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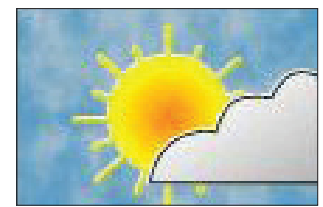
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A woman in Native American regalia participates in a gourd dance during the Big Spring Powwow Saturday. The powwow concluded its fifth annual run Sunday afternoon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Celebrating Indian culture

Powwow a growing success, organizers say

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

It was a dance contest — with a Native American twist.
 The fifth annual Big Spring Powwow, which concluded Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, was a celebration of American Indian culture and a chance for old friends to renew acquaintances, but it also was a dance competition, except a parquet floor and disco ball were replaced by an arena floor and the thunder of drums.
 Mix "Dancing With the Stars" and "Dances With Wolves" and you begin to get the idea.
 "Powwows have always been built around dancing," said Robert Downey, one of the organizers of this year's event. "Powwows got their start in the old Wild West shows ... Indians were hired to display their war dances. Modern-day powwows have continued that trend.
 "This is a dancing contest. I guess

"I hope people leave here with an appreciation for a heritage that is a big part of the history of Big Spring. We're giving them a glimpse of Native American history that has been a part of this area for years and years."
 —Robert Downey

you could say it's kind of like 'Dancing With the Stars,'" Downey added. "There are traditional, social powwows and competition powwows. This is a competition."
 This year's powwow attracted more
 See **POWWOW**, Page 3

Hoops, Dreams and Goals lives up to hype, fanfare

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald
 The NCAA Road to the Final Four may not lead to Big Spring's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, but the home of the Howard College Hawks and Lady Hawks hosted some of the best basketball in the area March 27th in a daylong tournament.
 The fifth annual Hoops, Dreams and Goals basketball tournament pitted teams from

the 23 counties served by West Texas Centers for MHMR in a friendly game of basketball, spirited dance contests and cheerleading competitions.
 Opening ceremonies kicked
 See **HOOPS**, Page 3
 Courtesy photo
Members of the Heat, Big Spring's Hoops, Dreams and Goals team, celebrate their championship victory.



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From left, Aubrey Weaver Jr., Nell Cook and Rita Brown collect trash along W. Fourth Street Saturday morning. They were among hundreds of local volunteers participating in the 13th annual Big Spring Trash-Off, sponsored by Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Next Weigh-In Date
April 6-10
 at the YMCA • 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Obituaries

Harriet Irene McGinnis

Harriet Irene McGinnis, 101, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 4, 2009, at her daughter's home in Big Spring. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at the College Baptist Church with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at Capitan Cemetery in Capitan, N.M.

She was born March 25, 1908, in Madison, Neb., and grew up on a ranch in Spencer, Neb. She graduated from high school at Spencer and attended the University of Nebraska. She taught school for six years in Nebraska and was a medical lab technician for two and one-half years.

She married Fay McGinnis Jan. 14, 1937, in Columbus, Neb. They moved to Roswell, N.M., in 1948 where Harriet worked for A.S. Blauw, M.D. Pathologist, as his histologist at the Eastern New Mexico Medical Center for 18 years. She and her husband also operated a hardware store in Hagerman until they sold it and moved to Lincoln, N.M., in 1968. Harriet moved to Big Spring in 1987.

She was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women and had taught adult Sunday School.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Duffy Vassar of Big Spring, and Jean and Albert Hill of Roswell, N.M.; one grandson and wife, Mark and Veronda Vassar of Big Spring; one granddaughter and husband, Melinda and David McReynolds of Midland; six great grandchildren, Ryan, Kristine and Heather Vassar, and Kambri, Kylee and Jordan McReynolds; and a host of friends

and admirers.

She was preceded in death by her husband June 15, 1976; her father and mother; and one granddaughter, Mindy Vassar June 19, 1988.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720; or to Happy Hill Farm, 3846 N. Highway 144, Granbury 76048.

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

Paid obituary

Sidney Rudell Smith

Sidney Rudell Smith, 76, of Kerrville passed away Thursday, April 2, 2009, in a Kerrville hospital.

He was born Dec. 26, 1932, in Memphis, Tenn., but lived the majority of his life in the great state of Texas.

Survivors include his daughter, Pam; husband, Jim of Dallas; daughter, Jennifer of Kerrville; son, Rodney and wife Melissa of Grandview; and grandchildren Kelsey, Megan, Hayden and Bailey.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the charity of your choice.

Private interment services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Palmer Mortuary in Seguin.




Paid obituary

Lilla M. Drewery

Lilla M. Drewery, 95, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 5, 2009, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.



Your Local Weather

Tue 4/7	Wed 4/8	Thu 4/9
 76/47	 88/58	 80/45
A mainly sunny sky. Warmer. High 76F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Windy with times of sun and clouds.

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 begins at 5 p.m. with weigh-in 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 Buffet.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.
- 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.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 17-53-20-19-43-31.
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-20-12-31-28.
Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$13,776
Winning ticket purchased in: Sugar Land, Canyon Lake

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-5-5-3. Sum It Up: 14

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-1-8. Sum It Up: 12

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Police blotter

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

- JESUSITA ZAPATA, 32, of 701 Creighton, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving with an expired driver's license and no insurance.
- ZACHARY WILLIAMS, 27, of 2305 Allendale, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of a dangerous drug and possession of an all-terrain vehicle on a roadway.
- NINFA GARCIA, 53, of 1501 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLEMENTE GOMMEZ III, 21, of 106 Ave. A and Seventh St., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 400 block of FM 700.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1300 block of 11th Street.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
- POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG was reported in the 4200 block of Muir.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
 - in the 1400 block of Highway 87.
 - in the 1800 block of Laurie.
 - in the 1600 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
 - in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
 - in the 1800 block of Wallace.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of Third Street.
- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported:
 - in the 2100 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 200 block of Third Street.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 2500 block of Albrook.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 700 block of Aylesford.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Central. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Sunset. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Birdwell. Three people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the area of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.

