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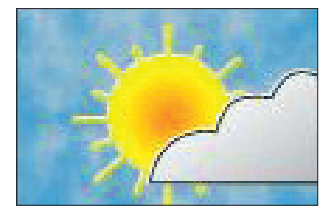
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Water park? Council dives in

\$4.2 million cost won't lead to tax hike: officials

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Amid an outpouring of community support for the project, the Big Spring City Council decided to move forward with the construction of a \$4.2 million water park to replace the now defunct Municipal Swimming Pool during a special work session Tuesday night.

Following a presentation from Water Technology Inc. officials — the company the council voted to contract with during its last regular session meeting — Mayor Russ McEwen's asked the council whether it wanted to move forward with the water park idea, drawing a number of nods and no opposition from the council.

The decision came after McEwen presented the council members with several options, including the renovation of the existing pool, replacement of the facility to bring it within federal guide-



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lines and getting out of the pool business altogether.

The water park design drew support from several local residents who spoke during

the meeting, including Cindy Lugo, who attended the meeting alongside her daughter.

"I brought my daughter tonight, and i want you to know

she is very excited about this," Lugo told the council. "We are so thankful the city council is considering this. We're glad to see the city of

Big Spring is progressing." Local resident Jody Depp also offered her support for

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Time running out to renew voter registration info

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Area voters planning to cast ballots in the upcoming political party primaries should check their readiness, according to local election officials,

as the deadline to register is right around the corner.

According to Saundra Bloom, Howard County elections administrator, Feb. 1 is the deadline for area residents to register to vote in the

primaries, with early voting to begin the middle of next month.

"You can check the expiration date on your voter registration card, or if you're unsure, you can contact our

office and we can look it up for you," said Bloom. "Either way, it's better to be sure before the Feb. 1 deadline gets here, that way you have time to make any necessary changes or corrections."

Bloom said early voting in both the Democratic and Republican primaries begins Feb. 16 and will continue through Feb. 26 at the county

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HERALD photo/Angela Pace

An impromptu geyser shoots up in front of the Howard County Courthouse on Main Street Tuesday. Price Construction personnel accidentally broke the water main while excavating for electric lines, according to Todd Darden, assistant city manager.

BSISD board to call for annual trustee election

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Big Spring school trustees will call for an election when they meet Thursday, but it likely won't be the election

everyone's expecting. The BSISD school board is expected to formally set a trustee election for May 8 when they hold their mon-

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Construction update on agenda for CISD board

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Reports on construction and enrollment will highlight a routine meeting of the Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees Thursday.

Trustees will hold their meeting at 7 p.m. in the administration building board room.

CISD Superintendent Randy Brown will tell trustees

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Third quarter dooms Lady Steers in Abilene



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Stormi Smith and LeShaunte Anderson guard an Abilene Cooper ball handler Tuesday in Abilene. The Lady Steers fell to Cooper 41-26.

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**
Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Lady Steers would like the first three minutes of the second half back against Abilene Cooper. It was during that stretch that the Lady Cougars turned a three-point lead into a 15-point advantage as they went on to hand Big Spring a 41-26 decision at Cooper High School on Tuesday night.

“I think they turned up their intensity, and I don’t think we quite did that,” coach Mike Warren said. “So we’ve just got to learn to go do that, and the start of each quarter is very important.”

The Lady Steers hung around for the first half against Cooper and 6-foot-3-inch post on to hand Cooper a 41-26 decision at Cooper High School on Tuesday night.

in the teens. She scored 10 points in the game against Cerbi Ritchey and frequent double teams.

“I thought Cerbi did a good job on her,” Warren said. “We took it to her, we got her in foul trouble, which was our goal to start the game.”

Cooper senior Hailey Cooper was the difference for the Lady Cougars, scoring 13 points. Linzee Yarbar led Big Spring

with eight.

“I feel a lot better after today’s game than I did after the first three games,” Warren said. I think we have a good little cohesive unit, and if we keep improving I think we’ll make some things happen in the second half of the season.”

Yarbar started off the year with a steal and a layup two minutes

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Guard duo leads Steers by Coogs

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**
Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Steers put the rest of district 4-4A on notice Tuesday night — they’re a team to be reckoned with as the district slate heats up.

The Steers manhandled Abilene Cooper 63-47 Tuesday night at Cooper High School as the guard duo of Jerrell Williams and Luke Adams powered Big Spring to its third straight win and a 2-0 district start.

Williams scored 25 on 10-of-14 from the floor and Adams scored 20 — 12 of which came in the fourth quarter — and the Steers took a one-game district lead over the pack.

“We have a good duo with Jerrell and Luke,” head coach Marcus Morris said. “When they step on the floor they don’t look like much, but when they start playing, they are fun to watch.”

Big Spring (11-11, 2-0) shot 48 percent from the field for the game and turned the ball over a season-low seven times.

“It was fun to see us get out there and compete for four quarters,” Morris said. “That’s got to be the best complete game we’ve played.”

Adams recorded his first 20-point game as a Steer.

“We’re just trying to play to win,” he said. “Our goal is to win



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Luke Adams lays the ball up past a Lubbock Cooper defender Tuesday in Abilene. Adams scored 20 points and Jerrell Williams scored 25 as the Steers improved to 2-0 in district play in the 63-47 win.

district, and they were keeping us from it, so this is one we had to have. But it’s not over yet.”

Without Tyler Tannehill in the game and with post Matt Ritchey in foul trouble, the Steers needed a rebounder to step up against Cooper’s 6-foot-

5-inch Michael Brady and 6-foot-4-inch Reese Williams. Xavian Parnell recorded eight rebounds, four of them on the offensive end, and scored seven points for the Big Spring.

“We rebounded as well as we could with the size disadvantage,” Morris said. “We’re not

very big, but we talked about playing tough and playing through some stuff, and that’s what we did.”

The Steers also revenged a 51-24 loss in the same gym a year ago.

“We talked about it See **STEERS**, Page 2B

Ranked Wall teams too much for CHS

Herald Staff Report

WALL — Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said it best about Coahoma’s 70-63 loss at Wall Tuesday night.

“There’s a reason they’re 25-0 and ranked No. 6 in the state.”

Wall was too much for the Bulldogs in a 21-13 fourth quarter as the Hawks handed Coahoma a second straight heart-breaking district 7-2A loss.

“I couldn’t have asked for any more from them,” Nichols said of his players. “We did a good job on their size,

we did a pretty good job on their guards and we executed our game plan, but we just came up a little short.”

Wall’s 6-foot-6-inch senior Brandon Willman scored 23 to lead the Hawks. Justin Walling, a 6-foot-5-inch junior and the district’s leading scorer, had 22 in the game.

Coahoma (13-9, 0-3) was led by Martin Leija’s 18 points. Tanner Ruiz chipped in 14, Josh Paniagua contributed 13 and Kirk Hahn had 11 in the loss.

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Lady Buffs beat Iraan as best scorer returns

Herald Staff Report

IRAAN — The Forsan Lady Buffs opened district 2-1A play with an encouraging 59-16 win at Iraan on Tuesday night.

Kelsey Jones scored 22 points to lead the Lady Buffs, and Amanda Longorio, the team’s leading scorer from last season, scored 14 points in eight minutes in her 2010 debut.

Longorio suffered a broken foot last season and reinjured the foot before this season started, forcing her to have surgery in October. Head coach Robert Hillger said he was thrilled to have Longorio back in

the lineup.

“We haven’t really had a kid we could go to when we needed a bucket,” Hillger said. “She’s that kid. That will help us a lot.”

Jones was the star of the show for Forsan (16-4, 1-0), sinking three 3-pointers and scoring 10 in the third quarter.

“She wasn’t trying to force stuff,” Hillger said. “She shot the ball great, drove the ball well and did a good job going baseline a few times.”

The Lady Buffs got an early 12-3 lead and coasted to the win, never allowing more than

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Favre to face boyhood favorites in New Orleans in NFC title game

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — It appears that Brett Favre is just like everyone else — he never forgot his first love.

Shortly after Favre and the Minnesota Vikings dismantled Dallas on Sunday to setup a showdown with the Saints in New Orleans for the

NFC championship, the 40-year-old quarterback recalled a conversation he had with Saints coach Sean Payton a while back.

“I told him secretly I’m a Saints fan,” Favre said.

For years as a kid growing up in southeastern Mississippi, Favre never felt the

need to hide his devotion to Archie Manning and the rest of those lovable losers, even as many in the Gulf Coast region were cutting eye holes in grocery bags to avoid being seen at Saints games.

“All of those years I never wore a bag on my head, but I remember those days,” Favre

said.

New Orleans may not be home for Favre. But when it comes to NFL cities, the Big Easy is as close as it gets. Favre grew up in Kiln, Miss., just an hour’s drive away from New Orleans. He played his college ball at

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AP PHOTO/Paul Sancya

Brett Favre is playing his childhood team Sunday.

Sports in brief

Tuesday’s area basketball games

Grady girls 38, Dawson 23
Grady boys 73, Dawson 52
Stanton girls 55, McCamey 28
Stanton boys 55, McCamey 27
Loop 47, Sands girls 45, OT
Garden City girls 40, Sterling City 25
Garden City boys 55, Sterling City 46

See 2B for Box Scores

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.

The girls will perform at halftime of the boys basketball game on Feb. 16. Cost is \$50 per child. Call Shannon Stuteville at 264-3641 ext. 1416.

Obituaries

Estelle 'Tommie' Suttles

In loving memory of our mom, Estelle "Tommie" Suttles, 92, of Mesquite, formerly of Big Spring, who went to be with our Lord and Saviour on Jan. 17, 2010, at her residence at Christian Care Center Nursing and Rehab Center. Funeral service 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.

Our mother was born Sept. 5, 1917, in Iola and married Cecil Suttles 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 Big Spring 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 loving daughters and their spouses and one loving son, Carolyn and Milton DuPriest of Tyler, H.L. Eason of Big Spring, Doris Jean and Lonnie Stephens of Katy, Barbara and Ricky Stone of Coahoma, and Patsy and Kim Pedersen of Mesquite; eleven grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren; one stepson, James Suttles and wife, Barbara; three step grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren; and her loving caregiver, Renaye Rhoades.

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, Tenn. 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

Paid obituary

Kenneth Ramond Crown

Kenneth Ramond Crown, 68, of Snyder died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 at his home after a sudden illness. Services will be held at a later date.

He was born March 24, 1941, in Des Moines, Iowa. He married Alice Jaird in Sterling City on March 24, 1992. He was a three-tour Navy veteran of Vietnam. He had worked several years at the Big Spring Post Office. After retiring, he moved to Lewisville and was a driver for Lisa Moter Lines in Fort Worth for three years. More recently, he was spending time in Snyder and Lewisville.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Crown of Lewisville; three stepsons, Mathew Jaird of Lake Dallas, Michael Jaird of Big Spring and Shannon Fader of Greenwood; two step daughters, Patti Edwards and Connie McDaniels, both of Big Spring; and a granddaughter.

Arrangements are by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder.

Support Groups

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

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

Police blotter

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

- GILBERT GARCIA LUNA, 22, of 1611 State, was arrested Tuesday on two Howard County warrants and a charge of failure to identify.
- BILLY JACK GOEBER, 29, of Brownwood, was arrested Tuesday on a P&P warrant.
- JORGE ANTONIO ESCAJEDA, 34, of 1409 E. Sixth St., was arrested Tuesday on three local warrants.
- ANGIE BROOKS, 42, of 1712 E. 15th St., was arrested Wednesday on two Howard County warrants.
- CRUZ JESUS CASTILLO, 40, of 1512 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a Hudspeth County warrant.
- THEFT was reported in the 1900 block of FM 700.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1000 block of 21st Street.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 2000 block of Jennings.
- ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.

