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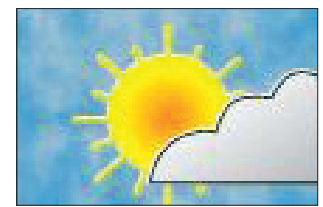
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A group of local residents march down Tenth Street to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Big Spring Monday. The marchers walked from Gregg Street to FM 700.

## Shooting leaves 7 with minor injuries

Big Spring Police say victims refuse to cooperate in investigation

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials say at least seven people were injured in a shooting at a home in the 700 block of Creighton early Sunday morning, but the lack of cooperation from witnesses is hobbling the investigation.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, the shooting was reported at approximately 4:05 a.m. Sunday after an altercation between two men turned violent.

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—Sgt. Tony Everett, BSPD public information officer



ple in a garage area at the time of the shooting," said Everett. "Two male suspects got into an altercation over a female. At that time one of them pulled a gun and began shooting."

Everett said the shooter's target — whose name is not being released — was struck

in the leg by a bullet from the handgun, believed to be a 9 mm weapon. Unfortunately, the gunman didn't stop there.

"The shooter kept firing into the floor of the garage, causing shrapnel to go all over the area," said Everett. "At least seven people suf-

fered minor injuries as a result, mostly just grazes and minor wounds. The man on the floor took a bullet in his left leg, in the thigh area. The wound was not serious."

Everett said officers have not yet identified the shooter, thanks mostly to the lack of cooperation from witnesses

at the scene of the shooting. "No one wants to press charges or cooperate with the investigation. Not even the victim who was shot in the leg," said Everett. "We're working on the identity of the shooter, and regardless of whether or not the victims want to cooperate, we will continue with the investigation into this shooting."

Everett said it appears the wounds sustained by the bystanders were accidental, but there's little doubt the shooter intended to gun down the victim.

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## Report: More men get economic boost from marriage

**DAVID CRARY**  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Historically, marriage was the surest route to financial security for women. Nowadays it's men who are increasingly getting the biggest economic boost from tying the knot, according to a new analysis of census data.

The changes, summarized in a Pew Research Center report being released Tuesday, reflect the proliferation of working wives over the past 40 years — a period in which American women outpaced men in both education and earnings growth. A larger share of today's men, com-

pared with their 1970 counterparts, are married to women whose education and income exceed their own, and a larger share of women are married to men with less education and income.

"From an economic perspective, these trends have contributed to a gender role reversal in the gains from marriage," wrote the report's authors, Richard Fry and D'Vera Cohn.

"In the past, when relatively few wives worked, marriage enhanced the economic status of women more than that of men. In recent decades,

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Clifford Anglin waits for the fish to start biting during the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club's annual youth fishing tournament Saturday at Comanche Trail Lake. Officials said 76 youngsters registered for the event.



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## Obituaries

## Viola Sanchez Hinojos

Viola Sanchez Hinojos, 52, stepped into the Lord's presence Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, where she earned her wings.

Viola was born April 1, 1957, in Big Spring to Carmen and Clemente Sanchez. She married Rene' Hinojos in 1975 in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and an active member of Family Faith Victory Center.

Viola is survived by her husband, Rene' Hinojos; daughter, Shannon Galan and her husband Robert of Big Spring; son, Celestino Hinojos of Midland; sister, Margie Martinez of Odessa; and four precious grandchildren who were the light of her life, Ashten, R.J. and Ian Galan of Big Spring, and Ella Hinojos of Midland; several nieces and nephews; and a mother-in-law whom she held very near and dear to her heart, Lilia Howard.

In addition to her parents, Viola was preceded in death by her brother, Clemente Sanchez Jr.; and a dear father-in-law, Celestino Hinojos.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Sam Segundo Jr., pastor of Family Faith Victory Center, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Estelle 'Tommie' Suttles

Estelle "Tommie" Suttles, 92, of Mesquite, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, at her residence at Christian Care Center Nursing and Rehab Center. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 5, 1917, in Iola and married Cecil Suttles on March 14, 1987, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Sept. 25, 2007.

She had lived in Big Spring since 1949. She worked for the state hospital as the claims officer and was promoted to claims supervisor which took her to San Antonio in 1974. She retired with the state in 1982 and returned to Big Spring shortly thereafter.

Survivors include four daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Milton DuPriest of Tyler, Doris Jean and Lonnie Stephens of Katy, Barbara and Ricky Stone of Coahoma and Patsy and Kim Pedersen of Mesquite; one son, H.L. Eason of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one stepson, James Suttles and wife, Barbara; three step grandchildren, and two step great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, Cecil Thomas, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Gideons International, P. O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214.

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)

## Christopher E. Savell



Christopher E. Savell, 3-month-old son of Brittany and Joseph Savell, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 15, 2010, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Hermleigh Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 13, 2009, in Big

Spring.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by grandparents, Bill and Deborah Smith of Big Spring and Teresa Pace of Big Spring; great-grandparents, Maurice and Mary Smith of Big Spring and Cheryl and Dan Payne of Big Spring; several aunts; and numerous great aunts and uncles.

The family extends a special thanks to the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

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

## Carolyn Janet 'Jan' Stroup

Carolyn Janet "Jan" Stroup, of Hobbs, N.M., who taught in the Big Spring public school system in the 1980s, died Jan. 16, 2010. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, at Chapel of Hope Funeral Home in Hobbs, N.M. Public viewing will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Friday.

She was born July 18, 1942, in Durant, Okla., to John R. and Joyce Gwendolyn Coady.

She taught kindergarten through sixth grade levels in Texas and New Mexico for more than 39 years, retiring from the Hobbs Municipal Schools in 2003. Since 2004 she had been office manager for the Coady Chiropractic Center. She served as secretary/treasurer of Tabernacle of Glory.

She is survived by her sons, Coady Tinley of Hobbs and Layne Stroup and wife Julie of Seminole; two grandsons; a sister, Dr. Marilyn Coady and husband Bill Sims of Hobbs; and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson and a daughter-in-law, Gayla Tinley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tabernacle of Glory, 4530 N. Lovington Hwy., Hobbs, N.M.

## Jose Hernandez

Jose Hernandez, 33, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan., 18, 2010, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

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

- ZYON GONZALES, 32, of 3605 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and assault.
- JAMES DARLING, 29, of Itasca, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JARRELL WILLIAMS, 32, of 800.5 S. Nolan, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft - more than \$50, less than \$500.
- THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT OF A FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton.

## EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of 17th and Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Texas. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.

- ANTONIO ARGUELLO, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- DANIEL NOE ARMENDARIZ, 17, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of ABC consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- TONY GLEN BAKER, 24, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMES EDWARD DARLING, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JERRY DON DUFFER, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault Class C - family violence.
- ANASTACIA GAITAN, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft - more than \$50, less than \$500.
- ZYON GONZALEZ, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of assault Class C, public intoxication and disorderly conduct - language.
- AMBER MICHELLE GUTIERREZ, 34, was arrested Saturday on a judgment/sentence for debit card abuse (two counts).
- EARLE PERRY HANKE, 51, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- SUSAN UPSHAW HERNANDEZ, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- AMMIE LEE HOWELL, 31, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a bond/protective order (three counts).
- HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- MATTHEW MASSINGILL, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- KENDRA MICHELLE MATTHEWS, 28, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- TONY ALLEN MEEKS, 47, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- HECTOR ROBLES MELENDEZ, 30, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of harrasment.
- APOLONIO MENDEZ, 45, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ANGEL MIZELL, 47, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.
- DEBRA JANE MOLINA, 45, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARK ANTHONY MOLINA, 44, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- GUADALUPE MORENO, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- PAUL MORENO, 32, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ZZANE RAYMOND OLYER-RHODES, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, operation of a vehicle with the wrong license, no driver's license and accident involving damage to a vehicle.
- AMADOR RIOS, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a probation violation for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and a charge of public intoxication.
- KALI NICOLE ROBERTS, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of no valid motor vehicle inspection and driving while license invalid.
- SUSAN MICHELLE SALAZAR, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on contempt charges for unrestrained child under 5 years of age and violation of a promise to appear.
- JUSTIZE RAY SARMIENTO, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering the official duties of a public servant.