- MICHAEL EVERETTE BARNETT, 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- CHRISTOPHER BISHOP, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- THOMAS DEL BOLTON, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated — open container (second offense).
- RAMONA CASTILLO CERVANTES, 37, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- KENNY LEE CRANEY, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL DAWSON, 30, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JOHN MICHAEL EDMONDSON, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.
- EDUARDO GALLARDO, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of no insurance (two counts), speeding and failure to appear.
- ERNEST GARCIA, 37, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less and theft.
- MICHELLE DAWN GARCIA, 41, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- COREY PRESTON HOFFPAUIR, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.
- CANDICE MARIE KILCOLLINS, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- ORRIN L. MANSFIELD, 22, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice — giving false information.
- MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license (two counts) and no proof of insurance.
- DOYL RAY MIEARS, 35, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- NICOLAS CRAIG MILLS, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on an miscellaneous charge.
- CODY JAMES NALL, 25, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping — failure to appear.
- NADIROVICH PAYLIVAN, 41, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.
- GUY JAMES PETERSON, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- DAVID JAMES RENTERIA, 42, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of criminal mischief (two counts) and interfering with an emergency phone call.
- RAYMOND JOSEPH SHEPARD, 44, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- LOUIE ROSS SMITH, 55, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ZACHARY RAY WILLIAMS, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug and possession of a dangerous drug for the purpose of selling.



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Texas Briefs

Houston man allegedly tried to beat demon from son

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston man who allegedly thought demons invaded his home and family was jailed Monday on charges he beat his 3-year-old son.

Jacky Tran was held on \$100,000 bond on felony injury to a child charges after he allegedly tried to rid the boy of evil spirits.

A jail official, who declined to give his name to The Associated Press, had no information early Monday on an attorney for the 35-year-old Tran.

A relative, Thuba To, told the *Houston Chronicle* that Tran believes he is an "angel" sent by God.

Tran was arrested after officers Saturday night responded to a security alarm. A police report indicates officers saw Tran swinging something, possibly the boy.

The child, whose name was not released, was transported to a Houston hospital for treatment of skull fractures and was expected to survive.

The *Chronicle* reports Tran told relatives Sunday night, who visited him in jail, that he was just knocking the demon out of the boy.

A neighbor, Abdul Badat, says Tran last week threw his furniture into the yard because he thought the items were "evil."

If convicted, Tran faces a possible five- to 99-year sentence.

Dallas Morning News layoffs begin Monday

DALLAS (AP) — The parent company of *The Dallas Morning News* said it will begin companywide layoffs Monday.

At the end of January, A.H. Belo Corp. said it would lay off 500 employees across all of its properties and take other actions to save cash and cope with falling advertising revenue. The cuts represent about 14 percent of A.H. Belo's work force.

A.H. Belo has not said how many jobs will be cut at *The Dallas Morning News*. The company also owns *The Providence Journal* and several smaller newspapers and Web sites.

The company said most of the layoffs will take place Monday and Tuesday.

"Our company continues to face unprecedented economic challenges during this prolonged recession, making this staff reduction a very difficult but necessary decision," said Jim Moroney, publisher and chief executive of *The Dallas Morning News*.

The cuts come after A.H. Belo said last week it will cut some workers' salaries and suspend pension contributions for the year. Full-time employees making more than \$25,000 per year will see salary

cuts of between 2.5 percent and 15 percent, depending on their base salary. The changes will go into effect around the beginning of May.

2 Colo. women killed in crash; Texas man arrested

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — A Texas man has been arrested after a four-vehicle crash on an icy Interstate 70 that killed two Colorado women.

The Colorado State Patrol says 48-year-old Ginger Gillespie and 77-year-old Lois Kelton of Grand Junction, Colo., died Saturday when a semi hit their Jeep Liberty from behind near Limon in eastern Colorado. Authorities say the Jeep was traveling about 15 mph due to the icy conditions, but the truck was moving about 55 mph.

Trooper Gilbert Mares says the women were wearing seat belts but died at the scene. The truck crashed into a pickup, which then hit a Chevrolet Suburban, but no serious injuries were reported.

The truck driver, 62-year-old Richard E. Widmier of Burleson, Texas, was arrested on suspicion of vehicular homicide and other charges.

Vulture caught in trap rescued

MONTE ALTO (AP) — A South Texas man who saw a vulture caught in a coyote trap in a watermelon patch threw a blanket over the struggling bird and freed it.

The rescue happened near Monte Alto after Johnny Herrera, who lives nearby, noticed the wing-flapping bird and feared the creature might not survive.

Herrera, in a rescue videotaped by KRGV-TV, is seen approaching the animal, which has a leg stuck in the trap. Herrera drops a blanket over the vulture. His wife, Paula, helps him hold down the bird, as Herrera gently opens the trap.

The freed bird flies away.

Herrera, who says he's had dogs stuck in similar traps, says "it's kind of a cruel way to die."

The incident happened Friday. Monte Alto is about 25 miles northeast of McAllen.

More people returning to Galveston

GALVESTON (AP) — More residents of Hurricane Ike-swamped Galveston have opted to return home as rebuilding continues.

CenterPoint Energy reports the number of electric customers has reached 85 percent of pre-storm levels. Texas Gas Service reports 78 percent of pre-Ike customers have reconnected.

The Galveston County Daily News reported Monday that city officials feared only about two-thirds

of the residents would return after Ike hit on Sept. 13.

Galveston had about 57,000 residents prior to Ike. City Manager Steve LeBlanc puts the current population at about 40,000.

LeBlanc last week told the Galveston City Council that the figures are a good indication of the number of people who plan to return.

