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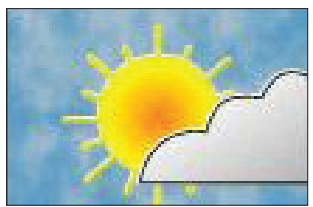
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Courtesy photo

Local Boy Scout Brady Weber hopes to restore the mural at Third and Gregg on the west side of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building.

## BSISD hires asst. chief

*Ferrell has ties to Big Spring*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees filled out their administrative team, naming Danny Ferrell as the district's new assistant superintendent during a workshop Monday evening.

Ferrell comes to BSISD from White Deer, where he was superintendent of schools for the past nine years.

He assumes his duties July 1, the same day Steven Saldivar officially becomes superintendent. Saldivar has held the assistant superintendent post for about a year.

Ferrell has family connections to Big Spring — his mother and two sisters live here — and he attended local schools in the 1970s while his father was stationed at Webb Air Force Base.

That connection to Big Spring, combined with Ferrell's past administrative experience, were major factors in the school board's decision.

"One of the things that impressed us the most ... is that he's been a principal and a superintendent and has a lot of administrative experience in a school district," said Irene Galan, BSISD school board member.

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## Restoring a local landmark

*Boy Scout seeking volunteers with artistic skills*

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Features Writer

A 14-year-old Boy Scout is requesting much-needed help from the community with a project to restore a fading Big Spring landmark.

For more than 20 years, the mural, located on the side of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building, has greeted area visitors traveling on Highway 87.

Created by the late local artist Coy McCain, the artwork represents a snapshot of the early history of the area, depicting the native American Indians who roamed this area to the Spanish Conquistadors and



Weber

earlier pioneers. Unfortunately, time and weather have ravaged the once-prominent feature.

Brady Weber of Scout Troop 7 hopes to restore the mural to its original radiance. He is heading a project to refurbish and repaint the fading painting as part of his Eagle Scout requirements.

"I'm not a good artist," Brady admits. "I'm actually not planning to paint but supervise it. It's a big section of the wall to paint."

Financing for the project is provided by the Big Spring Economic

Development Corporation, which has offices in the Chamber building. The board agreed to fund the project after Weber approached it last summer with the idea.

"The mural was painted in 1988 by Coy McCain," said Terry Wegman, executive director of the BSEDC. "The wall was starting to deteriorate, the painting is faded, and it either needed to be replaced or renewed."

"Brady came along and approached us about doing it as a project and asked if we would support him from a monetary standpoint as far as materials," Wegman said.

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## Veterans plan eggstraspecial event

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

The staff and residents at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home have had one thing on their minds for the past few weeks: Eggs.

And while the occasional scrambled or sunny-side va-



Martinez

riety may have found its way onto the menu at the facility, it's the Easter icon that has kept the men and women at the home busy stuffing treats into the small, plastic eggs

in preparation for the sixth annual Community Easter Egg Hunt.

"The residents have been putting candy in the eggs pretty much every day for the past two weeks," said Sandy Martinez, activities director for the state home. "They have really invested a lot of

time in preparing for the Easter egg hunt."

Martinez said her original goal for the hunt — which is set for Friday at 2 p.m. on the Veterans Home's grounds — was 35,000 Easter eggs, but thanks to some unexpected

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## Preliminary autopsy: Shooting accidental

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Preliminary autopsy results support the theory that a March 29 shooting claiming the life of a 15-year-old Martin County boy was an accident, according to law enforcement officials handling the case.

According to Martin County

Sheriff John Woodward, a final ruling in the case has not yet been made, but information provided by the preliminary autopsy report supports the initial theory the shooting was an accident.

"The preliminary results are in, and they are consistent with an accidental shooting,"

said Woodward. "However, the case is still open, although it is not being actively investigated. We want to wait until we have the final autopsy, including toxicology reports, before we close this case."

According to Woodward, he and other law enforcement officials responded to the home

during the afternoon hours of March 29.

"Upon arrival we found two juvenile subjects," said Woodward. "One was a 15-year-old white male who was deceased. The second was a 13-year-old juvenile who was related

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## Obituaries

### Santos Garza



Santos Garza, 81, of Big Spring died Friday, April 3, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett, pastor of Lighthouse Restoration Center, officiating.

He was born Feb. 6, 1928, in Raymondville to Gabriela and Crescencio Garza. He worked at Coop Gin in Brownfield. He lived in Brownfield for 35 years, having lived in Big Spring for the past three months, and he was a Catholic.

He is survived by three sons, Daniel Garza and wife Maria, Santos Garza Jr. and wife Mary Lou, all of Big Spring, and David Garza and wife Gracie of Bastrop; three daughters, Connie Garza of Round Rock, April Barber and husband Albert of Bastrop, and Mary Garza of Houston; one brother, Juan Garza of Big Spring; 20 grandchildren; and 29 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline Garza in 2000; four brothers; and one sister.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Lilla M. Drewery



Lilla M. Drewery, 95, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 5, 2009, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Jan. 11, 1914, in Cisco and married the Rev. Virgil Drewery July 5, 1929, in Loraine. He preceded her in death Aug. 13, 1976.

Lilla was a pastor's wife, serving in the Texas and New Mexico area. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Dale Drewery of Tyler; six daughters and four sons-in-law, Audine and John Harris of Aubrey, Dot and Loy Ditto of Big Spring, Nadelle and Lomer Williams of Anniston, Ala., Darlene and George Bennett of Scottsburg, Ind., Shirlene Gunter of Farmington, N.M. and Glynn Drewery of Coahoma; 17 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Kinard Drewery and Wayne Drewery; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Midway Baptist Church, 6200 S. Service Rd, Big Spring 79720, or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Mike Willis



Mike Willis, 45, of Big Spring died Monday, April 6, 2009, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, chaplain with Compass Hospice, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

He was born May 10, 1963, in Lubbock and married Gayla Paige. Mike had worked at Fluid Transport in Snyder for eight years. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Gayla Willis of Big Spring; one son, Chance Willis of Lubbock; three daughters, Keeli Willis, Dakota Willis and Kamie Willis, all of Lubbock; his parents, George and Jerry Willis of Petersburg; one sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Bill Morris of Glen Rose; one brother, Steve Willis of Albuquerque, N.M.; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L.K. Gregory and Hib Willis.

The family suggests memorials be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Police blotter

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

- HARVEY JAMES PELLAND, 74, of 1900 Morrison, was arrested Monday on a charge of failure to register as a sex offender.
- SHAWN BLYTHE, 35, of New Mexico, was arrested Monday on four warrants.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, of 423 Westover Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
  - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter.
- FORGERY was reported in the 2500 block of Carleton.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad.

## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 45 inmates at the time of this report.
- MARIO BENAVIDEZ LEAL, 42, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a building.
  - JESUS RAMIREZ, 51, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
  - PRINCE CORPEL VANDERBILT, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

## Fire/EMS

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




- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of N.W. Seventh Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Morrison. 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 Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Spivey. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of E. Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the area of N.W. Second Street and Channing.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1400 block of Lancaster.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the area of 18th Street and Gregg.

## Take Note

• The Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 3188 American Legion Post 506 will be sponsoring a fund-raiser for Lee Karwedsky, a young boy with Muscular Dystrophy who is confined to a wheelchair, in hopes of raising enough money to purchase a handicap-accessible van. Homemade chopped barbecue sandwich plates, complete with trimmings, will be available Saturday, April 18, for \$7 per plate from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 703 W. Third St. For more information, contact Vonda Wrye at 816-1261.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 1989 is a 20-year reunion in September. Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037.

## Your Local Weather

Wed 4/8	Thu 4/9	Fri 4/10
 <b>87/57</b> Mostly sunny skies. Warm. High 87F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph.	 <b>79/44</b> Windy with times of sun and clouds.	 <b>79/46</b> A few clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

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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](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com)

**TODAY**

- 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.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- 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 Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

**FRIDAY**

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-12-34-35. Bonus Ball: 13.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$425,000  
Winning ticket purchased in: Houston.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 32-3-25-24-8.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-5-1. Sum It Up: 21.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-4-8. Sum It Up: 12.

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**► News in Brief**

**Obama ends Turkish visit in talk with students**

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — In a humble finish to his first foreign trip, President Barack Obama said Tuesday that despite its flaws and imperfections the United States is poised for a “new chapter in American engagement” with Muslims and the rest of the world.

Addressing college students in Turkey’s largest city, Obama rejected the stereotype that American is selfish and crass. “I’m here to tell you that’s not the country I know and not the country I love,” the president said. “America, like every other nation, has made mistakes and has its flaws, but for more than two centuries it has strived” to seek a more perfect union.

Obama made those opening remarks before taking questions, telling students he’d keep the session short because of the Muslim call to prayer. Obama repeated his pledge to rebuild relations between the United States and the Muslim world.

“I am personally committed to a new chapter in American engagement,” he said. “We can’t afford to talk past one another and focus only on our differences, or to let the walls of mistrust go up around us.”

The Turkish stop capped an eight-day European trip that senior adviser David Axelrod called “enormously productive” — including an economic crisis summit in London and a NATO conclave in France and Germany.

**Rescuers work through night after quake leaves 179 dead**

L’AQUILA, Italy (AP) — Rescuers worked frantically in this central Italian city early Tuesday, scooping through piles of rubble with their hands in the search for survivors after the country’s deadliest earthquake in nearly three decades.

Tens of thousands of people left homeless by the powerful 5.8-magnitude quake slept in makeshift tents that provided little protection against the chilly mountain air; scores of survivors lined up

early Tuesday for a hot cup of coffee, tea and brioché.

Six months pregnant, Sandra Padil spent the night in a tent without any covers as temperatures dipped to 6 Celsius (43 Fahrenheit), made bone-chilling by the humid mountain air.

**Defense Secretary calls for halting F-22 fighter jet program**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates is recommending a broad overhaul of military spending that would start almost immediately and slash giant weapons programs and the private sector jobs that go with them.