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### Today's Weather

#### Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 1/20	Thu 1/21	Fri 1/22
<b>69/37</b>	<b>69/42</b>	<b>76/47</b>
More clouds than sun. High 69F. SW winds at 10 to 15 mph, increasing to 20 to 30 mph.	A few clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:46 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:09 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:46 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:09 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:10 PM

### Texas At A Glance

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	57	30	rain
Big Spring	69	37	pt sunny
El Paso	59	37	rain
Dallas	70	50	t-storm
Austin	68	48	pt sunny
Houston	70	55	pt sunny
San Antonio	71	50	pt sunny
Brownsville	75	60	pt sunny

#### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	68	44	t-storm	Kingsville	78	56	pt sunny
Amarillo	57	30	rain	Livingston	69	52	t-storm
Austin	68	48	pt sunny	Longview	68	52	t-storm
Beaumont	69	59	t-storm	Lubbock	62	34	rain
Brownsville	75	60	pt sunny	Lufkin	68	53	t-storm
Brownwood	72	47	pt sunny	Midland	70	40	cloudy
Corpus Christi	72	56	pt sunny	Raymondville	80	58	pt sunny
Corsicana	69	49	t-storm	Rosenberg	69	55	t-storm
Dallas	70	50	t-storm	San Antonio	71	50	pt sunny
Del Rio	74	47	pt sunny	San Marcos	69	48	pt sunny
El Paso	59	37	rain	Sulphur Springs	67	51	t-storm
Fort Stockton	71	45	windy	Sweetwater	70	42	t-storm
Gainesville	67	45	t-storm	Tyler	68	50	t-storm
Greenville	67	47	t-storm	Weatherford	69	45	t-storm
Houston	70	55	t-storm	Wichita Falls	66	40	t-storm

#### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	49	rain	Minneapolis	28	21	pt sunny
Boston	37	23	pt sunny	New York	42	28	mst sunny
Chicago	30	26	cloudy	Phoenix	59	49	rain
Dallas	70	50	t-storm	San Francisco	50	44	rain
Denver	46	29	pt sunny	Seattle	51	42	rain
Houston	70	55	t-storm	St. Louis	46	42	rain
Los Angeles	61	48	rain	Washington, DC	45	29	mst sunny
Miami	76	67	mst sunny				

#### Moon Phases

Phase	Date
New	Jan 15
First	Jan 23
Full	Jan 30
Last	Feb 5

#### UV Index

Day	Index	Level
Wed 1/20	3	Moderate
Thu 1/21	4	Moderate
Fri 1/22	4	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

## MEN

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however, the economic gains associated with marriage have been greater for men.”

One barometer is median household income — which rose 60 percent between 1970 and 2007 for married men, married women and unmarried women, but only 16 percent for unmarried men, according to the Pew data.

The report focused on U.S.-born men and women aged 30-44 — a stage when typical adults have finished their education, married and launched careers. The Pew report noted that today's Americans in this age group are the first such cohort in U.S. history to include more women than men with college degrees.

In 1970, according to the report, 28 percent of wives in this age range had husbands who were better educated than they were, outnumbering the 20 percent whose husbands had less education. By 2007, these patterns had reversed — 19 percent of wives had husbands with more education, compared with 28 percent whose husbands had less education.

In the remaining couples — about half in 1970 and 2007 — spouses had similar education levels.

Only 4 percent of husbands had wives who earned more than they did in 1970, compared with 22 percent in 2007.

During that span, women's earnings grew 44 percent, compared with 6 percent growth for men, although a gender gap remains. According to 2009 Census Bureau figures, women with full-time jobs earned salaries equal to 77.9 percent of what men earned, compared with 52 percent in 1970.

“The gains that women have made in earnings and education are a notable reflection of a range of efforts to promote equal opportunities,” Cohn said in a telephone interview. “But the earnings gap has not yet closed.”

The Pew researchers



Police investigate a traffic accident around noon Monday at Fifth and Donley. Eugene Franco photo

## Take Note

• A class to become a certified Master Gardener is forming now and will begin today. Cost is \$85 per person and includes a workbook and live instruction. Those participating will be required to complete 50 hours of classroom work and 50 hours of volunteer service. For more information or to register, contact Shelley Borgstedte at (432) 664-9660, Joni Boyd at (325) 829-8398 or the county Extension service at 264-2236.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-22-31. Bonus Ball: 34.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 12-14-23-34-35.  
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$23,869.  
Winning ticket purchased in: Beaumont.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-6-4-1. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-5-1. Sum It Up: 9.

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James Lee Lloyd, 67, died Thursday. Memorial Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Veterans Administration Medical Center Chapel with burial later at the Ft. Logan, Colorado National Cemetery.

Daisy Walker, 86, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday at Temple Cemetery at Temple, OK.

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formation leading to an arrest and conviction could be worth up to \$1,000.

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college degrees made income gains of 15 percent, but were outpaced by the 28 percent gains of unmarried women with degrees.

The shifts in earnings capacity coincided with a marked decline in the share of Americans who are married. Among U.S.-born 30- to 44-year-olds, 60 percent were married in 2007, compared with 84 percent in 1970. For African-Americans, the rates were even lower — 33 percent of black women and 44 percent of black men were married in 2007, the report said.

said Coontz, “is something no feminist would take pleasure in.”

Yet she said the trends also reflected the fact that many husbands no longer feel compelled to be their families' sole breadwinner and are embracing a bigger share of household responsibilities and child-raising.

“If it weren't for the gains of the women's movement, which have produced a steady equalization of women's wages and new incentives for women to get more education ... most families would have stagnated in their living standards even before the recession,” Coontz said.

The Pew report found that unmarried women in 2007 had higher household incomes than their 1970 counterparts at each level of education, while unmarried men without post-secondary education lost ground because their real earnings decreased and they didn't have a wife's wages to offset that decline.

Unmarried men with

noted that the economic downturn is reinforcing the gender reversal trends, with men losing jobs more often than women.

Deborah Siegel, a New York City writer, said she's living through some of the Pew report's trends as she returns to work three months after having twins while her husband — laid off from his corporate branding job a year ago — helps out with child care amid occasional freelance work.

“For men, being laid off is such a huge ego blow,” said Siegel, author of “Sisterhood Interrupted.” “The recession may be ending, but we're still working out our dynamics.”

Stephanie Coontz, a history professor at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., who writes often about marriage, said she's been struck by the dramatic loss of manufacturing jobs that in the past had enabled many men without college education to earn high enough wages to raise a family.

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## OUR VIEW

### Remember, avoid burning if possible and be very careful

While Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan recently noted that he and his firefighters have enjoyed a slowdown in the number of wildfires in and around Howard County when the weather turned wet in December, that's no reason to be careless.

After all, Sullivan noted that things can go from bad to good in no time at all.

We were fortunate when much of our area received some moisture in mid December, but with the strong winds of late, that moisture has been depleted and we are no longer protected.

The current burn ban, which was signed into law Nov. 24 by the Howard County Commissioners court, will expire near the end of February, but according to Sullivan it's unclear whether or not he'll be asking the court to extend the ban another 90 days.

"It depends on what kind of rainfall we get between now and then," Sullivan said. "The first part of March we may get some growth, but you always have to take in account an Easter freeze or a late snow at that time of the year, and that could kill all the vegetation. If that happens, it's sort of like starting all over, which will be dangerous for everyone with all of the dried fuel left over from the winter."

Sullivan urges county residents to avoid outdoor burning if at all possible.

"I understand that some people have to burn for health and sanitation reasons," he said. "However, if the fire gets away from you the fines can get pretty expensive. In the end, it's a lot cheaper just to pay a service to pick up your garbage than to get stuck with a \$500 to \$1,000 fine. And even the money can be small in comparison to the feeling you're left with if someone gets hurt or loses their home. It's just not worth it."

Sullivan said county residents are allowed to burn in barrels which have no holes in them and have a tight screen on the top. They are also required to have a fire extinguisher or water hose nearby and they have to stay with the fire from the time it's started until it's completely out.

Unfortunately, according to Sullivan, even following all of the rules isn't enough.

What previous fires have shown us is that with normal conditions here in West Texas, even the smallest fire can grow into a blaze that will consume acres and acres of pasture, outbuildings and homes.

So please, be careful. You'll not only be helping protect property, but could very well be saving lives.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we make the best decision for our life, Lord, and come to You.

Amen

# We must adapt to changing threats

In the aftermath of the attempted bombing of Northwest Flight 253 to Detroit, it is clear that America's current aviation security measures did not work on Christmas day.

The initial review concluded that if our intelligence analysts had pieced together the information available, there would have been sufficient grounds to place the attempted bomber on the terrorist watch-list. The country and the nearly 300 passengers and crew aboard Flight 253 were fortunate that a tragedy was averted, but only because the terrorist was unable to detonate his explosive device and the crew and passengers of Flight 253 acted heroically to subdue him.

This "near miss" serves as a harsh reminder that the terrorists' threat and their tactics are continually evolving.

The terror network is constantly probing for weakness in our security system. If we are to prevent the next terrorist attack, we must do a better job of quickly identifying and adapting to these new threats.

Our nation's aviation security relies on a multi-layered approach that includes information sharing, enhanced technology and security screening.

On Christmas day, that system failed. The intelligence commu-

nity failed to analyze and react to all the relevant leads, and the frontline security in the airport failed to detect the explosive device the terrorist had hidden under his clothing.

Timely and accurate information collection is essential to protecting our nation from these constantly shifting attacks. But this type of "threat intelligence" is useless if it is not rapidly analyzed and shared with those agencies capable of acting on the intelligence.

In the case of the attempted bomber of Flight 253, officials in the US Embassy in Nigeria were informed that he was associating with Islamic extremists in Yemen.

This information was shared with intelligence agencies, but it was not fully analyzed nor deemed serious enough to share with the frontline screeners who could have prevented him from boarding the aircraft in the first place.

And worse, no one at the American Embassy took the simple administrative step of revoking his multiple entry visa, which also would have prevented him from boarding a flight to the United States.

One of the most effective ways to combat aviation terror threats is through comprehensive security policies and the use of advanced passenger screening technology.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) needs to remain on the cutting edge in the employment of effective and innovative technologies. We

must be able to employ them rapidly in the face of evolving terrorist plots and tactics.

