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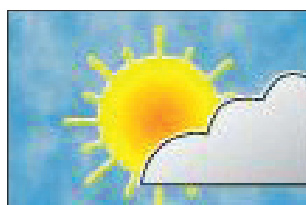
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Aggravated kidnapping under query

Woman threatened but was physically unharmed, police say

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Detectives with the Big Spring Police Department are investigating a report of aggravated kidnapping that reportedly occurred late Saturday night near the intersection of 11th Place and Goliad.

According to Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith, the kidnapping was reported at approximately 3 a.m.

"The victim told officers she was at the corner of 11th Place and Goliad when a car pulled up," said Smith. "At that time, three hispanic females and a black male exited the vehicle. She was familiar with them, and they got her in the car."

Smith said the suspects then drove the victim, 25-year-old April Martinez, to an undisclosed location.

"At that time one of the suspects produced a gun and threatened the victim," said Smith. "After that, they drove around for a little while and eventually let her out of the vehicle. She called the police department and reported the incident at approximately 3 a.m."

Smith said no injuries were reported as a result of the confrontation, and no arrests have been made at this time.

"Narcotics are not believed

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AP Photo/Charles Dharapak

President-elect Barack Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Sunday.

Obama honors King before inauguration

By **BEN FELLER**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Fresh off a rollicking celebration in the shadow of Abraham Lincoln, President-elect Barack Obama is shaping the final day of his pre-presidential life around another giant figure, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Even before Obama ventured from Blair House to join a community renovation project in honor of King, crowds started forming on the streets of the capital Monday morning. The attraction: remote broadcasts by television networks and local affiliates, and throngs of onlookers braved the cold to watch the live broadcasts.

Monday is the federal holiday commemorating the birthday of King, who advo-

cated peaceful resistance and equality among all races. He blazed a trail for Obama, soon to be the nation's first black president.

The vice president-elect, Joe Biden, is also taking part in volunteer service. His wife, Jill, and Obama's wife, Michelle, are helping with a service project, too.

Transition aides declined to name the locations or details of the projects.

The run-up to Obama's inauguration on Tuesday has, like his election itself, been defined by enormous public enthusiasm, carefully choreographed events and a lofty spirit of unity. What awaits, as Obama often reminds the nation, is many months, if not years, of tough work.

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MLK Walk to begin at 6 p.m. here today

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

On the eve of the inauguration of the first African American president, area residents will take to the streets to march in memory of the man that may very well have made Barack Obama's success possible.

In what has become a tradition in Big Spring and other American cities, marchers will get the chance to show

their support and remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. during the federal holiday today, and according to event organizer and Big Spring City Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr., the timing couldn't be more perfect.

"It's such an honor to be a part of this, especially with it coming on the eve of President Elect Barrack Obama's inauguration," said Ramirez. "This is a very historic time for America, not just

for African Americans, but for all minorities. I'm hoping people of all faith and ethnic backgrounds will come out and march with us, and possibly make this the biggest turnout we've ever seen in Big Spring. That would really mean a lot to me."

According to Ramirez, the event will begin at 6 p.m. and walkers will head

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Carter Scott, 6, and his father Sean take advantage of warm conditions Saturday by participating in the 2nd Annual Youth Fishing Tournament, sponsored by First Christian Church and the Convention and Visitors Bureau at Comanche Trail Lake.

Kids' Zone fundraiser big success

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

It was supposed to just be a fundraising golf tournament. It turned out to be an event.

Since 1972, members of the Big Spring Chicano Golf As-

sociation have been raising funds for different causes and needs in the community.

The 50-60 members might have outdone themselves Sat-

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COMPLETE STORY

Obituaries

Maria Alicia 'Alice' Salgado



Maria Alicia "Alice" Salgado, 58, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, led by Deacon Johnny Arguello.

She was born Jan. 20, 1950, in Marfa to Faye and Jesus Jimenez. She married Fred Salgado June 26, 1971. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, a homemaker and a

Catholic.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Salgado of Big Spring; daughter, Linda Salgado and husband Ramiro Mier of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Ramiro Mier Jr., Kimberly Mier, Fred Mier, Cirildo Mier and Jessica Mier, all of Big Spring; brother, David Jimenez of San Angelo; sister, Elizabeth Corrales of Midland; mother, Faye Jimenez; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a son, Fredricko Salgado Jr., in 1976.

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

Paid obituary

Curtis Arceneaux



Curtis Arceneaux, 73, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with the Rev. Jeff Stehle, pastor of Baptist Temple, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 3, 1935, in Rayne, La., and married Joyce Gamel April 21, 1970, in Ozona.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He had worked in maintenance for several companies for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Arceneaux of Big Spring; two sons, Richard Arceneaux of Louisiana, and Brian Arceneaux and wife Kim of Dyer, Tenn.; one brother, Louis Arceneaux of Church Point, La.; one sister, Regina Arceneaux of Abbyville, La.; and one grandson.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721-0823.

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

Betty Mims

Betty Mims, 79, of Stanton died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at her residence. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Mildred Atkins

Mildred Atkins, 99, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Vernon Lawrence Cuthbertson

Vernon Lawrence Cuthbertson, 63, of Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, in an Amarillo hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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

• West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and

Police blotter

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

- **VICTOR PRUITT**, 41, of 810 Baylor, was arrested Saturday on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- **JUSTEN TEI VOLGEL**, 35, of 2205 Warren, was arrested Sunday on a charge of disregarding a stop sign.
- **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 44, of 423 Westover Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 900 block of 14th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 2600 block of Chanute.
 - in the 1400 block of Dixie.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:
 - in the 1000 block of Main Street.
 - in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
 - in the 1800 block of State.
- **AGGRAVATED KIDNAPPING** was reported in the 1100 block of Austin.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Goliad.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Virginia.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 700 block of Bell.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6




Take Note

Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

Your Local Weather

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Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

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Inauguration Day activities

Gates to the Inaugural Ceremony open at 8 a.m. The inaugural festivities are scheduled to start at 10 a.m. on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol. They will include:

- Musical selections of The United States Marine Band, followed by the San Francisco Boys Chorus and the San Francisco Girls Chorus.
- Sen. Dianne Feinstein provides call to order and welcoming remarks.
- Invocation by the Rev. Rick Warren.
- Musical selection of Aretha Franklin.
- Biden will be sworn into office by Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.
- Musical selection of John Williams, composer/arranger with Itzhak Perlman, (violin), Yo-Yo Ma (cello), Gabriela Montero (piano) and Anthony McGill (clarinet).
- Obama will take the Oath of Office, using President Lincoln's Inaugural Bible, administered by Chief Justice John Roberts. Scheduled around noon.
- Obama gives the inaugural address.
- Poem by Elizabeth Alexander.
- Benediction by Rev. Joseph E. Lowery.
- The National Anthem by The United States Navy Band "Sea Chanters."

After Obama gives inaugural address, he will escort outgoing President George W. Bush to a departure ceremony before attending a luncheon in the Capitol's Statuary Hall.

The 56th Inaugural Parade will then make its way down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House.