The Pentagon should stop buying a futuristic jet fighter that hasn’t fought a day in either Iraq or Afghanistan, scrap an expensive new presidential helicopter and spend more money on tools soldiers can use now, Gates said Monday.

The Defense chief said he is gearing Pentagon buying plans to the smaller, lower-tech battlefields the military is facing now and seems likely to confront in the coming years.

With rising unemployment rates and a global economic funk, Congress is unlikely to go along with many of the cuts in Gates’ proposed \$534 billion budget for the 2010 budget year, which would be an increase over the \$513 billion for 2009.

“I am extremely disappointed in this decision by the Obama administration,” said Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., said of the proposal to quit buying the F-22 Raptor plane beyond 187 already planned.

**Judge expected to dismiss corruption conviction against former Alaska senator**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Sen. Ted Stevens is getting another day in court, and this time a federal judge is expected to dismiss his corruption conviction after prosecutors acknowledged mishandling the case.

The Justice Department has asked U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan to toss out Stevens’ conviction

and vacate his indictment. If the motion is granted as expected, it will kill a high-profile victory against congressional corruption reached last fall when a jury found the senator had lied about gifts and home renovations.

Stevens narrowly lost re-election just days later. He had been in the Senate 40 years, making him the longest-serving Republican senator when he was defeated.

He was convicted of seven felony counts of lying on Senate financial disclosure forms to conceal hundreds of thousands of dollars in gifts and home renovations from a wealthy oil contractor. He had appealed his conviction and had been awaiting sentencing.

At trial, he argued that he didn’t disclose the items he received because they were not gifts. A \$2,700 massage chair, for instance, remained in his house for seven years but Stevens said it was a loan. He said he assumed a \$3,200 stained-glass window was paid for, since his wife takes care of such things. A \$29,000 fish statue was a donation to his foundation, he said, and only remained on his front porch because that’s where the donors shipped it.

**NY gunman’s rambling, paranoid letter blames police for wrongs**

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. (AP) — Suspected gunman Jiverly Wong felt tormented by police. They snuck into his room and touched him while he was sleeping, he thought. They stole \$20 from his wallet. Because of them, he lost his job. Because of them, he was poor and his life was a mess.

In a rambling, disjointed letter sent to a TV news station, the man who would walk into an immigrant center and gun down 13 people before killing himself blamed his troubles on the police and vowed to take at least two people “to return to the dust of earth.”

In the letter, received Monday by News 10 Now in Syracuse, the writer also complains of shoddy treatment by the state unemployment system after he lost his job assembling vacuum cleaners.

**FERRELL**

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board president. “We think he’ll fit in well here, especially with him knowing the demographics of Big Spring.”

White Deer, a school district with about 400 students located northeast of Amarillo, did well in Texas Education

Agency accountability rankings the past few years. The district received a “recognized” designation (the second-highest possible) from TEA two of the past three years.

After graduating from high school in 1975, Ferrell received his bachelor’s degree from the University of New Mexico in 1980. He did post-graduate work at Howard Payne University and Angelo State University before

receiving his superintendent’s certification from West Texas A&M in 1994.

He began his education career in San Angelo as a physical education teacher and coach before moving to Paint Rock ISD in 1986 as principal of the K-12 campus.

Ferrell then moved to White Deer in 1992, starting as principal of the elementary/junior high before

assuming the same post at the high school in 1995. He has been superintendent of the district since 2000.

Attempts to contact Ferrell this morning were unsuccessful.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)

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man continued. “We’ve cleaned the walls and done the masonry repairs that needed to be done. The wall is

pretty much ready to paint. We are trying to garner some community support. Try to get some folks to try and help him.”

With some artistic guidance from Lane Bond, a member of the Big Spring Art Association, Weber has

the wall ready for painting, but he still lacks one vital component to his project, volunteers with trained artistic skills to help restore the mural.

“I don’t think they should donate anything,” he said. “I really need volunteers to paint. We’re going to work

on Saturdays beginning at 8 o’clock in the morning until 3:30 in the afternoon. I think it might take two or three Saturdays at the least.”

For more information, contact Weber at [bradyeagleproject@yahoo.com](mailto:bradyeagleproject@yahoo.com) or (432) 466-0551.

**EGGS**

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ed help, they have already eclipsed that goal.

“When we were starting out, my goal was to be able to hide 35,000 eggs for the children to find,” said Martinez. “However, thanks to a lot of help from the community, we already have approximately 50,000 eggs to hide. I think it’s really going to be something special for all of the children involved.”

A great deal of the unexpected assistance came from Washington and Marcy schools, according to Martinez, as the children, teachers and parents have all pitched in to make the holiday extra special.

“Marcy Elementary challenged the kids to collect the plastic Easter eggs, while Washington

gathered candy,” said Martinez. “The classes from both schools that gathered the most will receive parties. The Marcy kids will receive a pizza party, while the Washington class that wins out will win a banana split party. Both schools have been a tremendous help this year.”

And while there will be thousands of plastic eggs containing candy and other items hidden throughout the facility’s south lawns, Martinez there will also be some eggs made from a less-than-traditional material ready for the children to find.

“Paul Able, who is one of our residents, spends a great deal of time working with wood,” said Martinez. “He’s crafted several wooden eggs that will be hidden among the others, and each of these will have a number corresponding to a prize for the children.”

Martinez said the fun is expected to start at 2 p.m., and will feature three separate hunts for children ages three years or younger, four years to seven years and eight years to 12 years.

“It’s basically the same age groups that we used during last year’s hunt,” said Martinez. “We had some unexpected cold weather during last year’s hunt, but we still managed to draw quite a group of children and their parents. If the weather cooperates with us this year, I expect we’ll have even more. We’re really looking forward to it.”

A pair of inflatable rides have been added to this year’s event, said Martinez, and will include things like face painting and other children’s activities.

For more information on the Community Easter Egg Hunt, contact the Veterans Home at 268-8387.

whether or not to disclose that information.

“We just want to make sure we cover all of our bases before we declare this an accidental shooting. We’ve notified Victim Services, Child Protective Services and all of the other appropriate agencies, but there have been no red flags raised during the course of our investigation. As it stands right now, it appears to be an accidental shooting.”

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to the victim. The 13-year-old suffered no injuries, and no charges have been filed against him at this time. The weapon involved was a small-caliber rifle.”

Woodward declined to release the name of the deceased boy, citing the victim’s age.

“Because the boy is a juvenile, and at the request of the family, we’re not releasing that information at this time,” said Woodward. “Once the autopsy is completed and the case is closed, we’ll consider

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# EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Stevens case badly botched

Faced with clear signs of government misconduct, Attorney General Eric Holder made the right call by moving to dismiss the Justice Department's case against former Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens. This is a disappointing end to the Stevens saga, but prosecutors botched this case so badly that the attorney general had no choice but to bring it to a merciful close.

How many times does it need to be said? The job of prosecutors is to obtain justice, not merely to secure convictions. Former Sen. Stevens, to be sure, was no poster child for good government. As a senior member of the Senate, he had clout and enjoyed using it, promoting projects such as the controversial "bridge to nowhere" even when it became the target of critical derision. But prosecutors went after him with such zeal that they forgot their obligation to guard and enforce the rights that every defendant is entitled to in a court of law.

Last November, the government won a bitterly contested conviction against Sen. Stevens on seven counts of filing false statements on his U.S. Senate financial-disclosure forms to hide about \$250,000 in gifts and free renovations to his Alaska home. Within days, he lost the Senate seat he had held since 1968. Catching a big fish was a major win for prosecutors, but in the ensuing months it became evident that something was terribly wrong.

First, an FBI agent working on the case filed a whistle-blower complaint. He claimed that prosecutors had failed to turn over evidence to the defense as required by law. He said there was an "inappropriate relationship" between the lead agent on the case and the prosecution's star witness. Judge Emmitt Sullivan then ordered the Justice Department to turn over 32 documents that would help him to weigh those claims.

When Justice failed to do so, the judge hit the ceiling. He ruled that four Justice prosecutors were in contempt of court and called the failure to comply outrageous. Among the four were William Welch, the chief of the public integrity section that investigates official corruption and handled the Stevens case; and Brenda Morris, the section's deputy. The prosecution team is under investigation for its mishandling of the case.

As it turned out, the withheld evidence included notes in which key witnesses made statements at variance with their later testimony. At the least, this could have a bearing on their credibility as witnesses, and might have influenced the jury's ultimate verdict.

The actions of the prosecutors were — to quote a relevant Supreme Court decision — "inconsistent with the rudimentary demands of justice" (*Mooney v. Holohan*) and fully justified the attorney general's decision to dismiss.

—THE MIAMI HERALD

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# NY tea leaves tell us little

Republicans hoped to claim repudiation of President Barack Obama's economic policies. Democrats were set to hail a victory on GOP turf as a signal that political tides still flowed their way.

And the pundits were set to proclaim the landmark significance of Tuesday's New York special congressional election as the first major political test of Obama's presidency.

The voters didn't cooperate with a clear-cut verdict. The contest between a veteran Republican legislator and a Democratic venture capitalist was so close that the outcome will hinge on thousands of absentee ballots that won't be counted for more than a week.

Both parties immediately predicted victory, and ultimately one or the other will be right. But the outcome served as a useful reminder that, more often than not, the results of special off-year elections have little bearing on what happens in the next mid-term congressional elections, let alone the next presidential race.

A generation ago, a string of Democratic upsets in Republican districts during the spring of 1974 illustrated the collapse of Richard Nixon's political support and foreshadowed a GOP electoral disaster that fall. Two Republican congressional wins in 1994 were a harbinger of the party's big wins that November. The anti-Bush tide that led to last year's big Democratic victory was evident when Republicans lost congressional seats in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Those are exceptions. Tuesday's New York vote produced conflicting trends: a strong Democratic showing

on traditionally Republican turf foiled against a GOP showing that may have avoided the sweeping defeats of 2006 and 2008.

