent of all registered voters say they will vote.

A survey by this newspaper and several others found similar numbers across Texas. Only 44 percent of registered Texas Hispanic voters said they were “absolutely certain” to vote, compared to 58.2 percent of all registered Texas voters with no doubt they would hit the polls.

The polling firm Latino Decisions found some marginally better numbers nationally. Its recent report shows 73 percent of registered Hispanic voters are “almost certain” to vote. “Almost certain” is nowhere as good as “absolutely certain,” but the Latino numbers perhaps could end up higher than 45 percent to 50 percent of those registered.

Let's hope so. Sitting this election out will do Hispanics no good, no matter how despondent they may be over the immigration debate. Experts examining these recent polls believe the anger surrounding this issue is largely responsible for the low projections.

But there is much more at stake, which the Pew Hispanic Center interestingly picked up on. Its survey revealed that Latinos consider education, jobs, health care and budget deficits more important issues than immigration.

So with all that at stake, particularly the economy, Latino voters have every reason to vote early or on Nov. 2. We hope that by the morning of Nov. 3, these dire projections will have been proven wildly inaccurate.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Tranquility comes to us, Lord, through You and Your word.

Amen

JAMRS, thanks, but no thanks

The government sent my son a \$2 bill. And they promised him another \$5 if he would spend 15 minutes filling out a survey. If you ask me, they should spend the money on young men and women with untreated Traumatic Brain Injuries.

The envelope said JAMRS. I thought it must be some engineering school we'd never heard of. My son is a senior in high school. He scored at the very top on all the math tests and checked engineering as his interest. He gets more mail than you could imagine. My daughter did equally well in English, but never got this kind of mail. Now that he's narrowed down his choices, most of it gets tossed.

JAMRS? I looked at both sides of the envelope. No explanation. When he opened it, the \$2 bill fell out. Forget about a penny for your thoughts.

The survey was a dead giveaway.

Had he considered a career in the military? Did he come from an area with high unemployment? Was he concerned about the cost of a higher education? Was he worried about his job prospects? What would his parents say if he told them he was interested in the military? If he



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were interested, which branch would it be?

Me, I kept looking to see who JAMRS was. They never said. Not on the front, not on the letter to give to your parents if you were under 18, nowhere.

It all rubbed me wrong. The government doesn't need to pay my son \$7 for his opinion. Frankly, they can't afford to.

They don't need to ask him what I think. I'll tell them. For free.

When I got to my computer and Googled JAMRS, I learned that it was the “Joint Advertising Market Research and Studies.” But of course.

How about some English and some honesty here? If you want kids to put their lives on the line, tell them who you are.

JAMRS “conducts marketing efforts — under the Today's Military brand — to enhance and extend the individual Services' communications efforts with a variety of branding and advertising initiatives.”

The “Today's Military brand”? Is serving your country a brand? Do we need branding initiatives to “market” service? Are these people trying to turn us off, or is it just by accident?

I have nothing but respect for young people who choose to serve in the military. In my experience, it's a choice that is certainly affected by economic conditions and educational opportunities (the primary subject

of the survey). But at its core — and the reason I respect it so much — it's a choice to serve this country. It's about patriotism and love of country.

Why is it being “sold” behind an unknowable acronym for an organization that makes it sound like what's involved is a choice between soaps or cereals?

Where is the dignity in paying kids seven bucks to check off some answers?

Where is the pride, the respect?

If the Department of Defense has cash to burn in sending out who knows how many \$2 bills to young people, why not spend it taking care of the young people who already said yes and came home suffering serious long-term injuries that, according to media reports, are going undiagnosed and untreated?

If the JAMRS folks want to enhance the conversation with parents about service, which is what their website says, why not do so by promising to treat our kids as the precious and irreplaceable lights of our lives that they are?

On the other hand, if they think they're better off hiding behind some marketing acronym, not to mention throwing cash money around, then all the branding in the world won't help our military fulfill its mission.

JAMRS? No thanks.

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Don't waste your energy!

I've spent hours, days and sometimes years consumed by worries, fears, anger, sadness, disappointment and depression. But lately, I've become determined not to waste my energy on things that I personally can't change or do anything about.

Have I become apathetic? I don't think so. At least, I don't think so in the way I generally define apathy.

I wouldn't say I'm indifferent or uninterested in politics, for example, or without concern about decisions made by our leaders. But, I see no value or point in spending endless hours discussing or fretting about these decisions. Does this mean I won't exercise the powers that I do have, such as informing my leaders of any concerns or casting my vote? Of course not! I will do what I can do.