Later that day, the Presidential Inaugural Committee will host 10 official inaugural balls:

- Neighborhood Inaugural Ball at the Washington Convention Center.
 - Obama Home States (Illinois and Hawaii) Inaugural Ball at the Washington Convention Center.
 - Biden Home States (Pennsylvania and Delaware) Inaugural Ball at the Washington Convention Center.
 - Midwest Inaugural Ball at the Washington Convention Center.
 - Mid-Atlantic Inaugural Ball at the Washington Convention Center.
 - Western Inaugural Ball at the Washington Convention Center.
 - Commander in Chief's Ball at the National Building Museum.
 - Southern Inaugural Ball at the National Guard Armory.
 - Eastern Inaugural Ball at Union Station.
 - Youth Inaugural Ball at the Washington Hilton.
- Unofficial balls include:
- Congressional Black Caucus Inaugural Ball at the Capitol Hilton.
 - Creative Coalition Inaugural Ball at the Harman Center for the Arts.
 - Recording Industry Association of America's ball for Feeding America.
 - BET's Inaugural Ball at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel.
 - Africa on the Potomac inaugural celebration at Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va.
 - American Music Inaugural Ball at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.
 - Inaugural Purple Ball at the Fairmont Hotel.
 - Human Rights Campaign's Equality Ball at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel.
 - Inaugural Peace Ball at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.
 - Impact Film Fund ball.

EDC to consider grant writer

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A little more than a week after Howard County commissioners gave the go ahead to help fund a multi-agency grant writer, the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation board of directors will discuss joining the community-wide project.

According to Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring EDC, he's hopeful the board will decide to pitch in and help fund the position, which would be responsible for grant writing for a number of Howard County agencies, including city, college and school districts.

"The emphasis the Big Spring EDC will be putting on the grant writing would be economic development type grants and grants to help with the county's infrastructure," said Wegman. "However, we're fully aware that every step forward — whether it's addressing education or otherwise — is progress for everyone in our community, not just one agency or organization."

The plan currently being considered by local agencies, according to County Judge Mark Barr, would call for the Big

Spring ISD, Howard College, Howard County, the city of Big Spring and the Big Spring EDC to donate \$20,000 apiece, and Coahoma ISD and Forsan ISD to donate \$10,000 each.

"This really is a chance for us to get everyone — all of the government agencies and otherwise — united behind a single cause," said Wegman. "If the board approves the measure, we'll be on-board."

Several other local agencies, including the city of Big Spring and Big Spring ISD, have shown their support for the position.

The idea to use a grant writer to actively seek and acquire grants to support, among other things, a vocational training system in Howard County, came during a meeting of local officials, according to Barr.

"I recently met with officials from several local government entities... We got to talking about the problems Big Spring and Howard County face, and the biggest problem we seem to have right now is with our young people," said Barr. "I was surprised to find out that Big Spring alone has a 30 percent drop out rate, which was a shock to me. And

this leads to other problems. When I was a kid, if I wasn't busy then I was probably getting into things I wasn't supposed to be getting into, and I think that's what's happening here.

"You know all of the problems we're having with juveniles and the drive-by shootings in this community. I think it's time for us to step up and try to find a solution to these problems. There are no guarantees, but this money would allow us to hire a grant writer, and our main focus would be on finding a way to support these drop outs and families, and try to catch these kids before they get into these things."

Barr said the grant writer would work for the agencies through the Texas Workforce Network, but would be dedicated to the agencies that are funding the endeavor.

The meeting is to begin at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room, at 215 W. Third St.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

KIDNAP

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to be involved in the incident," said Smith. "Apparently, there

was a prior deal between the victim and one of the suspects. The matter is still under investigation."

The charges were elevated from kidnapping to aggravated kidnapping because of the use of

the gun, according to Smith.

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OBAMA

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The weekend celebrations began Saturday with Obama's whistle-stop tour, from Philadelphia to Washington, along the path Abraham Lincoln took in 1861. Then came a roaring celebrity-filled concert at the Lincoln Memorial on Sunday, where several hundred thousand people flanked the reflecting pool, hearing actors, singers and then Obama himself rally for national renewal.

Now Obama is asking the nation to honor King's legacy by making a renewed commitment to service. That has long been the goal of the King holiday, even if many see it as a day off.

The Presidential Inaugural Committee has launched a Web site, USAService.org, to help people find volunteer opportunities close to their homes.

"I am asking you to make a lasting commitment to make better the lives of your fellow Americans — a commitment that must endure beyond one day, or even one presidency," Obama said in a YouTube appeal last week. "At this moment of great challenge and great change, I am asking you to play your part; to roll up your sleeves and join in the work of remaking this nation."

The president-elect has a busy Monday evening, too.

He is to attend three private dinners to honor the public service of former Secretary of State Colin Powell; Biden, a longtime senator from Delaware; and Sen.

John McCain, the 2008 Republican presidential nominee. Those dinners will be held at the Hilton Washington, National Building Museum and Union Station.

Michelle Obama, the future first lady, is hosting a children's evening concert.

Meanwhile, with the nation's transition of power now just more than a day away, a new hero has been invited to join the inauguration.

US Airways Capt. Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger, who safely crash-landed a failing jetliner in the Hudson River on Thursday, has been invited by the president-elect to attend Tuesday's inauguration. So has Sullenberger's crew and his family.

An aide to Obama said the inaugural committee is working on the details.

WALK

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west on Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700 where the group will hold a prayer.

"We'll all meet near the Nalley Pickle & Welch parking lot, located at the corner of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Gregg Street," said Ramirez. "Participants are asked to bring a candle or flashlight,

and everyone should dress warm because the temperature really starts dropping at that time of the day.

"Marchers will be escorted by a fire truck and ambulance provided by the Big Spring Fire Department, as well as a pair of police cars from the Big Spring Police Department."

Ramirez said those wanting to show their support can do so without being daunted by

the trek itself.

"If you want to march the entire way, that's great, but it's certainly not required," said Ramirez. "Some folks will have a car meet them at the stopping point so they don't have to make the round-trip, or will ride to and from the stopping point, which is the intersection of FM 700 and MLK."

Ramirez said Deacon Johnny Arguello, along with sev-

eral other local religious leaders, including pastor Scott Jimenez, have been asked to attend and participate in the rally following the march.

At the age of 35, Martin Luther King Jr. was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tenn., where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy

with striking garbage workers of that city, King was assassinated.

The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed in 1986. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It

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urday, though.

In what is thought to be the most successful fundraising project held by the organization to date, the CGA collected more than \$4,000 courtesy of a Kids' Zone Golf Tournament played at the municipal course at Comanche Trail Park.

"We couldn't have asked for a better turnout than what we got," said CGA Board President Sammy Reyna. "The tourney drew 156 players who formed 39 four-man teams. The entrance fee was \$100 per squad, so the CGA raised \$3,900 alone with the cost to sign up. There were also several donations and more money was earned with food sales.

All of the proceeds are going into a fund

to rebuild Kids' Zone, which is a cause close to the hearts of the CGA members. A fire set by vandals destroyed a portion of the popular playground in December.

"A lot of us have kids who played at Kids' Zone," said Reyna. "They need their place back. My son always liked going there. It's one of his favorite places to play. When the idea of holding this tournament was brought up, all of us immediately jumped on board."

Board member Charlie Garcia proposed the idea and defended his brainchild as well. Garcia and his team of family members — Ben Garcia, Rudy Garcia and Ben Garcia Sr. — claimed first place, shooting a 14-under par 58. However, the team had to go to a tiebreaker to claim the crown.