Meanwhile, Republicans seeking signs of a comeback already are looking ahead to the gubernatorial elections this fall in Virginia and New Jersey, two states where Democrats have fared well of late.

But elections in the two states traditionally reflect local issues. Besides, in every Virginia governors' race since 1977, the winning party was the one that lost the presidency the preceding year. New Jersey elections have shown no meaningful national pattern.

By contrast, Obama and his handling of the nation's economic crisis did dominate the debate in Tuesday's election in a largely rural, conservative New York district that narrowly backed him in November and re-elected freshman Democratic Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand, whose appointment to the Senate created the current vacancy. Registered Republican voters outnumber Democrats about 3-to-2.

After some initial hesitancy, veteran Republican legislator James Tedisco attacked the Obama economic stimulus program. GOP officials sought to build the contest's importance, led by new Republican National Committee chair Michael Steele, who made two visits.

Top Democrats stayed away, lest they raise the stakes too high in what is essentially GOP turf. But in the closing days, both Obama and Vice President Joe Biden flooded the district with mailings, commercials and e-mail messages to help Democrat Scott Murphy, a venture capitalist who criticized GOP negativism and hailed the positive impact the Obama stimulus would have in the economically depressed area.

The focus by both sides on

Obama and his policies bucked the pattern of most past special elections, which generally wound up reflecting local conditions and candidates, not national trends.

A prime example was a 1981 special election in Mississippi. The GOP candidate tried to make the race a referendum on President Ronald Reagan, who was riding high, especially in the South. Republicans showed commercials contrasting him with Democratic House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr. in a place where Reagan was far more popular.

But the Democrats had the better candidate, who won by stressing his background and local issues.

And when Democrats tried to make a 2006 California contest a referendum on unpopular President George W. Bush, they failed, too.

Politicians consider each such contest as a major opportunity for testing potential themes and other campaign approaches. While a big Republican victory in New York might have been seen as a validation of the negative approach to the Obama program, Democrats failed to get the big win that might have dissuaded GOP leaders from that approach.

Interestingly, though these contests are merely blips on the radar from a national perspective, the New York election repeated last year's pattern of increased voter interest and turnout, hardly surprising at a time when economic concerns are running so high.

Beyond that, it may take a powerful amount of tea-leaf reading to find much long-term significance in this very close contest.

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# Americans won't throw the bums out

Whenever the output from elected leaders begins to look more like solid waste than sound policy, the outcry for term limits quickly follows.

Americans are in a financial panic, and what Washington has produced thus far — the \$787 billion stimulus package, automakers that are still foundering despite bailout money, promises of putting people back to work by "creating" 3.5 million jobs as unemployment numbers rise — has done little more than add to the burden of debt that taxpayers must shoulder while funding lawmakers' pet projects that have scant connection to sparking economic recovery.

I like artistically creative endeavors as much as the next person, but \$50 million for the National Endowment for the Arts? Seriously?

The "we must do something" nature of what's being passed smacks of the rationale used by the politicians in one of my favorite BBC comedy series, "Yes, Prime Minister: Something must be done. This is something. Therefore it must be done."

No wonder letters to the editor these days reveal an uptick in the number of writers sounding like the Queen of Hearts in "Alice in Wonderland": "Off with their heads!"

"I very strongly believe we should ... permit a limited number of terms for any person to serve as a senator or representative. I believe that to do so would prove to be very beneficial for our residents and our country," wrote Donald W. Severe of Granbury, Texas.

"I love (this country) most of all for what it can become. That is the promise of our Constitution. The Constitution allows us to

change things, and some things have to change. We need term limits because our system of government has the equivalent of Alzheimer's," wrote George Logue of Hurst, Texas.

I didn't get the Alzheimer's reference, especially if it meant government doesn't remember what the Constitution says. Apparently Logue doesn't either, because term limits fly directly in the face of the "fundamental principle of our representative democracy, embodied in the Constitution, that the people should choose whom they please to govern them."

Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens wrote that in 1995, when the court decided *U.S. Term Limits Inc. v. Thornton*. (<http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/93-1456.ZO.html>) Under the Constitution — the document Americans love dearly but don't always understand — there are three requirements to run for Congress: age, citizenship and residency.

Thus it has been from the birth of our nation.

Alexander Hamilton, in response to an anti-federalist charge that the new Constitution favored the wealthy and well-born, said in a speech to the New York Assembly in June 1788, "The true principle of a republic is, that the people should choose whom they please to govern them. ... This great source of free government, popular election, should be perfectly pure, and the most unbounded liberty allowed."

Binding up that liberty by adding qualifiers — such as a provision saying a member can serve only a limited number of terms — would take a constitutional amendment.

Congress has no will for that, and there's no need, either. The country has term limits; they come around every two years in the House, and every six in the Senate. They are called elections.

Fifteen state legislatures have adopted term limits, according to U.S. Term Limits (<http://www.termlimits.org>), an organization dedicated to "citizen legislators, not career politicians" and the group on the losing end of that 1995 Supreme Court case. These changes occurred primarily in states with initiative and referendum, a process by which enough voter signatures on a petition can put a question on the ballot — basically mob rule on paper.

Ask former Texas state Sen. Kim Brimer of Fort Worth and former state Rep. Bill Zedler of Arlington if they think the Texas Legislature needs term limits. Bet they'd say it already has them, and they occur when voters decide to oust an incumbent in favor of a newcomer.

Numerous U.S. cities, including San Antonio, have term limits for mayors and council representatives. Until November 2008, San Antonio had the most restrictive plan in the country. The mayor and City Council members could serve two two-year terms, then they were out. Forever. Those restrictions eased some after the November 2008 election, when a proposition passed to extend the mayor and council term limits to four two-year terms.

But think about it. Eight years of service and you're gone, artificially limiting council members' effectiveness. How does one, working what ostensibly is a part-time job, develop the trust and meaningful relationships necessary to effect change in so short a time?

When the good are removed along with the bad, something is wrong with the process.

It's a mistake to think that the influence of special interests would decrease with a constant churn of rookies coming to the fore.

The faces on the City Coun-

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# Buffalo Tales

Six students placed at the District UIL Meet in Wink on Saturday, March 28, and will advance to regional in Leveland, April 24.

Amanda Longorio tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in Calculators; Shelby Hudgins, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Headlines; Sydney Holdampf, 1<sup>st</sup> in Number Sense; Regan Newsom, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prose; Autumn Alton, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prose, Aric Denton, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Mathematics and Mario Hernandez, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ready Writing.

Also advancing with the Number Sense team were Kyle Stevenson, and Garrett Willey.

Placing but not advancing were Claudia Jones, 5<sup>th</sup> in

Current Events; Hope Cimino; 6<sup>th</sup> in Editorials; Autumn Alton, 6<sup>th</sup> in Literary Criticism; Sydney Holdampf, 6<sup>th</sup> in Science; Evan Burton, 5<sup>th</sup> in Poetry; Laura Spence, 6<sup>th</sup> in Spelling.

The Forsan Debate Team of Hope Cimino and Eric Ochoa placed 4<sup>th</sup> in CX in February.

The One Act Play, "Cheaper by the Dozen," was alternate to District competition. Evan Burton was chosen as Best Actor; Claudia Jones was on the All-Star Cast and Eric Ochoa and Kelsee Perkins were selected for the Honorable Mention All Star Cast. Outstanding crew member was Ryan Fish.

Ten members of the Forsan Student Council attended State Convention in Arlington March 29-31. The Council members were awarded Sweepstakes for their work.

Attending were Michael Steelman, Stephanie Williams, Mischa Willard, Regan Newsom, Brandy Wilson, Kayla King, Hope Cimino, Autumn Alton, Sessie Farmer and Caden Rosenbaum.

Sponsoring the group were Jan Sims, advisor, and Tera Evans.

Winners of the Student Council Energy Contest were, 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade: Sterling Freeman, Brennan Highfield,



and John Broughton; 2-3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Desirae Pace, Elizabeth Long, and Scott Jewett.

Kindergarten winners were Shannen Amaoko, Erika Tamargo and Lilliana Jaime. First grade winners were Kassey Darden, Macee from Mrs.'Park's class and Nelson

from Mrs. Adams' class. Each student received a gift card from Wal-mart.

The Band Concert and Sight Reading contest will be held Wednesday in Andrews.

The six weeks ends Thursday and school will be out Friday for Good Friday.

## Bird Poop: A kestrel by any other name

At the end of the block was the small frame house she had described.

Open fields lay beyond. Approaching her driveway, we were greeted with a canine menagerie varying in height and voice. Tail wagging and exuberance were not lacking.

Such a cadre of dogs had first alerted the woman to the dangerous situation in her backyard. With their insistent barking, they had warned her that all was not right.

Having hurried outside, she had been summoned to referee between the numerous neighborhood cats and a bird. Completely surrounded by the felines, the hawk-like creature was fending off their slow, advancing steps.

Feral and domestic, the cats scattered as she screamed repeatedly, "Shoo, shoooo!" From a distance, they watched as the woman, with wet, soapy hands, used a dish towel to cover and grab the confused bird.

Leading us to a makeshift pen housed underneath a canopy, the woman said she had



Courtesy photo

**Fairly common, the American kestrel hunts not only in the open countryside, but frequents city easements and alleys for the ever present mice and house sparrows. The small falcon is the ultimate in pest control.**

been trying to feed the hawk for four days. With similar ones perched on her utility lines and swooping down to catch grasshoppers among the dry grasses and weeds behind her property, she knew she had to supply the bird with what it readily had hunted.

"It's a lot harder to catch one of those big grasshoppers than I thought!" she admitted.

Since the bird had made no attempt to fly, she and her husband

had placed it inside the three foot high barricade. Although the structure had prevented their dogs from bothering the bird, she had forgotten that with time, the wandering cats, in spite of the dogs, would have eventually noticed a bird on the ground.