- LAPAUL ERIC SCAGGS, 33, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a Falls County warrant for child support.
- MARTY RAY CAMPBELL, 35, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.
- FLOYD RAY POPE, 33, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of terroristic threats.
- BILLY GOBER, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a parole violation.
- GILBERT GARCIA LUNA JR., 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a vehicle, failure to appear - burglary of a habitation and failure to identify - giving false information.
- ANGIE FAY BROOKS, 42, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to the non-attendance.
- CRUZ CASTILLO, 40, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a Hudspeth County warrant for probation violation - possession of marijuana.
- JORGE ANTONIO ESCAJEDA, 34, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without a final resolution, failure to maintain financial responsibility and displaying an expired motor vehicle registration.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of W. FM 700. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC.
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Take Note




• Attention military personnel and dependents: The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call (432) 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the church. The cook books can be purchased by calling Pat Steen at (432) 263-3035.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 1/21	Fri 1/22	Sat 1/23
 71/42 Mostly sunny skies. Warm. High 71F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.	 77/43 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s.	 63/37 Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	69	47	sunny	Kingsville	78	55	pt sunny
Amarillo	59	34	mst sunny	Livingston	72	43	pt sunny
Austin	73	47	sunny	Longview	68	43	sunny
Beaumont	72	49	pt sunny	Lubbock	65	39	mst sunny
Brownsville	76	60	mst sunny	Lufkin	73	42	sunny
Brownwood	73	46	sunny	Midland	72	46	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	73	55	pt sunny	Raymondville	80	56	pt sunny
Corsicana	68	44	sunny	Rosenberg	73	48	pt sunny
Dallas	69	45	sunny	San Antonio	76	50	sunny
Del Rio	73	50	mst sunny	San Marcos	74	47	sunny
El Paso	63	43	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	64	44	sunny
Fort Stockton	72	47	mst sunny	Sweetwater	70	46	sunny
Gainesville	66	40	sunny	Tyler	67	42	sunny
Greenville	65	41	sunny	Weatherford	68	41	sunny
Houston	73	48	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	63	38	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	57	43	rain	Minneapolis	31	25	sn shower
Boston	36	20	sunny	New York	41	31	sunny
Chicago	33	28	cloudy	Phoenix	60	51	rain
Dallas	69	45	sunny	San Francisco	49	41	rain
Denver	48	34	pt sunny	Seattle	53	40	rain
Houston	73	48	pt sunny	St. Louis	44	35	rain
Los Angeles	58	47	rain	Washington, DC	38	31	rain
Miami	81	70	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 1/21	Fri 1/22	Sat 1/23
4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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

Lottery

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were: 4-5-34-38-41, Mega Ball: 18.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-13-15-21-24. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-0-1. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-9. Sum It Up: 23.

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Mississippi in Hattiesburg, a mere two hours from Bourbon Street.

Now, in the latest dramatic twist to a 19th season that has been almost too good to be true, the Saints are the last team standing in his way of reaching a third Super Bowl. Favre and the Vikings will go into the Superdome on Sunday with a trip to Miami on the line.

"We didn't think we were going to actually play," Favre said of his past conversations with Payton. "There was always an outside chance, but go figure."

As this storybook season draws closer to a conclusion for Favre, it almost had to be this way.

After signing with the rival Vikings, Favre has already stuck it to the Green Bay Packers twice in convincing fashion.

With a four-TD per-

formance against the Cowboys last weekend, he became the first quarterback to win a play-off game in his 40s and has put together one of the best seasons of his brilliant career. He has thrown 37 touchdown passes and a career-low seven interceptions. His 107.2 rating in the regular season was by far the highest of his career and his 4,202 yards passing were third-most behind seasons in 1995 and 1998, a lifetime ago in NFL years.

Favre led the Vikings to a 12-4 season and a first-round bye in the playoffs, just the second time since 1975 that Minnesota has won at least 12 games in the regular season.

If he is to lead the Vikings to their first Super Bowl appearance since the 1976 season, it will have to be at the expense of the team that was so close to his heart for so long. Favre loved the Saints as a kid, even mimicking Manning in backyard football

games of his youth. "We all liked Archie," Favre's brother, Scott, said in a telephone interview. "We'd go to quite a few games. Everybody down here, that's their team."

Scott said Brett also was a big Cowboys and Roger Staubach fan, but the boys did have Saints banners hanging on their walls and relished meeting players like Manning, Bobby Hebert and John Fourcade through the years.

As Favre rose to prominence in the NFL, he earned a following in the Gulf region that would match the Saints fervent fan base. He still spends the vast majority of his free time at his offseason home in Hattiesburg and suffered through the devastation of Hurricane Katrina with the rest of the folks in the area in 2005.

Katrina destroyed the Kiln home where Favre grew up and his mother still lived at the time, and Favre's vast estate

in Hattiesburg was damaged as well. He helped raise millions in the storm's aftermath to rebuild the region, which only further cemented his status as a local hero.

But Favre has no illu-

sions about the reception he will receive in the raucous Superdome on Sunday. The Saints' emergence, and their players' sense of civic duty, have united a city that splintered under the weight of greed, cor-

ruption and infighting of the long rebuilding process.

With the franchise's first No. 1 seed and fresh off a 45-14 whipping of the Arizona Cardinals, the Saints ain't the "Ain'ts" no more.

BOXES

Stanton 55, McCamey 27
MHS 6 6 6 9 -- 27
SHS 10 14 16 17 -- 55
SHS (20-4, 1-0)- Snellgrove 4, Kesley Jones 12, Patterson 2, Fleckenstein 21, Sanchez 3, Beasley 6, Bryan 3, Hale 4, Mulkey 2
MHS- Ybarra 4, Gonzales 2, Ortiz 5, Martinez 6, Esparza 6, Hines 4
MHS- 1 (Ortiz), 6-12; SHS 3 (Fleckenstein 2, Sanchez), 4-7; Total fouls- MHS 12, SHS 15

Loop 47, Sands 45, OT
LHS 4 18 10 9 6 -- 47
SHS 12 10 12 7 4 -- 45
Loop- Cartwright 14, Young 10, T. Ramirez 10, Isabel 6, D. Ramirez 2, Londe 3, Butche 2
Sands- M. Yarbrough 13, Stockton 11, Mo. Yarbrough 10, Robles 5, Wigginton 4, N. Gomez 2
FT- LHS 13-21, SHS 11-23; 3-point- LHS 2 (T. Ramirez, Cartwright); Fouls- LHS 19, SHS 20

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Garden City 40 Sterling City 25
GC 2 18 5 15 -- 40
SC 8 2 5 10 -- 25
GC (21-1, 4-0)- M. Schwartz 21, K. Halfmann 6, Niehues 4, A. Halfmann 3, L. Schwartz 3, L. Ramirez 2, P. Ramirez 1
SC (9-10, 1-3)- Myrick 12, Smith 5, Jones 3, Horwood 2, Parham 2, McGuire 1
FT- GC 3-6, SC 4-7; 3-point- GC 3 (L. Schwartz, A. Halfmann, M. Schwartz), SC 3 (Myrick 2, Jones); Total fouls- GC 11, SC 9

Grady 38, Dawson 23
DHS 6 7 5 5 -- 23
GHS 8 6 14 10 -- 38
DHS (0-4 district)- Cruz 20, M. Rodriguez 3
GHS (9-12, 1-3)- Cook 11, Sawyer 7, Blocker 6, Arnold 6, Oppegarad 4, Meeks 2, M.J. Price 1, Schuelke 1
FT- DHS 5-9, GHS 8-20; 3-point- None; Total fouls- DHS 17, GHS 15

Garden City 55 Sterling City 46
SC 7 12 6 11 -- 46
GC 20 11 8 16 -- 55
SC (2-1 district)- Munoz 7, Foster 7, Long 6, Rawls 5, Howrwood 4, Wilburn 4, Hughes

3
GC (7-13, 3-0)- Chudej 7, H. Halfmann 10, Long 5, Hirt 4, ontess 4, Dalton 4, R. Halfmann 4
FT- SC 1-3, GC 19-27; 3-point- SC 3 (Munoz, Rawls, Foster), GC 2 (H. Halfmann, Long); Fouls- SC 19, GC 6

Grady 73, Dawson 52
DHS 10 12 9 21 -- 52
GHS 18 12 19 24 -- 73
DHS (12-9, 2-2)- Brown 18, Morrison 6, Rhoads 5, Ramos 25, Middleton 2
GHS (18-3, 2-1)- Teague 25, Cox 17, Matthews 4, Wiebe 8, J. Rodriguez 4, Perez 15
FT- DHS 9-13, GHS 7-9; 3-point- DHS 5 (Ramos 3, Morrison, Brown), GHS 4 (Teague 3, Cox); Fouls DHS 10, GHS 11

Stanton 55, McCamey 28
SHS 13 11 13 18 --55
MHS 4 5 9 10 -- 28
SHS (17-5, 1-0) - Fulton 16, Sidle 13, Reyna 4, Koonce 2, Ramos 3, Evans 8, Gray 9
MHS- Mesa 4, Acosta 2, Richardson 19, Reyna 3
FT- SHS 6-12, MHS 4-13; 3-point- SHS 3 (Sidle, Ramos, Evans), MHS 0
Total fouls- SHS 15, MHS 14

BSHS

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into the game. The Lady Steers slowed the pace of the game and were within four after a 12-8 first period.

Big Spring outplayed Cooper in the second quarter, but missed free throws cost them some scoring opportunities. They were 5-of-12 from the charity stripe for the

game. Bridgette Tuitt scored two points in the second quarter in her first game back from a knee injury.

It was in the third quarter that things went haywire for the Lady Steers. Cooper's Ashley Valerio stole the ball from Yarbar for a layup in the early moments of the quarter, which kicked off Cooper's run. By the time the dust settled, the Lady Steers

faced an insurmountable deficit.

Big Spring will move on to face Plainview on Tuesday on the road. Game time is 6 p.m.

Cooper 41, Big Spring 26
BSHS 8 6 4 8 -- 26
CHS 12 5 15 9 -- 41
BSHS (7-13, 0-3)- Li. Yarbar 8, Kennedy 5, Ross 3, Lo. Yarbar 2, Tuitt 2, Fletcher 2, Ritchey 2
CHS (1-1 district)- Howard 6, Matthews 2, Smith 13, Barnes 4, Davis 7, Cravin 10
FT- BS 5-12, CHS 9-18; 3-point- BS 1 (Ross); CHS 4 (Smith 3, Matthews)

FORSAN

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seven points in a quarter.

Forsan plays at McCamey on Friday. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

IRAAN 60, Forsan 44

IRAAN—Evan Burton scored 23 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for Forsan Tuesday night but the Buffs couldn't keep up with Iraan, falling 60-44 in their district

2-1A opener.

The Braves built a 12-point lead by half and extended it to 19 by the end of the third quarter and Forsan fell to 0-1 in district play.

Iraan was led by Dakota Green's 19 points. Bradley Ledford scored 14 for the Braves.

Patrick Robles scored seven points and Zack Dykers, Kolten Self and Ryan Flores all added four for the Buffs.

Forsan (9-8, 0-1) will try to get back on track

Friday at McCamey. Game time is 8 p.m.

Lady Buffs 59, Iraan 16
FHS 12 13 21 13 -- 59
IHS 3 3 7 3 -- 16
Forsan (16-4, 1-0)- Hill 6, Park 3, S. Jones 6, K. Jones 22, Forshee 6, Roemer 2, Longorio 14
Iraan- Mason 6, Kinsey 5, Martinez 2, Parmer 3
3-point- Iraan 1 (Parmer); Forsan 3 (K. Jones 3); FT- IHS 5-13, FHS 12-17

Iraan 60, Forsan 44
FHS 12 7 10 15 -- 44
IHS 18 13 17 12 -- 60
Forsan (9-8, 0-1)- Burton 23, Robles 7, Dykes 4, Self 4, Flores 4, Suazo 2
Iraan (1-0 district)- Green 19, Ledford 24, Chavez 12, T. Gallindo 6, L. Gallindo 4, Arnold 3, Fellows 2

STEERS

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on the way over here," Morris said. "Last year we wasted a lot of gas from the school, wasted a lot of the school's money on meals and we didn't want to do that again."