And this idea of “doing what I can do” applies to other areas of my life as well. It defines how I want to spend my time, energy and money.

Many people are probably familiar with what is known as the “Serenity Prayer.” One abbreviated version is: “God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

Honestly, this is a prayer I've not always been comfortable with. I think it's because I don't like the idea of there being anything that can't be changed, and I thought this prayer was suggesting just that.

But it occurs to me that I've

been leaving out an important word — “I.” The stark reality of this hit me. I — me, myself and I — can't change everything that may need to be changed. It's either not my job, or to be realistic, I can't alone do everything that needs to be done. My conclusion from this realization is that most things in life require a community to accomplish all that needs to be achieved. What a relief this has become for me!

Perhaps even Jesus had an understanding that doing what he could do might also mean that there were times when he couldn't do everything possible. He once said, “No prophet is accessed in his own country.” (Luke 4:24) And it was recorded that, “He didn't do many miracles there because of their hostile indifference.” (Matthew 13:58)

I've always imagined Jesus as someone who used his energy efficiently and effectively. I don't think he wasted energy being disappointed, frustrated or depressed that he wasn't welcomed and accepted in his hometown in the way he was in many others.

I've read that the “Serenity Prayer” is a model for humility. And there are many folks who would concur that a good dose of humility is essential in good decision-making.

I can't help but think that the asking for serenity has something — or maybe everything — to do with humility. Perhaps it's serenity that would keep us from wasting our energy in futile ways and ultimately would result in our beneficial actions and wise decisions.

Webster defines serenity as “a disposition free from stress or emotion.” And I've come across many appealing synonyms that I long to imbibe and practice: tranquility, repose, calm, compo-

sure, equanimity, steadiness of mind, absence of mental anxiety, and lack of emotional agitation.

Then it's the antonyms for “serenity” that I consider as that which leads to wasted energy: pandemonium, tumult, turmoil, unrest, uproar, agitation, anxiety, disruption, disturbance, excitement, uptightness, being flustered or perturbed.

Yes, I think Jesus went about his great mission being unaffected by disturbances around him. He remained calm, unruffled, untroubled in every situation that confronted him. This allowed him to maintain his clarity, composure and focus on his mission. And he accomplished much good.

In exploring definitions for serenity and serene, I came across a couple of phrases that continue to intrigue me: “without losing self-possession” and “serenely self-possessed.”

Might this “self” be the character Jesus so aptly illustrated by his life example? And might this “self” entail what it takes to solve difficult problems with appropriate and fair means? Something to ponder more about!

All I know is that I want to go about my own life as serenely as possible. And I am finding that to the degree I'm successful, I am making better energy choices, wasting energy less, conserving energy when needed and utilizing my energy in more creative and productive ways.

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The World Briefly:

Coast Guard admiral says agency needs Arctic resources as warming takes hold

ABOVE NORTHERN ALASKA (AP) — The ice-choked reaches of the northern Arctic Ocean aren't widely perceived as an international shipping route. But global warming is bringing vast change, and Russia, for one, is making an aggressive push to establish top of the world sea lanes.

This year, a Russian ship carrying up to 90,000 metric tons of gas condensate sailed across the Arctic and through the Bering Strait to the Far East. Last year, a Russian ship went the other way, leaving from South Korea with industrial parts. Russia plans up to eight such trips next year, using oil-type tankers with reinforced hulls to break through the ice.

All of which calls for more U.S. Coast Guard facilities and equipment in the far north to secure U.S. claims and prepare for increased human activity, according to Rear Admiral Christopher C. Colvin, who is in charge of all Coast Guard operations in Alaska and surrounding waters.

"We have to have presence up there to protect our claims for the future, sovereignty claims, extended continental shelf claims," Colvin told The Associated Press in a wide-ranging interview conducted aboard a C-130 on a lumbering flight to the Arctic Ocean.

The advent of Russian shipping across the Arctic is of particular concern to Alaska and the U.S. because "there's one way in and out of the Arctic Ocean for over half the world, and that's the Bering Strait," Colvin said.

Strongest typhoon in years lashes north of Philippines; bus swept away in Vietnam

CAUAYAN, Philippines (AP) — Super Typhoon Megi became the strongest cyclone in years to buffet the Philippines on Monday, while flooding in Vietnam swept away a bus and left 20 people missing, including a girl pulled from her mother's grasp by the raging waters.

