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Against the odds

Medina using shoe leather, elbow grease in her dark horse campaign for governor

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

To use a racing analogy, Debra Medina is the self-confessed dark horse in the race to name the Republican candidate for Texas governor. But she has a message for the two front-runners — don't look now, but someone's gaining on you. Medina brought her grassroots campaign to Big Spring Wednesday. And while she admitted that most of the attention in the GOP gubernatorial race is devoted to incumbent Rick Perry and Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Medina says she's more than a mere spoiler. "There's always people who say you can't do this or you can't do that, but this is a very achievable victory," Medina

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—Debra Medina,
Republican candidate for governor

said prior to her speech at Howard College Wednesday evening. "We're seeing more and more people energized by this campaign across the state." It is that grass-roots effort, she said, that is vital to her

campaign. "Money is not going to win this race for us," Medina said. "What's going to win this race is word of mouth, shoe leather and elbow grease." To distance herself from her opponents, Medina is staking ground even further to the right than either Perry or Hutchinson. The Beeville native shared her view on several topics, including: • Property taxes — Many candidates have advocated property tax reform in the past, but Medina takes it one step forward — she wants to eliminate the levy across Texas and make up the lost revenue through increases in sales taxes, a move she said would have a dramatic

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Debra Medina, Republican candidate for Texas Governor, talks to reporters prior to a campaign speech in Big Spring Wednesday.



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Emergency responders load an injured woman onto a helicopter dispatched out of Odessa following a one-vehicle rollover near Elbow Elementary School Wednesday morning. The woman died approximately two hours later at a hospital in Odessa, according to law enforcement officials.

Local woman dies following rollover

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman died from injuries she received in a one-vehicle rollover near Elbow Elementary School Wednesday morning. Marcela Martinez Rivera, 47, was pronounced dead shortly after 1 p.m. in an Odessa hospital, according to DPS Trooper Jared Bartcher. The accident occurred on Nichols road, one to two miles south of Elbow Elementary School and the intersection with FM 818 at

approximately 11 a.m. Rivera was transported from the scene by a Medical Center Hospital CareStar helicopter with what was believed to be serious but stable wounds. According to law enforcement officials, Rivera had been driving north on Nichols Road when her vehicle left the roadway, careened over a barbed wire fence and rolled into a nearby field. Portions of the truck's cab were crushed in the accident, and according to emer-

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Supt. Saldivar STAAR gazing; says wait and see on new test

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials are taking a wait-and-see attitude toward the unveiling of a new slate of state tests that will replace the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). Commissioner of Education Robert Scott announced Tuesday that the next generation of student tests will be called the State of Texas As-



Saldivar

sessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR. STAAR will replace the TAKS, which is the criterion-reference assessment program that has been in place since 2003. The STAAR name, pronounced the same as star, will be used for the 12 end-of-course assessments mandated by Senate Bill 1031 in 2007 and

the new grade 3-8 assessments mandated by House Bill 3 in the 2009 legislative session. The new tests will be used beginning in the 2011-2012 school year. Students in the graduating Class of 2015, who are currently in seventh grade, will be the first students who must meet the end-of-course testing requirements, as well as pass their classes, in order to earn a

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DEADLINE IS FRIDAY Time is running out to join Loser contest

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Big Spring Herald and Serenity Spa are teaming up to offer area residents some healthy competition. The only problem is, time is running out. For the second year, the Herald is co-sponsoring the Best Loser Contest. The idea is to have a four-person team lose more weight — based on total percentage loss — than any other team in the competition. There's just one catch. The deadline to enter is Friday. "We encourage people to



Nunez

have a healthier lifestyle. We hope this contest will encourage that and be a lot of fun," said Rick Nunez, Herald advertising manager and event coordinator. "Sign up today." Why four-person teams? Because studies show it's easier to lose weight when you've got some support. The contest begins in February and will run through May. Entry fees are \$50 per

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HC Hawks prepare for ranked Odessa teams



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Josh Watkins and the Hawks hope to stay in the region title mix against the No. 10 Odessa Wranglers.

Herald Staff Report

ODESSA — It's another Thursday and another tough road test for both Howard basketball teams.