A team made up of Adolf Garza, Johnny

Munoz, Steven Robles and Mark Gonzales also posted a 58. Each team's results from Hole 6, which was picked randomly, were taken into account to break the tie and the Garcias turned out the better result.

Both teams received plaques to commemorate its efforts.

As for the CGA, they're not done raising funds for Kids' Zone.

"We're definitely going to continue trying to help this cause," said Reyna. "We feel like it's something we should do. We're not exactly sure

what we will do next. Having another tournament isn't out of the question if we continue to have nice weather. We live in a great community and the people here really care about that playground. It's a safe place for all of our kids to play and we want to do all we can to get it rebuilt."

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Maria Alicia "Alice" Salgado, 58, died Wednesday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.



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OTHER VIEWS

A good sign for both U.S. and Mexico

Another step in law-enforcement cooperation with Mexico took place in El Paso last week, a good sign for citizens of both nations to take note.

We turned over one of Mexico's wanted felons. The handover took place on the Stanton Street bridge.

That exchange came after Mexico recently sent to the U.S. some most-wanted drug cartel leaders U.S. officials wanted for crimes in this country.

It is good to note that such exchanges are becoming more and more frequent; there had been some red-tape holdups in the past, and some felt it was to the advantage of U.S. citizens wanted for crimes here to hole up in Mexico.

Thursday, the U.S. handed over homicide suspect Fermin Cabrera-Quintero, 46. He had been found hiding in an Albuquerque residence. He had been wanted in Mexico since 2005.

We can hope that this is one result of our dual-nation pledge to cooperate on criminal matters, especially on issues relating to illegal drug trade.

Last month, the U.S. released \$197 million in aid as part of the \$1.3 billion U.S. anti-drug package, known as the Merida Initiative.

The transfer of Cabrera-Quintero to Mexico was a joint effort. New Mexico police found the suspect after a tip from the Los Angeles Police Department. He was then turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The Border Patrol's International Liaison Unit in El Paso then contacted Mexican authorities and the exchange was set up on the bridge.

This is a situation where five agencies cooperated, a good sign for both nations.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we pump up our heart, Lord, with Your word.

Amen

It's time for us men to be men

When my sister made the decision to leave the abusive relationship she had been in for the past 25-plus years, I felt for the first time she had a real chance at happiness. And I don't mean the fake-smile, stare at the greeting card but don't read it sort of happiness. I'm talking about the kind of joy that can only come with a side-helping of self-confidence and independence.



THOMAS
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So why, after several months away from the man I've come to hold in such low regard over the past two decades, is it so hard for her to smile? Why is it so hard for her to see the light at the end of the tunnel?

The answer is a hard truth, and one I've struggled to understand for years. However, I think I'm beginning to get a handle on it.

Abuse — both psychological and physical — leaves terrible scars on the mind and body, and while these scars will certainly fade with time, the scars these attacks leave on our hearts can, and sometimes will, last forever. They change us and mold us, sometimes into something stronger, and sometimes into something much more delicate than we would like to be.

And the sad realization I'm faced with is the woman that would pack me on the back of her bicycle and ride me around the neighborhood for hours on end when I was a baby is gone, and there's little chance she'll

ever return.

Although it's a sad thing to stare at those pictures from so many years ago and wish I could have known my sister better, before the world caved in on her, I can't help but feel anger for the world and system — myself included — that allowed all of this to happen.

As her brother, I had a responsibility to look after her and make sure she was being treated with the respect she deserved. And while I'm sure there were plenty of nasty little events that were kept quietly from me, there was certainly enough to raise a flag or two.

However, life, as always, seemed to intervene at every turn. There were bills to pay and people to see, as the world eventually turned into a blur that only seems to be getting faster as I get older.

It sounds like a pretty handy excuse, neatly packaged and ready for any occasion, but that's exactly what it is: an excuse. And it's a cop out that's being used more and more every day, by more and more people.

When you're in the eye of the storm, it's nearly impossible to see what's really going on around you. It's at times like that we have to rely on the people we trust and love to step in and say enough is enough.

Granted, I'm now doing my best to make up for the fact I wasn't there for my sister when she needed me the most, and sometimes, when things are at their darkest, I wonder if it's too little, too late. And I'm not just trying to help my sis. In fact, I'm doing my best to try to help all of the people in my life that seem to need a leg up or a word of en-

couragement.

When I was a kid, the biggest fears lurking behind any cute girl you thought you might want to ask out were her father and brothers. If you were unable to get in their good graces — by treating their sister and daughter with respect, no less — you were in for the kind of drama that could end with a visit to the local emergency room.

In fact, one of the most vivid memories from my younger years was my first meeting with Bobbi Medemar's father. And, to this day, I have no idea if the subtle threats and emotional terrorism imparted on me were real or just a scare tactic, but they certainly left a lasting impression that has me waking in a cold sweat from time to time screaming, "Please don't shoot!"

It's time for us, as fathers and brothers, to begin taking a more active role in the lives of our loved ones. I'm not necessarily advocating the use of violence. In fact, I vehemently oppose violent tactics. Bobbi's father never raised a hand to me, but left me quaking in my hightops.

However, there are times when we, as men, have to start acting like men. And if that means picking up a tree branch and whacking Mr. Stinkeye up against the head to let him know his behavior isn't going to be tolerated, then so be it. I suppose there are worse things to be locked up for.

The alternative — which, sadly enough is doing nothing — is much darker and far reaching.

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Don't forget your toothbrush

Reader alert: Be advised that this is a "Mother Hubbard" treatise. These random thoughts offered periodically are comparable to preachers' "Mother Hubbard" sermons.

They, in turn, are like "Mother Hubbard" dresses-the ones that "cover everything but touch nothing."

Let the far-afield ramblings begin....

Parents and grandparents agree that children's "terrible two's" now greatly exceed 12 months.

This is a "guesstimate" at best. Maybe it's just a pipedream moms have, that their "chillun" will somehow become magically obedient and more pleasant when they hit the three-year mark on life's yellow brick road.

To which I say, "Dream on." There are, however, flickers of hope in the late three's or early four's, when the youngsters "want to help..."

Our grandson Jonah, nearing the four-and-a-half year milestone, is racking up good conduct stars, suddenly wanting to "help out."

He thought he'd spotted a way to help when he and his mom left the optometrist's office.

As they walked toward the car, he blurted, "Wait, Mom, you forgot to get your new toothbrush!"...

In homes across the land, folks are putting away the last holiday turkey in as many "make-do" recipes as Forrest Gump had for shrimp dishes.

Most people are "turkeyed-out."

Likewise, most of us have had a full complement of TV clips showing charitable meals being

served, often to hundreds of hungry, disadvantaged, homeless, elderly and/or lonely. Usually, of course, turkey was the main course...

For the past 25 years, they've hosted Thanksgiving luncheons in Brownwood. My friend Bill Fishback has been in charge for the past 16 years, and he says this "do unto others" project helps him and his cohorts embrace the holiday spirit.

More than 100 volunteers, including food service personnel at Howard Payne University where the meal is served, look forward to the event. They typically serve, or deliver, upwards of 2,000 meals annually.

Sometimes, Bill and his gang encounter unexpected situations...

Last year, delivery folks came upon an unlikely scenario.

As they approached one home, they saw a note on the front door. "If we're not at home, leave our meals in the pick-up truck in the driveway, and flip the lock."