The nation can also expedite the implementation of the Secure Flight program, which will take the ultimate screening responsibility away from air carriers and move it to the TSA, where it belongs. Because TSA will have access to more intelligence than private airlines, this change alone would make our screening efforts more effective and less intrusive for the general traveling public.

The U.S. must also demand that those foreign nations that serve as gateways to our country adopt much stricter screening standards. No one should be allowed on a plane into the United States without undergoing the same screening procedures our citizens go through on a flight from Dallas to Houston.

After Sept. 11, 2001, America is fully engaged in a global war on terror. Our enemies disregard honor and target innocent lives to implement their jihadist agenda. They disdain freedom and liberty. So, we must be ever vigilant and able to adapt to changing threats.

As Ronald Reagan said, "With our eyes fixed on the future, but recognizing the realities of today... we will achieve our destiny to be as a shining city on a hill for all mankind to see."

*Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.*



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# What's become a resolutions racket

The other day, I walked into a bookstore looking for some escapism and stumbled right into a wall of diet books. It's January. I published a diet book right around this time back in the '90s, which is why I've been able to mostly avoid the diet book section ever since. But did I ever used to know that world.

Every year, for more decades than I care to count, my resolution was the same, even the same weight: the holy grail of 125. (Years ago I learned that when you're lying about a number, never let it end with a zero or a five. Even now, I laugh when I look at my license with the hopelessly-untrue-at-the-time 125. If I had to do it again, I'd make it 126.) I bought every book that existed, tried every diet they offered, no matter how stupid — sure that life would be entirely different and better if a smaller number were staring back at me in the mirror. And then it was.

Not that simple, of course: steamed vegetables, grilled chicken breast and egg-white scrambles day after day, to the point that you hardly care anymore, and then you know you're in the groove. Keep doing every day what you did the day before.

Whatever works, keep doing. Think about it the way you do all the things you're good at, like work and taking care of other people and feeding your children and animals. No standing there doing the "I hate myself" routine. After all the things everyone said to you for years, to which you nodded your head as if you understood, one day it clicks and you do.

And then what happens? Dressing rooms are better. Doctor visits are better. Last-minute changes are stunningly easier to accomplish. But the thing you discover when you're thin is that, really, it's all still very much the same. Not that it isn't worth doing, but it only solves what it solves, which is less than you think.

Instead of telling me I was too fat, my mother told me I was too thin.

My hair was still what it was. I was way past bikinis, anyway. I felt better. I looked better. I was more confident, some of the time. But I was still me.

I'm not telling you not to lose weight, take up jogging and yoga, meditate daily and eat more fiber. For sure, most of us should do some version of all those things. But if you do so knowing that success is what it is — not a panacea, not the solution to everything, just looking better and feeling better — then I think it's easier both to succeed and fail, since ultimately we are all destined to do both.

The most devastating thing about diets is the failure part, which is far more common than success. And what makes it so devastating is the certainty that if only you were just a little stronger, there would be a new "you" and everything would be better. Not so, or at least not so fast. Dieting is just about putting your fork down. But when you do, you're still you.

The best New Year's resolution, I think, is to accept just that. My friend Annie just sent around one of those corny, beautiful and true messages about accepting yourself, being kind to yourself, being grateful and not angry and disappointed about the person you are. I was supposed to pass it on to 12 people who mattered. Here it is:

"May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. ... May you use the gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. ... Let this knowledge settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us." (author unknown)

Beats resolving to lose weight. Happy New Year.

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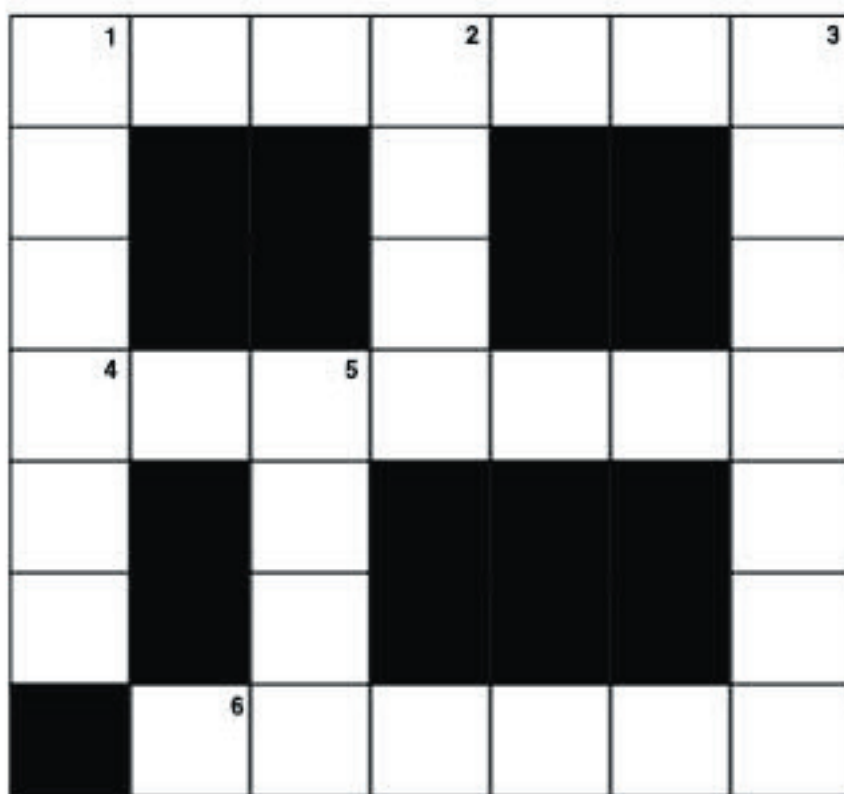
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Bubbling water
- 4. Cleaning cloths
- 6. Makes a beverage

**DOWN**

- 1. Mid-morning meal
- 2. To regard
- 3. A type of herb
- 5. Lacking color



**FOOD FACT!**  
WHAT NATION DISCOVERED TEA AND BROUGHT IT TO THE MASSES?

ANSWER: CHINA

Answers:  
Across  
1. boiling 4. napkins 6. tea bag  
Down  
1. brunch 2. look 3. ginseng 5. pale



**STEEP**

let sit in a liquid to extract a flavor

**How they SAY that in...**

- ENGLISH:** Cup
- SPANISH:** Taza
- ITALIAN:** Tazza
- FRENCH:** Tasse
- GERMAN:** Cup

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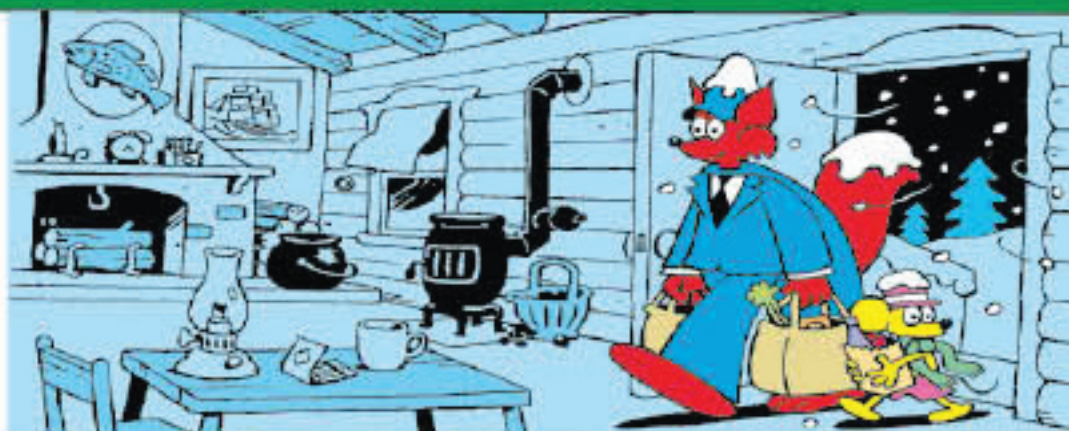
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: TEA BAG

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**BY BOB WEBER JR.**

Slylock Fox and Max Mouse got caught in a snowstorm. When they reached their cabin they were chilled to the bone. There's a lantern, a wood-burning stove and a fireplace in the cabin. What should they light first to get warm?  
Solution -- The first thing to light is the match.



**HOW TO DRAW a surfer**



**YOUR DRAWING**



The scrambled words are things found in the cabin pictured above. How many can you unscramble?

- 1) ESQTV
- 2) BLETA
- 3) HAETCMS
- 4) CEPFEARLI

Answers: 1) STOVE 2) LAMP 3) MATCHES 4) FIREPLACE

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## Bird Poop:

Goldfinch given  
a respite from  
winter's weather

With record setting temperatures in the teens, the phone call was not unexpected. As she started back toward her house after putting food and water out for the birds, a friend in Midland had stopped as a very small, fluttering creature landed on her head.



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Sensing it might be desperately seeking warmth as it tried to nestle in her hair, she slowly opened the door and inched her way inside. After placing the tiny, greenish-yellow bird in a cage, and covering it with towels, she called for advice.

From her description of its length and coloration, I gave her a diet that would sustain a lesser goldfinch until the frigid weather subsided. The coming weekend promised warmer days and nights.