The Steers started scoring early and often in the game. They jumped out to a 14-12 lead in the first quarter behind five points from Williams and were in the middle of a 13-2 run as the quarter ended.

The second quarter

was more of the same as Williams caught fire, scoring nine of the Steers' 17 points in the frame. Big Spring took a 33-24 lead into the locker room of a fast-paced game.

The third quarter slowed somewhat as both teams dug in defensively. A 6-0 run from Cooper closed the gap from nine to eight by the end of the quarter, but the Steers responded in the final frame.

Adams was virtually unstoppable in the final frame, getting to the basket for layups and converting from the free

throw line. He was 8-for-9 from the charity stripe on the night.

The Steers have Friday off before traveling to Plainview on Tuesday. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring 63, Cooper 47
BSHS 14 19 11 19 -- 63
CHS 12 12 12 11 -- 47
BSHS (11-11, 2-0) — Clay 1 0-0
3, Williams 10 2-2 25, Anderson 1 0-0 2, Plakhotny 1 0-0 2, X. Parnell 3 1-3 7, Ritchey 2 0-0 4, Adams 6 8-9 20.
CHS (10-13, 0-2) — Lewis 5 2-4 14, Jackson 1 0-0 2, Randle 4 0-0 12, Silva 0 0-2 0, Lowry 1 0-0 3, Moore 1 0-0 2, Brady 3 0-0 7, Williams 1 3-5 5, Dickey 1 0-0 2.
Totals 17
FT- BSHS 11-14, CHS 5-11; 3-point — BS 3 (Williams 2, Clay), CHS 8 (Lewis 2, Randle 4, Lowry, Brady). Total fouls — BS 15, CHS 10. Fouled out — none. Technicals — Williams.

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COAHOMA

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The Bulldogs stayed neck-and-neck with the undefeated Hawks for three quarters, going into the final period with a one-point advantage. But Wall's size was too much for the Bulldogs, and the Hawks made their free throws when the game counted.

Coahoma will try to notch its first district victory at home Friday against Grape Creek. Tipoff is 8:30 in Coahoma.

IRAAN 76 Bulldogettes 21

WALL—The Coahoma Bulldogettes were out-matched Tuesday night by the Wall Lady Hawks as they fell 76-21 on the road in district 7-2A action.

The Lady Hawks, ranked No. 5 in 2A by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, outscored Coahoma 26-0 in the second quarter and sank eight 3-pointers in the game. Devon Wilde scored 16 and Hilari Adams added 14 to lead Wall (23-3, 4-0).

Coahoma was led by Kaelea Neff's six points. Kylie Gee and Joanna

Gonzales each added five points.

Wall 70, Bulldogs 63
CHS 15 18 17 13 -- 63
WHS 18 17 14 21 -- 70
CHS (13-9, 0-3)- Paniagua 13, Ruiz 14, Leija 18, Garcia 5, Hahn 11, Crabtree 2
WHS (25-0, 2-0)- Conoway 8, Allen 2, Walling 22, Schooley 2, Nichols 14, Speck 4, Willman 23
FT- CHS 14-18, WHS 10-18

Wall 76, Bulldogettes 21
CHS 7 0 9 5 -- 21
WHS 16 26 21 13 -- 76
CHS (13-9, 1-2)- Gonzalez 5, Buske 3, Gee 5, Neff 6, Martin 2.
Totals 6 5-9 21
WALL (23-3, 4-0)- Adam 14, L. Niehues 5, Higgins 6, N. Niehues 8, Hoelscher 4, Wilde 16, Briley 4, Holik 6, Carrico 5, Kellemeier 6, Noland 2. Totals 30 8-13 76.
3-point- Coahoma 4 (Gonzalez, Buske, Neff 2); Wall 8 (Adam, L. Niehues, Higgins 2, N. Niehues, Wilde 2, Carrico)



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CITY

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the project.
“I grew up in Big Spring, and I can remember making trips to the water park in Midland,” said Depp. “To have something like this in Big Spring would be great. I would love to be able to take my kids some place like this. Thank you for doing this for our kids.”

Another local resident, David Baird, said he and his family also look forward to using the facility.

“I’ve been in Big Spring for 25 years and I have 10 grandchildren,” said Baird. “When they come to visit it’s hard to keep them entertained. I’ve been out to the park and seen the pool when it was open, and we were just making do. I’m very glad to see this idea put forth. Now, let’s move forward.”

Water Technologies Project Manager Haley Pantan, joined by fellow aquatic planner and designer Claude Rogers, walked the council and audience through the park’s design, which includes a number of different activities.

“This design would basically turn things around a little bit from the way they



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Haley Pantan, project manager for Water Technologies Inc., goes over the design for a \$4.2 million water park during Tuesday night’s special work session for the Big Spring City Council. The council agreed to move forward with the project, which city officials say can be financed without raising taxes.

are now,” Pantan said. “The bath house facility would be located on the south side of the park instead of the north side, where it is now... The master plan concept would keep the project under \$4.2

million.”
The design includes zero-depth entry, similar to the existing pool, to provide easy access to the water, as well as a sand play area, which includes a sand volleyball court, according to Pantan.

“This is a great area to give parents a bit of a break from having to watch over their children so closely,” she told the council. “Also, we’ve found that sand volleyball is very popular with the teens. There is also a shower to rinse off before leaving the sand area, to keep the sand out of the pool.”

The design also provides for a number of covered pavilions, shaded areas, both in and out of the water, a children’s play area, lazy river, tube slide with splash-down pool and runout body slide.

“We felt the body slide was a good addition because it doesn’t require a minimum height,” said Pantan. “It ends up in about 18 inches of water, so if your 8-year-old or 10-year-old is a little shorter than most, they don’t get left out of the fun.”

Depending on funding, the

water park design also allows for a couple of alternative attractions if the money is there, including a bowl slide and lily pad game.

“Bidding is rather volatile right now,” said Pantan. “The numbers are coming in pretty low, so this really is a great time to build this type of facility. However, we anticipate the economy coming back, and we can expect the costs to come back with it.”

Pantan said the city could easily work the bowl slide and lily pad features into the park later if funding doesn’t allow for it now.

“These are alternate ideas,” said Assistant City Manager Todd Darden. “If we’re able to come in under budget, they can be added into the design. There’s just no way to know if we’ll be able to work them into the \$4.2 million budget right now.”

McEwen said initial talks on the subject have the admission price at approximately \$3 per person, keeping the pool within reach for all local families.

“We sometime take for granted that we can take our kids to Dallas or Schlitterbahn, but for some families that’s just not within reach,” said McEwen. “We’ve also talked about using this as an educational tool and work-

ing with the school districts so children with perfect attendance or high grades can earn free days at the pool.”

As for the cost to local property owners, McEwen said he believes the cost of constructing the pool, along with operation and maintenance, can be funded with the current tax rate.

“We can fund a \$4.2 million facility with our current tax rate,” said McEwen. “So we’re in a position to give the youth of this area a tremendous gift without raising taxes any higher than they are right now.”

The city council adopted the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.013243 per \$100 property value in September, 6.246 cents above the effective rate — the rate that would bring in the same revenue as last year — of 95.0783 cents and 3.3 cents above the roll back rate of 97.9398 cents.

McEwen directed the city staff to prepare the issue for its first reading, which should be held during the Tuesday, Jan. 26 meeting of the council. The issue will have to pass two votes from the council before becoming official.

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VOTE

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elections office, located on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

With more than a dozen local residents vying for their party’s nomination going into the November election, area voters will have plenty of decisions to make during the primaries.

On the Republican ticket, the Precinct 2 seat on the county commissioners court will feature a trio of political hopefuls, including incumbent candidate

Jerry Kilgore, who has held the seat for more than a decade now. In the primary, Kilgore will face challengers Donnie Baker and Melanie Gambrell.

The race for the Precinct 2 seat on the commissioners court has also drawn a contest on the Democratic ticket, as Alon USA employee Richard Belew takes on business owner Jim Sinclair.

The Precinct 4 seat on the commissioners court drew fewer competitors this year, as Democratic incumbent Gary Simer will go unopposed in the party primaries in March. On

the Republican ticket, however, business owners John Cline and Roy Beauchamp will battle it out to see who will challenge Simer in the November contest.

The seat of Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2 will also be up for grabs in March, as incumbent Kathryn Wiseman will take on challenger David Baird in the Republican primary. On the Democratic ticket, business owner Ricky Hughes will go unopposed in March, and will face the winner of the Republican race in November.

Also facing off in the Republican primary

will be local attorneys Mike Thomas and Tim Yeats, who are running for 118th District Court Judge.

This year’s primaries will also include a pair of state seats, as the U.S. Representative 19th District seat, currently held by Randy Neugebauer (R-Lubbock), and the District 85 Texas Representative seat held by Joe Heflin (D-Crosbyton) are up for election this year.

Both Neugebauer and Heflin announced in December they were running for re-election. Heflin, who is unopposed on the Democratic ticket, will have to face ei-

ther Jim Landtroop or David Andrew — both of whom are running on the Republican ticket — in the November election. Heflin has drawn a Libertarian challenger, as Robyn L. Burwell of Abilene has filed his candidacy, as well.

Neugebauer drew a pair of challengers, as Lubbock’s Andy Wilson will run unopposed on the Democratic ticket and Richard “Chip” Peterson, also of Lubbock, on the Libertarian ticket, sending the contest to the November election.

For more information on the election or voter registration, contact the

Howard County Elections Office at 264-2273.

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BSISD

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thly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

While most of the news surrounding the school board lately has focused on its preparation for a bond election to upgrade aging buildings within the district, Thursday’s election call will be much more run of the mill.

Seats currently held by

Board President Mike Dawson (District 5), Vice President Jeff Broman (District 6) and trustee Phil Furqueron (District 7) are up for election, BSISD Business Manager Debbie Green said.

None of the incumbents have yet announced whether they will seek re-election.

All three of the single-member district terms are for three years.

Persons seeking BSISD school board posts must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, a resident of Texas for at least

a year and have lived in the district they plan to represent for at least six months, Green said.

The filing period for the election will run from Feb. 8 to March 8. Candidacy papers can be filed at the BSISD business office during normal operating hours, Green said.

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider:

- Contracting with the Howard County Election Administrator to conduct the trustee election.
- The district’s financial au-

dit report.

- Purchase of school buses.
- Approval of the district’s tax roll.
- Reports on cooperative fees and expenditures in excess of \$50,000.
- An interlocal agreement concerning grant writers services.
- Personnel matters.

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CISD

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that construction projects that been a fact of life for the past three years have wound down, for the most part.

Only one major project — a parking lot immediately north of the high school — remains to be completed, Brown said.

“There’s still a few other minor detail work projects that still remain, but we’re getting very close (to overall completion),” Brown said.

On the enrollment front, CISD is reporting

a slight drop in student numbers from last year, but Brown said at least part of that decrease was planned.

“This school year, we limited the number of transfer students we’d accept, so that’s part of the decrease,” he said. “And the other big reason, I think, is the economy, with oil being down and people moving to search for work.”

CISD decided to limit transfers to the elementary campus to ensure that student/teacher ratios remained below state requirements, he noted.

“By law, we have to have a 22-to-one stu-

dent/teacher ratio at the elementary campus,” Browns said. “But last year, in many of the classes, we were right at 21 or 22 students per teacher. We just felt that by identifying a target ratio of 18-to-one, our students and teachers would be better served.”