The No. 7 Hawk team will travel to Odessa to take on the No. 10 Wranglers. Odessa (18-3, 3-2) is coming back home after losing to New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs. The Wranglers have lost two of their last three games but are a perfect 9-0 at home.

Point guard LaMont Austin and the Hawks hit the road after easily dispatching Western Texas 73-44 at home Monday. Austin is averaging

10 points per game and nearly four assists per game this season as the architect of Howard's offense.

"Odessa is a highly ranked team. We want to go in and make another statement there too," Austin said Monday.

Coach Mark Adams will square off against Odessa coach Dennis Helms, who is in his fifth year at Odessa after a nine-year hiatus.

"(Odessa) owns a great record, and they're a very good basketball team," Adams said. "I think it's one of the best teams that Coach Helms has

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WJCAC Region 5 Men's Conference Standings

Team	Dist.	Overall
Midland	5-0	21-0
Howard	4-1	17-2
Odessa	3-2	18-3
Frank Phillips	2-3	16-5
NMJC	2-3	15-6
South Plains	2-3	12-7
W. Texas	0-3	11-7
NMMI	1-4	9-11
Clarendon	0-0	11-10

Texas outlasts Tech in second half

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Leave it to the least likely players to score to give Texas the offensive punch it needed to end a two-game skid.

Justin Mason had 18 points and Dogus Balbay added 13, leading No. 6 Texas to a 95-83 win over Texas Tech on Wednesday night after losses at Kansas State and Connecticut cost the Longhorns the nation's top ranking.

Between them, the guards usually counted on for defense, passing and rebounding — everything BUT scoring — went into the game averaging just more than seven points.

Opposing defenses had been sagging off both players all season to guard against Dexter Pittman and Damion James on the inside. Until Wednesday night, there was little reason to care if Mason and Balbay were left open.

"Tonight, I thought I'd be more aggressive," Mason said.

Both of them were.

Balbay took Texas' first shot and Mason took the third. They combined to shoot 13 of 20 from the floor while still handing out 12 of Texas' 15 assists.

"We were going to take the open shots. We talked about it before the game — we were going to attack," Balbay said.



AP PHOTO/Harry Cabluck

Texas forward Gary Johnson attacks the basket against Texas Tech's Theron Jenkins. Johnson and Texas were down 50-47 at the end of the first half, but the Longhorns recovered for a 95-83 win.

Their scoring also opened up the floor for James, the offensive catalyst for Texas (18-2, 4-1 Big 12) all season.

James finished with 28 points and 13 rebounds to set the Big 12 record for career double-doubles with 48. He scored six straight points in the game-changing run midway through the

second half.

Mason scored 13 in the first half on 6-of-8 shooting. Texas Tech (14-6, 2-4) gave him plenty of room to move and the senior quickly found his range with a 3-pointer, short jumper and drives to the basket. Balbay also showed off a seldom-seen shooting touch with a mid-

range jumper.

"We backed off them to force them to make plays and they made plays," Texas Tech coach Pat Knight said. "They are two very good players."

Balbay also made the defensive play of the game when he recov-

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Muonelo, Ok. State edge Aggies at home

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — After the Big 12 Conference's leading scorer, James Anderson, managed only two first-half points on Wednesday night, his Oklahoma State teammate, Obi Muonelo, asked him the obvious question: Is something wrong?

Anderson said he felt fine, then proved it in the second half, finishing with 19 points, a career-high seven assists and six rebounds as the Cowboys extended their home winning streak to 16 games with a 76-69 win over Texas A&M.

Muonelo complemented Anderson's effort with a season-high 24 points, finishing 6 of 9 from 3-point range to key the Cowboys' school-record 66.7 percent (12 of 18) shooting from behind the arc. Oklahoma State (16-4, 4-2) shot a season-best 57.9 percent overall and won its third straight game, a run that includes a road win on Saturday over then-No. 10 Kansas State.

"We all knew James was coming. He's such an aggressive scorer," Muonelo said. "... In the second half, he got started, and once he hit his first shot, I knew he was going to be all right."

The Cowboys overcame the absence of starting point guard Ray Penn, who has a stress reaction-type knee injury and missed his second straight game. His replacement in the starting lineup, Fred Gulley, scored eight points.