The woman's unusual circumstance prompted memories of a previous

January arrival. Not as resourceful as her guest, our visitor had hit the north window and lay unconscious on the sidewalk. Enjoying a cup of hot chocolate and a newspaper at the time, I hurried outside to scoop it up before a neighborhood cat found it.

As it rested in my hand, I marveled at the delicate layering of its feathers. While my friend's goldfinch had been female and olive drab above while greenish yellow below, mine was a first year male.

With its carefully layered feathers, it reminded me of sculpted porcelain. The epitome of nature's artistic bent, the young lesser goldfinch was not yet a glossy black above from head to tail. However, he had acquired his little black cap. Beyond that symbol of approaching maturity, he had a greenish back.

Hopefully, after recovery, he would, in time, acquire his black back. With his vibrant yellow chest and belly, and white patches accenting his black wings and tail, he would assert his rightful place at the bird feeder.

Placing the goldfinch in a quiet enclosure



With a conical bill, the lesser goldfinch loves wild sunflowers, burr thistles, ragweed and grasses for the seeds they offer. Only four inches long and weighing less than an ounce, the colorful bird makes back yard feeding a treat for both human and avian species.

with moistened cat chow, Niger seeds, mealworms and water, we awaited the outcome. Since the species seems to thrive on hyperactivity, we assured the little male of an undisturbed area for his stay with us.

Wondering if the bird had come from one of the nests in our neighbor's pine trees, we hoped he would become another of our year-round friends. Often during the summer, we were privileged to see parents bring their young to the tube feed-

er. Only after watching the older birds did the youngsters learn to hang upside down while accessing the seeds.

After checking weather reports and being assured temperatures would remain stable, we released our active guest in the back yard two days later. Although its flight took it quickly to the mesquites in our side yard, we knew it would quickly rediscover the water basins and feeders.

During the rest of

winter, the little finch could daily hunt the undeveloped lots in our neighborhood for seeds discarded by dry grasses and weeds. With the onset of spring-like weather, it might take small, emerging caterpillars, flies, beetles, wasps and bees.

With the bud-out of awakening trees, the goldfinch would not be able to resist their tempting petals.

Instead of migrating to Mexico, Central or South America, our guest was one of many now calling Texas its

home. Referred to as a "Mexican canary" in many old bird books, the lesser goldfinch was now considered to be a resident.

With a penchant for an undulating flight and voice, our goldfinch would sing, whether perched in a tree or flying, a familiar "tee-ye, tee-ye." To our way of thinking, it might be saying, "I'm home."

*Federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds, Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop.*

Courtesy photo

## Man questioned after 5 found dead near Bellville

BELLVILLE (AP) — Authorities working to determine what spurred a flurry of gunshots that left five people dead in southeast Texas are questioning a 20-year-old relative who lived with the victims in the isolated house surrounded by pasture land.

Police said Monday the victims of the weekend bloodshed all lived in the single-story

brick home in Bellville, a town of about 4,000 people located 55 miles northwest of Houston. They included a retiree and his wife, a younger woman and man, and a girl believed to be about 3 years old, police said.

Investigators were questioning a 20-year-old man, who a relative said is a son of the wife. He remained jailed on burglary and attempted burglary charges after

allegedly trying to break into a Bellville home.

The man — arrested about 3 a.m. Sunday after a homeowner pulled a gun on him — could face capital murder charges. Prosecutors are reviewing the case.

No one else is being sought and it does not appear any other people were involved in the shootings, Sheriff DeWayne Burger indicated.

Sgt. Paul Faircloth of the Austin County Sheriff's Office said authorities were still trying to determine a motive for the slayings.

He said the sheriff's office received a call Sunday afternoon from a person who had gone to the home and discovered the crime scene. Deputies arrived and found four bodies inside the home.

Those found inside the house were identified as George T. Washington, 69; his wife, Debra Washington, 54; Kiana Shree Thearse, 25; and Khalilah Masse-Chambers, about 3. A man found in the thick expanse of woods

behind the house was identified as Cedric Thomas, 19.

Officials said they hadn't determined the victims' relationship, but a relative of Debra Washington said both Thearse and the 20-year-old man in custody were Debra Washington's children.

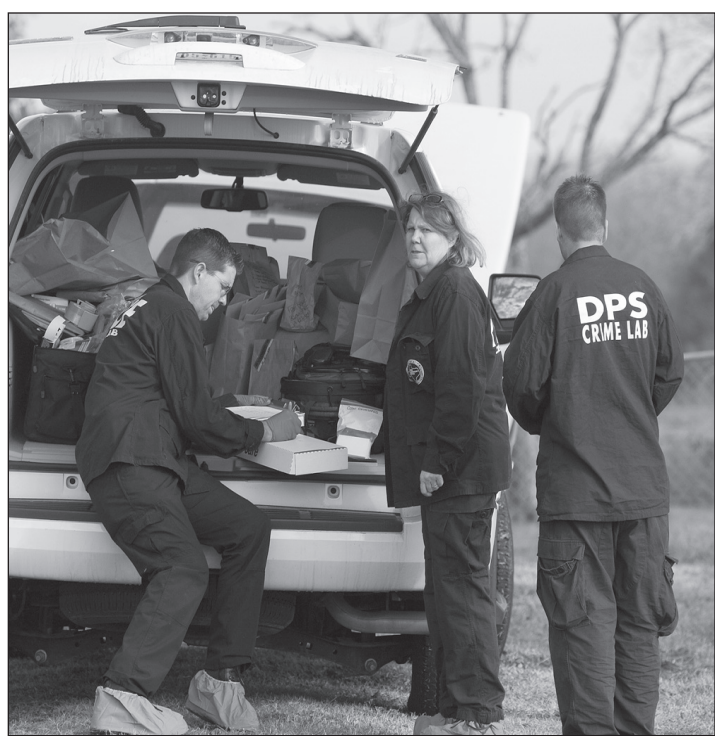
Joanna Gutierrez, Debra Washington's cousin, drove from her home in Austin early Monday and arrived outside the home. She had to pause several times to gather herself as she talked about the family.

"It's just so devastating," she said. "It's so unbelievable."

Gutierrez described the Washingtons as a friendly couple who had lived in the house about two years, since moving from Houston.

"She doesn't know a stranger," Gutierrez said. "She's kind to everybody. He was the same way."

Archie Seals, the Washingtons' landlord who lives about a half-mile away, said he didn't know the couple all that well but liked



AP Photo/Bob Levey

Crime scene technicians from the DPS Crime Lab tag evidence removed from a residence near Bellville Monday. Deputies found the bodies of four adults and one child Sunday at the home.

them. "They were well-respected," said Seals, who recalls George Washington offering friendly waves as he worked in his large yard. "He had a smile on his face all the time. He and his wife were real nice."

The aging home sits on a large lot off a two-lane farm-to-market road across the street from a large plot of pasture land. The closest neigh-

bors are several hundred yards away, and the home backs up to more pasture land, with thick woods behind it.

Several sheriff's department and Texas Department of Public Safety vehicles were parked in front of the home Monday, as a few head of cattle grazed behind the home.

Bellville drew attention in August with the shooting death of a physician at his ranch. Two suspects were arrested days later and charged with killing Dr. Jorge Mario Gonzalez of Houston.

Seals, who's lived in Bellville about 35 years, said he's shaken but not afraid.

"In the big cities, things happen, but even in small cities, things happen," he said.

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# Worshippers urged not to sanitize King's legacy

ATLANTA (AP) — A scholar and activist invoked the fiery side of Martin Luther King Jr.'s rhetoric Monday at the civil rights icon's church, urging the audience not to "sanitize" King's legacy or let the president off the hook on issues like poverty.

Across the country, Americans marked what would have been King's 81st birthday with rallies and parades. And days ahead of the anniversary of his historic inauguration, President Barack Obama honored King by serving meals to the needy.

But in the city where the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner was born, it was Princeton University professor Cornel West who reminded listeners that King's message of nonviolence came with a fiery urgency. West delivered a passionate keynote address to hundreds at Ebenezer Baptist Church on the 25th federal observance of King's birthday.

West told the crowd to remember King's call to help others and not enshrine his legacy in "some distant museum." Instead, West offered, King should be

remembered as a vital person whose powerful message was once even considered dangerous by the FBI.

"I don't want to sanitize Martin Luther King Jr.," said West, who teaches in Princeton's Center for African American Studies and is the author of "Race Matters" and 19 other books. "I don't know about you, but I don't even mention his name without shivering and shuddering."

West also told the mostly black audience to hold Obama's administration accountable even as they celebrate his historic presidency.

The anniversary of Obama's inauguration as the country's first black president — seen by many blacks as part of the fulfillment of King's dream — is Jan. 20.

"Even with your foot on the brake, there are too many precious brothers and sisters under the bus," West said of Obama.

"Where is the talk about poverty? We've got to protect him and respect him, but we've also got to correct him if the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. is going



AP Photo/John Bazemore

**A wreath rests on the tombs of Martin Luther King Jr., and his wife Coretta Scott King before the Martin Luther King Jr commemorative service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monday in Atlanta.**

to stay alive."

King's youngest daughter, Bernice King, presided over the ceremony with her aunt, Christine King Farris, the civil rights leader's only living sibling. His other children, Martin Luther King III and Dexter King, did not attend the service at the church where King preached, which was

packed to its 2,200-person capacity.