With the array of cats, dogs, people, and their threatening presence, the small falcon glanced nervously from side to side in an attempt to figure out what

to do. As its feet made a pitty-pat drumming on the dusty, barren earth that served as a floor, it turned rapidly as if to defend itself from all sides. Rather than chasing the bird and causing more stress, I easily placed a pole net over the American kestrel.

Holding the smallest of North American falcons, I explained to the woman that the bird was often called a sparrow hawk. As a hunter of not only large insects, but small rodents and sparrows, the name was appropriate in description if not in technicalities.

Feisty and tenacious, this female was adorned with rusty, or rufous colored wings, back, and tail highlighted by narrow, black bars. Her counterpart would have sported blue-gray wings with blackish primaries.

While the male would have had black spots on his buff-colored belly, she was attractive with her cinnamon streaked creamy chest.

Another noticeable difference between the sexes was a male would have worn a russet crown atop blue-gray feathers. The top of the female's head was an unadorned gray. Although duller in color, she would be longer, have a wider wingspan, and out-weight potential mates. What they did have in common were

white throat and cheeks accented with two black, vertical stripes.

Once home, we could find no obvious breaks in either wing. Holding them equally was a sign that the kestrel might have a hairline fracture or bruising. In either case, treatment was the same. Seeming content with a log roost and limited space in a small carrier, the noticeably thin kestrel readily adapted to its confinement after being offered small mice and crickets.

Becoming comfortable with our presence, she would often greet us with her high-pitched call, "killy, killy, killy." Gripping the log with her slender toes and needle-sharp talons, she often used her tail not only for balance, but as a characteristic gesture. Pumping her tail up and down seemed a

means of expression as we became better acquainted.

After taking the falcon to the Midland wildlife sanctuary, we learned that x-rays confirmed no breaks. With time, she improved and was moved to an outdoor facility for limited flight. Soon she was ready for release.

In the future, perhaps perched atop a telephone pole or fence post, the kestrel might suddenly swoop down upon her prey. If she missed it, she could hover over the spot until sighting it again. Once seen, her next meal would find it difficult to keep evading the quick and agile raptor with so many names.

*Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*

## sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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## LABBE

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oil or in the Legislature might change, but those "special interests" remain. And they would have the experience, the knowledge and the know-how to influence the system even more.

There is something that can be done to correct the problems of unresponsive lawmakers. It's called voting.

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## Wacky Facts

- The brachiosaurus is the biggest known dinosaur standing 40 feet tall. At roughly the size of a chicken, the compsognathus is the smallest.
  - There are more than 800 confirmed types of dinosaurs and at least 2,000 unconfirmed.
- dinosaurfact.net



## Chatter Box

"Dinosaurs are nature's special effects. They are the only real dragons. Kids love dragons. It's not just being weirdly shaped and being able to eat Buicks. It's that they are real."

— Paleontologist Robert T. Bakker, in the Honolulu Advertiser.

# Dino dusting

## T. rex vs. the feather duster

BY STEVE JOHNSON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**F**or some 67 million years, the Tyrannosaurus rex now known as "Sue" was allowed to sit in the South Dakota ground, layer upon layer of rock attaching to its bones.

Now, picked clean, patched and perched in the Chicago Field Museum's vast entry hall, those same bones can't go six months without being brushed free of accumulating sediment.

Visitors, on the semiannual cleaning days, get a surprise glimpse behind the curtain at a leading public attraction. And Sue, the 42-foot long, most complete T. rex skeleton ever found, gets to glisten a bit, the brown of its approximately 321 bones a little less gray.

You don't do a job like this with Windex and paper towels. You don't do it with Chuck from maintenance, either — no offense to Chuck.

So one day recently, Bill Simpson, a high-ranking Field paleontologist, was standing on an UpRight MX 19 micro-scissor lift, 6½ feet in the air, doing housework.

### HOW TO CLEAN THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS FOSSIL?

First, you call security and get the alarms turned off. After that, though, the answer is not as high-tech as you'd expect for an exhibit bought at auction in 1997 for \$8.4 million.

The only one to clean Sue in its Field tenure, Simpson, manager of the geology department's 100,000-specimen fossil vertebrates collection, has settled on doing it with a portable vacuum cleaner, set to blow rather than suck, and a synthetic feather duster.

For almost two hours, Simpson first huffed and puffed with his DeWalt portavac, better than the cans of compressed air he used to use. The resultant gentle dust shower dropping to the "land form" on which Sue is mounted brought to mind dirty snow or, if you stretched a bit, volcanic ash covering Pompeii.

At each of eight or nine stops around the display's perimeter, the highly trained paleontologist would then stroke the great beast with the duster, and not just any old one.

First, Jasna Srdic from the exhibits department, Simpson's aide, came out with a bright orange one. After trying it on the plastic skull — the actual fossil head, too heavy to mount gracefully, is on display upstairs — Simpson asked her to go back and get "the duster that's my favorite."

At the dinosaur's delicate "fingers," Simpson used his own, rubbing the bone clean by hand. "There's no elasticity," he said. "They're just thin pieces of rock at this point."

Out of the ankle joint he coaxed another species, commonly referred to as the "dust bunny."

The giant, saucer-shaped hip bones were nothing you'd want to eat out of, either. "The hips always get the dustiest," Simpson said.

Despite the name, Sue is not necessarily female. Its age — about 28 — is known; its sex is not. It's called that after its discoverer, Susan Hendrickson, an amateur fossil hunter who decided to look around when she got a flat tire one day in 1990 in the Hell Creek Formation in western South Dakota.

The Field, with help from McDonald's, bought the late Cretaceous period skeleton at a Sotheby's auction, dug out the fos-

sil and had it ready for display by May 2000.

It has been a huge hit, seen by more than 7 million people. Two replicas travel the globe.

The recent cleaning came about because the exhibits department, anticipating spring crowds and dust, asked. There's no set schedule, Simpson explained.

While Simpson worked, visitors didn't ask as many questions as they usually do, he said, but they were impressed.

After it was over, Simpson said he enjoys the cleanings, partly because he's out in public, partly because it challenges a stereotype: "I think a certain segment of the public thinks paleontology is about dusty old bones," he said. "And, you see, we do our best to get away from that."



ALEX GARCIA/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE/MCT

**Paleontologist Bill Simpson and Sue the Tyrannosaurus Rex at the Field Museum in Chicago. Simpson, the only one to clean Sue in her Field tenure, does the job with his favorite feather duster.**

## Rips &amp; Raves

## New Play Control games a mixed bag

Even the most devoted Nintendo supporters from the pre-Wii days would have you know the company has been rehashing the same games for far too long while only creating new franchises for the casual player.

The arrival of the **New Play Control** lineup — which literally repackages Gamecube games with widescreen support and a new control scheme designed for the Wii's controllers — isn't exactly likely to alter that view.

But the idea makes all kinds of sense. A lot of people who have Wiis never owned a Gamecube, and outfitting some of the better games with a control scheme for the Wii is a good way to give the system some new but previously tested content.

That said, the initial selections don't arrive free of caveats. Far from it, sadly. "Mario Power Tennis," in particular, has been severely hampered by the control switcheroo. The Gamecube controls allowed for precise shot selection and control, but the same can't be said with the move to "Wii Sports"-style controls. That makes this a fun multiplayer lark when you're just goofing off with friends, but a complete let-down for ambitious players who want to master (or re-master) the game.

It's a shame Nintendo didn't just leave the original control scheme in as an option for those with a Gamecube controller lying around.

"Pikmin" fares considerably better: The Wii setup is tailor-made for this real-time strategy genre.

But while "Pikmin" was great seven years ago, "Pikmin 2" was leagues, and Nintendo has announced it will include "2" in the New Play Control lineup. So it's hard to recommend this \$30 game when a better one waits right around the corner.

— Billy O'Keefe



## Help!

## Afraid of the dark

**DEAR AMERICAN GIRL:** I'm scared of the dark. I've tried listening to music, reading and sometimes I sleep with my sister, but nothing helps. What if something's in my closet? — Scared

■ You know there's nothing in your closet, so why are you scared? Are you reading ghost stories or watching scary shows? Those images can stay in your imagination for a while, so stay away from that stuff. If you're still scared at night, try talking out loud to yourself. Say, "You are absolutely fine," or "You are strong and smart." By reassuring yourself, you might feel less scared and a lot better.



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**DEAR AMERICAN GIRL:** I just got my first detention. I feel like I'm losing my perfect reputation. I want my image and my parents' trust back. — No Longer Perfect

■ It sounds like you made a mistake. Here's a little secret — everyone makes mistakes. No one is perfect, so don't be unfair to yourself by expecting to be. In time, if you show you've learned from your mistake by not repeating it, you'll regain your parents' trust. Your parents will probably forgive you more easily than you will forgive yourself. Tell them how you feel. Then serve your detention, and move on!

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## Rain, rain go away ...

Here's a sweet activity to brighten up a rainy day: bake a batch of these umbrella cookie pops, then decorate them with a rainbow of frosting colors.