The huge storm striking the northern Philippines drowned at least one man and was expected to add to what already has been heavy rains striking much of the region, including in China where authorities evacuated 140,000 people from a coastal province ahead of the typhoon.

It could head later to Vietnam, where 30 deaths from flooding already have been reported in recent days, in addition to the bus passengers snatched by surging currents Monday and feared dead.

Megi packed sustained winds of 140 miles (225 kilometers) per hour and gusts of 162 mph (260 kph)

as it made landfall midday Monday at Palanan Bay in Isabela province, felling trees and utility poles and cutting off power, phone and Internet services in many areas. It appeared to be losing some of its power while crossing the mountains of the Philippines' main northern island of Luzon.

With more than 3,600 Filipinos riding out the typhoon in sturdy school buildings, town halls, churches and relatives' homes, roads in and out of coastal Isabela province, about 320 kilometers (200 miles) northeast of Manila, were deserted and blocked by collapsed trees and power lines.

Press the chest: Heart group advises compressions first in standard CPR

DALLAS (AP) — New guidelines out Monday switch up the steps for CPR, telling rescuers to start with hard, fast chest presses before giving mouth-to-mouth.

The change puts "the simplest step first" for traditional CPR, said Dr. Michael Sayre, co-author of the guidelines issued by the American Heart Association.

In recent years, CPR guidance has been revised to put more emphasis on chest pushes for sudden cardiac arrest. In 2008, the heart group said untrained bystanders or those unwilling to do rescue breaths could do hands-only CPR until paramedics arrive or a defibrillator is used to restore a normal heart beat.

Now, the group says everyone from professionals to bystanders who use standard CPR should begin with chest compressions instead of opening the victim's airway and breathing into their mouth first.

The change ditches the old ABC training — airway-breathing-compressions. That called for rescuers to give two breaths first, then alternate with 30 presses.

TV viewers in NYC, Philly may miss Fox shows on Cablevision in rate dispute stall

NEW YORK (AP) — Negotiators for Cablevision and Fox parent News Corp. planned to resume talks Monday in an effort to end a dispute that threatens to keep the cable company's 3 million subscribers in New York and Philadelphia from seeing some of their favorite shows.

Cablevision viewers have already missed play-off baseball and Sunday's New York Giants game. "House," the medical drama that's among Fox's highest-rated shows, airs Monday night at 8 p.m. EDT.

Negotiators failed to reach an agreement over rates Sunday, more than a day after their deal expired amid negotiations for a new one. Fox pulled its channels and programming while the two sides

discuss how much Cablevision will pay to carry them.

The two sides will meet again Monday, Fox spokesman Scott Grogin said.

Cablevision spokesman Charles Schueler reiterated that arbitration would be "the fastest and fairest way to return Fox programming to Cablevision customers."

NYC-based organization debuts online resource for looking up Nazi-era art loot

NEW YORK (AP) — The Nazis stripped hundreds of thousands of artworks from Jews during World War II in one of the biggest cultural raids in history, often photographing their spoils and meticulously cataloguing them on typewritten index cards.

Holocaust survivors and their relatives, as well as art collectors and museums, can go online beginning Monday to search a free historical database of more than 20,000 art objects stolen in Germany-occupied France and Belgium from 1940 to 1944, including paintings by Claude Monet and Marc Chagall.

The database is a joint project of the New York-based Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

The database is unusual because it has been built around Nazi-era records that were digitized and rendered searchable, showing what was seized and from whom, along with data on restitution or repatriation and photographs taken of the seized objects, the groups told The Associated Press.

The Claims Conference, which helps Holocaust survivors and their relatives to reclaim property, said it had used the database to estimate that nearly half of the objects may never have been returned to their rightful owners or their descendants or their country of origin.

Hathaway tells Vogue that ex-boyfriend's arrest taught her to be 'more wary'

NEW YORK (AP) — Anne Hathaway is now at a point where she can joke about her former boyfriend admitting he was a con artist.

The 27-year-old actress opens up about the ordeal in the November issue of Vogue magazine.

Asked to name her "deal-breakers" with men, Hathaway replied, "Uh ... fraud?" and laughs.

Raffaello Follieri pleaded guilty to cheating investors out of millions of dollars by falsely claiming he had Vatican connections that enabled him to buy church property at a discount. He was sentenced to 4½ years in prison in 2008.