No one answered the door, so that's what they did...

At a recent clean-up session, a pair of false teeth was found, wrapped in a napkin.

"They'll be claimed," Fishback said as he pocketed the chompers.

Sure enough, a few minutes later, a woman returned to see if they had been found, laughing that she'd need them for upcoming meals...

Thus a segue is provided for one of my favorite stories.

An older man penned a letter to Ann Landers.

He wrote: "Dear Ann: I have a jealous wife. Every evening after dinner, I go out for a walk. Afraid that I'm going out to meet other women, she hides my dentures. What should I do?" He signed it, "Gumming in Alabama."...

The columnist offered a grand

suggestion.

"Dear Gumming:" she wrote. "Be thankful that you've got the kind of wife that you do, she's trying to keep you from biting off more than you can chew..."

Let the bugles blow for Tony Dungy, the first African-American head coach in the National Football League, and the first one to win a Super Bowl.

I was saddened to learn of his retirement. He's as "good as it gets." Now, he's leaving the Indianapolis Colts to spend time with several humanitarian projects beyond football.

Quiet Strength, his best-selling book, now has a million copies in print. It's a marvelous book filled with important life lessons. Even readers whose interest in football is nominal love it.

A powerful Christian, he credits many others who up-lifted him along the way. One was his high school coach, Dave Driscoll, who provided many admonitions, including: "Talent is God-given, be thankful; Praise is man-given, be humble. Conceit is self-given, be careful..."

I'm always amused by classified ads that request "serious calls only."

One in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune caught my eye the other day. Under the "FOR SALE" column, "steak cows" were offered.

"Steak cows?" Not sure I'd ever heard of such, I called friends at the paper. They explained that the ad was taken over the phone, and the corrected version made more sense—"steak house" rather than "steak cows."

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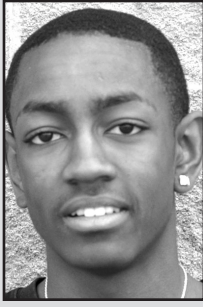
HERALD SPORTS HONOR ROLL

Jerrell Williams

Big Spring junior guard

Williams has led the Big Spring Steers to two straight wins, including a 68-53 win over San Angelo Lake View in the Steers' District 4-4A opener Friday. Williams scored 60

total points last week, posting 32 against Lake View and 28 in a win over Andrews Tuesday.

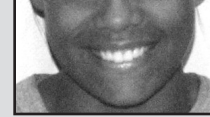


Williams

Desiree Anderson

Big Spring sophomore forward

Anderson played her best game of the season Friday in the Lady Steers' 37-36 loss to San Angelo Lake View. Anderson was a force on the boards, pulling down 15 rebounds, while also



Anderson

scoring a game-high 15 points.

Jason Watkins

Howard freshman guard

Watkins didn't play in the first half of the season for Howard, but announced his presence on the Hawks resoundingly Thursday with a game-high 17 points in Odessa's 50-45 upset of No. 10 Howard's College.

Watkins seemingly penetrated the Odessa defense at will and his impressive game was needed with team leader Denzel Barnes playing at less than 100 percent.

The win keeps Howard in the conversation of who will advance to the regional tournament from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference as the Hawks improved their record to 2-3 in league play.

Miesha Blackshear

Howard sophomore guard

Blackshear put up an impressive line in Howard's 71-59 win over Odessa College Friday.

She had 18 points, seven rebounds, four assists and seven steals.

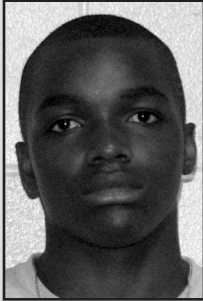
Howard improved to 3-2 in WJCAC play with the win.

Darius McCalister

Big Spring senior guard

McCalister scored 11 points in the Steers' win over Lake View in Friday's District 4-4A opener for both teams. However, it was his efforts on the defensive end that helped Big Spring most.

McCalister drew the responsibility of guarding Lake View's leading scorer Paul Mesta and held him scoreless in the first half. Mesta scored 11 in the second half, but he never established a groove offensively.



McCalister

Worth noting:

Jeremy Robbins scored 21 in Forsan's win Tuesday.

Sands' Brittini Blagrove totaled 63 points in two games for the Lady Mustangs last week.

Headed to Tampa

Steelers, Cardinals Super Bowl bound



AP photo

Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner hugs head coach Ken Whisenhunt following the Cardinals' 32-25 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC Championship Sunday in Glendale, Ariz. The Cardinals will be making their first trip ever to the Super Bowl after entering the playoffs with just one postseason win in the team's history.

Cards make first Super Bowl

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Larry Fitzgerald stood at the podium when Kurt Warner sneaked up from behind and gave his receiver a bear hug.

That was a lot closer than the Philadelphia Eagles ever got to the All-Pro in Sunday's NFC championship game.

Because the Eagles couldn't handle Fitzgerald or Warner, the Arizona Cardinals are heading to the Super Bowl. Yes, folks, the team that for decades has been a bad joke in the NFL had the last laugh in its conference with a 32-25 victory.

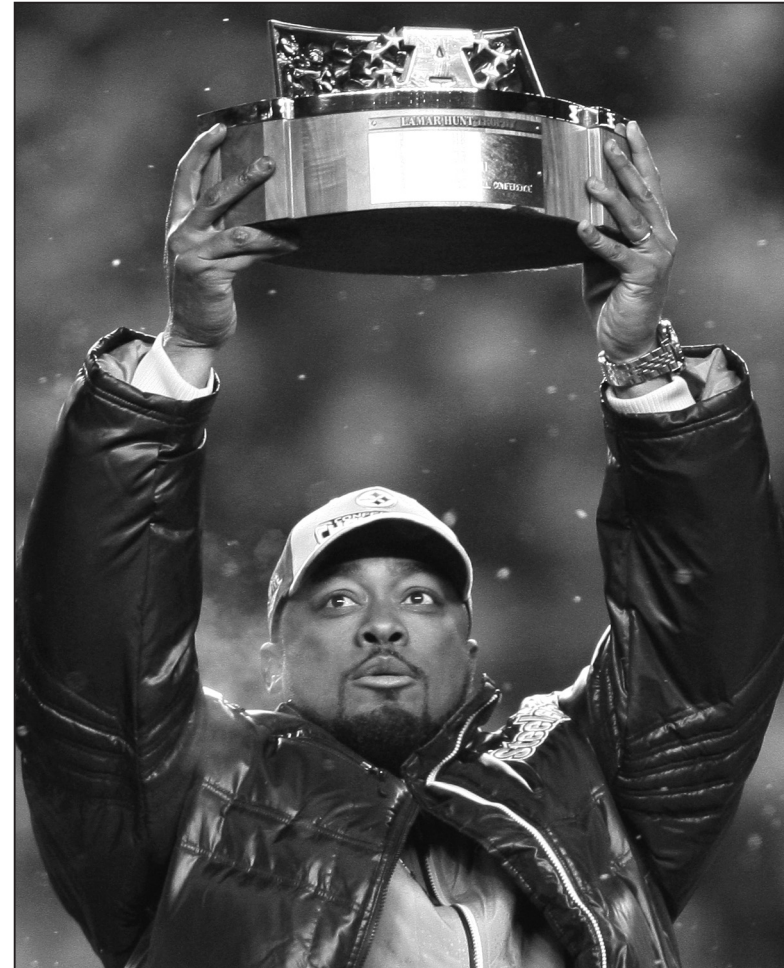
They'll play the Pittsburgh Steelers, with the AFC cham-

pions an early 6½-point favorite.