In Washington, D.C., Obama honored King's legacy of helping others serving lunch at a social services organization. Later Monday, Obama discussed the civil rights movement with a group of black elders and their grandchildren. He was later scheduled to speak at a

King Day concert at the Kennedy Center.

"How are you sir? God bless you," the president said, greeting one man among the dozens of people who filed into the dining room at SOME, or So Others Might Eat. His daughters and first lady Michelle Obama joined him.

Marches and parades took place around the

country, including one in Montgomery, Ala., where King gained renown leading a bus boycott in protest of segregation during the 1950s.

Tens of thousands marched in San Antonio, with some singing "We shall overcome," an anthem of 1960s civil rights workers.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Hidden Asset**

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A 10 5 4 3  
♥ J 5  
♦ A Q 2  
♣ 9 3 2

**WEST**  
♠ K J 8  
♥ 9 8 7 3  
♦ 10 3  
♣ K J 5 4

**EAST**  
♠ Q 9 7 6  
♥ 2  
♦ J 9 8 7 6  
♣ 10 8 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ 2  
♥ A K Q 10 6 4  
♦ K 5 4  
♣ A Q 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
4♥ Pass 5♦ Pass  
6♥

card spade suit, which might provide an extra trick if the opposing spades are divided 4-3. If they are, the club finesse won't be needed. Furthermore, if the attempt to establish an extra spade trick fails, the club finesse will still be available.

**When the deal occurred** in a pairs tournament, only about 10 percent of the declarers managed to make 12 tricks in a heart contract. The successful declarers carefully won the opening diamond lead with the king, led a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade low. A heart to the jack allowed South to ruff another spade, and when both opponents followed, the slam was in the bag.

**Declarer next cashed** the A-K-Q of hearts, unruffed by the opposing 4-1 trump division. With no trumps left in anyone's hand, he then crossed to the queen of diamonds, led a fourth round of spades and discarded the seven of clubs as East won the trick with the queen.

**East returned a club**, but declarer put up the ace, crossed to the ace of diamonds and discarded the club queen on the ten of spades to make the slam.

**Considering that the chance** of finding a 4-3 spade division was 65 percent, and that the 50 percent chance of a successful club finesse could be held in reserve, declarer had better than a 4-in-5 probability of making the slam on this line of play.

**All South had to do** was to identify his assets at the outset.

Tomorrow: Diabolical defense.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

The sun follows Venus into Aquarius, bringing our attention to the problems that face humanity. It's not that the sun and Venus are being negative by focusing on what's going wrong; rather, it's that the high-minded intellectualism of Aquarius would be wasted without a knotty problem to solve. Choose one close to your heart and get to work.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You may feel a bit behind your colleagues or friends. This is just the way it is sometimes. Remember when you were ahead? In the end, the race is really you against you. Accept, even enjoy, your current position.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). It is difficult to give familiar loved ones the best parts of your concentration. But doing this today will benefit your relationships immeasurably. You will be cemented in the hearts of others.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your body is your

greatest tool. Take extra good care of it. That may mean nourishing it with food that costs a little more. If you have to go out of your way to find or prepare healthy food, do it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are an emotional creature, extremely sensitive to other people's feelings. Hopefully, the people around you are getting along with one another. If not, it will be necessary for you to choose more cheerful company.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Think ahead. Build fat margins of time around each thing you do to account for potential mishaps. Also make sure you have enough flexibility in your schedule to respond to new opportunities.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being rich is a state of mind. Though there are lots of shiny new things you could buy to enhance your image, you'll be most attractive as you express yourself through your natural energies.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Cynicism may seem funny. Sarcasm has a place in the realm of humor, but it's not going to help you get what you need today. Stick to a positive and constructive mode of operation.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). If you are striving to join a group or make headway in a new career area, this is an auspicious day. A handshake is the beginning. Your intelligent questions will create an opening.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your instincts will be keener than usual, and just in time. It benefits you to discern between those who are your true friends and those who are simply being nice because they want something.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ward against arrogance. Steer clear of those who seem to place others below them. An attitude of self-importance will be a huge turnoff. Conversely, humility is ever so attractive.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will do more with less. This especially applies to your professional life. There might be a corner to cut or a way to save on supplies, labor or another cost of doing business.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You will hit a run of good fortune. It springs up seemingly from nowhere. However, this is no coincidence. Your luck correlates directly to a favor you did for someone else in the past.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (JAN. 19). You assert your independence this year and prove that you are the best one to make decisions for you. February starts a new relationship that benefits several areas of your life at once. There's a chance to make extra money using your talent in April. Convenient living arrangements will be made in June. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 16, 33 and 41.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I have two choices for possible relationships. I'm a Sagittarius. Choice one is a Pisces. He's handsome, has a good job and seems to really like me. When I'm with him, it feels like

we are meant to be together. Then choice No. 2 comes along. He's a Scorpio and very much like the description of his sign. He's a bit of a rebel and a mystery. Unlike his sign's description, he can be flakey and he's not always very nice. But he's so passionate that it makes the other relationship seem like nothing special. So whom do I go with? The good guy or the bad guy?"

Fiery Sagittarius can do a masterful balancing act in matters of love. You Sagittarians have perfected the art of having your cake and eating it, too. The term "heartbreaker" was created for this sign. To Sagittarius, variety is the spice of life. But for this recipe to work, one key ingredient needs to be added: honesty. As long as you are upfront about not wanting to be exclusive with anyone, there's no reason why you shouldn't enjoy both relationships until the conflict in your heart resolves itself.

**C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES:** Southern chef Paula Deen was born with a business sense, though she might not have realized it in her early life. With her sun, moon, Mercury and Mars all in the grounded sign of Capricorn, her work ethic is as unparalleled as her famous hoecakes. Capricorns also have a strong sense of tradition, which shines through every aspect of Deen's enterprises.

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### Steers travel to Abilene Cooper for key game



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Matt Ritchey and the Steers face an important game tonight against Abilene Cooper. Both teams are 1-0 in district going into the game.

#### Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Steers are ready to take another step in district 4-4A action tonight as they travel to Abilene to take on the Cooper Cougars.

They will do so, however, without senior Tyler Tannehill, who is out with a knee injury suffered in the Lake View game. The extent of the injury is unknown, coach Marcus Morris said.

Devonte Lloyd and the Parnell twins will fill in for Tannehill. The team will look to Matt Ritchey as well to help against Cooper.

Big Spring (10-11, 1-0) is fresh off a solid victory over Lake View on Friday at Steer Gym.

Jerrell Williams scored 24 points in the game as the Steers outscored the Chiefs 14-2 in the first quarter and never led by less than 10 the rest of the way.

Cooper topped Frenship 52-49 Friday for its first district win of the season. The Cougars are 12-12 after a tough non-conference slate that included games against Mineral Wells, Wichita Falls, Grapevine and Weatherford.

On the girls side, the Lady Steers are still hunting for their first district win tonight.

The Steers lost a tough one Friday at Lake View 38-29 without key play-

ers Bridgette Tuitt and Taylor Seaton.

Seaton will be back in the lineup tonight alongside Cerbi Ritchey, who scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds Friday.

They will match up with 6-foot-3 senior post Deprise Cravin, who has been a force inside for the Lady Cougars this year. The Lady Cougars are coming off a 59-41 loss at Frenship on Friday.

### MIDLAND NEXT



HERALD Photo/Joe Zigtema

Carlos Emory slams a ball home Monday night against New Mexico Military Institute. The Hawks topped NMMI 70-60 and will travel to Midland on Thursday to play the No. 1 team in the country.

### Hawks top NMMI, ready for Midland

BY JOE ZIGTEMA  
Sports Editor

The No. 10 Howard College Hawks supposedly had an easy tune-up for No. 1 Midland on Thursday with New Mexico Military Institute coming to town.

Apparently, the NMMI Broncos didn't get that message.

The Hawks had to turn up the defensive pressure in the second half to pull away from NMMI as they outlasted the Broncos to a 70-60 win at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The win is the Hawks' 13th in a

row.

Howard (16-1, 3-0) relied on its No. 1 ranked defense to overcome a slow start and handcuff the Broncos in the second half. After NMMI (8-10, 0-3) sank three straight 3-pointers to pull within three with 15 minutes left to play, the Hawks turned to a full-court press that frustrated the Bronco offense into five straight turnovers and started a 23-4 run.

Sophomore Jae Crowder said the players on the floor decided to pick up the pressure.

"Coach got onto us. We weren't playing like the No. 1 team in the nation defensive-

ly," said Crowder, who led the team with 18 points and five rebounds. "We (went to the press) on our own, just to pick up the tempo defensively, and it helped us extend the lead."

Josh Watkins was a key component of the Hawks' decisive run. He scored eight straight points and created several opportunities for his teammates. Watkins finished with 14 points on the night. Moses Sundufu scored 11 off the bench for the Hawks.

"I thought the bright spot was our bench," coach Mark Adams

See **HAWKS**, Page 12

### Vikings getting ready for Saints' wild crowd

#### Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — For all his playoff experience, 23 career contests to be precise, Brett Favre hasn't participated in a postseason road game in six years.

It's been 12 years since he's won one.