Standoff at Duncanville store ends with no arrests

DUNCANVILLE (AP) — A standoff at a Duncanville store ended early Monday after police determined the two men witnesses said tried to rob the store had fled the building.

A Dollar General Store employee who hid in a bathroom throughout the standoff was shaken but OK, city spokeswoman Tonya Lewis said. Police had been able to talk to her by cell phone during the standoff.

Lewis said four people who were in the building when the robbers barged in were able to escape.

Police surrounded the store for about three hours late Sunday. The standoff ended about 12:15 a.m. Monday.

Lewis said authorities didn't know if the men were still inside and decided to err on the side of caution, sending in a SWAT team. The team found that the men had fled.

Bennie Armstrong said in a story in Monday's online edition of *The Dallas Morning News* that she was paying for coffee when the men came in. They were armed and had backpacks, she said.

"They just came in and told everybody to hit the floor," she said. "I was in shock."

She said she ran out of the store when the men went looking for a manager.

Husband says he killed wife 15 years ago

TEMPLE (AP) — A 54-year-old Temple man has told sheriff's investigators that he shot his wife to death nearly 15 years ago.

Milton Britt Crowe walked into the Bell County Sheriff's Department on Friday afternoon and told investigators he wanted to confess to the July 1994 slaying of Linda Louise Crowe, according to a news release from the agency.

Crowe told them the matter had been bothering him and he had spoken with counselors at a local church. The counselors went with him to the sheriff's office.

Crowe was jailed on a charge of murder and was being held in the Bell County Jail on \$200,000 bond.

POWWOW

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than 100 people of Native American heritage from across Texas and New Mexico. It began and ended the same way — with partici-

pants in colorful regalia dancing to to the accompaniment of pounding drums.

But you didn't have to have an appreciation for American Indian dancing to appreciate the festivities, Downey said.

"I hope people leave here with an appreciation for a heritage that is a big part of

the history of Big Spring," he said. "We're giving them a glimpse of Native American history that has been a part of this area for years and years."

"Most people probably don't even know there were Indians here in this part of Texas long before anyone else," he added. "This area was an important

stopping place for Indians on their way to Mexico."

Downey, who has been part of the powwow organizing committee since its inception, said this year's event was the most successful yet.

"It just keeps getting bigger every year," he said. "More people are coming out to en-

joy it and we're even bringing a lot of people from out of town."

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HOOPS

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off in high gear when the Big Spring High School drum line entered the coliseum with their high energy and thunderous beat, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW, said.

"They just add so much to the day. They get everyone keyed up and ready to play."

Each team followed the drum line and entered the gym decked out in their respective uniforms and colors, followed by their cheerleaders, coaches and managers.

Smith and St. Rep. Joe Heflin welcomed the crowd of 750 people before the first ball was tipped to eager players.

The Big Spring Heat basketball team defeated the Sweetwater Rattlers in the championship game of the daylong tournament. Each team — the Big Spring Heat, Sweetwater Rattlers, Snyder Wildcats, Ballinger Longhorns, Seminole and Brownfield Pink Panthers, and the Monahans and Pecos Warriors — worked their way through bracket play in hopes of reaching the big game that had Big Spring pulling away late in the fourth quarter, sealing the win.

The Ballinger Longhorns won the best halftime

show, and the Big Spring Heat won the Spirit Stick Award for maintaining a high level of enthusiasm throughout the day.

Each team was presented with a spirit stick award and a trophy, and all team members received participation trophies, Smith said. Alon USA also presented each team's Most Valuable Player with \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards.

"All of our players, cheerleaders and coaches are winners," Smith said. "We wanted to recognize and award everyone for a job well done."

New to the competition this year was the introduction of custom-made team uniforms for each player, Smith said.

The tournament coincides with Mental Retardation Awareness Month and is West Texas Centers for MHMR's way of celebrating the month with their consumers and their families.

An added bonus to this year's games will be photos and videos captured by Jim Purcell, president of State National Bank, and Midland-based ViaMedia, Smith said. "We are so appreciative of them taking the time to capture the memories of the event so that we can share this day over and over again."

The tournament was sponsored by West Texas Centers for MHMR, Howard County ARC, Howard College, RX Services, KBST Radio, ALON USA and many other businesses, organizations and people from the counties served by West Texas Centers for MHMR.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

U.S., Mexico must take responsibility for joint problems

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton spoke some truths the other day that may be difficult for many Americans to hear.

Clinton acknowledged that our drug habits and the ready availability of guns in this country are implicated in the escalating drug violence scarring Mexico.

And so they are.

Getting out of denial about this could be our first step toward tamping down the narco-terror that threatens to spill over into this country.

Focusing on our own piece in this is not to ignore Mexico's role in the worsening situation. Not at all. The corruptibility of that country's police and bureaucracy contribute enormously to the mindless brutality. In 2009, the term drug war is no longer metaphorical. Innocent lives are being lost on all sides.

Clinton was right to summarize things unflinchingly. "We have accepted that this is a co-responsibility," she said on her visit to Mexico. "We see it as a responsibility to help the Mexican government and people defeat an enemy."

Victory will only come if both governments are willing to address root causes. For the Mexicans, that means cleaning up a legal and policing system that is still susceptible to the influence of la mordida, "the bite" taken by public officials in exchange for favors large and small.

On this side of the border, the day is coming when the country must look seriously at ways to rein in the multibillion-dollar market that enriches the drug lords while filling American prisons with inmates. This means reassessing the generation-long national drug war, and should include debate on the merits and pitfalls of legalization of drugs. It must also feature a reasoned discussion on better controlling the flow of automatic weapons across the border.

Surely by now, people in both countries have had enough of finger pointing.

What's the old saying? Be careful: When you point your finger at someone else you have three fingers pointing back at yourself. When it comes to drug traffic, that's achingly true for both Mexico and the United States.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we can rise above painful problems.

Amen

Can we get a limit on greed?