The win was built on Warner's four touchdown passes, three to Fitzgerald, who had a record-setting day before an earsplitting crowd that couldn't have imagined such a thing back in September — a 45-1 longshot to make their first Super Bowl.

"I didn't know if we'd ever get to this point," said Warner, who found rookie Tim Hightower with a middle screen pass for an 8-yard touchdown with 2:53 left that won it. "I believed we could play with anyone in the league. But the challenge for

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AP photo

Pittsburgh Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin holds up the AFC Championship trophy following the Steelers' 23-14 win over the Baltimore Ravens Sunday in Pittsburgh. The victory gives the Steelers a third win over the Ravens this season and sends them to their sixth Super Bowl in franchise history.

Steelers playing for sixth title

By ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers refuse to change faces, alter systems or break up teams based on the latest offensive gimmick or defensive scheme. They hire a new coach only once every 15 years or so, and he's expected to do it their way.

The Baltimore Ravens learned the good old way can still be the best way, trying and failing for the third time this season to beat the Steelers at their own game.

The Steelers used a big play each on offense and defense, plus their traditional toughness and meanness, to defeat Baltimore 23-14 in the AFC championship game Sunday

night and reach the Super Bowl for the second time in four seasons.

"The Steelers play the way they always play," Ravens rookie quarterback Joe Flacco said.

Call them traditional. Call them old-fashioned. The Steelers don't care — they're winning the same way now that they won four Super Bowls in six years during the 1970s, and they don't see any reason to change.

"You can call it whatever you want," the Ravens' Trevor Pryce said. "They come at you from all angles — the defensive linemen are doing this, the linebackers are doing that. They are a

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Federer opens quest for 14th Slam title with win

By PAUL ALEXANDER

Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Roger Federer took the first step toward his record-tying 14th Grand Slam title with a 6-1, 7-6 (4), 7-5 victory Monday over Andreas Seppi at the Australian Open.

Federer, seeking to match Pete Sampras' mark, was at his best on the big points on the opening day when most favorites avoided upsets. However, it wasn't easy for even the top players.

Serbia's Ana Ivanovic, the women's runner-up last year, had 10 mistakes in the first five games but managed to advance with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over 107th-ranked Julia Goerges, who was even more erratic.

Top-seeded Jelena Jankovic, short on practice after illness hampered preparations for her pursuit of a first Grand Slam title, had 27 winners to four for No. 104 Yvonne Meusburger in winning 6-1, 6-3.

The other Serbian star, defending men's champion Novak Djokovic, started strong then had to rally from service breaks in the last two sets — he was down 4-0 in the third — to oust Andrea Stoppini 6-2, 6-3, 7-5.

Seventh-seeded Andy Roddick opened with a straight sets win over Bjorn Rehnquist, with fellow American Mary Fish also winning against Samuel Gorth. Six other Americans made first-

round exits: Robby Ginepri, John Isner, Robert Kendrick, Bobby Reynolds, Taylor Dent and Sam Querrey.

Top-ranked Rafael Nadal has his first match Tuesday, when both Serena and Venus Williams also will be in action.

Second-ranked Federer is a huge fan favorite here, and Rod Laver Arena was still packed when he went on court at 10 p.m. under perfect conditions. Camera flashes went off every time he hit a shot.

Federer, who has won three titles here, was clearly focused on proving that fan right.

The Swiss star fended off all 10 of Seppi's break points. He had one stretch in the first set that had the fans gasping and left Seppi with a look that said: "What can I do?"

Federer ran off the last five games of the set, dropping only six points, and the ones that Seppi did win usually took at least two good shots. Twice on one point, Seppi sent up lobs that landed on the line. Federer backtracked to get the first back with a quick flick of the wrist, then got to the second, spun around and whipped a wicked forehand winner.

Things got tighter the rest of the way.

Seppi had a set point as Federer served at 5-6, 30-40 but missed the sideline with a backhand that the replay system showed was maybe a millimeter out. Federer went on to hold, then

ran away from a 3-3 tie in the tiebreaker.

Another tiebreaker appeared to be looming in the final set.

Seppi fended off three match points while serving at 5-6. Federer set up another with a backhand volley winner, and Seppi sent a forehand long to end the match in 2 hours, 21 minutes.

Ivanovic lost the 2008 Australian final to Maria Sharapova, who is out with an injured shoulder, then won the French Open to take the top ranking midway through the year.

She had her share of glitches while facing Goerges for the first time, with the midday sun playing havoc with every serve toss at one end of the court.

Jankovic had more trouble with the broiling daytime sun — temperatures reached 97 degrees — than Meusburger. The reached sharp and trim, committed just 10 unforced errors in the 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 win.

Roddick was happy to be first up in Rod Laver Arena. He sped off in less than two hours, taking advantage of 31-year-old Swedish qualifier Rehnquist, whose style played right into the Roddick's strengths. Roddick, looking sharp and trim, committed just 10

unforced errors in the 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 win. Fish had a 6-7 (3), 6-4, 7-5, 6-0 win over local wild-card entry Samuel Groth, but it did not turn out well for other Americans.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A loved one is in a sticky situation and some of the adhesive has rubbed off on you. Before you are permanently glued to this problem, speak up or start wiggling your way out of it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Continue learning. You will see the reward diligent study brings. Look for thorough answers and commit to memory some of the intellectual treasures you'll encounter. You are firmly supported.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Speak up. Your against-the-grain opinion

proves useful. However unconventional your viewpoints may be, another brave person will agree with your thinking. It's validating to know that you are not alone.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are the great observer of the zodiac lately. A field of corn could not have more ears and all the potatoes in Idaho could not have more eyes. Stay aware and you'll get all of the juicy details.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you are highly sympathetic to someone's situation, this does absolutely no good until a positive action is used in tandem. Utilize your great ingenuity to find a concrete way to help bring about the good you seek in the world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have most of the answers — not all. As agonizing as it may be for you, it will behoove you to ask for advice. It is not the advice that will help you, but the adviser. This person becomes a powerful ally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You seek justice. And yet you realize that often the best way to bring about a fair world is not to fight about it, but to live in a generous and kindhearted manner.

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am in my late 30s, divorced and live with my parents. Due to complicated circumstances, I am not financially able to live on my own.

Despite being intelligent, I have made bad choices when it comes to men. It's understandable how this could worry any parent, but the concern my mother expresses is exaggerated and tiresome.

I am constantly expected to report my activities, where I am going, with whom and for how long. I detest lying to avoid the interrogation. Lately, Mom has been grilling me about my phone calls.

She doesn't understand my need for privacy and complains that I'm keeping secrets from her. Is there a way to resolve this? I don't like sneaking around, but my mother can't handle the fact that I've got a private life. — *Daughter Seeking Privacy*

Dear Daughter: When adult children move back home, the dynamics of the relationship often revert to your childhood experience. Talk to Mom gently and explain that you understand her concerns, but she must

give you space to make your own mistakes.

Offer to give her more information if she will stop bugging you about your phone calls and activities. But the only way this will stop is if you move out. Start saving your pennies.