Jewelry that Follieri gave Hathaway was recently auctioned off by U.S. marshals.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

fulfills your requests is a true friend. Make plans to celebrate this person in the near future. Your relationships are your wealth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Thanks to the new methods of expression that become available to you, you'll get to share what you know and love with the rest of the world, and it won't cost you very much, either.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's such a thing as overexposure, but you haven't reached that level yet. You can still afford to make yourself more visible, and in fact, it behooves you to do so.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're quick, sharp and efficient in your dealings. You are such a natural problem-solver that you sometimes take for granted how easy it is for you. It's not the same for everyone. Be compassionate, and share your talent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The more interested you are in the object of your desire the luckier you'll get. And if

you are willing to learn everything there is to know, your fortunes will quickly multiply.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though you are sensitive, you are also flexible. It is easier for you to adjust to new situations than it is for many people. Your powers of adaptation will be put to excellent use.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 18). You have clear standards, and you'll attract worthy partners to help you achieve your aims. You'll collaborate and use one another's strengths. That's why the team victory in December is also a personal victory for you. Stash away some of the bonus money you get in November. Celebrations delight you in January. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 3, 44, 29 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHT: Last week, a reader confessed feelings of worthlessness and reached out with this statement: "I'm

actually quite an accomplished person ... on paper. But in real life, I can't feel any of the successes I have."

This problem speaks not only to a low self-image, but also to a crisis of spirit. Since Capricorn is the realm of public standing and image, and Pisces is the spiritual energy, focusing on what these signs have to offer will help the situation. You can pull forth the energy of Capricorn by resolving to take excellent care of yourself. This simple intention will change you immediately. You're in charge of your own happiness and health, so it's up to you to do what's best for your body and mind. Make a list of what it takes to maintain your well-being, and then make a conscious decision to go beyond simple maintenance and treat yourself like royalty. Others will treat you like you are important after you've shown them how. Take the reins and treat yourself this way. Capricorn's phrase is "I use." So reach out and use the resources

around you. Remember that powerful people don't try to do everything themselves. When help is offered, take it. More on Pisces energy tomorrow.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: This Libran heartthrob is one of the hottest actors in Hollywood. Zac Efron was born under a Virgo moon, signifying a hard-working, detail-oriented nature. Mercury and Venus in Scorpio, the sign of desire, instill a soulful intensity and universally appealing style of communicating, which explains his ever-broadening fan base. Jupiter in Aries suggests he'll be lucky playing a warrior.

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This Pisces moon feels like the close of a chapter. It's not because anything sad or final happens, but because all of the characters you care about are somehow represented and you feel at peace with what you've shared



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The job you're doing might not thrill you, but someone else would consider it a real treat. So hand it off. Spice up your day by doing something you really want to do and doing it just for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll deal with those who have money and influence, and in the process, you will learn how to wield your own resources with a greater degree of grace and style.

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). Your fantasy life could run a bit amok. With your head in the clouds, you could miss out on all the good stuff. Come back to Earth. Your actions will follow your thoughts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your creativity will be rewarded. First you have to publicize, though. If no one knows what you're doing, it will be very hard for you to gain supporters and even trickier to make money at it!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be teaming up to accomplish something important. Look for a partner who is serious about succeeding at the task. If the person is also knowledgeable, refined and generous, you'll make a winning combo.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can't be an expert at everything. Certain schools of thought do not strike a chord with you, and you might even find the ideas and methods confusing. If you don't get it, it's not yours to get.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The one who answers your calls and

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Lee vs. Pettitte in Game 3 of ALCS

NEW YORK (AP) — Cliff Lee and Andy Pettitte. The postseason ace against that ol' October pro.

With the best-of-seven AL championship series tied at one apiece, the scene shifts to Yankee Stadium for Game 3 on Monday night, when a pair of pressure-proven pitchers will be back in the spotlight.

Lee's left arm has been baseball's most dominant force in the past two postseasons, carrying him to a 6-0 mark with a 1.44 ERA and three complete games in seven starts.

He'll be on the mound for the Texas Rangers against Pettitte, who has an outstanding October resume of his own. The longtime Yankees lefty is going for his 20th postseason win.

"Obviously, it's a great matchup," New York manager Joe Girardi said Sunday, when the Yankees and Rang-

ers worked out under blue skies in the Bronx. "I think people are looking forward to tomorrow."

Coming off the first home playoff win in the franchise's 50-season history, the Rangers are back on the road — where they're unbeaten in these playoffs. Texas won all three first-round games at AL East champion Tampa Bay, including a pair of masterpieces by Lee.

Next, he'll try to join Orlando Hernandez and Orel Hershiser as the only pitchers to win their first seven postseason decisions. Hernandez opened 8-0 for the Yankees from 1998-2000, while Hershiser went 7-0 with the Los Angeles Dodgers and Cleveland Indians from 1985-95.