American dogma has it that democracy and free markets are the big factors behind our long-time world domination. And maybe those protective oceans. Well, the democracy portion of that theory has always shown more flaws than we care to admit (witness Jim Crow, Florida and Ohio), and the markets have lately been coming apart at the seams. In both cases, the finger of blame points toward greed.



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

Given the pre-eminence of voting machines these days, there are few actual ballot boxes or party-boss pockets left to stuff. This has been tough on local political leaders of both parties, but many Republican state officials have deftly taken up the slack. They've contrived marvelously clever schemes to disenfranchise poor voters for the benefit of the rich. Just take them off the enrollment list if they move or get convicted, require them to have a photo ID and make them wait in long lines. Piece of cake. Business then controls the government. But in this last election, public rage blessedly overcame all those malevolent tricks because greed finally overplayed its hand. Real change is now at least theoretically possible for a moment, if not totally likely.

Over on the free market side

of the domination theory, there seems no possibility of change at all. Greed has won — Henry Ford is dead. Instead of CEOs making 30 to 40 times the pay of their lowest workers as in days of old, now it's 300 to 400 times. In other words, the boss makes as much in a day as the grunt makes in a year.

A review of CEOs listed in the Standard and Poor's 500 Index calculated their average pay last year at \$8.4 million, up \$280,000 in 12 months. Plus, some guys of course did much better. Larry Ellison of Oracle pulled down \$84 million in '08, nosing out John Thain of Merrill Lynch at \$83 million. Yes, that Merrill Lynch.

Personal performance, it turns out, no longer has much bearing on pay, except maybe in sports. As all those Wall Street firms were sliding down the tubes, bonuses were flying out as if nothing had happened. Business has developed a culture of entitlement that bears little relationship to a boss's true worth. Avarice has become a personal club, independent of company success. Success instead is measured individually by which mogul dies with the most toys.

Author Jim Hightower has unearthed some companies that even pay CEOs after they die. One requires a "non-compete" clause for decedents and another offers car allowance. There is obviously more going on here than meets the eye.

One thing that's going on is the collapse of American business

ethics. The reason we have to watch grainy old copies of "It's A Wonderful Life" at Christmas is because the industry has long since stopped making films reflecting such quaint personal values.

This creates a touching irony in our state. The legislature here is into movies, debating if it should condition future tax credits and cheap loans on whether the CEO makes more than 25 times the pay of the lowliest worker. The film industry has, up to now, been a big beneficiary of that giveaway.

Congress is traveling that same road, putting a pay cap on some CEOs who receive bailouts. Unfortunately that horse is already out of the barn, but better late than never.

A deeper question is, if hard times continue, would Congress contemplate such a cap on all corporations, which after all owe to the government their fundamental legal right to be treated as "persons"? As income and wealth disparities skyrocket, and as ever more American jobs waft overseas, will Washington eventually put a limit on how ridiculously rich some Americans can become at the expense of their fellows? It's not our way, to do something like that, but then neither, supposedly, is it our way to support a growing caste system of haves and have-nots.

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The attorney general's injustice

Remember the cacophonous wailing of the left over the Bush administration's alleged politicization of the Justice Department? We always knew they were just projecting, but now we have even more proof.

I first learned from my friend Andy McCarthy's blog post on National Review Online that Attorney General Eric Holder had rejected the legal opinion of his own Justice Department lawyers that the D.C. voting rights bill, which would give the District of Columbia a voting member in the House of Representatives, is unconstitutional.

Why would Holder reject the legal opinion of his own deputies?

Dumb question. Because he doesn't like the answer and neither does his boss, President Obama. They both strongly support passage of the bill and do not believe a little trifle, such as an express constitutional provision forbidding it, should be permitted to get in their way. How many times do leftists have to demonstrate that they are an ends-justify-the-means bunch before it sinks in?

The Washington Post confirms that the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, "an elite unit that gives legal and constitutional advice to the executive branch," did issue an unpublished opinion earlier this year that the voting rights bill is unconstitutional. Holder couldn't let that stand, so he went back to the well, hoping for a different opinion.

Lo and behold, the solicitor general's office dutifully served up that opinion and said it could defend the legislation in court should the bill be challenged on

constitutional grounds. Hmm.

Now, those of you who don't like it when lawyers muddle up the plain meaning of language should follow me into the next paragraph, where I'll recite to you the pertinent constitutional provision. Please excuse me while I reach up to the shelf to retrieve my pocket Constitution.

Article 1, Section 2 provides: "The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States." Would it be too much to ask that we all agree that the District of Columbia is not a state?

On that point, I'll note that Article 1, Section 8 provides for the establishment of a federal district that is distinct from the states. James Madison, the Father of the Constitution, wrote in Federalist No. 43 of the necessity of a separate federal district that serves as the seat of the federal government and is separate from the authority and the territory of any state.

Otherwise, "Public authority (of the federal government) might be insulted and its proceedings interrupted with impunity," and the district would have to rely on the state in which it was included, for protection, which could diminish its honor.

The plain meaning of the language of Article 1, Section 2 is clear, is it not? Yet Holder insists his decision to override the opinion of the Office of Legal Counsel is grounded in law, not politics. Right.

If that's true, why do you suppose Holder won't release the OLC opinion in question despite a letter from Sen. John Cornyn demanding its release? Justice said it wouldn't release these "internal deliberations," "because they're not the final, formal opinion."

Tellingly, the Post reports that legal experts don't back Holder's "unusual" decision to seek another opinion. Former OLC

deputy Ed Whelan, who served during the Bush administration, calls Holder's decision to ignore the OLC's opinion a "blatant abuse" of the office's purpose.

Liberals are conspicuously silent about this abuse. They want the district to get a congressman because it would guarantee Democrats another seat. But notice their flagrant double standard. When they have their sights set on a desired political result, the law, including the supreme law of the land, is not allowed to interfere, even when there is barely, if at all, a legitimate question about what the law is.