Dear Annie: Recently, my husband and I attended a Diana Ross concert in Costa Mesa, Calif. We had wonderful seats — main floor, center. However, the man directly in front of me chose to stand for the entire concert.

When I gently tapped him on the shoulder and asked if he would please sit down, he started screaming, "Don't touch me! Don't touch me!"

He continued to stand the whole time. As it was a sold-out concert, we were stuck sitting behind this jerk. I noticed there were a few others on the main floor who remained standing.

One group of women lined up like a chorus line blocking everyone's view. Annie, I could have stayed home and listened to a CD and had a better experience. What is wrong with these people who have no regard for anyone else? How would you have

Sometimes choosing your battles means not fighting at all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are introduced to a new world of people, places and a culture foreign to you. Be yourself and you will learn much. You intrigue a new acquaintance with your quiet, confident demeanor. A friendship forms.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Writing for pleasure proves to be exceptionally cathartic for you. And who knows, perhaps in the process you might even work out an old issue or two and find a way to make some money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is evidence that you have happily become something of a sage. Your practice of offering well-conceived advice has helped many. Share your good advice with yourself, too, and you'll make money this afternoon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The ride with a critic you are required to take today may be a bit uncomfortable. Expect a few bumps. Try to bring along a third party for the journey. Make sure it is someone who will toot your horn.

handled this situation? — *Never Again*

Dear Never: These people are rude and inconsiderate, but they don't care. You should have complained to an usher or to management. It is their job to see that people behave themselves.

Annie's Snippet (Credit Martin Luther King Jr.): Let us all hope that the dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away, and that in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

fabulous systems to stay organized and on target and go for the big fish so as not to waste time on anything that won't significantly contribute to the bottom line.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The legendary Capricorn beauty Dolly Parton has had a top 40 hit in each of the last five decades. With natal Mars and Saturn in nurturing Cancer, Parton's connection with children is soul fortifying.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 7 6
♥ A K 7 2
♦ Q
♣ K 10 9 6 2
WEST
♠ 14 3
♥ 9 8
♦ J 7 3
♣ A J 8 7 4
EAST
♠ 8 2
♥ Q J 10 6 4
♦ K 10 9 2
♣ Q 5
SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 5
♥ 5 3
♦ A 8 6 5 4
♣ 3

The bidding:
South 1♠
West 2♣
North 2♦
East 2♥
3♦ Pass
4♣ Pass

Opening lead — nine of hearts.
This deal arose in the final of the 1997 World Women's Team Championship, which saw the U.S. defeat China by 60 International Match Points. It occurred at a point when the Chinese were holding a 12-IMP lead over the Americans.

With Mildred Breed and Tobi Sokolow North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as shown, and West, Lu Yan, led the nine of hearts. Sokolow won with dummy's king, crossed to the diamond ace and led her singleton club. Lu put up the ace and returned a second heart to dummy's ace.

Declarer discarded a diamond on the king of clubs and then cross-ruffed clubs and diamonds until Lu ruffed a diamond with the jack of spades, the defenders' last trick. Making five, plus 450.

This result seemed likely to be repeated at the second table, where the Chinese pair of Gu Ling and Zhang Yu also reached four spades. But Marina Letizia upset the apple cart when she found the far more effective opening lead of a spade.

Zhang won with the ten, and, with an eye toward ruffing two diamonds in dummy before the opponents could regain the lead and play a second trump, she cashed the diamond ace and ruffed a diamond. Zhang then played the A-K of hearts and ruffed a heart, but Letizia over-ruffed the five with the jack and returned her remaining trump.

With no trumps left in dummy and no way now to reach dummy's king of clubs after it became established, Zhang eventually lost a club and two diamonds in addition to the overruff and so finished down one.

Obviously, if declarer had known the club ace was onside, she could have made her contract by leading a club toward dummy at trick two, winding up with five spades, two hearts, a diamond, a club and a diamond ruff in dummy. As it was, the trump lead presented her with a chance to go wrong, and when she did, the U.S. gained 11 IMPs.

Tomorrow: Eliminating all doubts.
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Legals

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The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance to amend Article 9 Sign Regulations as to regulate the placement, maintenance, and standards of signage allowable for the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas; containing a cumulative clause; containing a savings and severability clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of five hundred dol-

lars (\$500.00); and establishing an effective date of February 24, 2009. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments to Todd Darden, Assistant City Manager, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or call (432)264-2500. #6029 January 19 & 25, 2009

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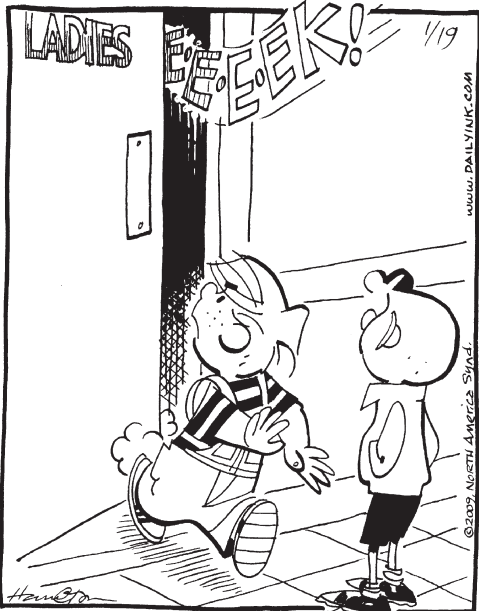
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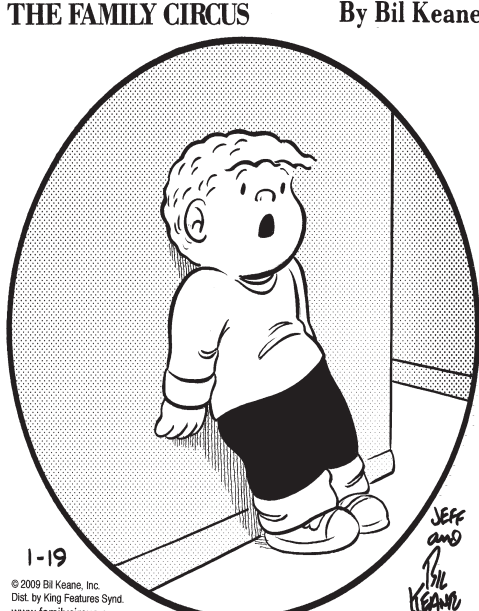
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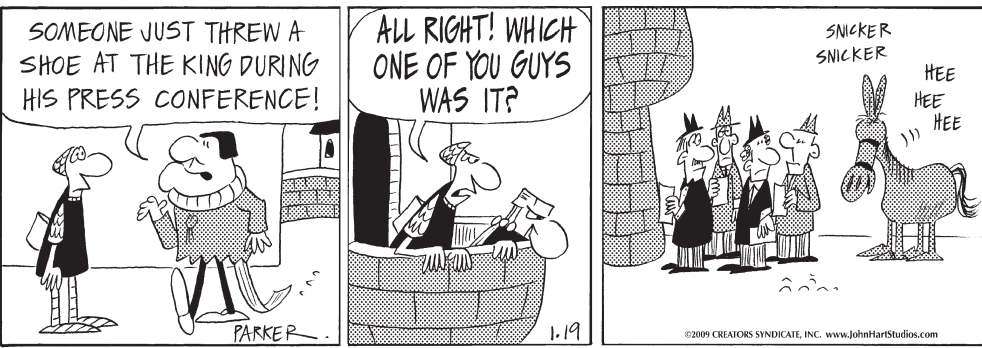
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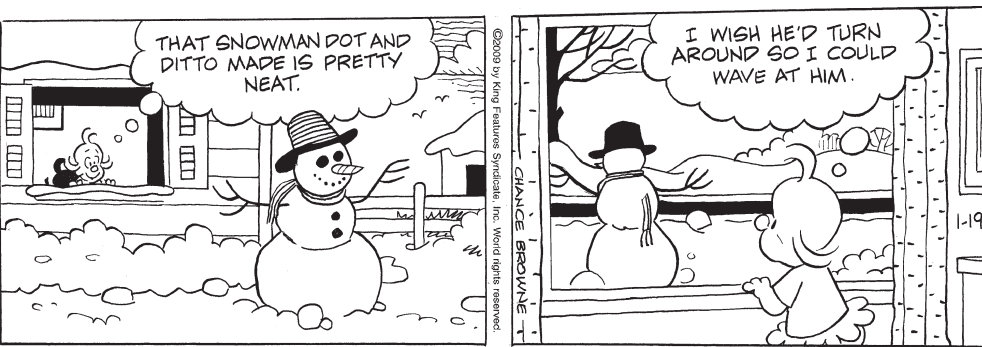
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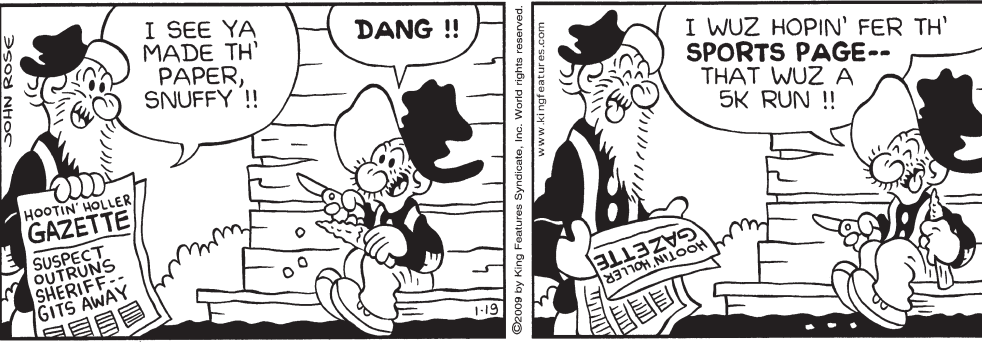
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2009. There are 346 days left in the year. This is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 19, 1809, author, poet and critic Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