### YOU WILL NEED

- Sugar cookie dough (store-bought or homemade)
- Cookie sticks (available at craft supply stores)
- Frosting
- Food coloring
- Tube of white icing
- Bendable straws

Roll out the cookie dough into a

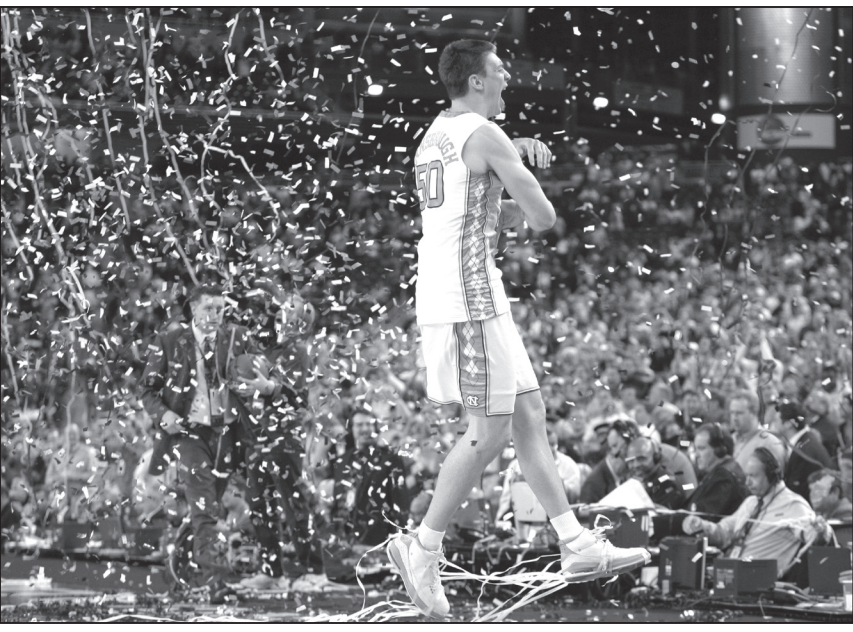
¼-inch-thick disk. Use a plastic cup or round cookie cutter to cut out dough circles. With an adult's help, you a knife to cut each circle in half, then scallop the straight edge. Cut raindrop shapes from the dough scraps.

Lay cookie sticks on an ungreased cookie sheet and gently press a half-circle of dough on top of each. Place the raindrops on the sheet and bake the cookies according to the recipe directions. Once the cookies have cooled, frost them. Pipe on icing lines and make vertical grooves by dragging a toothpick up to make one groove and down for the



next, as shown. For a special presentation, add a colorful handle by trimming a bendable straw and sliding it over the stick.

— FamilyFun magazine



AP photo/Paul Sancya

**North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough celebrates after his team's 89-72 victory over Michigan State in the championship game at the men's NCAA Final Four college basketball tournament Monday.**

# UNC rolls to NCAA title

**EDDIE PELLIS**

AP National Writer

**DETROIT** — For a year, maybe more, North Carolina could feel this national championship coming.

It was a calculated march, and behind the unrelenting play of Tyler Hansbrough, Wayne Ellington and Ty Lawson, the Tar Heels stomped out Michigan State's inspirational run Monday night with an 89-72 blowout that wasn't that close.

"I felt like it was fitting for us to do what this group just accomplished," coach Roy Williams said.

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# HC rodeo solid at Western Texas

Special to the Herald

Howard College's rodeo team made a statement in Snyder over the weekend as they competed in their fourth rodeo of the spring at Western Texas College.

Bull rider Cody Samora led the Howard College men's team, posting a 77 in the long round of competition for a sixth-place split.

In short round action, Samora welcomed the whistle and marked a 79 to split third in that round and a second-place split for the average race. Samora, a 2008 College National Finals Rodeo qualifier, remains among the top bull riders in the Southwest Region.

Joining Samora in the bull riding division were teammates D.D. Spratt and Kyle Andrews. Spratt marked a 78 in the long-go round to finish fifth while Andrews made the final-round action with a 73-point effort. Neither Spratt nor Andrews were able to make the whistle in the short round.

For the women, Tina Harris made her way to the short round with a 14.19-second barrel run. After a 15th-place finish in the long round, Harris had some hard luck and was unable to hold on to any average points.

Kady Knox posted a 2.9-second run in the breakaway roping just missing a chance in the short round as the top 10 cut off hit at 2.8 seconds.

Jake Ward and partner Tel Flewelling of ENMU posted a 7.2 in the first-go of the team roping and found their way to eighth in the average for the weekend.

Tie-down ropers Calvin Brevik and Adam Sawyer posted times of 9.0 and 8.9 to grab a sixth- and third-split place respectively in the long round. After a 12 second run, Brevik finished the competition in eighth.

Sawyer was able to gather sixth place in the short round and the average with a 19.9 on two heads.

K.C. Curtis finished 10th in the long round of the steer wrestling with a 5.2-second run. Curtis was unable to qualify on his short-round animal for no points in the average.

The HC rodeo team welcomes this week off in preparation for their home rodeo April 16-18 at the Rodeo Bowl in Big Spring. The action will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 16th, with performances at 7 p.m. April 17-18. Admission is free.

# Winning start

## Millwood strong in Rangers' opening day win over Indians, 9-1

**STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

**ARLINGTON** — Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks celebrates opening day almost like Christmas, complete with a family dinner the night before. This year's festivities include some "pretty optimistic" talk that he joked may only have been partly caused by the wine.

Maybe the expectations aren't so farfetched.

The Rangers are still hit. And if they keep pitching the way Kevin Millwood and the relievers did in a 9-1 opening victory over the Cleveland Indians on Monday, that should finally be their breakout season.

"There's that quiet confidence about this team.

Not many people share that with us, but that's OK," Millwood said. "We believe in each other. That's how it felt before the game, during the game and after the game."

Millwood allowed one run over seven innings in his fourth consecutive opening-day start, and the Rangers scored seven runs in five innings off AL Cy Young Award winner Cliff Lee.

Hank Blalock and Jarrod Saltalamacchia homered for the Rangers, who led 15 hits off four pitchers matched their most in an opener.

"Certainly did what we wanted to do — pitched well, good defense and did what we do best, swing the bats," manager Ron Washington said. "It was a very good beginning."



AP photo/LM Otero

**Cleveland Indians second baseman Asdrubal Cabrera (13) leaps over a sliding Texas Rangers Nelson Cruz (17) at second base during a double play in the third inning of an AL baseball game in Arlington. Rangers Marlon Byrd was out at first base, but the Rangers won 9-1.**

# Jordan, Stockton, Robinson among 5 elected to Hall of Fame

By **DAN GELSTON**

AP Sports Writer

**DETROIT** — Air Jordan has a new name: Hall of Famer.

Michael Jordan was elected to the class of 2009 on Monday, set for induction in September with his D-League teammate David Robinson and John Stockton. Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan and Rutgers

women's coach C. Vivian Stringer are also part of a class announced in Detroit, site of the men's Final Four.

Induction is Sept. 10-12 in Springfield, Mass., home of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

"I don't like being up here for the Hall of Fame because at that time your basketball career is completely over," Jordan said. "I was hoping this day

would be 20 more years, or actually go in when I'm dead and gone."

Jordan's Hall of Fame selection was a slam dunk after he retired as perhaps the greatest player in history. And he gave much of the credit Monday to his college coach.

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# Sports in brief

## Results from Big Spring Junior High tennis tourney

Big Spring Junior High hosted a tennis tournament Saturday at Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park. In all, 80 players from Midland Christian, Fort Stockton, Pecos and Big Spring participated.

Big Spring's Michael Ryan finished second in eighth-grade boys singles, losing in the finals to Kevin Bohne of Midland Christian, 9-7.

Two Big Spring students squared off in the eighth-grade boys singles consolation final with Tony Rees defeating Jacob Rangel, 6-1.

Chris Hughes and Connor Furqueron came in second in boys doubles with Quentin Camden and Nicholas Itturala placing third in the bracket.

In eighth-grade girls single, Mariah Horvatic placed second.

Seventh-grade boys single had Garrett Wheeler taking gold as he defeated teammate Tyler Stromberg in the finals, 8-4.

In boys doubles, Isaiah and Zack Ludington places second. Molly Walker and Ashton Mills-Brown won first in the girls doubles bracket, defeating a team from Pecos, 8-5.

Katherine Newton won the consolation bracket in seventh-grade girls single, winning 6-3 in the final.

## Notification from BSISD Athletic Dept. on athletes needing physicals

The Big Spring ISD Athletic Department is only accepting physical forms with the revised date of Jan. 6, 2009, as per UIL requirements.

All other forms will not be accepted, so parents need to be sure they have the correct form filled out when taking their child for a physical.

Physicals are required for all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade students and are due in the athletic trainer's office before the first day of practice of any sport.

No plans have been made to have mass physicals, so it is the parents' responsibility to take their child to a doctor of their choice.

## Registration and tryouts for Big Spring Pony League set

The Big Spring Pony League will have registration and baseball tryouts April 18 at Roy Anderson Complex.

Registration is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with tryouts starting at 2 p.m.

Players must be within the age range of 13-15 years old. If a child is currently 12 and turns 13 by April 30, he or she is eligible to play. A 15 year old must not turn 16 by April 30. Birth certificates are required to sign up.

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# World watches Obama, Sarkozy — forget the husbands



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This photo provided by the Elysee Palace shows U.S. first lady Michelle Obama, left, speaking with France's first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy before a luncheon at Rohan Palace as their husbands held bilateral talks in Strasbourg, eastern France.

## JOCELYN NOVECK

AP National Writer

It's been billed as one of the major face-offs of the NATO summit, and it had nothing to do with troops in Afghanistan or relations with Russia.

No, it was the breathlessly anticipated moment on Friday when two of the most scrutinized women on the planet — Michelle Obama and Carla Bruni-Sarkozy — finally met, in the grandeur of an 18th-century palace in Strasbourg, France.

Only a day earlier, the airwaves had been filled with dissections of Mrs. Obama's meeting in London with Queen Elizabeth II — how the two had bonded, despite what some in Britain implied was a mild faux pas on the first lady's part of draping her arm briefly around the monarch.

All due respect to the queen. But suddenly on Friday that story seemed so, well ... yesterday.

"Fashion Face-off," wrote Britain's Guardian newspaper of the meeting between Mrs. Obama and Bruni-Sarkozy, wife of French President Nicolas Sarkozy. Others called it a "Style Summit" between "the First Ladies who Lunch." Women's Wear Daily wrote in an online update that the "much drumrolled First Lady fashion showdown" had confirmed that both women were "sticklers for their pet designers."

Even the Hollywood entertainment site E! Online posted an item on "European summit fashion" — undoubtedly a first. (It added: "Yeah, we never

thought we'd say that.")

The meeting began with a friendly "Bonjour!" from Mrs. Obama as the couples approached each other, then a French-style double-cheek kiss between the women.