Well, here comes his — and Minnesota's — latest chance to go marching in to an unfriendly place and come away with a big victory.

Favre and the Vikings were nearly flawless this season in their raucous roofed stadium, sleek as ever on the artificial grass with the thermostat set near 70 degrees and the only breeze coming from the air conditioning ducts.

To reach the Super Bowl, though, they must prove the boundaries of their comfort zone can stretch this weekend beyond the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, all the way to the other end of the Mississippi River.

After dismantling the Dallas Cowboys in the divisional round, the Vikings drew a visit to New Orleans to play the Saints in the NFC championship game on Sunday evening.

"I enjoyed every minute of that game," Favre said after the 34-3 victory, "knowing that we would not be back in this dome."

The Louisiana Superdome will provide

the same controlled climate and fast surface, without the mass of purple fans. Instead of using the noise to their advantage, the Vikings must fend it off and stay focused on the snap counts to avoid being rattled.

For a team whose stars are mostly veterans, including the venerable 40-year-old quarterback, poise should not be a problem. Last month, though, the Vikings lost all three of their road games — all nationally televised at night with the spotlight on bright.

For the season, their 4-4 record away from Mall of America Field, as the Metrodome is now officially prefaced, was the worst of the six NFC playoff teams.

"I think that there are too many great stories to talk about struggles on the road, really quite frankly," coach Brad Childress said, trying unsuccessfully to change the subject at his Monday afternoon news conference. Favre's last playoff road game is remembered well, and not so fondly, by the Packers. Their defense melted down at Philadelphia, too, surrendering the infamous fourth-and-26 completion to set up the tying field goal, but the end of that late-blooming 2003 season was due in part to a late, crucial interception thrown by

See **VIKES**, Page 12

### Defense prevails as No. 9 Kansas State knocks off No. 1 Texas

#### Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — More than 15 minutes after the final horn, thousands of Kansas State fans lingered in the stands to savor a hard-earned victory.

No floor-rushing celebrations, no hopping on the scorer's table, just a loud, sustained

ovation.

Even against the nation's No. 1 team, Kansas State and its fans, many wearing fake beards in homage to high-scoring Jacob Pullen, expected to win.

Jamar Samuels scored 15 of his 20 points in a dominating first half and the 10th-ranked

Wildcats withstood a gut check rally to knock off top-ranked Texas 71-62 on Monday night.

"Teams rush floors when they do something phenomenal," said Kansas State forward Curtis Kelly, who had 17 points and eight rebounds against one college basketball's best front lines. "It's

flattering. They knew we were going to win. They didn't have to rush the floor because they believed in us."

Kansas State (16-2, 3-1 Big 12) had every reason to bow to the top-ranked Longhorns. It smothered Texas with its extended man-to-

See **K-STATE**, Page 12



AP PHOTO/Charlie Riedel

Jacob Pullen celebrates with the Kansas State crowd in Manhattan, Kan., after winning 71-62.

### Sports in brief

**Tuesday's area basketball games**  
All are district games  
Check Wednesday's Herald for results

Big Spring at Abilene Cooper, 6/7:30 p.m.  
Coahoma at Wall, 6:30/8 p.m.  
Forsan at Iraan, 6:30/8 p.m.  
Dawson at Grady, 6:30/8 p.m.  
Stanton at McCamey, 6:30/8 p.m.  
Loop at Sands, 6:30/8 p.m.

**Coahoma softball players invited for alumni game**

All Coahoma Bulldogette softball alumni are invited to join in the 8th annual Coahoma softball alumni game scheduled for Feb. 13 at 3 p.m.

The game will be played at the Coahoma High School field as the Bulldogettes 2010 season opener.

Call Amy Dunn at 268-3228 or e-mail at adunn@coahoma.esc18.net for more information.

**BSHS Cheerleaders to offer mini-camp**

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders are offering a mini-cheer camp for girls kindergarten through eighth grade.

The camp will be held Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 14 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and Feb. 15th from 6-7 p.m. Sign up through Jan. 25.

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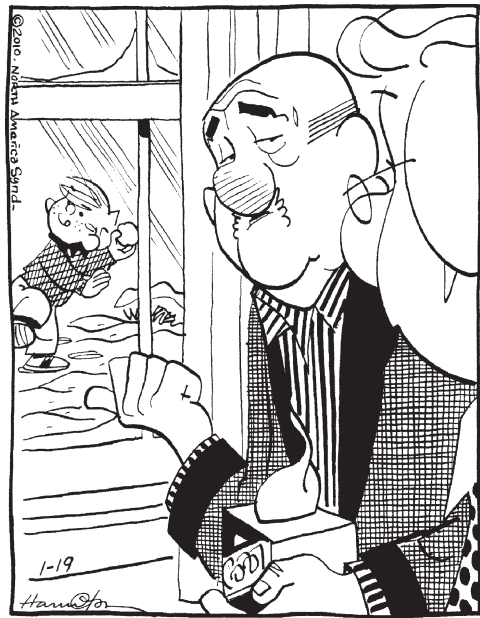


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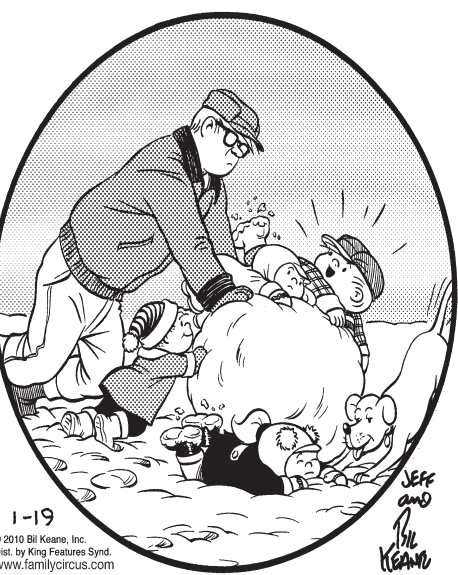
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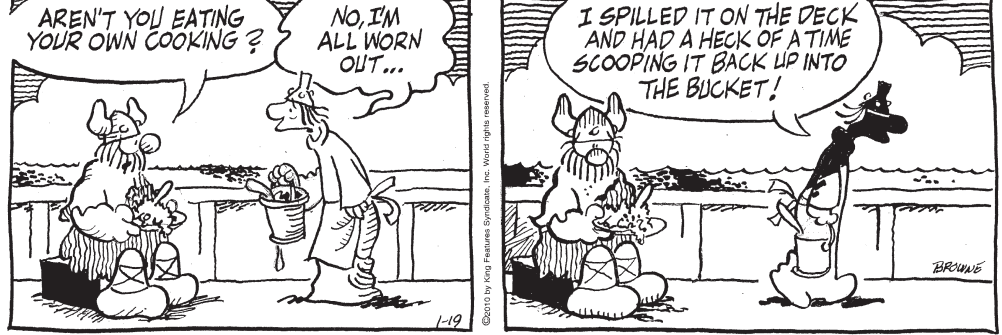
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Buildin' this snowman won't take long, Daddy, 'cause you have plenty of help!"