"I've got high expectations for myself. Regardless of what's happened in the past or what other people expect

of me, I expect as much out of myself or more than anybody is going to expect of me," Lee said. "So I don't look at it any different than I would any other game. I expect to be successful and that's the game tomorrow and every time I take the mound."

Because of his overwhelming brilliance, most of the buzz leading up to this matchup has revolved around Lee.

That's just fine with the 38-year-old Pettitte, who is 5-0 with a 2.88 ERA in his last nine postseason starts and always seems to come through when New York needs him most.

After missing two months with a groin injury and making only three starts in September, he pitched seven solid innings to beat Minnesota in Game 2 of the division series.

"I feel like there's not a whole lot of

attention that I get anyways. It's been like that kind of my whole career. I guess I can say I'm used to that. It's always maybe the other guy that's going to get that. That's totally fine with me," Pettitte said. "I'm kind of uncomfortable with a whole lot of attention. I want to go out and do my job, give us a chance to win that ballgame."

The high-scoring Yankees, with baseball's top offense this season, have been as overmatched by Lee as everyone else lately. They like to work pitchers and grind out at-bats, but their patient approach can be countered by Lee because he keeps everything on or around the plate.

"If he's coming out and throwing a lot of strikes, we can't be taking," Mark Teixeira said.

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Forsan's Kolten Self goes for the high pass in the Buffaloes' 56-0 loss to Coahoma Friday at Bulldog Stadium.

Cowboys fall to subpar 1-4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Percy Harvin's 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown gave Minnesota a spark to start the second half, and the Vikings overcame another uneven game by Brett Favre in a 24-21 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

Playing with a bad elbow and the NFL investigating alleged racy messages he sent to a former New York Jets employee, Favre took a bunch of big hits and finished 14 for 19 for 118 yards, one touchdown and one turnover.

Randy Moss's first home game since joining the Vikings in trade turned into an afterthought, but the defense and special teams did plenty to make up for Favre's unpolished play.

The Vikings (2-3) won this matchup of preseason NFC favorites, though even in defeat the Cowboys (1-4) could still wind up as contenders in the mediocre conference.

Tony Romo, who found Roy Williams for touchdowns twice in the first half, went 25 for 33 for 211 yards mostly on

dump-offs and screens. Romo hit rookie Dez Bryant from 31 yards out with 10:18 left to tie the game at 21, but he was intercepted twice by E.J. Henderson deep in his own territory — leading to 10 points for the Vikings.

The second one set up Ryan Longwell's 38-yard field goal with 4:05 remaining that put Minnesota in front 24-21, and the Vikings — pressuring Romo and stopping the run just like they did in the playoff game last season — promptly forced a three-and-out.

Favre described the elbow pain during the Jets game as the worst he's felt all season, and the Vikings listed him as questionable on the injury report after limiting his time in practice during the week. This is Favre, though, the old country-tough quarterback who has played with worse injuries and built his part of his popularity and fame around that durability.

But whatever the reason — his body being banged up, being distracted by his off-the-

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Johnson's late touchdown catch saves Texans vs. Chiefs

HOUSTON (AP) — Andre Johnson saved the Houston Texans and their shaky defense again.

Johnson caught an 11-yard touchdown pass from Matt Schaub with 28 seconds left to give Houston a stunning fourth-quarter comeback in the Texans' 35-31 win over the Chiefs on Sunday.

The Texans (4-2) scored touchdowns on their final four possessions to make up for another rocky day for the defense.

Houston gave up 228 yards rushing, could not force a turnover and yielded a 100-yard receiver for the fifth time in six games.

"We've got to tackle better, we've got to cover better, we've got to do everything better," Houston coach Gary Kubiak said. "We're really struggling. The key right now is we've got to play really big offensively as a team."

To make matters worse, All-Pro linebacker DeMeco Ryans was lost for the season when he ruptured his left Achilles' tendon late in the first half.

The Texans seemed to be on their way to losing the game, too, trailing 31-21 with just over 7 minutes left.

But Schaub threw two long passes to Owen Daniels and Arian Foster scored with 3:30 left to cut the Chiefs' lead to 3. The Texans quarterback went 9 for 15 in the fourth quarter.

"Our quarterback was absolutely spectacular," Kubiak said. "You can't win games like that in this league unless your quarterback is special, and ours was special today."