In other business, trustees will consider:

- The annual superintendent evaluation.
- Approval of the district’s financial audit.
- Employment of a special education teacher.
- Reports on investments and budget expenditures.

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OTHER VIEWS

Texas shouldn't bail on federal education funds

Across the country, states are passing laws, trying to whip their education systems into shape to compete for grants from a new federal program, Race to the Top, intended to reward educational innovation. Texas might have been able to win as much as \$700 million for its cash-strapped schools. But we aren't at the starting line. In fact, we're unlacing our shoes. It's especially strange because Race to the Top is intended to encourage states to reform their schools in ways that Texas pioneered. Standards-based testing? We've done it for years. Charter schools? We launched them before they were cool. Holding teachers and principals accountable for students' performance on those tests? Merit bonuses are nothing new.

So what's Texas' problem? When Gov. Rick Perry nixed the state's application last week, he explained that the money would come with too many federal strings attached. Mostly he complained that Texas would have to adopt a national curriculum. And his appointee, Education Commissioner Robert Scott, has gone so far as to say that the U.S. Department of Education's push for national benchmarks is "a step toward a federal takeover of the nation's public schools." They seem to envision jack-booted thugs storming in, forcing our fourth-graders to ... what? pledge allegiance to the American flag before they offer their respects to the Lone Star?

That kind of rhetoric echoes Perry's empty threat to secede from the U.S. and to turn down federal stimulus funds (without which Texas wouldn't have been able to balance its last budget). Unfortunately, that sort of grandstanding seems to poll well among potential voters in the Republican primary. But it's no good for Texas — or for the U.S.

The fact is, the United States has a national interest in making sure that all American kids are well-educated. More than ever, our economic future and national security depend not on brawn but on brains. With global competition growing ever tougher, we can't afford to continue wasting so much of our potential.

And sadly, a lot of that wasted potential is here in Texas. Of the 50 states, we're No. 49 in the percentage of adults who've completed high school; and it's estimated that a third of our Texas high school freshmen don't make it to graduation.

How onerous would federal standards be? We recently sat in on a meeting with the Houston region's school superintendents, maybe the world's strongest proponents of local control of schools. They complained mightily about Texas laws that prevent schools from determining their own calendars and grading systems. But to our surprise, they offered no objections to national standards or curriculum.

A national curriculum, they say, wouldn't be much different from what Texas already teaches. Fourth-grade math is fourth-grade math, and who cares if a national test replaces the TAKS? Besides, even if Texas adopts a national curriculum, the state would remain free to require our kids to learn extra stuff — whether that's an entire seventh-grade class about Texas history or a single third-grade PE lesson on the Cotton-Eyed Joe.

The main difference a national curriculum would make? A single, national test would make it easy to compare scores in Houston to scores in Boston, and to see how Texas stacks up against Massachusetts. But the superintendents weren't worried. "We don't mind having our performance measured," said Duncan Klusmann, superintendent of Spring Branch Independent School District. "What we mind are rules that prevent us from doing our jobs."

In other words: Texas isn't afraid of competition. And we shouldn't be sitting out this race.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we have a heavenly based relationship with You, Lord.

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As McCain slips, Latinos lose

The unfortunate demise of the presidential candidacy of Sen. John McCain is taking away Latino leverage with Democratic candidates.

Until now, whenever Democrats began to take Latino voters for granted, we could still threaten them with McCain. We could tell them that the Republican Party had a viable option.

After all, on immigration, language rights and other issues important to Latinos, McCain, R-Ariz., is as politically correct as most of the Democratic candidates.

But with McCain's slide in the polls, and with his campaign's recent inability to raise significant donations, Latino leverage is rapidly vanishing.

Unless McCain can make a dramatic recovery, Democrats will soon be able to give Latinos the same ultimatum they have used for years: "Considering the antagonistic GOP alternative, where else can you go?" they'll ask Latino voters, and they'll win the Hispanic vote as they usually do — by default.

Unfortunately, the Democratic candidates know that running against any of the other Republicans will automatically give them an overwhelming majority of the Latino vote.



MIGUEL PEREZ

That makes McCain "The Great Latino Hope," at least to maintain some pressure on the Democrats to address Latino issues during the campaign. The longer McCain survives the primary season, the less the Democrats can afford to take the Hispanic vote for granted.

There is only one other Republican candidate who could sway a significant number of Latino voters, but that's only if former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani remembers that he was once a moderate, like McCain, on immigration and other Hispanic issues. Lately, Giuliani has been so busy trying to appeal to the conservative wing of his party that he has, apparently purposely, neglected Latinos, their issues and his chances of winning some support in the barrios.

Perhaps Giuliani expects to hide his moderate side until after he wins the GOP nomination, but by that time it will be too late to sway Latino voters away from the Democrats.

Let's face it, Democrats are likely to win the Hispanic vote.

In presidential elections, they always do. But will they earn it? And what do they have to do to earn it?

First, they should stand by their principles, as McCain has, and not allow themselves to be intimidated by the mob of immigrant bashers who have been turning U.S. public sentiment against some 12 million people who need and deserve our com-

passion, instead of mean-spirited rejection.

To earn the Hispanic vote, the Democrats must challenge those who use the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as an excuse to bash illegal immigrants. They must insist that homeland security does not require betraying our principles and tradition as a nation of immigrants. They must remind the country that most illegal immigrants are not criminals, but essential workers who are needed to keep our economy afloat.

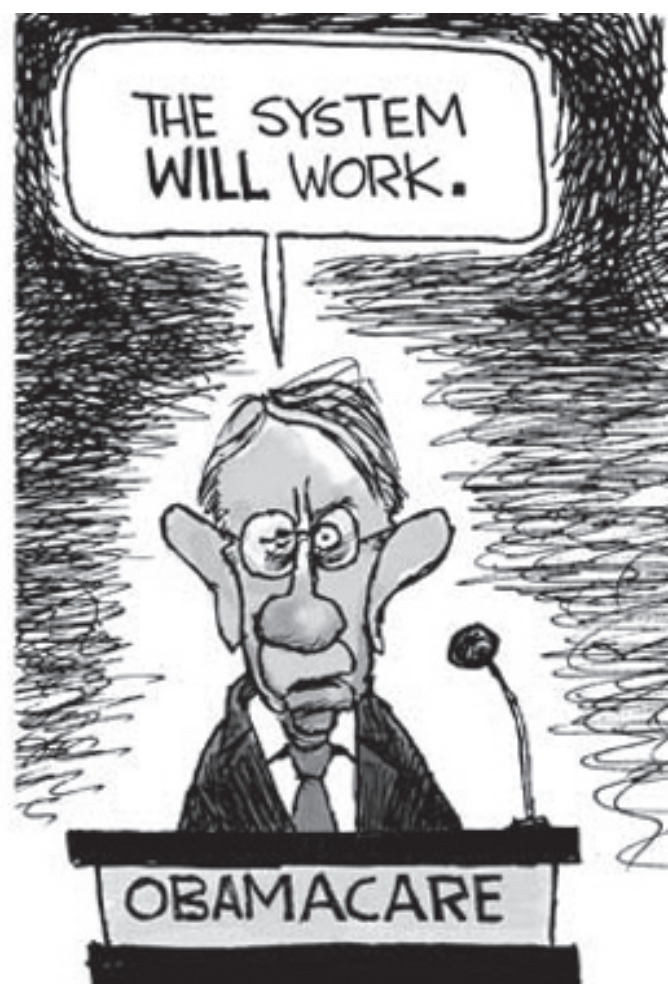
They must reject the movement to make English the official language, which is meant to do away with bilingual ballots and even emergency services provided to Latinos in their own language. And they must speak about the other issues that concern Latinos — U.S. relations with Latin America, bilingualism, public education, race relations, the colonial status of Puerto Rico — the list goes on.

Some Democrats are already doing that, but with measured words. They seem more worried about alienating immigrant bashers than securing the immigrant vote.

Why? Because they are already beginning to take the 2008 Latino vote for granted.

They figure they can get away with it, as long as McCain keeps slipping in the polls and Giuliani keeps forgetting that he used to be a moderate.

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Taxing bankers is only a start

Tax the bankers' profits, tax their bonuses, tax their golf scores. I mean it. Take their windfall, and give it to the taxpayers who bailed them out. Britain and France plan a 50 percent tax on banker bonuses — coordinated lest their financial bigwigs think of crossing the channel for a better deal. President Obama's proposal to tax the big banks' extraordinary profits fits the theme.

This should help slake the public's thirst for revenge against Wall Street. Europeans don't seem to be complaining about these special taxes, and a little economic populism couldn't hurt Obama's approval ratings, such as they are.

But as a move toward serious financial regulation, this is just a shot over the industry's bow. Washington must pass new rules to curb the sort of financial recklessness that took America to the abyss of economic ruin. Such crusades aren't so crowd pleasing, mainly because the crowd doesn't understand them.

That's why the moment's political passions are so focused on the bailout that created these record bank profits. With the panic over, it's easy to believe or pretend to believe that the bailout wasn't needed. But remember the day when tough talkers

in the House defeated the Bush administration's bailout plan? The Dow Jones Industrial Average promptly plunged nearly 800 points. Congress quickly changed its mind and passed the measure.

Democrats don't need Republicans to promote counterproductive statements that draw warm applause from the apoplectic masses. They have Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana, who recently said, "I don't think the American people last year voted for higher taxes, higher deficits and a more intrusive government."

Actually, the people did vote for a more intrusive government. They wanted a government that would intrude on financial industry practices that pushed them into a deep recession.

The people wanted a government that would intrude between them and the health insurer trying to drop their family after a member was diagnosed with cancer.

No, there cannot be lower deficits without higher taxes. (How would you lower deficits, Senator?) In any case, by taxing bank profits, Obama would have banks paying back "every last dime" of their bailout. Perhaps the voters knew what they were doing.

And don't anyone send me quotes about Ronald Reagan and the magic of tax cuts. Taxes were cut in Reagan's first year, then rose in every other year of his administration. Meanwhile, the national debt doubled.

A far more perceptive (though

sickening) quote came from another Democratic senator last April. Illinois' Dick Durbin said on a radio show that despite all the economic pain America has endured, the financial industry "still owns the place" — the place being Congress.

Clearly, there will be no serious financial reform unless Congress unchains itself from the Wall Street money masters. Real reform means ending the "too big to fail" doctrine that in effect places a taxpayer guarantee under the big banks' speculation. It means regulating the markets for derivatives. It means creating a consumer protection agency that puts the brakes on the riskiest loans.

Sure, a tax on bank profits is justified. The big banks' fabulous year came out of the public's hide. We speak of the government guarantees of bank-issued debt; the AIG bailout (and by extension, AIG's creditors, the banks); (and) near zero interest rates, courtesy of the Federal Reserve. The taxpayers earned their share of the pot.

But the spotlight of outrage should linger only briefly on what the bankers did, then fix itself on what Washington let them do. America must protect its economic well-being against future marauding on Wall Street.

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Mass. loss deals blow to health care overhaul by costing Dems 60th vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's gut-check time for President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats on their health care overhaul.

A stinging loss Tuesday in Massachusetts cost Obama the 60-vote Senate majority he was counting on to pass the far-reaching legislation. The outcome splintered the rank and file on how to salvage the bill, energized congressional Republicans and left Obama and the Democrats with fallback options that range from bad to worse.

A leading idea involves persuading House Democrats to pass a Senate bill that many of them have serious problems with. Another alternative calls for Senate Democrats to promise to make changes to the bill later on. Some Democrats said their big hopes would have to be scaled back.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi refused to acknowledge that as a possibility as she left the Capitol near midnight Tuesday after meeting with her top lieutenants to discuss the way forward. Pelosi and others contend that because Massachusetts already has near-universal health coverage under a state law, the upset victory by GOP state Sen. Scott Brown to take Edward M. Kennedy's old seat could not be seen as a referendum on the issue.