But when government attorneys serving a Republican administration merely render an opinion that liberals don't like (e.g., warrantless surveillance of enemy communications in wartime and waterboarding not being torture), never mind that the opinion, unlike Holder's artificially procured second opinion, is firmly grounded in law; liberals sometimes want to impeach them or put them in jail for war crimes.

But more important than the left's hypocrisy is their ongoing disrespect for the Constitution when it suits their political ends. We are living in a time when the very integrity of the Constitution is being threatened daily, from federal bailouts to federal assumption of control over private business. That's why I urge you again to read Mark Levin's "Liberty and Tyranny," which brilliantly explains how preserving our liberties depends on preserving the integrity of the Constitution.

If freedom lovers and respecters of the rule of law don't come to the aid of the Constitution soon, we may be looking back in a few years wondering where our liberty went.

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The Big Spring Steers baseball team mobs senior catcher Rance Terry (third from right) after he hits a walk-off grand slam to give the Steers an 8-7 win over Fort Stockton Saturday at Steer Park.

Win with drama Terry's grand slam lifts Big Spring to 8-7 victory

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Two outs, bases loaded, down by three runs in the bottom of the seventh.

That sets the table for a potential dramatic ending to a baseball game.

It was the situation Big Spring's Rance Terry faced when he stepped into the batter's box Saturday at Steer Park.

Fort Stockton pitcher Claudio Cisco was ahead of Terry 0-1 and

then threw a pitch he'd probably love to have back. Terry drove a curveball over the Screen Monster in left field, giving Big Spring a walk-off 8-7 win in a non-district game.

"It was pretty dramatic," said Big Spring Head Coach Burt Otto.

Big Spring gave up five runs in the first inning alone, but Jon Benavides settled down and held Fort Stockton to two runs over

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Hawks complete sweep of WTC

BILL NORRIS

Special to the Herald

SNYDER—Howard College's Hawks baseball team completed the sweep of Western Texas College Saturday, but not without some excitement.

Still, the No. 1 Hawks remained undefeated on the season with two wins, 12-8 and 16-6.

Things started well as the top-ranked Hawks (34-0, 16-0) jumped out to a 6-0 lead in Game 1, but the Westerners used the wind to get back into it with back-to-back homers — a 2-run shot by Jason Sutherland and a solo shot by Joe Lassiter — to get back in the game.

A run scoring triple by shortstop Jonathan Slattery made it 6-4 and chased starter Anthony Collazo from the mound with two outs in the second.

Western kept on the pressure finally tying things up in the bottom of the fifth on a 2-run homer by left fielder Deandre Seay.

The Hawks came right back in the top of the sixth. Runey Davis doubled and Joe Leftridge walked. The duo then pulled off a double steal to get into scoring position.

Bryan Johns scored Davis with a sacrifice fly and Miles Hamblin singled to right to drive in Leftridge and stretched it out to a 9-7 lead.

Howard added three more in the top of the seventh and William Calhoun pitched the final three innings for the victory.

The Hawks were on in the second game as they won easily, 16-6, in a game shortened to five innings via the 10-run mercy rule.

Miles Hamblin had the big bat for the Hawks going 3-for-3 with four RBI, including a 2-run homer. Hamblin and catcher Monk Creder had back-to-back homers in the first to get the Hawks off to a quick start.

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Forsan falls to Ira in 8 innings

Herald Staff Report

IRA — After a long layoff, the Forsan Buffaloes found their way back onto the baseball diamond, but didn't quite get the outcome they were hoping for.

The Buffs lost a dramatic affair with the Ira Bulldogs, 10-9, in eight innings.

Forsan was down, 9-7, heading into the top of the seventh. Foster Burchett and Evan Burton had back-to-back singles to begin the inning. Jake Rhoton followed with a sacrifice bunt to advance the runners to second and third.

Ryan Flores then brought in both Burchett and Burton with a single to center, tying the game at nine. Unfortunately, Flores was stranded on third and the Buffs couldn't take their first lead of the game.

Ira wasn't able to get any runs in the

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Courtesy photo/Bill Riggs

Big Spring's Zack Saldivar competes in the shot put at the Tall City Relays in Midland Saturday. Saldivar won the event with a throw of 48-8.25. The Steers finished fourth as a team, despite missing some key athletes.

Steers 4th in Midland

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — Even without a full squad, the Big Spring Steers track team proved to be formidable in the overall standings.

The Steers scored 66 total points at the Tall City Relays in Midland, despite not having key members in attendance.

Leading the way for the Steers was a gold-medal performance by senior Zack Saldivar in the shot put. Saldivar's throw of more than 48 feet won the event. He also finished second in the discus throw.

Tyrone Clemons also medaled twice, taking silver in the high jump, while settling for bronze in the triple jump.

Lubbock High won the event with 105 points. Midland High was in second with 92, while Big Spring's district foe Abilene Cooper took third with 85.

However, missing from the Steers over the weekend due to personal conflicts or injuries was seniors LaRay Woodard, Darius McCalister and Jordan Valle.

Woodard had won first in the 110-hurdles and long jump at every meet he had participated in this

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Lady Steers place 2nd at Tall City Relays

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — Big Spring's Lady Steers track team graded out as the top 4A squad invited to the Tall City Relays in Midland over the weekend and also placed ahead of its main district opposition.

For the first time in three consecutive track meets, the Lady Steers garnered more points than District 4-4A foe Abilene Cooper, 93-86. The Lady Steers finished second in Division I as well, trailing only Class 5A Odessa High, which won the event with 128.5 points.

The Lady Steers were led by the efforts of senior Catherine Leubner, who claimed victory in the 3,200 meters with a time of 12:16.66 — more than 16 seconds faster than her closest competition. Leubner later picked up a second-place finish in the 1,600 meters.