Houston regained possession after a punt with just over 2 minutes left. Schaub found Johnson across the middle for a 15-yard gain, then hit him down the sideline

for 31 more to the Chiefs 24.

Five plays later, Schaub eluded the rush and found Johnson open in the back of the end zone. Johnson, still nursing a sprained right ankle, caught eight passes for 138 yards.

"Once we get into a rhythm as an offense," Johnson said, "we can go out and score points."

The Texans rebounded from a 34-10 loss to the New York Giants and now head into a much-needed open week.

"We didn't want to go into the bye week 3-3," Johnson said. "Guys were determined that no matter what happened, we were going to go out and get this victory."

Matt Cassel threw three touchdown passes for the Chiefs (3-2), who were trying to bounce back from 19-9 loss to Indianapolis and failed in their bid to match the team's best start since 1998.

Area football results

Friday
Coahoma 56
Forsan 0

Big Spring 36
Sweetwater 13

Stanton 42
Hawley 2

Sands 54
O'Donnell 6

Sports in brief

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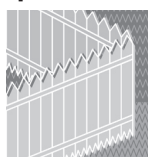
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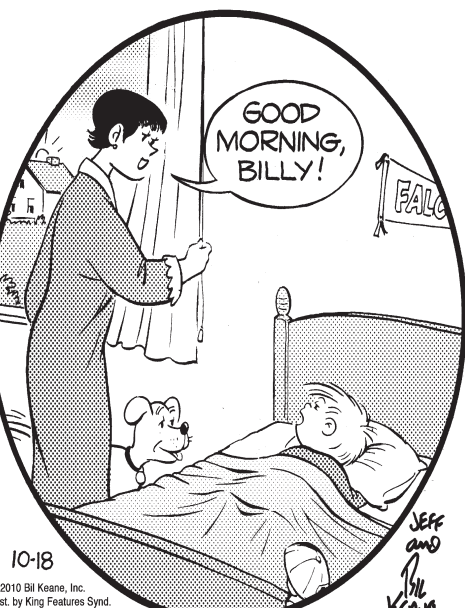
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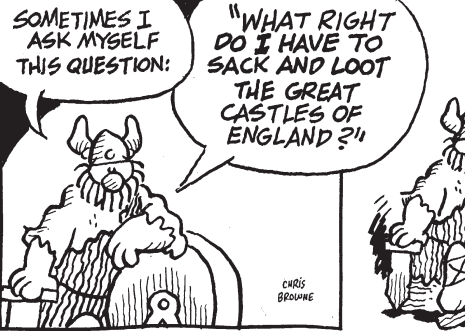
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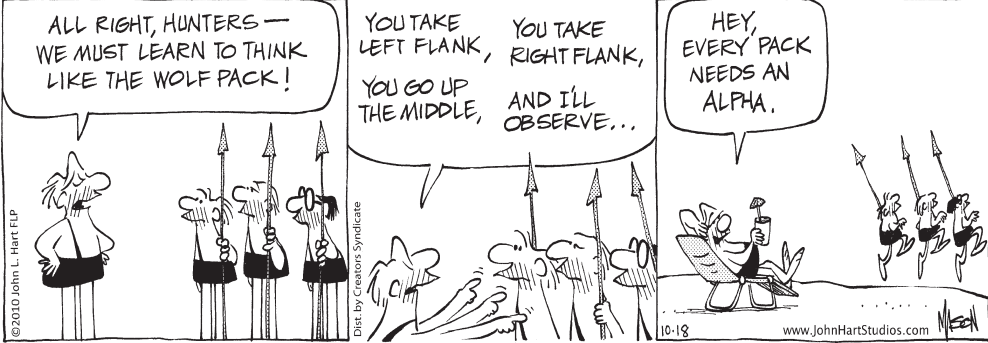
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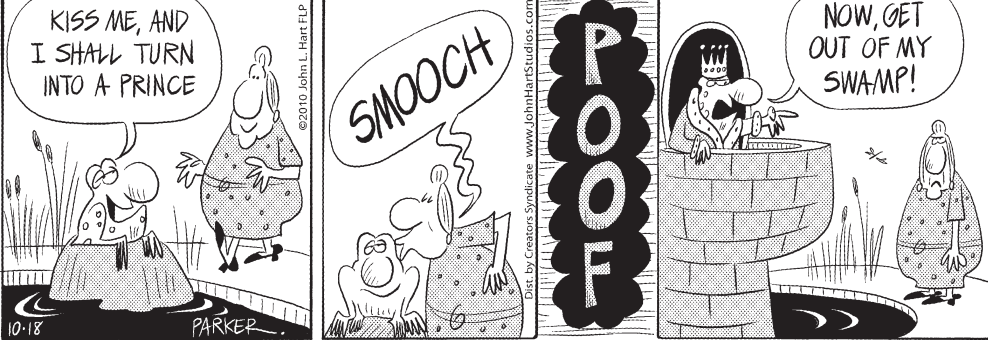
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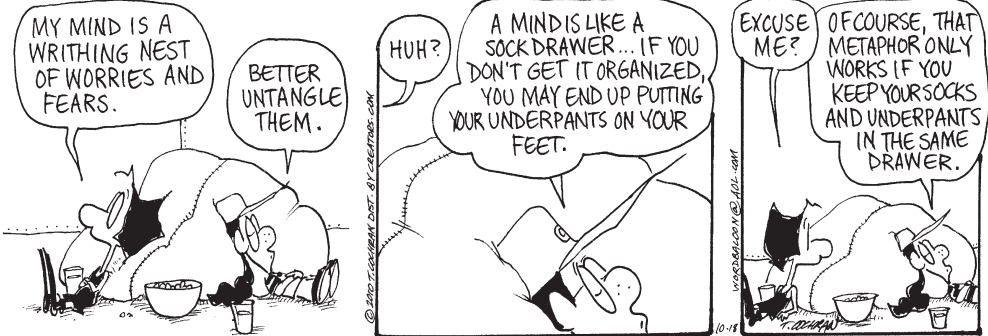
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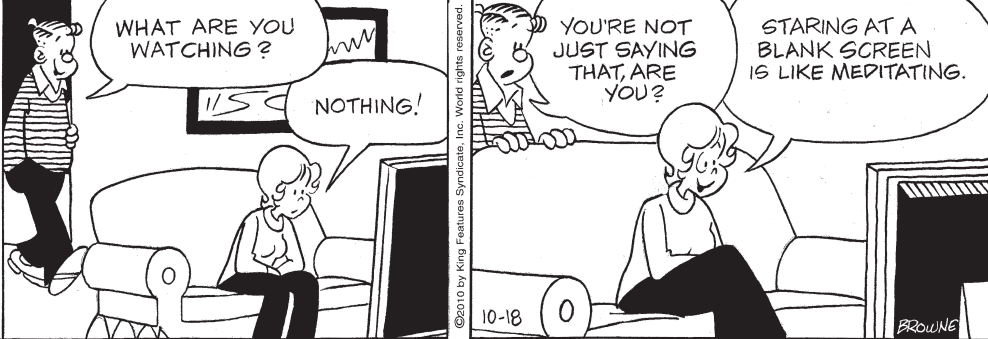
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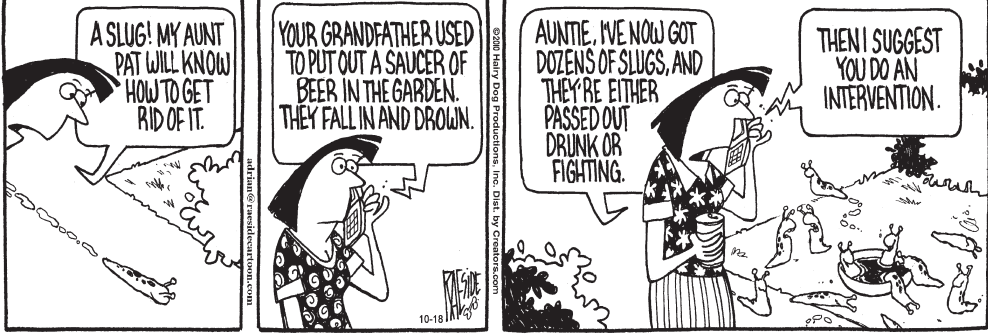
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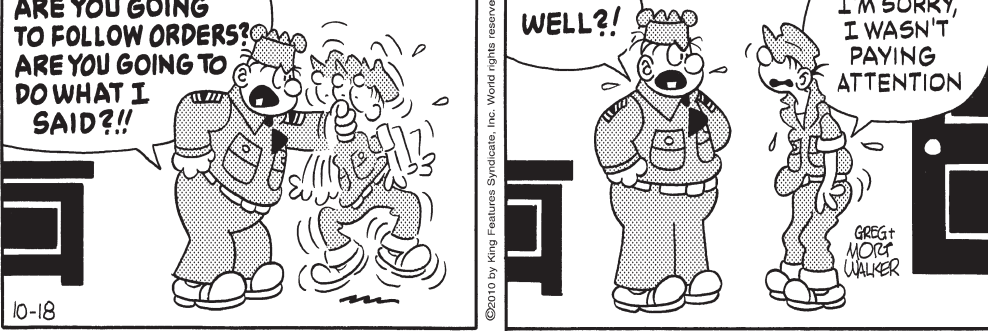
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Oct. 18, the 291st day of 2010. There are 74 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 18, 1962, James D. Watson, Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins were honored with the Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology for determining the double-helix molecular structure of DNA.