"Massachusetts has health care. ... The rest of the country would like to have that too," Pelosi, D-Calif., said. "So we don't say a state that already has health care should determine whether the rest of the country should."

Crews find more improbable survivors amid the destruction

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A 69-year-old ardent Roman Catholic who said she prayed constantly during her week under the rubble was among the unlikely survivors of the epic Haitian earthquake.

One full week after the magnitude-7 quake killed an estimated 200,000, left 250,000 injured and made 1.5 million homeless, search-and-rescue teams were emerging from the ruins with improbable success stories. Experts have said that without water, buried quake victims were unlikely to survive beyond three days.

Ena Zizi had been at a church meeting at the residence of Haiti's Roman Catholic archbishop when the quake struck, trapping her in debris. On Tuesday, she was rescued by a Mexican disaster team that was created in the wake of Mexico City's 1985 earthquake.

Zizi said that after the quake, she spoke back and forth with a vicar who also was trapped. But after a few days, he fell silent, and she spent the rest of the time praying and waiting.

"I talked only to my boss, God," she said. "And I didn't need any more humans."

8 dead in central Virginia shootings; police say they have lone suspect cornered

APPOMATTOX, Va. (AP) — Police early Wednesday swarmed the woods and cornered a man who they said shot and killed eight people and fired on a state police helicopter that was searching for him, rupturing its fuel tank.

Officers manned a road block along a pitch-dark, narrow, undivided country lane in central Virginia where police believed Christopher Speight, 39, was hiding. On Tuesday, police found three bodies inside a home on the road, with four other victims lying just outside.

The drama began to unfold around noon Tuesday when an eighth victim was spotted barely alive along the side of the road. A deputy who answered the emergency call heard more gunshots and soon the area just about 3 miles from the state police district headquarters was filled with law enforcement from all over, with more than 100 responding. The injured man died on the way to the hospital, said state police Sgt. Thomas Molnar.

Police with dogs and heat-sensing equipment from a National Guard helicopter planned to hunt through the night.

"They ... will continue until the suspect is apprehended," Molnar said.

Poll: Obama scores high as a likable fellow; verdict mixed on performance

WASHINGTON (AP) — You're likable enough, Barack.

But while nearly nine in 10 people like President Barack Obama personally, he earns decidedly mixed reviews in a new Associated Press-GfK poll judging his first year in office, a verdict darkened Tuesday by a stunning repudiation of his party in the Massachusetts Senate race.

His approval ratings have been becalmed for months, 56 percent in the survey out Wednesday. By a modest margin, people still think the country is moving in the wrong direction, as they have since summer. And the Republican upset in Massachusetts demonstrated just how perilous the political landscape has become.

But two years after Obama famously told his Democratic primary opponent Hillary Rodham Clinton, "You're likable enough, Hillary," that appraisal seems to have settled firmly on him.

Even three-quarters of Republicans say they personally like Obama.

Congress seeks specific fixes on intel failures in botched terror bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration has so far used broad strokes to describe how it will repair an intelligence system that failed to stop an attempted Christmas Day terrorist attack. This week, Congress starts pressing for specifics.

FBI Director Robert Mueller, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and other senior security officials head to Capitol Hill for two days of hearings about how purported Nigerian al-Qaida operative Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab allegedly was allowed to board a plane for Detroit armed with a bomb.

A White House report this month outlined a series of missteps, including name misspellings, ignored warnings and human oversights. But for a failed detonator and the swift action of passengers, the attack might have killed all 289 people aboard.

The administration was likely, starting Wednesday, to get a dressing down for its intelligence failures and was expected to discuss a number of suggested fixes. Some of those, like putting federal marshals on all 29,000 daily flights, would cost billions.

Afghan official: Joint panel agrees to boost Afghan security forces to 400,000

KABUL (AP) — Afghanistan's finance minister says a joint panel has agreed to boost the number of Afghan security forces from the current level of about 191,000 to 400,000 within five years.

The announcement came Wednesday after a meeting of Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board to finalize a government action plan to be presented at a Jan. 28 international conference in London to shore up the Afghan leadership.

The panel includes Afghan government representatives and officials from the U.N. and major troop contributing countries.

Finance Minister Finance Omar Zakhilwal says the government is calling for 240,000 Afghan soldiers and 160,000 national police to be ready in three to five years. That's up from about 94,000 Afghan police officers and 97,000 soldiers now.

Officials order evacuations in foothills before 3rd storm hits SoCal in 3 days

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After two days of lightning, flooding and even a tornado, officials tried to get ahead of the next round of powerful storms that are pummeling Southern California by ordering evacuations in mudslide-prone foothill neighborhoods.

Los Angeles police officers went door-to-door in the Tujunga neighborhood late Tuesday, handing out flyers and asking residents of about 200 homes to be out of their homes by Wednesday morning.

With debris basins full and the fire-scorched soil saturated, Los Angeles County fire officials plan to issue mandatory evacuation orders for about 600 homes beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday in anticipation of the third and longer drenching.

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News in brief

Money troubles at Latino museum in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A colorful complex in San Antonio that opened in 2007 as the nation's largest museum devoted to Latino culture and arts is having money trouble.

Records show the Alameda National Center for Latino Arts and Culture spent grant money intended for its charter school on the cash-strapped Museo Alameda.

The San Antonio Express News on Wednesday cited minutes of a Nov. 9 Alameda board meeting.

The \$1 million Henry Ford Learning Institute grant, announced in August, was earmarked for renovations at the Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art + Design.

Chairwoman Margarita Flores says a museum "is a very expensive endeavor" and the money went for operating expenses. She says some grant money was used for the school.

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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. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Houston-area photo prank leads to 3 suspensions

HOUSTON (AP) — A spelling prank in a class photo for more than 600 seniors in the Houston area led to suspension of three students.

Some students wore T-shirts spelling out "CLASS" as part of "Class of 2010" in a formal shot.

But KHOU-TV reports in a later informal shot, students representing "C" and "L" moved from the front row, leaving behind an offensive three-letter word.

Administrators at Cypress Ridge High School cited the school's code of conduct and suspended the three students for three days. The penalty began Tuesday.

Senior Austin Knight says "C and L ran off" and it's not the fault of the three students, wearing A, S and S, who also were fined \$135. The money will help pay the cost of retouching the photo.

Senior Raymond Carrigan says the students were "ignorant and disrespectful."

Defense starting in ex-minister's trial

WACO (AP) — Attorneys for a minister accused of killing his wife were to start presenting his defense, a day after damning testimony from his ex-mistress.

It's unclear whether Matt Baker will testify in his murder trial in Waco. He faces up to life in prison if convicted of killing his wife Kari in 2006.

Baker was a Baptist preacher in the Waco area when his wife was found dead, and he has maintained that she killed herself because of a deep depression.

The state's key witness, Baker's ex-mistress, testified Tuesday that he told her how he drugged his wife and pressed a pillow over her face, then typed a suicide note and rubbed her lifeless hands over the paper.

Vanessa Bulls said Baker talked of various ways to kill his wife and said he could cover it up because she had previously tried to kill herself.

South Texas mayor disqualified

SAN BENITO (AP) — The mayor of a South Texas city has been disqualified from his office because of his property tax delinquencies.

Joe Hernandez had been mayor of San Benito since May 2006. Tuesday night, the city commission voted 4-0 to recognize that Hernandez had forfeited his office under a city charter provision

that disqualifies municipal officials who are delinquent on their taxes.

Hernandez acknowledged that he had fallen several hundred dollars behind on his property taxes on two houses and his barber shop. He has asked the commission for a public hearing on the matter.

Perry attacks Obama plan for grants to schools

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry lashed out Tuesday at a plan by President Barack Obama that would effectively let local Texas school districts circumvent the state's decision to not compete for millions in education reform dollars.

Obama singled out Texas on Tuesday while outlining a proposed \$1.35 billion expansion of the "Race to the Top" education grant program, which Perry has denounced as a federal takeover of public schools. The program is currently only available to states, but Obama's proposal would let local school districts compete directly for funding down the road.

"Innovative districts like the one in Texas whose reform efforts are being stymied by state decision-makers will soon have the chance to earn funding to help them pursue those reforms," said Obama, speaking at a Virginia elementary school.

Perry pounced on that comment later in San Antonio.

"If you need any evidence that the federal government is bound and determined to intrude even farther into state affairs, look no farther than today's news," he said.

Perry went on to call the proposal "further interfering in state and local affairs" and said it shows the Obama administration's "clear disdain for our rights."

Ex-U.S. Secretary of State Baker backs Hutchison

HOUSTON (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State James Baker endorsed U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison on Tuesday in her bid to unseat Gov. Rick Perry.

Baker, appearing with Hutchison at the Greater Houston Pachyderm Club, a GOP group, said he's backed Perry in the past but thinks after nine years in office, the Republican governor should go.

"I supported Rick Perry," Baker said. "I'm not going to stand up here and trash him. I believe nine years is enough. Nine years is longer than anybody has served as governor of this state."

Baker, who served in the White House administrations of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, also said he believed Hutchison had the best chance of keeping the Texas governor's job in Republican hands. He said he expects the Republican nominee to face Democrat Bill White, a former Houston mayor, on the November ballot.

"Bill White has done a very good job," Baker said. "He will be a formidable Democratic nominee for governor. Make no mistake about it, there will be a ton of money coming in from out of state."

White looks stronger against Perry than he does against Hutchison, Baker said.

"We need to put our best candidate at the top of the ticket," he said. "If we don't, we run the risk of a Democrat claiming the governorship of the state of Texas."

Baker said he broke a long tradition of staying out of primary races after Hutchison asked him for an endorsement. He also said he wrote a letter to Perry.

Colonias report blasts uncoordinated border work

McALLEN (AP) — A government report describes as "ineffective" federal efforts, including at least \$1.4 billion dedicated to water and sewer infrastructure projects along the U.S.-Mexico border between 2000 and 2008.

According to the report released by the Government Accountability Office on Tuesday, seven federal agencies have contributed to infrastructure projects for slapdash communities known as colonias. The report goes on to say the projects lack a comprehensive assessment that allows them to target the region's greatest needs.

The report recommends that Congress require federal agencies to develop a coordinated plan of attack. In Texas alone, the state estimates 400,000 people live in colonias, which usually spring up when a landowner sells off inexpensive plots with no water or sewer connections.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Diabolical Defense

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A J 9 8 3
♥ A Q 6
♦ 10 6 5
♣ K 5

WEST

♠ 5 2
♥ 9 8 3
♦ A J 7 4
♣ J 9 8 3

EAST

♠ K 7 6 4
♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ Q 9 2
♣ Q 6

SOUTH

♠ Q 10
♥ K J 2
♦ K 8 3
♣ A 10 7 4 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — nine of hearts.
It is generally acknowledged that defense is the most difficult aspect of the game to master. The principle reason is that the defenders can't see each other's cards and so are often forced to make blind assumptions during the play.

Today's deal illustrates the type of thinking that goes into good defensive play. West got off to a fine start by leading a heart rather than a diamond, which would have handed declarer the contract.

South won with the king and finessed the queen of spades, which held, and the ten of spades, which lost. The outcome now hinges on

East's return at trick four.

The bidding and play to this point convinced East that South would collect at least nine tricks — four spades, three hearts and two clubs — as soon as he regained the lead. The only hope of defeating the contract therefore lay in scoring four immediate diamond tricks. This in turn meant finding West with the A-K-x-x or, more realistically, the A-J-x-x. The trouble in the latter case was that if East made the normal return of a low diamond from the Q-9-2, declarer would play low to protect his king, and so make the contract.

For this reason, East chose the diabolically clever return of the diamond queen, hoping South would place him with the jack. If so, declarer would duck the queen, since covering would enable West to win and lead through dummy's ten. If the play worked, another diamond by East would then allow West to run three more diamonds for down one.