Then it was time for the presidents to greet the opposing spouse. While Sarkozy and Mrs. Obama kissed, the other pair did not, leading to a vigorous debate in the blogosphere: Did Bruni-Sarkozy suddenly turn shy and avoid a customary kiss from the U.S. president?

Or was it Obama who hesitated? Or, more likely, did Bruni-Sarkozy anticipate that Obama MIGHT hesitate, and thus hesitate herself? Or did Obama ... well, never mind.

Because the focus was really on fashion. And for the record, the women did not look exceedingly different. Each wore a stylish but proper coat with a bow at the neck — for Mrs. Obama a black silk number flecked with fuschia flowers by Thakoon, one of her favorite designers, whose ivory tweed coat she wore to board Air Force One in Washington.

For the French first lady, it was a gray coat by Dior, also a favorite. Both women removed their coats inside to reveal coordinated dresses — Bruni-Sarkozy's in gray, and Mrs. Obama's in fuschia. Mrs. Obama wore kitten heels, and Bruni-Sarkozy wore flats — apparently to avoid towering over her husband.

And for the evening later in Baden-Baden,

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

Just because something is important doesn't mean it's serious. And just because something is serious doesn't mean it's important. Mercury and Neptune

angle each other to provoke deeply meaningful conversations. There will be enlightening information that comes to the fore and it's all done while laughter and free feelings flow.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Improving is what makes you feel wonderful. For you it's not about making more money or gaining power. What excites you is the prospect of becoming better at what you do.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You don't need a lot to make you happy. In fact, less is more. So donate another sack of stuff. Reducing excess and clutter helps you relax into the simple beauty of life.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It's no secret that you have talent, and yet you're still trying to move under the radar. Keep homing in on your work. Until you're completely ready you'll be uncomfortable with extra attention. Your time is coming.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Don't be content with the mood you woke up in, even if it was good. You can raise yourself up a notch before noon. That winning pep talk you give to your friends can also be used on yourself, you know!

ing better at what you do.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). If there's one thing you don't like, it's convention. You feel it's your job to burst through customary confines. You'll either make people laugh or make them angry, but you're sure to get a reaction and some respect, too.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have a stellar sense of direction, both physically and spiritually. You may not be sure where the path leads, but you're not worried. You feel it in your bones that you are going the right way.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get better at loving yourself and then you won't feel resentful of the attention you give to someone else. Money is a form of attention, too, and you may be hyper-aware of relationships from a financial perspective.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have something positive to say about your peers, and you make sure to say it to the people who will repeat it. Your indirect methods of communication are effective in raising your popularity.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your rich fantasy life is about to get even better, as you will meet people who capture your imagination. Also, it's an ideal time to put your vivid dreams to work on a practical problem. It will be solved by morning.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You defy mediocrity. Projects have to be absolutely spectacular in order to entice your interest. You could be involved in an endeavor that is so great you are totally unaware of yourself while you are engaged

in it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You take initiative. You're the first to say hello and introduce yourself, and you're the first to move relationships forward with social offers. Tonight, you'll be charmed by someone else's advance.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because you know how to do something and think you should do it doesn't mean you will. The missing ingredient is motivation. For now, do what you really want to do instead of forcing things along.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Dear Holiday, I am a Libra — Sept. 23, 1963. Have I been following the life path that was destined for me? Am I currently doing what I was meant to do? I feel like I am missing something most of the time."

Destiny is such an interesting travel companion on this road of life. Mostly, I believe that we lead the way and destiny walks beside us. Other times she pushes us around a bit, and then there are the times she carries us. You can be confident that you are on the right path because it's the one that you chose. Know that everyone feels at times that they are, as you say, missing something. To feel that way constantly, though, is a sign from the universe to be bold — to ask, "What am I missing?" and demand an answer. Dare destiny to show

Germany, the two also looked remarkably similar in chic knee-length black dresses.

One fashion expert thought both women looked elegant, but that Bruni-Sarkozy, a former supermodel, may have toned down the flash just a bit too much.

"I'd prefer a little color with that beautiful tailoring," said Sasha Igleton, deputy fashion director of Glamour magazine. Then again, she suggested, the French first lady may have been purposely toning down the glamour. As for Mrs. Obama, Igleton especially liked the "gorgeous" fuschia dress.

Although both first ladies are hailed for their sense of style, they are in most ways vastly different. The Italian-born Bruni-Sarkozy, 41, was a celebrated supermodel and is still a songwriter and singer. She dated Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton, posed famously in the nude, and raised eyebrows in July by releasing an album with lyrics mocking her reputation as a man-eater and comparing her lover to a drug.

Mrs. Obama, 45, is a Princeton and Harvard-educated lawyer who grew up on Chicago's south side and was a hospital executive until she stopped working while her husband campaigned for president.

Her popularity at home has grown enormously since the election, and she's now seen as a fashion icon who, with one wearing, can cause an item of clothing to sell out — as she did with a champagne J. Crew cardigan this week.

Her first European trip has brought countless comparisons to Jackie Kennedy. And it's worth recalling that it was Mrs. Kennedy's first presidential trip to France in 1961 that led her husband to introduce himself as "the man who accompanied Jacqueline Kennedy to Paris."

But to some, all the attention to Mrs. Obama's fashion and style, though overwhelmingly positive, is an unfortunate distraction from her other endeavors.

"I've seen so much more attention to her clothes on this trip than to the poignant remarks she made at that school in Britain," said Carl Sferazza Anthony, one of the nation's foremost experts on first ladies.

He was referring to an emotional speech Mrs. Obama gave at an all-girls school in north London on Thursday, telling them about her youth in Chicago and the importance of education in her life. Afterward, she hugged many of the students, and some were moved to tears.

But Anthony, the historian at the National First Ladies Library, also notes that the media has always loved to compare first ladies, especially when they're standing together on the world stage.

It happened in 1985, when Nancy Reagan met Raisa Gorbachev in Geneva. "The media really blew that into a full-blown rivalry," Anthony says.

He also notes that fashion comparisons were rife when Princess Grace of Monaco, the former actress Grace Kelly, visited the Kennedys in the United States.

"Everyone was asking, 'Who's more elegant?'" Anthony says. "Even JFK teased Jackie that Grace had more jewels on."



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you a sign. Another thing to consider is that usually it's not what you're doing that matters most; it's how you are doing it. What is the feeling you put into your actions and interactions? Instead of thinking, "Am I on the right path?" just assume you are and ask yourself instead, "What feeling am I giving to this part of the journey?" At every juncture try to raise your mood, and you will naturally choose the actions that bring you the most joy. You were meant to be happy.

**C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES:** "FratPack" member Paul Rudd has appeared in a long list of blockbuster comedies, proving time and again he knows how to make an audience simultaneously laugh and fall in love. The Aries influence runs strong in Rudd's natal chart. He has his sun, Mercury, Venus and Saturn all in the lively sign of the ram, indicating boundless reserves of energy.