Sophomore Desiree Anderson continued to provide the Lady Steers with top points in

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Big Spring's Bridgette Tuitt (left) receives the baton from teammate Desiree Anderson in a relay at the Tall City Relays in Midland Saturday. The Lady Steers finished second in the team standings, scoring more points than District 4-4A foes Abilene Cooper and Frenship.

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6:PM :30	News Entertainment	Jeopardy! Fortune	Tontas Cielo	Two Men House	News Two Men	12 Cora-zones	News Millionaire	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Van Impe Hagee	News-Lehrer	Who Was Jesus?	Who Was Jesus?	CSI: Crime Son	Law & Order		Montana Montana	MLB Base-ball: Chi-cago Cubs at Houston Astros.	SportsCtr. College Gameday Scoreboard
7:PM :30	Dancing With the Stars	Dancing With the Stars	Cuidado-Angel	House	Big Bang How I Met	Doña Bar-bara	Chuck	Israel Fam. Guy	Israel Fam. Guy	Antiques Roadshow	Who Was Jesus?	Movie: An Officer and a Gentleman, Louis Gossett Jr.	CSI: Crime Son	The Closer	Movie: Waist Deep, Larenz Tate	Princess Dia-ries 2: Royal Engagement		
8:PM :30	Surviving (02) Castle	Surviving (02) Castle	Mañana es	24	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Final	El Rostro de Analia	Heroes	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	American Experience	The Da Vinci Shroud	Ultimate Fighting Championship 89: Bisping vs. Leben	The Closer				MLB Base-ball: Athletics at Angels	
9:PM :30	News Nightline	News Nightline	Impacto Noticiero	King-Hill	News	Decisiones de	News	Seinfeld Sex & Uri Harel	Israel Hansen	Charlie Rose	Who Was Jesus?	Movie: Chicago, Richard Gere	Law & Order	Harlem Harlem	Wizards Suite Life	Baseball Tonight		
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DENNIS THE MENACE

4-6

"CAN YA STOP BY THE ICE CREAM SHOP ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

4-6

"How much do chickens get paid per egg?"

HAGAR

WHAT DOES THAT SIGN SAY?
"DON'T LOOK DOWN"

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"...SO I SAID, LOOK, MAUDE, IF YOU CAN GO OUT AND MAKE MORE THAN ME, THEN I'LL DO ALL THE HOUSEWORK!"

'ATTA BOY, JAKE! BET THAT CHANGED HER TUNE.

JAKE! WHERE YOU GOIN'?

I GOT A SPONGE CAKE IN THE OVEN.

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BLONDIE

BUMSTEAD, WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GET YOU A BAGEL TO GO WITH YOUR COFFEE?

YOU KNOW, I CAN ALWAYS TELL WHEN YOU'RE BEING SARCASTIC, BOSS!

BUT JUST IN CASE YOU AREN'T, I'D LOVE ONE!

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WIZARD OF ID

THAT MAN JUST WINKED AT ME!

WHAT?

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS!

HERE

WHAT'S THIS?

THE NUMBER OF MY OPTOMETRIST

PARKER

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AGNES

LET'S MAKE A PIE.

WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE PIE.

NO... BUT WE KNOW WHAT PIE LOOKS LIKE, AND WE KNOW WHAT IT TASTES LIKE.

A LITTLE REVERSE ENGINEERING AND WE GOT US A BIG OL' PIECE OF PIE!

MY MOM USED YOUR REVERSE-ENGINEERED PANCAKES TO SAND DOWN HER TOYOTA.

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HI AND LOIS

TRYING TO ORGANIZE?

THEY RECOMMEND SORTING THINGS INTO PILES TO "KEEP," "DONATE" OR "THROW AWAY."

... SO FAR IT ISN'T WORKING

KEEP DONATE TOSS

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THE OTHER COAST

I SEE HALF A CHEWED SLIPPER, A SECTION OF CARPET, A SOCK AND A TV REMOTE.

NO SIGN OF MY CAR KEYS, HUH?

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SNUFFY SMITH

WHEW !! YA EVER HAVE ONE'A THOSE DAYS, LOWEEZY ?

NOPE !! NOT ME !! NEVER EVER !!

I ALWAYS GIT 'EM TWO-IN-A-ROW !!

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BEETLE BAILEY

I THINK ALL SERGEANTS ARE BIG TROUBLE-MAKERS!

I RESENT THAT!

WHY? YOU'RE NOT A SERGEANT

NO, BUT I'M A BIG TROUBLE-MAKER

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This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 6, the 96th day of 2009. There are 269 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on April 6, 1909, American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole.

On this date:

In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, N.Y.

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee as Confederate forces launched a surprise attack against Union troops, who beat back the Confederates the next day.

In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

In 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany.

In 1954, after being criticized by newsman Edward R. Murrow on CBS' "See It Now," Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., was given the opportunity to reply with a filmed response in which he charged that Murrow had in the past "engaged in propaganda for Communist causes."

In 1959, "Gigi" won the Academy Award for best picture of 1958; Susan Hayward was named best actress for "I Want to Live!" and David Niven was named best actor for "Separate Tables." (To the embarrassment of the show's producers, the scheduled two-hour ceremony fell about 20 minutes short.)

In 1963, the United States signed an agreement to sell the Polaris missile system to Britain.

In 1965, the United States launched the Intelsat I, also known as the "Early Bird" communications satellite, into orbit.

In 1983, rock-and-roll fans reacted with outrage and dismay to a published report in The Washington Post that Interior Secretary James Watt had decided to exclude groups like the Beach Boys from Washington's 4th of July celebration. A stand he later reversed.

In 1994, the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi were killed in a mysterious plane crash near Rwanda's capital; widespread violence and killings erupted in Rwanda over claims the plane had been shot down.

