



PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, a Democrat, won re-election with 62.6 million votes – 51% of the popular vote and 332 electoral votes – over his opponent, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. Key battleground states, such as Ohio and Florida, went for Obama, as did a majority of women and minority voters. Republicans retained control of the House of Representatives, while Democrats kept control of the Senate.



IT'S PURR-FECT! A cat was added as the new Monopoly game piece. A vote on Facebook let people decide which new game piece should be added, and which should go. The iron was voted out.

LANCE ARMSTRONG, the American cyclist who famously won the Tour de France seven times while also overcoming cancer, was charged with using performance-enhancing drugs by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. Armstrong was stripped of his titles and banned from cycling for life. Armstrong later confessed to using the banned substances during a national TV interview with talk show host Oprah Winfrey.

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA, J. Christopher Stevens, was killed along with three others during a terrorist attack on the U.S. Embassy in Benghazi on Sept. 11. Congressional hearings delved into the cause of the attack and the failure to protect the ambassador.

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