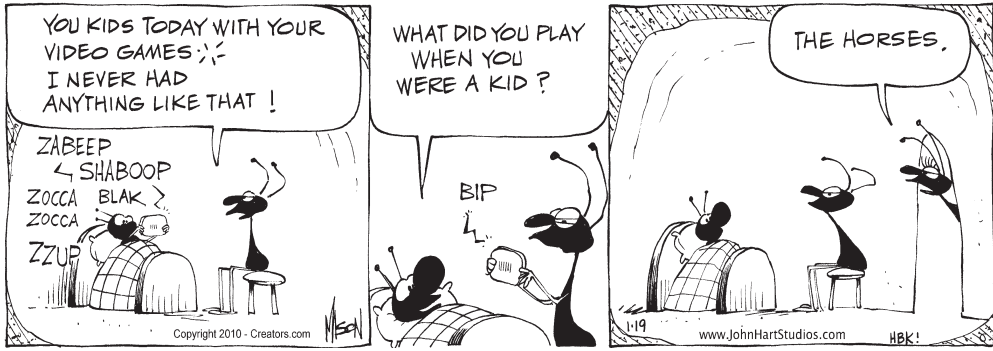
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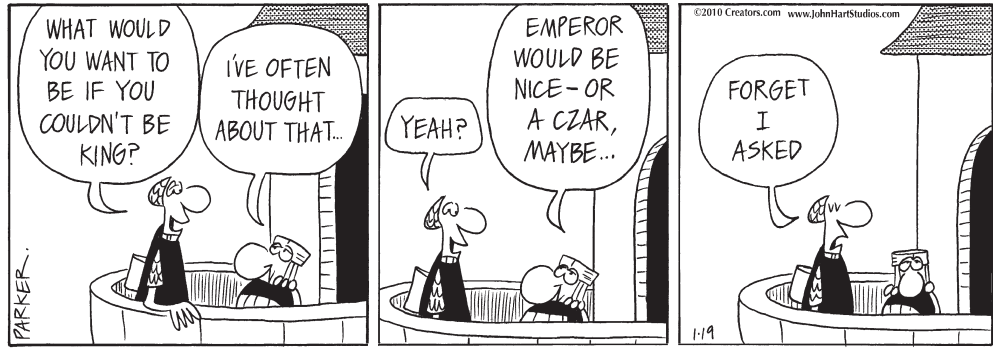
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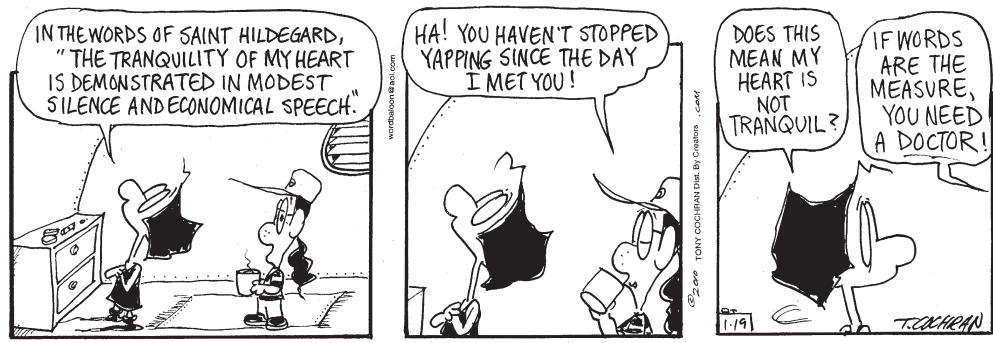
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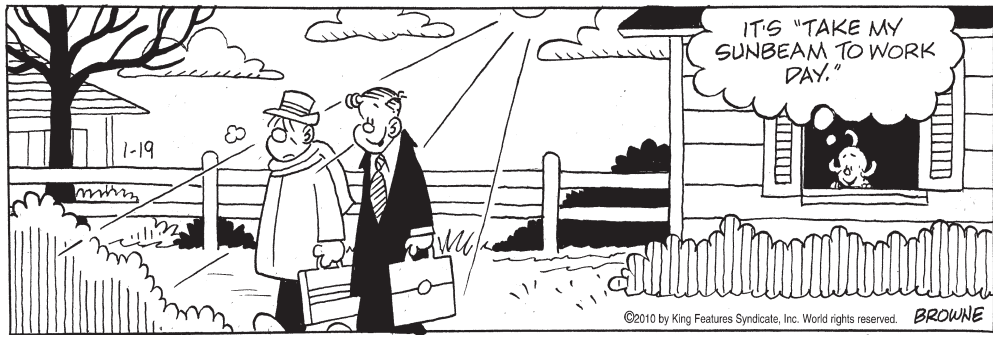
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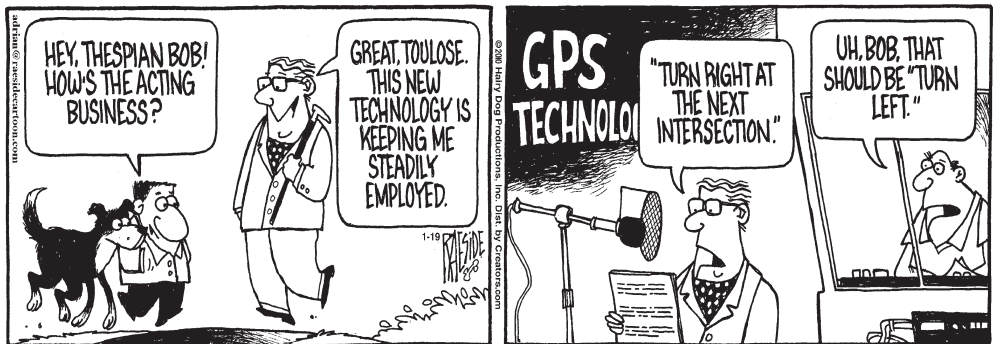
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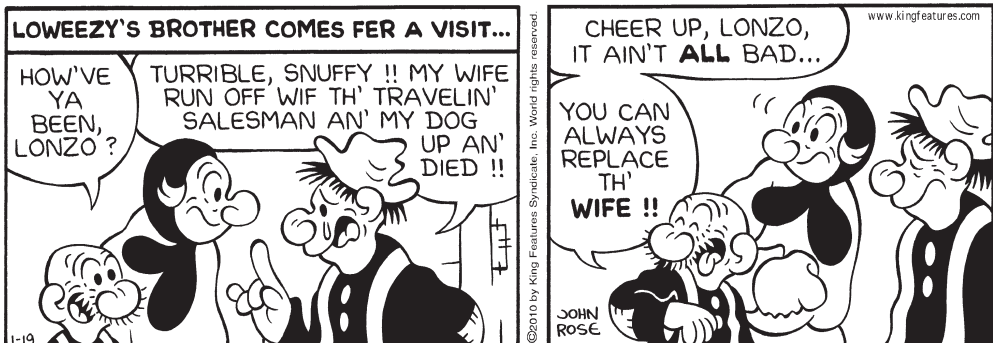
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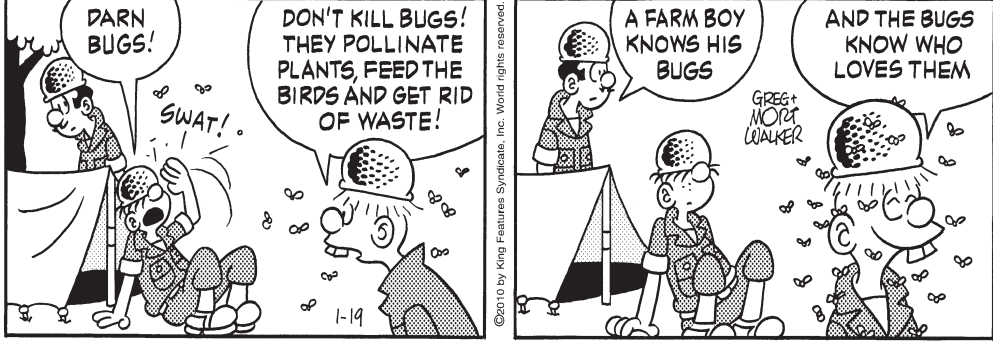
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2010. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 19, 1960, the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between Japan and the United States of America was signed by both countries in Washington, D.C. (Domestic opposition to the treaty led to the resignation of Japanese Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi (nah-boo-soo-keh kee-shee)).

On this date: In 1807, Confederate general Robert E. Lee was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

In 1809, author, poet and critic Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

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

In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental

air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in seven hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

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

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

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

In 1980, retired Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas died in Washington, D.C. at age 81.

In 1990, Arthur J. Goldberg, former Supreme Court justice, labor secretary and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, was found dead in his Washington apartment at age 81.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is 90. Actress Jean Stapleton is 87. Actor Fritz Weaver is 84. Actress Tippi Hedren is 80. Former PBS newsman Robert MacNeil is 79.

Movie director Richard Lester is 78. Singer Phil Everly is 71. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 68. Actress Shelley Fabares is 66. Country singer Dolly Parton is 64. ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 63. TV chef Paula Deen is 63. Rock singer Martha Davis is 59. Singer Dewey Bunnell (America) is 58. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 57. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 55. Conductor Sir Simon Rattle is 55. Actress Katey Sagal is 53. Reggae musician Mickey Virtue (UB40) is 53. Rock musician Jeff Pilson (Foreigner) is 52. Actor Paul McCrane is 49. Actor William Ragsdale is 49. Tennis player Stefan Edberg is 44. Rock singer Whitfield Crane (Ugly Kid Joe) is 42.

Answer to previous puzzle  
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ACROSS

- Night-table light
- Sky twinkler
- Soccer, for one
- Soprano's song
- Biggest of the Three Bears
- Social no-no
- Large coffee vessels
- Woodcutters' tools
- Ring-shaped reef
- Physicians, informally
- Area beyond first base
- Candy and cookies
- Sci-fi transport
- Some homework assignments
- Restful resort
- "Shucks!"
- Border on
- Backyard swimming spot
- Fix the error
- Days before holidays
- Prefix for sphere
- Rabbit relatives
- Alter a hemline
- Region with little rainfall
- Rule, for short
- "Hay," "weigh" and "they"
- As expected
- Stallion or rooster
- Bring dinner to the table
- Jai
- Main point

DOWN

- Woodwind instrument
- Breadbasket item
- Spilled the beans
- 22\_-frutti
- Elm, e.g.
- Hamburger serving
- Presidential winner in 2008
- Gossiper's tidbit
- Fly like an eagle
- Jab with a finger
- Stein fillers
- Top poker cards
- Used a loom
- Got taller
- Hosp. areas
- School-support org.
- Ship's load
- Old Iranian ruler
- Really dislike
- Fur on a royal robe
- Whoop it up
- Some community ctrs.
- Antoinette (French queen)
- Give the slip to
- 60 Across and female
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- Package of paper
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- Site for a silo
- Butter alternative
- Train-track part

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Horse of the Year announced

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Rachel Alexandra won the first matchup between racing's leading ladies, beating out Zenyatta for Horse of the Year on Monday.

Voters chose Rachel Alexandra for the year-end honor at the Eclipse Awards. The first filly to win the Preakness Stakes in 85 years received 130 votes to 99 for Zenyatta in one of the tightest, most wide-

ly debated competitions in years.

## Umps ratify 5-year contract

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Major league umpires overwhelmingly ratified a new five-year contract that included increased flexibility on postseason assignments.