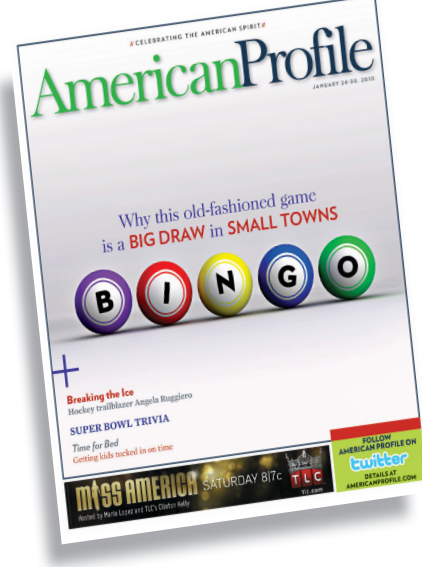
In practice, however, South elected to cover the queen with the king. After taking the ace, West then did his part by making the equally diabolical return of the diamond four!

This time, declarer went wrong. Afraid that dummy's ten would lose to the jack, he played low from dummy, hoping West held the nine. But when East produced the nine and returned a diamond, West scored two more diamonds to sink the contract.

Tomorrow: So near and yet so far.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COAHOMA, TEXAS: THAT THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON THIS DATE, JANUARY 1, 2010.
Public Hearing to be held January 21, 2010 @ 7:00pm at Coahoma City Hall.
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Legals

ORDINANCE 85
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NUISANCES
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WHEREAS the City Council finds that public nuisances, inside the city limit may have a negative impact on public health and welfare and on property use and valuation, therefore, certain regulations related to nuisances in the city limit of Coahoma, Texas are hereby adopted by the City of Coahoma;
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The nebulous quality of the Pisces moon guided last night's dreams in strange and fantastic directions and there is rich knowledge to be mined in that soup of subconscious imagery. Try and remember your dreams. If nothing comes immediately to mind, try writing about your dreams, or making one up. Self-discovery will be sweet.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will apply your creativity to work to positive effect. Even though you are not thinking about setting a fine example, you will inspire your colleagues to raise their standards.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some of the fun will be spontaneous. Still, it springs out of the right kind of environment. And getting yourself to the place where fun can happen takes planning.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Give yourself instruction and then follow it. Your directives don't have to be difficult. Ask yourself to do specific, simple tasks. The point is to put your higher self back in charge.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your recent victory was impressive. But how are you going to follow up? Stay positive and ward against self-sabotaging behavior. This is your new job. Avoid thoughts and deeds that conflict with the winner's

way.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will express yourself well. Your efforts will go straight to the heart of the matter. With a little bit of extra thought and practice, your work takes on great sophistication and flair.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Think proactively. If you respond to every problem you are presented with, you'll spend the whole day putting out fires. Fill your schedule with your own projects, goals and wants, and the problems go away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll get the sense that you are supposed to know someone and that your connection will be important in the future. For now, small talk is important in establishing rapport and trust.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You do well in competitive environments so you may not even notice how tough it is for others. The workplace is a bit of a jungle where only the strong can thrive. Be kind to those who are still learning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). On the subject of romance, stay open-hearted. It is possible for people to change. Even a very minor shift might be enough to make a relationship work. There will be a chance for love gone bad to go good once more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The creative energy leads you down strange paths and you are likely to be a willing follower. As you go with what's working, an adventure takes wing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've slipped behind on a deadline. You expected a project would be finished by now. Maybe it was an arbitrary date that you assigned to yourself, but that doesn't make it any less important. Try again.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Allow yourself some fantasy. If you can dream it, chances are you can do it. The converse is also true. Your visioning skills are remarkable tools. Keep them sharp by using them often.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JAN. 20). You are more in touch with your own specific needs and wants than you ever have been and will take pleasure in the life you create for yourself. You'll be swept into an adventure in March. New allies and mentors come into your life in May. April brings many romantic nights. Family makes you proud in July. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 4, 39, 15 and 20.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Is there a reason why the planets are all named after Roman gods? And what god is Earth named after?" As a species, humans currently spend much less time stargazing than we used to. To an ancient Roman, the sky was the equivalent of primetime network programming. "As the Heavens Turn" was the favorite nighttime drama. And after a few weeks or months of stargazing, it becomes apparent even to the untrained eye that some celestial bodies are changing as the others

seem stationary. The ones that move are the planets. Romans imagined that they were the gods driving their chariots through different constellations and having various dramatic encounters along the way. The storytellers spun one tale after another, many of which are meant to explain our earthly existence and help us understand why things are the way they are. Earth is the one planet that is not named after a god. It is named after the surface that we stand on. It is literally the name of dirt — ground, soil or dry land.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Office" bad boy Rainn Wilson plays the megalomaniacal Dwight Schrute on the hit television series. His chart shows a balance of Capricorn and Aquarian energy, with his moon and Mercury in responsible Capricorn and his Venus and Mars in bright Aquarius. To know whether his sun sign is Capricorn or Aquarius, an exact time of birth is needed — the sun was in both stations on his birthday.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married for 12 years to a man who can't seem to keep a job. No matter where he works, "Ted" always finds a reason to quit.

We have three boys. I've told Ted we both need to set a good example for the kids, to teach them to become responsible and hardworking.

Not to mention, it takes money to raise three kids. But all he says is, "I want a job that pays good money."

Frankly, if I have to support my children on my own anyway, I may as well do it without Ted. Any suggestions? — *Might As Well Be Single*

Dear Single: Someone needs to inform Ted that "good money" is whatever someone is willing to pay you, and refusing to hold onto a job is "no money."

It's possible Ted has ADHD or some type of psychological disorder that makes it difficult to stay employed.

Please suggest he talk to his doctor about the possibility and, if necessary, seek counseling.

Dear Annie: Your advice for "Puffed Out" was good. Wood smoke drift can be a real nuisance and health hazard.

Can I add a few suggestions? 1. Instead of plastic, put tape or putty around all the corners of their windows.

It will do a better job of keeping out the smoke.

2. They may need a different type of air purifier. A good one might cost \$1,000, but it will truly scrub the air in your house.

I know it's not fair that they have to spend that kind of money, but as long as they're stuck in this situation, it could help keep them healthy.

As a bonus, it will also take care of pollen, viruses, pet dander, mold and bacteria. — *Mike*

Dear Mike: Thanks for your suggestions. Dozens of readers wrote in with other ideas, and we are grateful. Read on:

Dear Annie: EPA-rated wood stoves are being promoted by the U.S. government. A new one should not put out an excessive amount of smoke.

"Puffed Out" should also look into the tax deduction this year for insulation and new windows because smoke should not be able to get into a properly insulated home.

If the neighbor got an EPA-rated stove and "Puffed Out" tightened up his own house, maybe

both could live in peace.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Pennsylvania: I also had the problem, so I asked my neighbor to put another section of pipe on the wood burner, and it took the smoke over the house.

Wyoming: I'm surprised you didn't suggest "Puffed Out" hire a heating and air-conditioning contractor to look at his own house. He needs to quit complaining and look into fixing his home. Wood and coal are efficient and money-saving ways to heat homes.

A blizzard downed power lines in our area for more than 17 hours, and our wood-burning stove was the only thing keeping us warm.

Air Pollution Control Engineer: You were correct in labeling the invasive smoke problem a nuisance, which is a violation of the basic local air pollution control regulation of nuisance. "Puffed Out" should contact the county air pollution control district,

the regional air quality management district or the state environmental agency, depending on which has jurisdiction. Air pollution control laws exist to protect public health.

Michigan: The cap on our neighbor's chimney was too wide so he replaced it with a narrower one. Now his fireplace smoke rises faster than it spreads. Also, there was a tree between our properties that was trapping the smoke and channeling it into our roof vents. Tree removed. Problem solved.

Quebec: It is not the wood stove that's the problem — it's what they're burning in it. Use firewood — not building wood, paneling or pieces of furniture. And only newspapers, not the shiny stuff used for store flyers. These things are full of ink, glue and other chemicals that make smelly fumes and pollute the environment.

We caught our tightwad neighbor burning old car tires in his basement. We informed him we would get the EPA after him if he didn't stop. That did the trick.

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Why not check this out? At the library

Along the lines of Dave Ramsey is Stacy Johnson. He has written "Life or Debt" (332.024 JOH S), touted as a one-week plan that can turn your financial life around. There are numbers to collect and analyze, decisions to make, but maybe this book will be the key to spark yourself into making a real change.



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A really neat book is "Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet" (919.923 SIY A), by Alexandra Siy. In January 2004 twin rovers landed on the planet Mars and took off. Built like rugged little cars, the rovers endured temperature extremes, sand traps, mechanical breakdowns and a global dust storm that confirmed Mars was once a lot like Earth. The rovers sent more than 220,000 "postcards" of their trip. This is really a fascinating book and is not filled with a lot of scientific language and mumbo-jumbo.

While I don't think Big Spring will be hit by a devastating event (although that F-9 tornado did strike in 1929; is it time for another?), it is always wise to be prepared. "The Idiot's Complete Guide to Disaster Preparedness" (613.69 RAM M), by Dr. Maurice A. Ramirez does give some valuable advice. Violent weather, truck/train wrecks carrying hazardous materials and/or petrochemical accidents are the most likely scenario. Although the way the weather has been lately, blizzards might slow us down for awhile. Lists of essential safety supplies, food/water and so on can be found in "Disaster Preparedness."

Can you Tweet? Do you want to Tweet? Do

you know what Tweeting is? In "Twitter for Dummies" (006.754 FIT L) by Laura Fitton will sort out what twittering is and how it can affect your life. Between the Twittering and disaster, I suppose one can keep track of what is going on.

I haven't watched Discovery Home channel and so am not familiar with Norma Vally. Evidently she is the "go-to" person on home improvement shows. The library has two of her books, one on kitchens and bathrooms. "Norma Vally's Kitchen Fix-Ups" (643.3 VAL N) and "Norma Vally's Bathroom Fix-Ups" (643.52 VAL N) are now available for check-out. Another "Idiot" book is "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Renewable Energy for Your Home" (333.794 BYR H) by Harvey Bryan. Some communities in metro areas are now writing ordinances that determine if you can erect a wind-generator or install solar panels on your home. This book will guide you into whether it is economical to do so.

There usually is a reserve list for M.C. Beaton's books. One of her newest is "There Goes the Bride" (M BEA M). While Agatha Raisin does not want her ex-husband, neither does she want to see him married to fashionable and beautiful Felicity Bross-Tilington. Agatha, you see, is short and dumpy. I digress. When Felicity is shot minutes before the wedding vows are recited, Agatha is a prime suspect. A short description for an amusing mystery.

Jayne Ann Krentz writes a taut mystery. In "Truth or Dare" (M KRE J), Krentz takes up the story of psychic interior designer Zoe and private investigator Ethan, who met and fell in love in "Light in Shadow" (M KRE J). They are now working to create a successful marriage, but different

events in their pasts keep interfering with their hopes for wedded bliss. Still haunted by his brother's murder and his own pursuit of justice in that case, Ethan expects Zoe to dump him, just as his previous three wives did. Zoe is plagued by memories of her imprisonment in a private psychiatric sanatorium, as she unexpectedly encounters psychic "spider webs" clinging to several places she has recently visited. As Ethan and Zoe struggle with their pasts, both become caught up in

the dilemma of Zoe's friend, Arcadia, who fears that her ex-husband has returned from the dead to settle an old score. With its potent combination of danger and thrills, sexy romance, and polished writing suffused with a deliciously tart sense of humor, the best-selling Krentz's sophisticated brand of romantic suspense will never go out of



style with readers. This review is by John Charles, Booklist Magazine. Plus, it is an older book of Krentz's, published in 2003. The library does have quite a few of Krentz's books. Some westerns are in and this is an author that I am not familiar with: James D. Best (his character is Steve Dancy). Dancy is set on experiencing the West. At first glance, he is nothing more than a dilettante Easterner intent on writing a journal about his adventures on the frontier. He's not running away from a hopeless life. To the contrary, he's educated and seems to have enough money for his simple needs. Although anxious to avoid trouble, he can be pushed only so far, and when he chances upon

some bad men doing unspeakable things to a woman, he feels he must take a hand. It isn't long before he's caught up in gunplay, which leads him into taking desperate measures, including buying a bank and a hotel and influencing the upcoming gubernatorial elections. Dancy is a far different man than these Westerners think he is. This is a fast-paced tale with an interesting hero. In structure, with short chapters, crisp dialogue and lots of movement, it's reminiscent of a thriller. This review is from Amazon.Com and is written by Simon Barrett, a blogger.