On this date: In 1736, inventor James Watt, whose improvements to steam engine design helped enable the Industrial Revolution, was born in Scotland.

In 1807, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

In 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in seven hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1944, the federal govern-

ment relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

In 1979, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell was released on parole after serving 19 months at a federal prison in Alabama.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jean Stapleton is 86. Actor Fritz Weaver is 83. Actress Tippi Hedren is 79. Former PBS newsmen Robert MacNeil is 78. Movie director Richard Lester is 77. Singer Phil Everly is 70. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 67. Country singer Dolly Parton is 63. TV chef Paula Deen is 62. Rock singer Martha Davis is 58. Singer Dewey Bunnell (America) is 57. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 56. Comedian

Paul Rodriguez is 54. Actress Katey Sagal is 52. Reggae musician Mickey Virtue (UB40) is 52. Actor Paul McCrane is 48. Tennis player Stefan Edberg is 43. Rock singer Whitfield Crane (Ugly Kid Joe) is 41. Singer Trey Lorenz is 40. Rock singer-musician John Wozniak (Marcy Playground) is 38. Actress Drea de Matteo is 37. Comedian-impressionist Frank Caliendo is 35. Actress Marsha Thomas is 33. Actress Jodie Sweetin is 27. Actor Logan Lerman is 17.

Thought for Today: "Words have no power to impress the mind without the exquisite horror of their reality." — Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849).

Answer to previous puzzle

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| ACROSS | workplace | weights | for golf |
| 1 Sailor's greeting | 52 Retail event | 6 Residence | 35 Just slightly |
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| 10 Small valley | 57 Female voice range | 8 Piano-bench quartet | 38 Waiter's rewards |
| 14 Keep for later | 58 Kept talking | 9 Before, in poems | 42 One ___ time (singly) |
| 15 Better qualified | 59 Be optimistic | 10 Dr. Seuss book | 44 All ready |
| 16 Change the decor of | 60 Zilch | 11 Narrow shelf | 45 Aromas |
| 17 Type of vaccine | 61 Not at all skillful | 12 ___ Allan Poe | 46 Hardly enough |
| 18 Red cosmetic | 62 Word of regret | 13 Christmas carols | 47 From the Arctic, e.g. |
| 19 Sharp part of a blade | 63 Walked on | 22 Rearrange illegally | 48 Surpass |
| 20 Lost one's footing | 64 Stares at | 24 Whichever | 50 Run off to wed |
| 21 Orange drinks | 65 Thaw | 25 Small rugs | 52 Rendered a ballad |
| 22 Fit for a king | | 26 Walk wearily | 54 Part to play |
| 23 Western movie | | 27 Wander around | 55 Whitish gem |
| 25 Coal diggers | | 28 Cain's brother | 56 Annoyance |
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| 29 Something seen | | 32 Mystical glow | |
| 31 Theater's entry hall | | 34 Bad weather | |
| 32 Aid in a crime | DOWN | | |
| 33 Cap-and-gown wearer | 1 ___ now (so far) | | |
| 37 More than instruments | 2 Rabbit relative | | |
| 39 Fence opening | 3 Roundish shape | | |
| 40 Sandwich shop | 4 Dorothy's path to the Wizard | | |
| 41 Clothes-pressing appliance | 5 Diamond | | |
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CARDINALS

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us was putting that together in two, three, four weeks. Could we do that?

"You've seen us do that and you've seen we're as good as anyone in this league."

They get to prove that for certain in Tampa in two weeks, against the top defense in football.

The Steelers surely must do a better job on Fitzgerald, who was unstoppable against Philadelphia (11-7-1). Fitzgerald had nine receptions for 152 yards, including two big catches on the decisive 72-yard drive. His touchdowns covered 9, 1 and 62 yards, the latter on a flea-flicker during which safety Quintin Demps fell.

He set a single postseason record with 419 yards receiving, surpassing the great Jerry Rice. And Fitzgerald has one more game to go.

"Larry is phenomenal," Warner said.

"He has made I don't know how many huge plays for us in the playoffs," said coach Ken Whisenhunt, the offensive coordinator when the 2005 Steelers won the championship and the man who changed the football culture in Arizona from dysfunctional to dynamic. "I think that his

confidence has grown. You have to give Larry credit because he never had too big of an ego that he didn't want to work on things, and that has really made him a dangerous receiver."

You think?

But for all of Fitzgerald's first-half heroics in building a 24-6 lead, the Cardinals (12-7) fell apart in the third quarter, gaining just 8 yards, and Philadelphia staged a sensational comeback.