The contract, which runs through 2014, does away with the prohibition against umpires working the World Series in consecutive seasons, a provision

some in the union originally found difficult to digest.

Management sought to add that language after a series of missed calls in the 2009 playoffs.

## Former MLB star Offerman banned

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Jose Offerman was banned for life by the Dominican winter league for throwing a punch at an umpire during an argument on the

baseball field.

The former All-Star, manager of the Lincey Tigers, appeared to hit first base umpire Daniel Reyburn in the face or neck with a fist during Saturday's playoff game against the Cibao Giants. Reyburn fell to the ground.

The Dominican league's president, Leonardo Matos Berrido, said the decision against Offerman was made shortly after the attack.

The 2-time All-Star

played for seven teams over a 15-year career with a .273 average.

## 'Starbury' to play in Chinese league

BEIJING (AP) — Stephon Marbury reached an agreement to play for a professional team in China.

Shanxi announced it was bringing in the former NBA All-Star guard. In a release, the team said it expected Marbury to play his first game on Jan. 27

against Qingdao.

## Phelps wins fly in S. California

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Former Olympians Matt Grevers and Katie Hoff won the top overall awards at the Southern California Grand Prix, while Michael Phelps won the 100-yard butterfly.

Three meet records were broken as the Grand Prix wrapped up with Phelps winning three of his five events.

## VIKES

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Favre.

He's on a three-game playoff road losing streak, with the last win coming at San Francisco in the NFC championship game following the 1997 season. In those three defeats, Favre was picked off a total of nine times.

The Saints? They went 6-2 at home this season, not invincible.

The Cowboys were the first team to beat them there, so quarterback Tony Romo has a unique perspective on this contest.

The Vikings harassed him with a fierce pass rush all game and got the crowd going with an early lead, making it more difficult for the Cowboys to come back.

"They're really good playing in their home place," Romo said. "It allows them to do what they're schematically made to do."

Asked for his assessment of the Saints-Vikings matchup, he went with the safe pick.

"I think it will be a good football game," Romo said. "I think each team is a little different in the style of football they play. One team is more of a pressure team

while the other team likes to sit back and let their front four do the work. I think it will be a great test. The home field will definitely favor the Saints."

The Vikings lost all four Super Bowls they went to in the 1970s, and since their last appearance they're 0-4 in NFC championship games. Three of those were on the road, at Dallas (1977 season), Washington (1987) and New York (2000). Their all-time road record in the playoffs is 5-14, compared to 14-7 overall at home and 6-4 at the Metrodome.

Since Childress took over in 2006, the Vikings

are 14-18 overall on the road, though 5-2 when under a roof other than their own.

The numbers aren't great, no matter what the view is, but none of those previous experiences involved Favre.

He had his share of failures in important games while with Green Bay, sporting a 3-6 career playoff road record, but he also gained plenty of experience playing against a loud crowd all those years with the Packers when they visited Minnesota.

"He's the guy. He's the captain of the ship. He's been there and done that," tight end

Visanthe Shiancoe said, adding: "He knows how to conduct this."

Both Shiancoe (with the Giants) and kicker Ryan Longwell (with the Packers) named games at the Metrodome as a visiting player the loudest they've ever heard a stadium, putting last year's Monday night win at New Orleans a close second. The Vikings know they'll be in for a similar experience on Sunday with the Saints and their loyal fans.

"It will be a tough thing, but we do play well inside and we do play well on turf," Longwell said. "We'll

give it our best shot." The Vikings will crank up faux crowd noise at their practice facility this week and try to simulate the communication challenges they'll face in such an environment this weekend.

They're confident the Superdome turf will help them play at the same speed they're used to.

"It's always good to play on another field that's just like home for you," cornerback Benny Sapp said, conveniently overlooking the crowd noise factor. "We just have to go out there and beat their tempo."

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man defense to overcome a 1-for-12 effort from 3-point range and held on to beat a No. 1 team for the third time in school history. Samuels added in 12 rebounds and freshman Rodney McGruder

chipped in 11 key points for the Wildcats, who used a late 11-1 run to take control in their record 14th straight win at Bramlage Coliseum.

When it was over, the players celebrated on the floor — by themselves.

"I think our fans understand we're not trying to celebrate in

January," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said. "They're going to wait around and see what comes the rest of the season."

Texas (17-1, 3-0) matched Kansas State's defensive intensity, holding Kansas State to 38 percent shooting and bottling up high-scoring guards Pullen

and Denis Clemente, who went a combined 4 of 24.

What killed the Longhorns — and their short stay at No. 1 — was offense.

Texas shot 36 percent from the field following a season-low 35 percent against Texas A&M, went 3 for 11 from 3-point range and hit just 9 of 22 at the free-throw line.

The Longhorns rallied from a 14-point first-half deficit with an early run in the second, but couldn't keep it going in their second week ever at No. 1, leaving No. 2 Kentucky (18-0) as the lone unbeaten team in Division I.

Avery Bradley had 11 points to lead Texas.

"We definitely played well enough defensively to win this game, but offensively, in the last two games, it's hurt us," Texas coach Rick Barnes.

Texas had passed every test on the way to its first No. 1 ranking.

The Longhorns beat North Carolina at Cowboys Stadium, Michigan State in

Austin, and pulled out a tougher-than-expected road win against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. It was a tough first week as the nation's top-ranked team against Iowa State and Texas A&M, but Texas still won both.

Monday's game represented the Longhorns' toughest task so far: on the road in a juiced arena against a top 10 team.

They didn't seem ready for it.

Uncharacteristically frazzled, Texas struggled against Kansas State's pressure and its own indecisiveness, shooting 10 of 33 from the field with 11 turnovers to trail by 10 at the half.

"I think they guarded pretty well, but we missed some wide open layups and some crucial free throws that could have turned the game around," said Texas guard Justin Mason, who took just four shots and had eight points.

Kansas State fans were certainly ready, lining up outside Bramlage Coliseum the night

before the game, many sporting fake Abraham Lincoln beards — a school giveaway — and "Fear the Beard" T-shirts in honor of the fuzzy growth under Pullen's jaw line.

Pullen joined in the fun, too, trotting out to warmups with a faux Lincoln before revealing the real thing.

The Wildcats fed off the facial-fuzz energy early, using their aggressive defense to hound the Longhorns into turnovers and difficult shots.

Texas managed to keep it close for a little while before Kansas State put together the kind of run the Longhorns usually snuff out opponents with: 18-4.

Samuels was the key, slashing inside on drives and putbacks, capping the spurt with a 3-pointer that put the Wildcats up 36-22.

Texas, of course, made a run, but Kansas State made all the plays it needed down the stretch, setting off in-the-stands pandemonium in the Little Apple.

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said. "Virgil (Cissoko) and Shaad (O'Garro) came off the bench and helped us some, and Moses (Sundufu) and Prince (Obasi), so it was good to see the way our bench was playing."

Howard took a while to wake up in the game. It wasn't until the 13:22 mark in the first half that the Hawks started to pull away from the Broncos, who were effective early inside with 6-foot-7, 275-pound post Elan DeJourdan and 6-foot-6, 255-pound post Sedric Martin.

The Hawks went on an 18-0 run at that point, holding NMMI without a point for eight minutes as they took advantage of several Bronco turn-

overs. The Hawks forced 18 turnovers on the night.

In the second half, the Hawks extended their lead to 20 after their run midway through the period. As Howard tried to use clock in the last three minutes, the Broncos took advantage and went on a 12-1 run to close the ball game to a 10-point margin. NMMI shot 5-of-9 from behind the arc in the second half.

"We couldn't ever get rid of them," coach Mark Adams said. "They did a great job of sticking with us. They hit a lot of threes, they did a good job of posting us up and we were fortunate to get a win so we can move forward and hopefully get better."

The team can now focus on its showdown in Midland on

Thursday, where the Hawks will try to topple the nation's No. 1 team.

"Hopefully we'll compete," Adams said. "They're one of the most talented teams I've ever seen at the junior college level. They're very well coached, with great tradition, and I don't know if they've got any kinks in the armor. We'll have our work cut out for us."

**Howard 70, NMMI 60**  
NMMI (8-10, 0-3)- Gilliland 6/16  
14, Marquez 0-0 2, Williams 4-8  
12, Evans 3-4 6, Stephen McCray  
1-4 4, Martin 6-10 15, DeJourdan  
3-5 7;  
Howard (16-1, 3-0)- Austin 2-7  
5, Sundufu 4-6 11, Menter 0-2  
1, Obasi 1-3 2, O'Garro 1-1 3,  
Watkins 5-12 14, Crowder 6-13  
18, Emory 5-8 12, Cissoko 1-1 2,  
Bright 0-3 2;  
Halftime 38-29 Howard; FG  
NMMI 23-48; Howard 25-58;  
3-point NMMI 7-15 (Williams 4,  
Martin 3, Gilliland 2), Howard 9-25  
(Crowder 3, Sundufu 3, Austin,  
Emory, O'Garro); FT NMMI 7-12,  
Howard 11-19; Rebounds 36-30  
NMMI (Martin 8, Crowder 8);  
Turnovers NMMI 18, Howard 12;  
Assists NMMI 28, Howard 20;  
Steals NMMI 13, Howard 17;