"You're always a little concerned about a game like this, after coming off a big victory like we had Saturday," Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford said. "I debated all the way home ... about how much to really talk to our team about not having a letdown."

"I decided not to talk to them about it. ... We just talked about things we needed to do to prepare to be successful about Texas A&M and focus."

Donald Sloan scored 27 points to lead Texas A&M (14-6, 3-3), which lost despite going 10 of 24 from 3-point range. The Aggies are 1-4 this season in road games.

Oklahoma State won on the ninth anniversary of a plane crash that killed 10 men associated with the Cowboys' program. It was only the second time since the crash that Oklahoma State has played on the anniversary.

Anderson extended his double-figure scoring streak to 34 games.

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San Antonio blows out Atlanta 105-90 but loses Parker to injury

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs snapped a three-game losing streak by blowing out one of the best teams in the league.

Plenty of reason to feel good about that, but the Spurs could hardly celebrate because on the way to beating the Atlanta Hawks 105-90 on Wednesday night, Tony

Parker sprained his left ankle and it's uncertain how long he'll be out.

X-rays were negative, but it didn't look good for San Antonio's star point guard.

"We're going to have to adjust to it," said Tim Duncan, who grabbed a career-high 27 rebounds and scored 21 points. "We're trying to get something going here and then we lose Tony.

We'll find a way to get it done."

Parker tumbled to the baseline after a hard drive to the basket in the third quarter, and immediately began writhing on the ground. Television replays showed Parker awkwardly plant his foot during the drive.

Parker left with the same injury that caused him to miss four games

earlier this season. He's also been bothered all season by plantar fasciitis in his left foot.

The Spurs will likely know more Thursday about when Parker will be ready to play.

Until then, the Spurs will enjoy the win. It's just the second in their last seven games, and the first in their six-game

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AP PHOTO/Eric Gay

Tony Parker lies on the floor Wednesday in San Antonio. Parker sprained his left ankle in the game.

Sports in brief

Friday's area games

See Sunday's Herald for recaps

Frenship at Big Spring, 6/7:30 p.m.

Ballinger at Coahoma, 6:30/8 p.m.

Grady at Klondike, 6:30/8 p.m.

Sands at Dawson, 6:30/8 p.m.

Garden City at Blackwell, 6:30/8 p.m.

Big Spring softball tournament needs community support

Lady Steer softball parents and the city of Big Spring Parks and Recreation Department are hosting a 22-team high school softball tournament March 4-6.

The tournament needs community support to be a success. Banners will be displayed at the tournament for business owners who wish to support the tournament.

Call John Sparks for information at 270-2711.

Big Spring to host district swim meet

The Big Spring YMCA will host the 2009-2010 District 4-4A swimming and diving championship meet Friday and Saturday.

The meet will get under way with warmups at 9:30 a.m. before preliminaries start at noon. Diving preliminaries will commence one hour after swimming concludes.

The finals will run Saturday on the same schedule.

Take Note

• David Andrews of Noodle, Republican candidate for Texas House District 85, will hold a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 9, in the Big Spring Country Club Wasson Room. Everyone is invited.

• A fund has been established at Wood Forest National Bank for Jeffrey Cate (Bubba). He is a lifetime resident of Big Spring and is employed at B&E Roustabout. He was in a car accident New Year's Eve and is still in a hospital in Lubbock. He had surgery to remove his spleen and has several broken bones, including one in his neck. He has also suffered some mem-

ory loss due to a bruise on one side of his brain. He has three small boys. The medical bills and family travel expenses are adding up. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

• 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.

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diploma.

Steven Saldivar, superintendent for BSISD schools, said he wants to see more of the new tests before declaring STAAR either an improvement of step down from TAKS.

"We've seen bits and pieces of it," Saldivar said. "I think that it will take some adjustments ... Until we see some examples of what the finished product is like, it's really too early to comment. But we do feel we test our students too much, that too much emphasis is placed on state tests."

Texas Education Agency officials said the new tests will be significantly more rigorous than previous tests and

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economic impact for the state.

"We need to get rid of the property tax so Texans can once again truly have private property ownership," Medina said.