Today's Birthdays: Nobel Prize-winning scientist James D. Watson is 81. Composer-conductor Andre Previn is 80. Country singer Merle Haggard is 72. Actor Billy Dee Williams is 72. Actor Roy Thinnes is 71. Movie director Barry Levinson is 67. Actor John Ratzenberger is 67. Actress Marielu Henner is 57. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Janet Lynn is 56. Actor Michael Rooker is 54.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Football throw
- Colorado ski spot
- Chowder ingredient
- Carpet measurement
- Argentina neighbor
- Wish earnestly
- Happy tune
- Charged toward
- Puts frosting on
- Guy in a clothing catalog
- Student group
- Makes less difficult
- School corridor
- Pays out
- Imitator
- Herbal brews
- "Am not!" reply
- Cheer for a matador
- MD's coworkers
- Make wider
- Chop off, as branches
- "Are there ___ questions?"
- Kitchen appliance
- No longer around
- Snookums, e.g.
- Come into view
- Cereal grains
- Part of a BLT
- Highway haulers
- The latest in fashion
- Milky gem

DOWN

- Airline to Israel
- Badminton
- Mildly cold
- Regional
- By oneself
- Looked at
- Scored 100 on
- Campsite shelters
- Curtain holders
- Angry
- Poultry purchase
- Sprinkler attachment
- Glossy fabrics
- Tube-shaped pasta
- Goof-proof, as a recipe
- Relinquish
- Together (with)
- Native American abode
- Top-notch
- Cleaning cloth
- Unruly kids
- Ewes' mates
- Less severe
- Attached with a hammer
- Canyon sounds
- Jan. and Feb.
- Try to get, at an auction
- Insurance broker
- Fizzy drink
- Heroic tale
- Needle feature
- Toy on a string
- Was untruthful
- Finishes
- Tattle (on)

AUTO OPTIONS

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Latino flavors now spiced up with other cuisines

AP Photo/Food Network, Robert Curtis

Daisy Martinez of "Viva Daisy!"



KELLY DINARDO

The Associated Press

The latest thing in Latino cooking is a little less Latino.

The growing political and cultural clout of American Hispanics has infused the collective American dinner plate with the flavors of the Latino kitchen. And it turns out that culinary cultural exchange goes in both directions.

As Hispanic communities have grown and increasingly rubbed elbows with neighbors, the American Latino kitchen has changed, too, adopting more of the flavors and ingredients of other cuisines, says Daisy Martinez, of Food Network's "Viva Daisy!"

The result is an exciting fusion of Hispanic,

Asian, Italian and all-American cooking.

"I've had Southern barbecue pulled pork tacos. I've seen Mexican sushi with jicama and ceviche shrimp," says Ken Rubin, a culinary anthropologist at The International Culinary Schools at The Art Institute of Portland in Oregon. "Cuisines are very fluid.

"In the same way we borrow from Latin foods to create things like the Fiesta Burger, Latin chefs do the same," he says.

While population growth has fueled the change — Latinos make up 15 percent of the U.S. population today and will make up a quarter of it by 2050 — the changing demographics of restaurant kitchens

also has played a role.

"The kitchen staff at restaurants has long been Latino," says Martinez. "Now young Latinos are getting classically trained. They're not just line cooks, but executive chefs. So you get the passion of Latin cuisine with the refinement of classical training."

Hoping to expand those numbers, schools such as the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., have courted Latinos. In 2007, for example, the school opened a campus in San Antonio.

Some Hispanic chefs, such as Jose Garces, an Ecuadorian-American who runs several restaurants in Philadelphia, have built careers out of meshing

other cuisines with Hispanic cooking.

Garces recently opened Chifa in Philadelphia, a Peruvian-Chinese spot inspired by Douglas Rodriguez's nuevo Latino movement, which put haute Latino cuisine on the menu, and the molecular gastronomy of Spanish chef Ferran Adria.

Garces creates dishes such as a traditional hiramasa ceviche topped with a mustard foam.

"We take a traditional cooking style like ceviche and add one culinary technique like the aerated mustard and create something totally different," says Garces. "The use of techniques and applying them to traditional foods is the core of how things have changed."

A public better educated about food also has helped Latino cooks move beyond the conventional.

"It helps Latin kitchens break out of the stereotypes they're put into," says Rubin. "More and more people, especially those who grew up in the '90s, don't have hierarchies of cuisine. Education has helped shake off the assumption that French food or European food in general is the highest cuisine. It's more democratic."

It also can be hugely popular.

In Los Angeles, a Korean taco maker has created a stir with dishes like Korean short ribs soaked in salsa roja and wrapped in a soft tortilla. The Kogi Korean BBQ-To-Go, a food truck that dishes up this fast-food fusion at different locales, serves hundreds of customers a night and the owners recently expanded to a second truck and a taco stand.

"Everyone brings one thing to the table and a whole new thing gets created. If it stays the same, it gets stale," Martinez says.

SALMON WITH TOMATO, CAPER AND OLIVE SAUCE

This sauce was the result of blending old and new world ingredients that came together via trade between Spain and Mexico. The recipe is from Spanish chef Jose Andres' restaurant Oyamel in Washington.

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours (30 minutes active)

Servings: 4

6 tablespoons olive oil, divided
3 cups sliced yellow onions (about 3 medium onions)
1 head garlic, minced
12 white pearl onions, peeled
3 pounds roma tomatoes, chopped
1/4 cup capers, drained
1/2 cup pitted kalamata olives, halved
1/2 cup pitted green olives, halved
5 sprigs fresh oregano, leaves removed and chopped
1 bay leaf
1/2 teaspoon sugar
4 sprigs fresh thyme
2 tablespoons butter
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
Four 6- to 8-ounce salmon filets

In a large saucepan over medium-high, heat 3 tablespoons of the oil. Add the yellow onions and saute until translucent, about 7 minutes. Add the garlic and pearl onions, then reduce heat to medium-low and cook until the pearl onions are tender, about 10 minutes.