The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.

STALKING: KNOW IT. NAME IT. STOP IT.

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IF YOU'RE STALKED

You might:

- Feel **fear** of what the stalker will do.
- Feel **vulnerable**, unsafe, and not know who to trust.
- Feel **anxious**, irritable, impatient, or on edge.
- Feel **depressed**, hopeless, overwhelmed, tearful, or angry.
- Feel **stressed**, including having trouble concentrating, sleeping, or remembering things.
- Have **eating problems**, such as appetite loss, forgetting to eat, or overeating.
- Have **flashbacks**, disturbing thoughts, feelings, or memories.
- Feel **confused, frustrated, or isolated** because other people don't understand why you are afraid.

These are common reactions to being stalked.

IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING STALKED, YOU CAN HELP.

Listen. Show support. Don't blame the victim for the crime. Remember that every situation is different, and allow the person being stalked to make choices about how to handle it. Find someone you can talk to about the situation. Take steps to ensure your own safety. For more ideas on how you can help, call 1-800-FYI-CALL.

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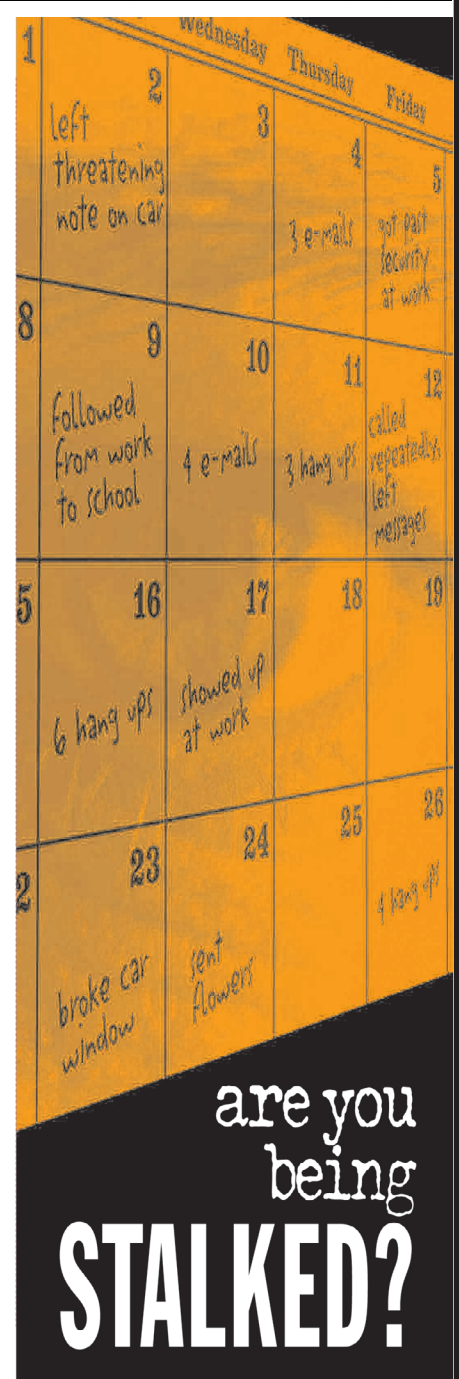
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are you being STALKED?

ARE YOU BEING STALKED?

Stalking is a series of actions that make you feel afraid or in danger. Stalking is serious, often violent, and can escalate over time.

Stalking is a crime.

A stalker can be someone you know well or not at all. Most have dated or been involved with the people they stalk. Most stalking cases involve men stalking women, but men do stalk men, women do stalk women, and women do stalk men.

Some things stalkers do:

- Repeatedly call you, including hang-ups.
- Follow you and show up wherever you are.
- Send unwanted gifts, letters, cards, or e-mails.
- Damage your home, car, or other property.
- Monitor your phone calls or computer use.
- Use technology, like hidden cameras or global positioning systems (GPS), to track where you go.
- Drive by or hang out at your home, school, or work.
- Threaten to hurt you, your family, friends, or pets.
- Find out about you by using public records or on-line search services, hiring investigators, going through your garbage, or contacting friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers.
- Other actions that control, track, or frighten you.

You are not to blame for a stalker's behavior.

THINGS YOU CAN DO

Stalking is unpredictable and dangerous. No two stalking situations are alike. There are no guarantees that what works for one person will work for another, yet you can take steps to increase your safety.

If you are in **immediate danger**, call 911.

Trust your **instincts**. Don't downplay the danger. If you feel you are unsafe, you probably are.

Take **threats** seriously. Danger generally is higher when the stalker talks about suicide or murder, or when a victim tries to leave or end the relationship.

Contact a crisis hotline, **victim services agency**, or a domestic violence or rape crisis program. They can help you devise a safety plan, give you information about local laws, refer you to other services, and weigh options such as seeking a protection order.

Develop a **safety plan**, including things like changing your routine, arranging a place to stay, and having a friend or relative go places with you. Also, decide in advance what to do if the stalker shows up at your home, work, school, or somewhere else. Tell people how they can help you.

Don't communicate with the stalker or respond to attempts to contact you.

Keep **evidence** of the stalking. When the stalker follows you or contacts you, write down the time, date, and place. Keep e-mails, phone messages, letters, or notes. Photograph anything of yours the stalker damages and any injuries the stalker causes. Ask witnesses to write down what they saw.

Contact the **police**. Every state has stalking laws. The stalker may also have broken other laws by doing things like assaulting you or stealing or destroying your property.

Consider getting a **court order** that tells the stalker to stay away from you.

Tell **family, friends, roommates, and co-workers** about the stalking and seek their support. Tell security staff at your job or school. Ask them to help watch out for your safety.

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The Big Game calls for fun food with big flavor. These winning recipes start with flavor-packed Johnsonville Sausage. From bratwurst to Italian, smoked-cooked and more, there's a sausage variety to satisfy all your hungry guests.

Put these recipes in your game-day playbook, and you'll score big with everyone at the party.

A Winning Match-Up. Cook up brats and have a variety of buns and toppings available so guests can customize their eats. Too cold to grill outside? Prepare your brats in a pan, indoor grill pan or press, or broil them in the oven. For toppings, try:

- Grilled peppers and onions
- Philly-style: peppers, onions and cheese sauce
- Reuben-style: sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and onions
- Spicy mustard
- Ketchup
- Relish

Super Skewers. Smoked turkey skewers with a honey-mustard sauce are a good call — they're easy to make and fun to eat. Prepare skewers in advance and finish with honey mustard when it's time to serve guests.

Championship Chili. Tackle hunger with a hearty bowl of the most flavorful chili in the lineup. Keep chili toppings and bottles of hot sauce handy so guests can spice it up as much as they'd like.

Big Game Beans. These beans score extra points for flavor by using sausage made even bolder with chili cheese or jalapeño cheese right in the links. It's a good thing this recipe makes a lot — your guests are sure to be fans.

For more recipes and cooking tips, visit www.johnsonville.com.

PARTY PLAYBOOK

- Have permanent markers out, so guests can write their names on their cups. Helping them keep track of their drinks cuts down on trash.
- Don't do it all yourself. Have guests bring chips, veggie trays, desserts and extra drinks. Non-cooks can kick in paper goods and extra ice.
- Have different seating zones for game time. Let the big-time fans sit in the room with the bigger TV, and have another place for the casual fans and people who want to socialize. A smaller TV in the kitchen is a good way to let guests keep an eye on the game and still chat.
- Keep a cooler full of drinks near the main viewing area. That way, fans don't have to miss any of the action when they need a refill.
- If kids will be attending, have an area set up just for them. DVDs, game stations and other activities will keep them occupied while adults watch the game.



Chiliville Chili



Honey Mustard Turkey Sausage Skewers



Bold Beans

Chiliville Chili

Yield: 10 to 12 servings

- 1 package (16 ounces) Johnsonville Italian Ground Mild, Sweet or Hot Italian Sausage (Substitute Johnsonville Mild, Sweet or Hot links by simply removing the casing)
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 celery ribs, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 cans (14.5 ounces each) diced tomatoes with green peppers and onions
- 2 cans (16 ounces each) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) beef broth
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- Shredded cheddar cheese (optional)

In large saucepan, cook sausage and ground beef over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Add onion, celery and garlic. Cook and stir for 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in tomatoes, beans, broth, tomato paste, brown sugar, chili powder, Worcestershire sauce, cumin and red pepper flakes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 minutes.

Sprinkle with cheese, if you like, and serve immediately.

Honey Mustard Turkey Sausage Skewers

Yield: 8 skewers

- 1 package (13.5 ounces) Johnsonville Smoked Turkey Sausage
- 2 medium yellow onions
- 2 medium sweet red and yellow bell peppers
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) honey mustard
- 18 small metal or wooden skewers

Cut each sausage link into six slices. Peel onion and cut into 1/2-inch pieces. Core peppers and cut into 1/2-inch pieces.

Thread sausage slice, onion slice, pepper slice and second sausage slice onto metal or soaked wooden skewer.

Grill skewers on charcoal or gas grill or on a grill pan over medium heat about 5 to 6 minutes. Turn and grill another 5 to 6 minutes or until vegetables are tender and sausage is hot. Brush with honey mustard; serve.

Bold Beans

Yield: 18 servings

- 1 package (14 ounces) Johnsonville BOLD Smoked Sausage — Chili Cheese or Jalapeño Cheese variety
- 1 package (16 ounces) fresh bacon
- 1 large yellow onion
- 1 large green pepper
- 4 cans (22 ounces each) barbecue-style beans

Cut sausages into 1/2-inch chunks. Chop bacon. Peel and chop onion. Core and chop pepper.

In saucepan, cook bacon until crisp, approximately 8 minutes and drain. Add onion, pepper and sausage; cook until vegetables are tender. Stir beans into sausage mixture and simmer over low heat for 30 minutes, allowing flavors to marinate together.

GOP earns stunning victory in senate election

BOSTON (AP) — Republicans are rejoicing and Democrats are reeling in the wake of Scott Brown's stunning victory over Martha Coakley in a special Massachusetts Senate election that Brown insists was not simply a referendum on President Barack Obama.

Still, Obama grimly faced a need to both regroup and recoup losses on Wednesday, the anniversary of his inauguration, in a White House shaken by the realization of what a difference a year made. The most likely starting

place was finding a way to save the much-criticized health care overhaul he's been trying to push through Congress.

In one of the country's most traditionally liberal states, Brown rode a wave of voter anger to defeat Coakley, the attorney general who had been considered a surefire winner until just days ago. Her loss signaled big political problems for Obama and the Democratic Party this fall when House, Senate and gubernatorial candidates are on the ballot nationwide.

Brown, however, maintained in an

interview Wednesday morning that claiming the election was a referendum on Obama would be oversimplifying what had happened there. Nor, he said, was it merely a matter of voters rejecting Coakley.