On this date:

In 1685, King Louis XIV signed the Edict of Fontainebleau, revoking the Edict of Nantes that had established legal toleration of France's Protestant population, the Huguenots. (The French Parliament recorded the new edict four days later.)

In 1858, the play "Our American Cousin" by Tom Taylor premiered at Laura Keane's New York theater.

In 1867, the United States took formal possession of Alaska from Russia.

In 1892, the first long-distance

telephone line between New York and Chicago was officially opened (it could only handle one call at a time).

In 1910, the E.M. Forster novel "Howards End" was first published.

In 1931, inventor Thomas Alva Edison died in West Orange, N.J., at age 84.

In 1944, Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia during World War II.

In 1969, the federal government banned artificial sweeteners known as cyclamates (SY'-kluh-maytz) because of evidence they caused cancer in laboratory rats.

In 1977, West German commandos stormed a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner on the ground in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all 86 hostages and killing three of the four hijackers.

In 1982, former first lady Bess Truman died at her home in Independence, Mo., at age 97.

Today's Birthdays: Rock-and-roll performer Chuck Berry is 84. Sportscaster Keith Jackson is 82. Actress Dawn Wells is 72. College and Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Mike Ditka is 71. Actor Joe Morton is 63. Actress Pam Dawber is 60. Author Terry McMillan is 59. Writer-

producer Chuck Lorre is 58. Gospel singer Vickie Winans is 57. International Tennis Hall of Famer Martina Navratilova is 54. Boxer Thomas Hearns is 52. Actor Jean-Claude Van Damme is 50. Actress Erin Moran is 50. Jazz musician Wynton Marsalis is 49. Actor Vincent Spano is 48. Rock musician Tim Cross is 44. Tennis player Michael Stich (shteek) is 42. Singer Nonchalant is 37. Rock musician Peter Svenson (The Cardigans) is 36. Actor Wesley Jonathan is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer-actor Ne-Yo is 31. Country singer Josh Gracin is 30. Country musician Jesse Littleton (Marshall Dyllon) is 29. Actress-model Freida Pinto is 26. Actor Zac Efron is 23.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS	62 Powerful impulse	12 Courtroom event	38 Weed-whacking tool
1 Presidential refusal	63 Goose's sound	13 Love, in Italian	41 Plaything
5 F-sharp equivalent	64 Tale	21 Stuffed shirt	42 Berets and beanies
10 Tiny bit	65 Neighbor of Vietnam	24 Long, long __	44 One who goes sailing
14 Make, as an income		26 "Didn't I tell you?"	45 Cantankerous
15 By oneself	DOWN	27 Quantity: Abbr.	46 Bungle
16 General standard	1 Sleeveless garments	28 Sunbather's acquisition	47 Montana neighbor
17 Play the leading role	2 Dine at home	29 Wine and dine	48 Poisonous substance
18 Streets	3 Swap	30 Picnic invader	49 Basil sauce
19 Cleveland's state	4 How ham might be ordered	31 Clever maneuver	50 Very unpleasant
20 Good financial return	5 Small attic	32 Most Boy Scout leaders	51 __ grudge (seek revenge)
22 Stern of a ship	6 Elevator stops	33 Annoy	52 Set free
23 People who scoff	7 Goofs off	34 Letters on a shoebox	53 Fencing swords
24 Confuse	8 You __ (us)	35 Wild blue yonder	55 Tax pros, for short
25 " __ a long story"	9 End-of-semester ritual	37 Moral wrong	56 Final
26 Wise one	10 So that one can		
28 Nasal accent	11 Expressed awe		
32 Recollections			
36 First-class			
37 Mattress covering			
39 Difficult hike			
40 Marginal jotting			
42 Corny			
43 Voice quality			
44 Constricting snake			
46 Itty-__ (wee)			
49 Easily carried			
54 Scent			
55 Overwhelming victory			
57 Cab			
58 Kindergarten adhesive			
59 Destiny			
60 In style			
61 Daisylike flower			