Add the tomatoes, capers, both varieties of olives, oregano, bay leaf, sugar and thyme. Bring to a simmer, then reduce heat to low. Simmer for about 45 minutes, or until the sauce thickens.

Remove from heat. Discard the thyme stems. Stir in the butter until completely melted. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

During the final 10 minutes of the sauce's simmer, in a large, heavy skillet over medium-high, heat the remaining 3 tablespoons of olive oil until very hot, but not smoking.

Season the salmon filets with salt and black pepper. Add the filets, skin-side down, to the skillet. Cook until the skin becomes crisp, about 5 minutes. Gently turn the filets over without tearing the skin and continue cooking for another 3 minutes, or until cooked to your taste. Serve with the sauce.

(Recipe adapted from Jose Andres)

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 747 calories; 438 calories from fat; 49 g fat (9 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 109 mg cholesterol; 36 g carbohydrate; 39 g protein; 7 g fiber; 1,368 mg sodium.

PERUVIAN-STYLE FRIED RICE (ARROZ CHAUFA)

Chinese immigrants settled in Peru during the 19th century. Arroz chaufa, a popular Peruvian adaptation of fried rice, shows the Chinese influence in Peru's cuisine.

Start to finish: 30 minutes

Servings: 6 to 8

2 large eggs, beaten
3 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
1 smoked pork chop, boned and cut to a 1/2-inch dice (or 2 cups diced ham steak)
1 medium yellow onion, cut to a 1/2-inch dice
1 pound small shrimp, shells and veins removed
4 cups cooked white rice, cooled
1/2 cup dark soy sauce
2 tablespoons cooking sherry
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
Chopped fresh cilantro, to garnish

Coat a small nonstick skillet with cooking spray, then heat it over high. Pour enough of the eggs into the pan to just coat the bottom, swirling until the egg sets firm. Cook for another minute. It should be very thin, flat and cooked through.

Remove the skillet from the heat and invert the egg "tortilla" onto a plate. Repeat with the remaining beaten egg, spritzing the pan with additional cooking spray between batches.

Roll each egg "tortilla" into a cylinder, then slice crosswise into rings 1/4 inch wide. Set aside.

In a large saute pan over high, heat the sesame oil. Add the pork, onion and shrimp. Saute until the shrimp is just about opaque, about 1 to 2 minutes. Add the rice, stirring often to prevent sticking.

When the rice is heated through, drizzle the soy sauce and sherry into the mixture, stirring well. Mix in the eggs, then season with salt and pepper. Transfer to a serving platter, then garnish with cilantro.

(Recipe from Daisy Martinez, host of Food Network's "Viva Daisy!")

STAND UP AND BE
COUNTED!

VOTE!

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Virgo moon inspires a cleaning spree. Everyone would like a place that shines from ceiling to floor, and many will have the energy to make it happen. Internal environments are spiffed up as the external ones improve. With each sweeping gesture of the broom, cobwebs of your mind will be simultaneously whisked away.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You won't have to fight to get to the front of the line when you're the one who starts it. First place is a perfect spot for you. Think of instances where you can blaze the trail for others. Initiate projects and champion causes.



HOLIDAY

MATHIS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You identify with a group, but not in all regards. You'll run into differences. Don't be afraid to speak up when you don't agree. Take a stand. Others will chime in — they feel as you do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Doubt is a force that works against your momentum toward a goal. Set goals that are close to the place you are right now and there won't be room for doubt to sneak in. You have every reason to be certain you'll make it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your mental climate may be chaotic with too many thoughts running amuck. The way to focus is to get involved with others. Contribute your energy and help. You'll instantly feel great.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Cynical notions may amuse you, and you could even have a chuckle over some bit of human folly. However, visiting this mind space does water down your positive energy so limit the time you spend there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your success formula is changing on a daily basis. Some days you feel that you need rest more than you need stress. Other days, like today, you'll be driven to exert yourself and get results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone asks you to perform menial favors, and perhaps a few more than you would prefer carrying out. This is a gift, as it helps you to realize what you really want to be doing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Try to exude happiness even when you're not feeling it all the way. Take a kernel of good cheer, however small it may be, and let it shine through your works. A Sagittarius can help you stay upbeat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It doesn't matter where you find your inspiration, only that you do find it. Surf the Internet encyclopedias, look in shop windows and dial up your friends. By the end of the day your muse is in full force.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Match the optimism of the teachers and leaders around you. The opportunities offered to you are too good to miss; however, you probably won't notice them unless you're looking toward a bright horizon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Vague ideas about where you should be are fine when you're just starting to get a direction. But you already know what you want and when you want to have it. Write it all down on paper now while it's clear to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You know that if something is in your life, that means that you can and will handle it. Remain even keel. Talking to an earth sign (Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn) will help you feel grounded.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Dear Holiday, I am contacting you because in the last two years your horoscope has held particular relevance to my life. I've read my horoscope for years, not always taking them seriously (for all practical purposes, it's really just entertainment). Recently I can't deny that it seems some people know a great deal of personal information about my life. I'm curious whether anyone has passed along any information about my life to you, and by whom. Thank you for your attention to this matter."

I can assure you that no one has passed on any personal information about you to me. It's funny how the horoscopes work. I believe that the right person always gets the right message at the right time. Maybe it's validation and a person feels that he or she is on the right path. Or sometimes it could be food for thought. At best the horoscope is a chance for a moment of introspection, and hopefully also fun! Anyway, I don't want you to worry about someone like me knowing anything about you. While I'm flattered that you think I have such powers, it is actually the magical synchronistic universe working in your favor!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Zach Braff is a daring Aries, fearless when it comes to exploring the directions his career might take. That's why he's gone from acting in Shakespeare and Disney television to writing, directing and starring in the acclaimed film "Garden State." He even won a Grammy for compiling the film's soundtrack! Aries is the sign of new endeavors and those of this sign are lucky as they are enterprising.

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