Asked on NBC's "Today" show if the election was a referendum on Obama, he replied, "No, it's bigger than that."

"I just focused on what I did, which is to talk about the issues — terror, taxes and the health care plan," he said. "I don't think it was anything that she did." Brown noted that

he was able to establish himself as a strong candidate, traveling across the state "while they were in the middle of their primary. ... People enjoyed the message."

He called the Obama-backed health care system "not good for our state," and said he didn't think the voters would stand for any effort by Democrats to delay seating him in the Senate. Brown said Democrats would pay at the polls in November for any "political chicanery." He also said he believes he offered voters the vision of a public servant who would vote in

Washington for whatever is best, "whether it's a good Democratic idea or a Republican idea."

Brown will become the 41st Republican in the 100-member Senate, which could allow the GOP to block the health care bill. Democrats needed Coakley to win for a 60th vote to thwart Republican filibusters.

Brown became the first Republican elected to the U.S. Senate from supposedly true-blue Democratic Massachusetts since 1972.

"I have no interest in sugarcoating what happened in

Massachusetts," said Sen. Robert Menendez, the head of the Senate Democrats' campaign committee. "There is a lot of anxiety in the country right now. Americans are understandably impatient."

Brown will finish Kennedy's unexpired term, facing re-election in 2012.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid pledged to seat Brown immediately, a hasty retreat from pre-election Democratic threats to delay his inauguration until after the health bill passed.

Brown led by 52 percent to 47 percent with 100 percent of precincts counted.

The third candidate in the race, independent Joseph L. Kennedy, who is no relation to Edward Kennedy, had less than 1 percent.

The local election played out against a national backdrop of animosity and resentment from voters over persistently high unemployment, Wall Street bailouts, exploding federal budget deficits and partisan wrangling over health care.

On Wednesday, Republican Party Chairman Michael Steele said Americans were breathing "a sigh of relief" over the potential derailing of the health care bill.

"People across the country are saying, 'Slow it down,'" Steele said Wednesday.

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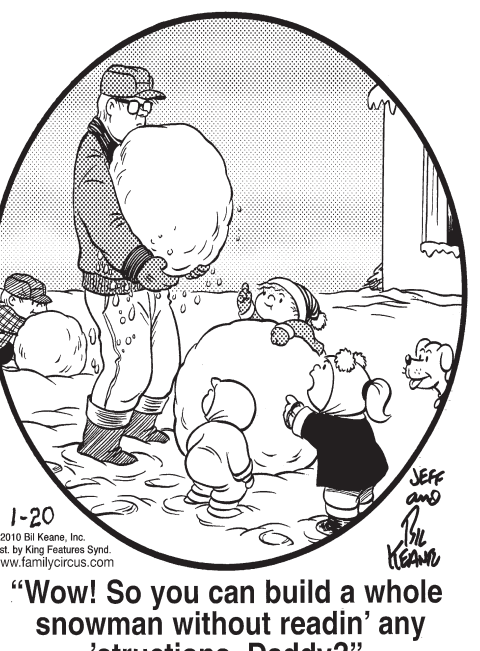
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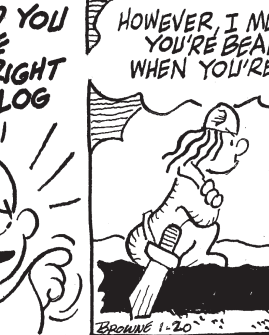
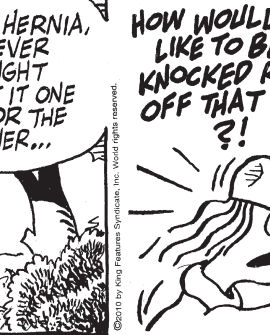
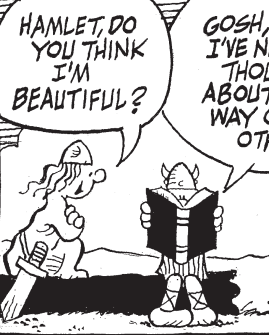
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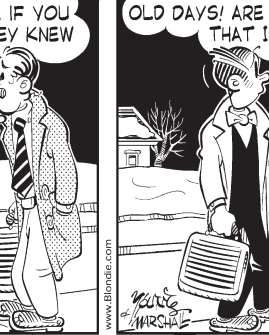
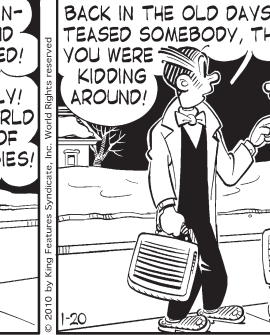
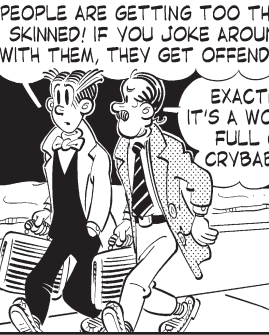


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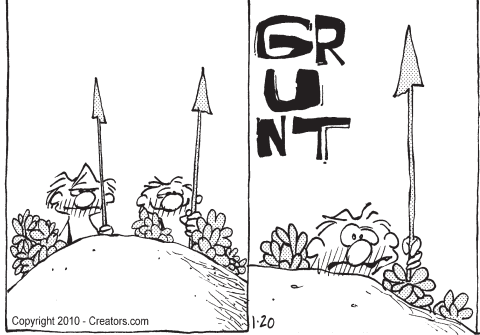
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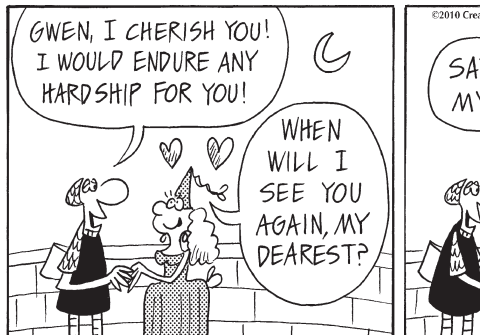
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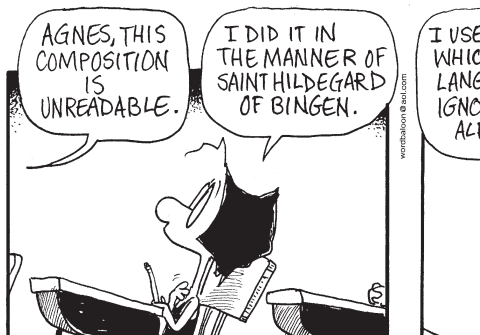
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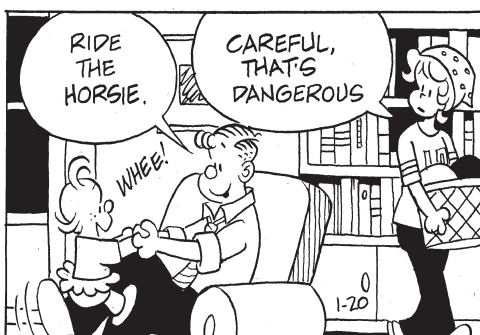
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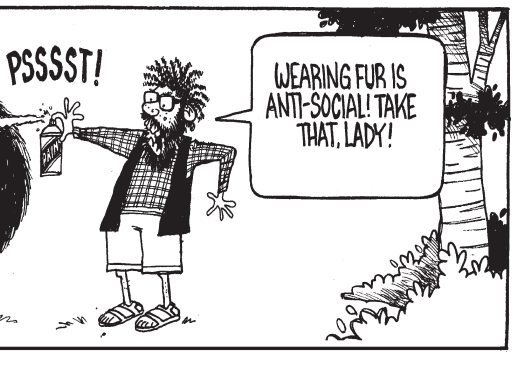
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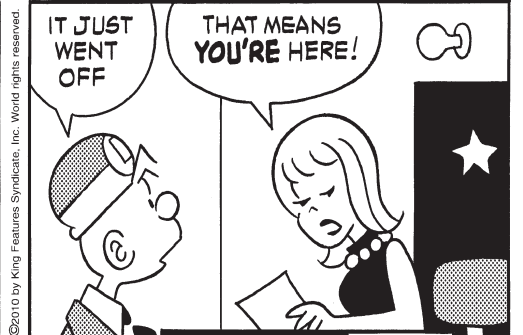
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2010. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 20, 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as the nation's 44th, as well as first African-American, president.

On this date:

In 1801, Secretary of State John Marshall was nominated by President John Adams to be chief justice of the United States (he was sworn in on February 4th, 1801).

In 1841, the island of Hong Kong was ceded by China to Great Britain. (It returned to Chinese control in July 1997.)

In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1936, Britain's King George V died; he was succeeded by Edward VIII.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugu-

rated on Jan. 20th instead of March 4th.

In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Jews.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman was sworn in for a second term of office.

In 1969, Richard M. Nixon was sworn in as the 37th president of the United States; Spiro Agnew took the oath of vice president.

In 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

In 1990, actress Barbara Stanwyck died in Santa Monica, Calif. at age 82.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Slim Whitman is 86. Actress Patricia Neal is 84. Comedian Arte Johnson is 81. Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin is 80. Actress Dorothy Provine is 73. Olympic gold medal figure skater Carol Heiss is 70. Singer Eric Stewart is 65. Movie director David Lynch is 64. Country-rock musician George Grantham (Poco) is 63. Actor

Daniel Benzali is 60. Rock musician Paul Stanley (KISS) is 58. Rock musician Ian Hill (Judas Priest) is 58. Comedian Bill Maher (MAR) is 54. Actor Lorenzo Lamas is 52. Actor James Denton is 47. Rock musician Greg K. (The Offspring) is 45. Country singer John Michael Montgomery is 45. Sophie, Countess of Wessex, is 45. Actor Rainn Wilson ("The Office") is 44. Actress Stacey Dash is 43. TV personality Melissa Rivers is 42. Singer Xavier is 42. Singer Edwin McCain is 40. Actor Skeet Ulrich is 40. Rap musician Questlove (Questlove) (The Roots) is 39. Rock musician Rob Bourdon (Linkin Park) is 31. Actor Evan Peters is 23.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | 64 Noah's grandfather | 7 Golf-course vehicles | 38 Canine classification |
| 1 Computer ace, perhaps | 66 Group in a yoke | 8 Make happy | 41 Stitched line |
| 5 Roast host | 67 Farmland units | 9 Frome or Allen | 45 Shrivels |
| 10 Naval rank below Capt. | 68 Philosopher | 10 Pollux's twin | 47 Like chocolate pudding |
| 14 Actress Heche | Descartes | 11 Potentate of India | 49 Supremes leader |
| 15 Coped, with "with" | 69 "___ Breaky Heart" | 12 Boring situation | 51 Jordanian capital |
| 16 Org. for retirees | 70 Lights on Broadway | 13 Engine stat. | 52 Family member |
| 17 Final campaign | 71 Recipe instruction | 18 War, to Sherman | 53 Opening words |
| 19 Phony | | 24 Exhausted | 55 For rent |
| 20 Quite sharp | | 26 Flash of inspiration | 56 Teheran citizen |
| 21 Blues singer ___ James | | 28 Faxed | 57 Former anesthetic |
| 22 Store-clothes attachments | DOWN | 30 Aussie's pal | 58 Pre-release software version |
| 23 Mrs. Stanley Kowalski | 1 Celebrations | 31 "What she said!" | 59 Tina's 30 Rock costar |
| 25 Twelfth grader | 2 Pass, as a law | 32 Economist Smith | 61 "If so..." |
| 27 Building wings | 3 Follow | 33 Line on a boat | 65 Battleship initials |
| 29 Theater offering | 4 Kitchen equipment | 34 Section of Casablanca | |
| 32 Crafts' partner | 5 End of Notre Dame's URL | 36 Roofing goo | |
| 35 Leaves alone | 6 Unimportant | 37 Part of a process | |

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