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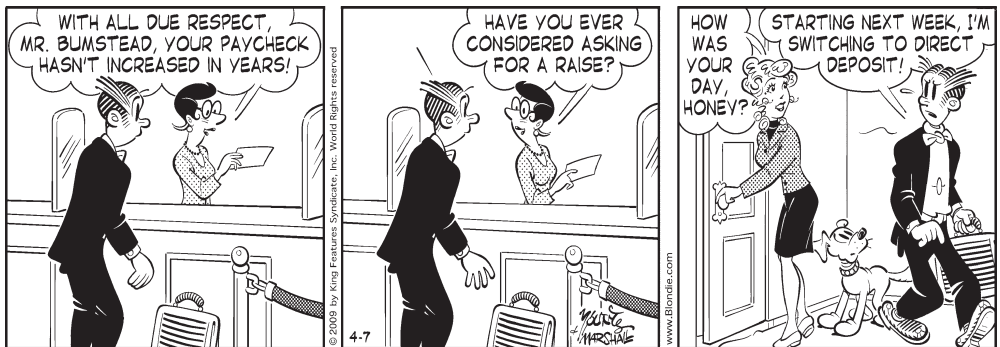
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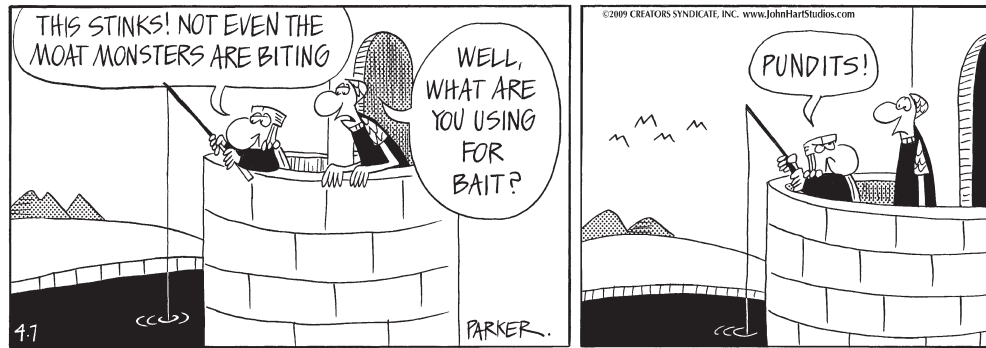
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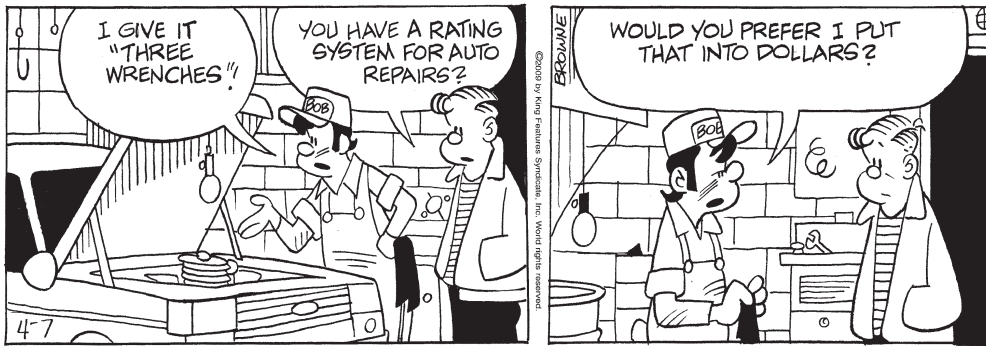
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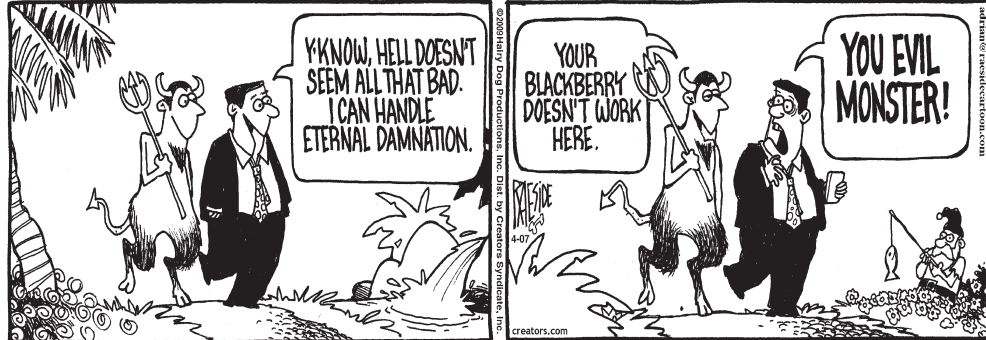
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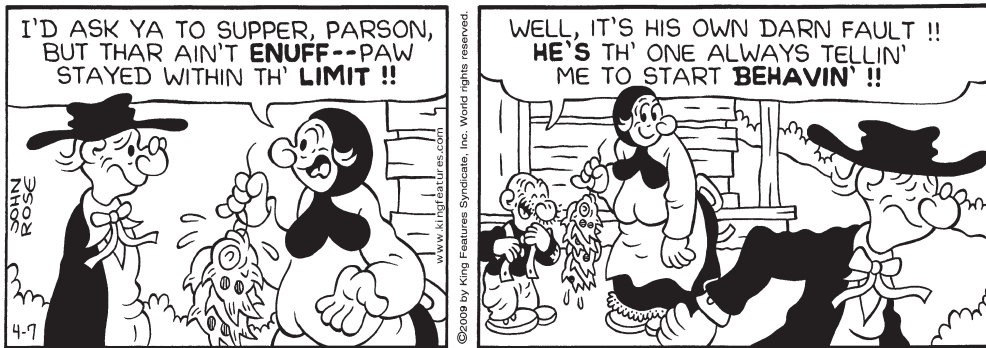
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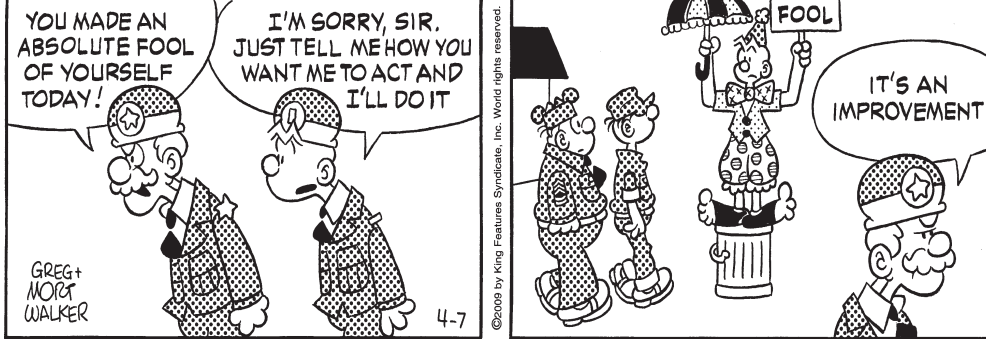
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 7, the 97th day of 2009. There are 268 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 7, 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee. On this date: In 1199, King Richard I of England (also known as The Lion-Heart) died in the Limousin region of France at age 41 after being mortally wounded by an arrow. In 1859, Walter Camp, the "Father of American Football," was born in New Britain, Conn. In 1927, an audience in New York watched as the image as well as voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television. In 1939, Italy invaded Albania, which was annexed

less than a week later. In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly elected Dag Hammarskjold of Sweden to be secretary-general. In 1959, a referendum in Oklahoma repealed the state's ban on alcoholic beverages. In 1969, the Supreme Court, in Stanley v. Georgia, unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he was deferring development of the neutron bomb, a high-radiation weapon. In 1983, space shuttle astronauts Story Musgrave and Don Peterson took the first U.S. space walk in almost a decade as they worked in the open cargo bay of Challenger for nearly four hours. Today's Birthdays: Actor R.G. Armstrong is 92. Sitar player Ravi Shankar is 89. Actor James Garner is 81. Country singer Cal Smith is 77. Actor Wayne Rogers is 76. Media commentator Hodding Carter III is 74. Country singer Bobby Bare is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Charlie Thomas (The Drifters) is 72. California Attorney General Jerry Brown

is 71. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 70. TV personality David Frost is 70. Singer Patricia Bennett (The Chiffons) is 62. Singer John Oates is 60. Singer Janis Ian is 58. Country musician John Dittrich is 58. Actor Jackie Chan is 55. Football Hall-of-Famer Tony Dorsett is 55. Actor Russell Crowe is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Mark Kibble (Take 6) is 45. Former football player-turned-analyst Tiki Barber is 34. Actress Heather Burns is 34. Actor Conner Rayburn is 10. Thought for Today: "No date on the calendar is as important as tomorrow." — Roy W. Howard, American newspaper publisher (1883-1964).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 5 Den or kitchen                   | 2 Nonwritten exam       | 2 Futuristic novel genre |
| 9 Unspoken but understood          | 3 Used to be            | 27 Sudden fright         |
| 14 Neck of the woods               | 4 Painting of scenery   | 28 Silly                 |
| 15 Pinnacle                        | 5 Synagogue leaders     | 29 "That's great!"       |
| 16 Wear away                       | 6 Pacific, for instance | 30 Oahu necklaces        |
| 17 "Drat!"                         |                         | 31 FM receiver           |
| 18 Hummers at home in hives        |                         | 32 Warn                  |
| 19 Highest digits                  |                         | 33 Of few words          |
| 20 Snow vehicle                    |                         |                          |
| 21 Bicycle part                    |                         |                          |
| 23 Knee-to-ankle area              |                         |                          |
| 25 Hour after noon                 |                         |                          |
| 26 Nutmeg and curry                |                         |                          |
| 29 Narrow cut                      |                         |                          |
| 31 Lab-maze runner                 |                         |                          |
| 34 Panama waterway                 |                         |                          |
| 35 Club members' fees              |                         |                          |
| 36 Long story                      |                         |                          |
| 37 Very neat                       |                         |                          |
| 40 High-quality                    |                         |                          |
| 41 Pub beverages                   |                         |                          |
| 42 Twosomes                        |                         |                          |
| 43 Driving hazard                  |                         |                          |
| 44 Mix, as cake batter             |                         |                          |
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| 57 Can't stand                     |                         |                          |
| 58 Dropped to the ground           |                         |                          |
| 59 Where Cleveland is              |                         |                          |
| 60 Contaminate                     |                         |                          |
| 61 Fishing-line holder             |                         |                          |
| 62 Say, "Go, team!"                |                         |                          |
| 63 Varieties                       |                         |                          |
| 64 Racetrack stats                 |                         |                          |
| 65 Ancient legend                  |                         |                          |
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| 46 Pebble or boulder               |                         |                          |
| 47 Stared at                       |                         |                          |
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| 49 Internet auctioneer             |                         |                          |
| 50 Ocean liner                     |                         |                          |
| 51 Spheroid                        |                         |                          |
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| 54 Sailor's "Hi!"                  |                         |                          |
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## HALL

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"There's no way you guys would have got a chance to see Michael Jordan play without Dean Smith," he said.

His soaring dunks, Nike commercials and "Air Jordan" nickname helped stamp him as one of the most recognizable athletes around the world. He finished a 15-year career with the Chicago Bulls and Washington Wizards with 32,292 points — the third-highest total in league history, behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Karl Malone. His final career average of 30.12 goes down as the best, just ahead of Wilt Chamberlain's 30.07.

"Simply the greatest to ever play the game of basketball. He is the one player that each young person in this league should emulate and aspire to become. His work ethic, drive, skill level and competitive spirit were unmatched," Jordan's former Bulls teammate and now team GM, John Paxson said.

Jordan was a five-time NBA MVP, won six championships with the Bulls and another in college with North Carolina. The Tar Heels play Michigan State in the national cham-

pionship game Monday night.

Jordan will root on the Tar Heels, but had no plans to give them a pep talk.

Tar Heels coach Roy Williams was an assistant with Carolina on that 1982 championship team and was at Monday's induction, where Ty Lawson won the Bob Cousy award as the nation's top point guard.

Jordan retired twice during his career. He first came back to the Bulls in 1994 and won three more championships before retiring again in 1998, then had an ill-fated two-year stint with the Washington Wizards before calling it quits for good in 2003. He's now managing partner of the Charlotte Bobcats.

On Monday, he joked that when he saw Stockton and Robinson he was ready to put his shorts on again.

"I always want to be able to have you thinking I can always go back and play the game of basketball and put your shorts on," Jordan said. "Hall of Fame to me is like, OK, it's over and done with."

Jordan won two of his titles in the 1990s against Sloan, Stockton and the Jazz. Stockton spent his entire career with Utah and finished with 19,711 points, and holds NBA records 15,806 assists and 3,265 steals. He also holds NBA records for most assists in a season (1,164 in 1990-91) and highest assist average in a season (14.5 in

1989-90).