Donovan McNabb hit Brent Celek for touchdowns of 6 and 31 yards. Then McNabb, who once this season got benched after a terrible opening half, silenced the raucous crowd with a 62-yard heave to rookie DeSean Jackson. The ball was tipped by cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie into Jackson's hands near the goal line with 10:45 remaining in the game.

Shockingly, Philadelphia was on top 25-24.

"We got in our comfort zone," McNabb said. "We came back and got to be in the rhythm that we need to be in, scoring points."

Just not enough points.

Time for Warner to show his pedigree on a drive that took nearly 8 minutes and carried the Cardinals to victory.

"I want to say Arizona Cardinals and Super Bowl in the same sen-

tence," a jubilant Warner said. "The Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl. How about it?"

For the well-traveled Warner, the win was his third in as many NFC title contests. He led the 1999 and 2001 Rams to the Super Bowl — he was league MVP both years and St. Louis went 1-1 in those Super Bowls — before his career faded.

But the resurrected Warner has been sensational this season, and now he's led the Cardinals far beyond any previous success since moving to Arizona in 1988.

He finished 21-for-28 for 279 yards and the four TDs.

McNabb was 27-for-46 for 375 yards.

"You never want anything to end, and you don't see it ending," said McNabb, like coach Andy Reid a loser in four of five NFC title games in the last eight years. "To end this way, it's tough, when you're that close to making the Super Bowl."

The Cardinals in the Super Bowl is no mirage rising out of the Arizona desert. The first No. 4 seed to host a conference championship, they used playoff victories over Atlanta, Carolina and the Eagles to become the Cardinals' winningest team. They've already surpassed their total of postseason wins dating back to when the playoffs began in 1933.

Arizona is the first team with nine wins in the regular season to make

the Super Bowl since the 1979 Rams lost to the Steelers.

The most attention paid to the Cardinals since moving here from St. Louis came on a sad note — when star safety Pat Tillman suddenly retired in 2002 to join the Army Rangers, and was later killed in Afghanistan.

"It's been a tough number of years here in Arizona," Whisenhunt admitted.

The losing ended when Whisenhunt arrived, and the franchise gets its first shot at an NFL crown since beating the Eagles in 1947, then losing to them the next year while representing Chicago.

How juicy for Whisenhunt that it's the Steelers who await the Cardinals.

"Like everyone else, I was a little disappointed that we couldn't get a Super Bowl matchup with any compelling story lines," he joked. "But honestly, it's unbelievably special that we're going to the Super Bowl under any circumstances, but now to find out that we'll be playing the Steelers certainly takes it to another level."

"Obviously that organization and the people associated with it hold a special place in my heart. From that standpoint, this is something of a dream scenario for me and many of the other coaches on our staff."

Now is not the time to wake up, either.

STEELERS

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good bunch."

If they can beat the Arizona Cardinals and their staff filled with ex-Steelers coaches, led by Ken Whisenhunt, the Steelers will be among the best — the first to win six Super Bowls. Mike Tomlin is the third coach to take the Steelers to the NFL's title game, and he could win it much sooner than Chuck Noll (6th season) and Bill Cowher (14th season) did.

"This is the Steelers' story and not my story," Tomlin said.

The Ravens-Steelers game followed a familiar story line, with the league's two best defenses going at it in a slugfest-type game. Predictably, Ravens rookie quarterback Joe Flacco struggled against a defense that thrives on causing confusion, forcing mistakes and creating turnovers.

In a performance reminiscent of then-rookie Ben Roethlisberger's first AFC title game four years ago, when he was picked off four times during a 41-27 loss to New England, Flacco's three intercep-

tions were the difference. Flacco offered the perfect illustration of why no rookie quarterback has taken a team to the Super Bowl.

"You can't make mistakes in a game like this," Roethlisberger said.

The last one, Troy Polamalu's 40-yard interception return with slightly more than four minutes remaining sealed it after the Ravens, down 13-0 early in the second quarter, closed to within 16-14 on two Willis McGahee touchdown runs.

The numbers were telling: Flacco, 13-of-30 for 141 yards and three interceptions. Roethlisberger: 16-of-33 for 255 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions. This was as one-sided as Roethlisberger vs. Tom Brady four years ago.

"A rookie can never replace experience," Polamalu said. "He (Roethlisberger) has a lot of big-game experience. As far as our defense and the rest of our team, I think when we get into those tough situations and close games ... most of our victories were in those type of close games."

Early on, it didn't look like it would be close as Jeff Reed kicked the first two of his three field goals and an improvised Roethlisberger-to-Santonio Holmes touchdown play covered 65 yards, giving the Steelers that 13-0 lead.

On his touchdown throw, a hurried Roethlisberger threw an off-balance pass off his back foot that Holmes caught near the Baltimore 45 and took to the end zone, cutting diagonally across the field.

No wonder Tomlin said afterward, "Ben is Ben. Ben is a special guy."

"I kind of felt like he was throwing the ball away," said Holmes, whose punt return touchdown keyed the Steelers' 35-24 divisional win over San Diego last weekend. "When I saw it was short, I reacted quicker than he (the defender) did."

As usual in the NFL's nastiest rivalry, there were numerous big hits and injuries, just as there were when Pittsburgh won 23-20 in overtime in September and 13-9 in Baltimore last month — two of the league's roughest games all season.

In this one, Roethlisberger took a hard hit to his shoulder, causing Byron Leftwich to quickly warm up. Hines Ward left with a knee injury. And, in the worst of all, McGahee was carried off the field in the closing minutes with a possible neck injury after being leveled by safety Ryan Clark.

Maybe Flacco and his rookie head coach, John Harbaugh, can be encouraged by this: The season after Roethlisberger couldn't take a team with a 16-1 record to the Super Bowl as a rookie, he came back and won it all.

"I don't know how to explain it, but that's what our thoughts go to right now," Harbaugh said. "The next thing is free agency and the draft and continuing to build a football team, a championship team."

The Steelers may be such a team now. First, they must prove it against the Cardinals, who have little history of success despite being one of the NFL's original franchises. Their last NFL championship came in 1947.

Whisenhunt and his top assistant, Russ Grimm, were seen as the two prime contenders to replace Cowher two years ago. When Whisenhunt sensed he wouldn't be picked, he took the Arizona job, and the Steelers subsequently chose Tomlin over Grimm in a surprise decision.

Now, the Steelers will go into the Super Bowl trying to prove they hired the right coach, though there has been little debating the decision in Pittsburgh since Tomlin took over two years ago. Even though Whisenhunt's Cardinals beat Tomlin's Steelers 21-14 early in the 2007 season.

Numerous Steelers players were close to Whisenhunt and Grimm, so playing the Cardinals in the NFL's biggest game will bring back numerous memories. More than a few members of Arizona's staff were on Pittsburgh's sideline when the Steelers beat Seattle 21-10 in Detroit three years ago.

"It's going to be emotional for us," left tackle Max Starks said. "Those are the coaches I won my last Super Bowl with. It's going to be a challenge. It's going to be old school vs. new school."

Old school, of course, is what the Steelers do. It's why those five Super Bowl trophies fill a display case in their practice complex, serving as motivation to players and coaches alike as they walk by them daily.

"It sure doesn't get old," Steelers owner Dan Rooney said, referring to the franchise's seventh Super Bowl appearance. "(And) if you win six — nobody has won six. We're going into Tampa with the idea of playing well."

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