"Growing up I never thought about the Hall of Fame," Stockton said. "All I wanted was a chance to go to college."

Utah took Stockton in the first round of the 1984 draft, using the No. 16 pick on a relatively unknown player from Gonzaga who became one of the top point guards.

"I haven't given this much thought over the course of a lifetime," he said. "I'm not sure it quite strikes home until you're standing here."

Robinson, who earned the nickname "The Admiral" from his college career at Navy, joined Stockton and Jordan as members of the NBA's 50th anniversary team.

He had a stellar 14-year career with the San Antonio Spurs that included two NBA championships, an MVP season, a rookie of the year award, 10 All-Star selections, a scoring title and two Olympic gold medals. Unlike Jordan's inability to stay home after his final shot in Game 6 of the 1998 NBA Finals, Robinson was content to retire after winning a second title with the Spurs in 2003.

"If I had to pick one night in my career, it would probably be walking off the court as a champion and knowing that was going to be my last memory of basketball," Robinson said.

Sloan, who did not attend the cere-

mony, is the longest tenured head coach in major league sports with a single franchise. Sloan is the only NBA coach to win more than 1,000 games with a single team and has the Jazz in seventh place in the Western Conference going into Monday night's games.

"I've been very lucky to have such great players, especially John, who is very deserving of this honor," Sloan said. "I've also been fortunate to be with such a tremendous organization for the past 20-plus years and am extremely grateful to the (Larry H.) Miller family for all of their support."

Sloan was missed on Monday by Stockton.

"He's not only a coach and a mentor, but a friend," Stockton said. "I enjoy him very much. The honor to share it with him, terrific."

Stringer has led three separate schools to the Final Four in her 38-year career and has an 825-280 mark spanning four decades. She trails only Pat Summitt and Jody Conradt on the career wins list, and guided Rutgers to its fifth straight regional semifinals trip this season.

"My knees are weak, and to think I would be standing here with these great, great, men of basketball," Stringer said. "It's not ever about me. It's about the players who all make it happen."

## UNC

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Hansbrough scored 18 points, Ellington had 19 and Lawson led all scorers with 21 and also had a record eight steals. Now, they and Danny Green can all head to the NBA feeling good about their decision to return to school. They're bringing home Carolina's fifth championship, and the second for Williams.

All those upperclassmen, save Hansbrough, came back in part because their draft prospects didn't look so good. They also didn't want their college careers to end on last year's embarrassing loss to Kansas in the Final Four. That was a dud of a game in which they trailed 40-12 in the first half and Billy Packer was telling CBS viewers it was over.

This time, North Carolina led 36-13 around the time "Dancing With The Stars" was starting on another network. At least nobody knew how that one was going to end.

This game, though, was a slam dunk. Ellington got choked up as he basked in the confetti. Williams gave a shout-out to his mentor, Dean Smith, and he almost started crying, too. Hansbrough was the first to grab one of those "National Champion" T-shirts. Nobody worked harder for it than him.

"Sounds like I made a pretty good decision," Hansbrough said. "Nothing beats this feeling right here."

Likewise, it can't feel much worse for the Spartans (31-7). They never had a chance. They had been on an uplifting run, and the final chapter was supposed to be the national championship. It would, the storybook said, bring the definitive ray of sunshine to a city and state that's been battered by an ailing economy.

Instead, the 90-mile ride home to East Lansing will be a quiet one.

"You've got six NBA players that could be drafted in the first round or early second," Spartans guard Travis Walton said. "You're looking at a team that could probably beat the worst team in the NBA."

The Tar Heels (34-4) were up 55-34 at halftime, breaking a 42-year-old title-game record for biggest

lead at the break and setting the mark for most points at the half.

By then, Lawson had already set an NCAA title-game record with seven steals.

"When you play North Carolina, there's nothing you can do," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "Lawson says it all. He does stir the drink."

A pretty strong drink.

This collection of NBA talent was too, too much from wire to wire, from the start of the tournament, to the very end.

Carolina won every game by double digits, something that hasn't happened since Duke did it in 2001.

Lots of basketball fans saw this coming, including America's No. 1 Hoopster-in-Chief.

Yes, President Barack Obama picked the Tar Heels to take it all in his much-publicized bracket.

Magic Johnson, Michigan State's Spartan-in-Chief, joined Larry Bird at center court to present the game ball, a tribute to the 30-year anniversary of their historic matchup and Michigan State's first title.

From there, it was pretty much all "Showtime," all the time — but not for Michigan State. Heck, Magic didn't even stick around for the end. He was spotted walking up the tunnel with 3½ minutes left.

Izzo tried to call a timeout to stop the onslaught with 6:45 left in the first half. His team came out and promptly turned it over — one of 14 in the first half, compared to only 12 baskets.

Goran Suton led the Spartans with 17 points, and Kalin Lucas, the Big Ten player of the year, had 14 — most scored once the game was out of hand, which was very early in this one.

Michigan State pulled within 13 a couple times late in the second half, and the crowd of 72,922 — mostly pulling for the Spartans — tried to make some noise.

But for most of the game, cavernous Ford Field had the atmosphere of a Lions game, save the few thousand Tar Heel fans whose Carolina Blue team put in a much better blue-collar effort than the team that was supposed to pride itself on that.

"I just don't think we did the things we did all year," Izzo said. "When you say that, you take away some credit from North Carolina, and I don't want to do that. It was a combination of us and them, but we need to take some of the blame."

As for that 98-63 beatdown Carolina put on Michigan State in this same building back on Dec. 3? No fluke. In fact, Detroit might want to give Ford

Field a nice, long break. The winless Lions went 0-8 here last season, and there was no halt to the Motor City's misery on this night.

It was, almost literally, over before it began. Ellington had a double-pump scoop layup and a 3-pointer and Hansbrough spotted up and sank a 14-foot jumper — all in the first 4:25 to put Carolina ahead 17-7. It never got closer.

The Spartans, meanwhile, were having trouble simply getting the ball in after Tar Heel buckets, turning it over that way twice in the first 6 minutes, part of a depressing day that didn't do justice to the effort they put in to get here.

During pregame introductions, Williams walked over to shake hands with Izzo, who was distracted, drawing up a play on the greaseboard in the huddle. He jokingly showed the diagram to Williams — and you know what: It probably wouldn't have mattered.

Izzo conceded in the lead-up to the game that if both teams played their best, Michigan State would lose. He'll never find out if he was right because, while North Carolina was more than ready, the Spartans never showed up.

"The best team won," Izzo said. "That's an easy statement to make."

Williams joined Jim Calhoun, Billy Donovan and Mike Krzyzewski as the fourth active coach (13th overall) to win multiple titles.

This title came four years after his first championship — and for the first time, with a roster full of his own recruits.

"Roy Williams is not that good," Williams said. "But boy, ol' Roy's got some big-time players. That's what it takes."

Hansbrough was the only one who knew he wanted to come back from the get-go. He simply loves college, and though his senior season wasn't quite as good as the year before, the ending was much better. Nobody on Michigan State could stop him — no shame there — and he had seven rebounds and two assists to go with the 18 points.

"I desperately wanted this championship for that young man," Williams said. "I know it's corny, but that's who I am."

Lawson was often criticized for not looking to shoot enough, and he sort of went back to his roots in this one. He finished only 3-for-10 from the floor but was a dominating presence, with six assists and a whopping 18 trips to the free-throw line.

Oh, and don't forget Ed Davis. We'll be seeing the 6-10 freshman in the pros with these other guys someday soon. He went 5-for-7 for 11 points with eight rebounds in 14 minutes and may have proven all he needs to, as well.

Overall, North Carolina dominated every matchup on the floor in pretty much every way. The Tar Heels were a unanimous No. 1 in the preseason and became the first UNC team to start and finish at No. 1 since 1982.

Michael Jordan was the star of that team.

There may not be any Jordans on this team, but there were plenty of Hansbroughs and Lawsons and Ellingtons — more than enough to finish off a project that seemed destined to end the way it did: On a ladder in Detroit, with scissors and twine in their hands.

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Nothing Succeeds Like Excess

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 7 3  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4  
♦ K 9  
♣ 9 7 2

**WEST**  
♠ 8 5 4  
♥ K 2  
♦ Q 10 3  
♣ Q J 10 6 4

**EAST**  
♠ K 10 9  
♥ A  
♦ J 7 6 4 2  
♣ K 8 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 6 2  
♥ Q J 9 7 3  
♦ A 8 5  
♣ A

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass  
4♥

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

If you bid four hearts and wind up making five, the fact that you have made an overtrick is not an earthshaking event. In rubber bridge, the extra 30 points is a relatively unimportant gain.

But if you play duplicate bridge, where your result is compared with that of others holding the same cards, the extra trick becomes much more significant. That is why this deal should be of greater interest to the duplicate player, although the rubber-bridge player can benefit as well because of the type of play it entails.

A club is led against South's four-

heart contract, and it is obvious that the only possible losers are two hearts and a spade. A peek at the East-West cards reveals that those are the tricks declarer would surely lose with normal play by both sides. However, South can make 11 tricks if he plays correctly, and that is exactly what happened at one table when this deal occurred in a duplicate game.

Since this was the only table where declarer made an overtrick, while all the other declarers made just four hearts, the method of play by which South achieved the best score on the deal is recorded here.

Declarer won the club lead with the ace and immediately began setting the stage for an endplay. He led a diamond to the king, ruffed a club, played the ace and another diamond, ruffing in dummy, and then ruffed dummy's last club.

Having removed all the clubs and diamonds from dummy's hand and his own, declarer then led the queen of hearts. West had to duck, and East won with the ace. East could not afford to lead a diamond or a club, which would have given South a ruff-and-discard, so he returned the nine of spades.

Declarer let this run to dummy's queen and then led a second spade to the jack, which also won. South then conceded a trump to the king to earn his top score, the only declarer that found the way to avoid losing a spade trick.

Tomorrow: Defense is a logical process.

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