She claims that the idea could be accomplished in a revenue-neutral manner and, as a result, bring about a \$3 billion increase in personal income and 150,000 news jobs across Texas.

Private property and gun ownerships, Medina said, are the two greatest freedoms that Texans should be able to claim.

• Federal interference in state matters — Medina noted that a third

of the state's budget is comprised of federal funds — and with those funds come over-reaching federal mandates in areas such as agriculture, energy and education.

"We don't need Washington, D.C., telling us how to educate our kids," she said. "That's not to say that there's areas that don't need some sort of oversight ... but it is our responsibility to regulate these areas, not Washington's."

In this area, Gov. Perry has failed the state, Medina said.

"A third of our state budget comes from federal funds, which makes the state more and more dependent on the federal monster," she said. "But when Washington says, 'Jump,' Rick Perry asks, 'How high?' when he should be saying,

"Hell, no."

Medina said Texas and other states should use nullification and interposition as weapons to battle federal encroachment.

"The proposed health care plan requires you to have 'acceptable' health insurance or you'll be forced to pay a penalty," she said. "None of us have the power or resources to prevent the IRS from taxing us if we don't have adequate health insurance — but the great state of Texas does."

For more information on Medina's candidacy, visit her Web site at www.medinafortexas.com

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gency responders, Rivera was ejected from the vehicle.

Emergency personnel at the scene said it was extremely unlikely Rivera was wearing her safety belt at the time of the crash. The cause of the rollover is still under investigation, according to the DPS.

Rivera was traveling alone in the vehicle.

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

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team — \$12.50 per team member. Teams will be competing not only for bragging rights but cash — between \$500 and \$1,000 depending on how many teams enter. Cash prizes will be awarded for first through third places.

There will be three official weigh-ins at the Serenity Spa — the first to be held Feb. 1-5. A team photo will be taken Feb. 8-12 at the Big Spring Herald.

Only a team's weight loss percentage will be noted, not the individual's. Your actual weight will not be revealed.

Teams must sign up no later than Friday at the Herald office, 710 Scurry. You will be required to sign a waiver when you register. It is suggested that participants check with their doctor to get advice on a weight-loss program.

Here's a quick FAQ to help you out:

• Do I have to join the gym or subscribe to the Herald to participate? No.

• What happens if one of the members of the team quits during the contest? The team forfeits, sorry.

• Do team members have to weigh in together? No. They can weigh in separately.

• Do we have to have our group photo taken? Yes,

• Will our team photo be in the paper? Absolutely.

• Do we have to live in Howard County to participate? No, but you do have to weigh in at the Serenity Spa in Big Spring. That's the official location, no exceptions.

"If you have questions, call me and I'll be glad to answer them," said Nunez. "Don't be left out of this contest!"

Contact Nunez at 263-7331 ext. 229.

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tying Richard Dumas for the second-longest such streak in school history. He also became the 10th Oklahoma State player to score 1,500 career points, ending the game with 1,518.

Anderson didn't score until the final two minutes of the first half. But Muonelo scored 13 first-half points, including the first eight for the Cowboys, as they raced to a 13-2 lead. His third 3-pointer put the Cowboys up 20-10 at the 7:41 mark, but Texas A&M closed the half on a 16-6 run to make it 26-26.

"The first 10 minutes is about as bad as we've played all year," Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon said. "We kind of woke up a bit and made it a game at half."

Texas A&M took its first lead on a basket by Bryan Davis 18 seconds into the second half. The teams swapped the lead five more times before a noticeably more aggressive Anderson took over.

"I challenged him," Ford said of Anderson. "I was not happy the way he played in the first half. He's one of the best players in America

and he's got to understand that when the game starts, people's game plan is to try and stop him. They're going to be physical with him. They're going to bump him. And he's got to counter that."

Stuck behind the 3-point line with the shot clock running down, Anderson drew a foul from the Aggies' Dash Harris and converted two of three free throws. Then, after an A&M miss, he grabbed the rebound and went coast-to-coast, scoring on a driving layup. That put the Cowboys up 41-36 with 13:25 left and drew an immediate time-out from Turgeon.

"I just thought their best player took over the game," Turgeon said. "He took over the game shooting it, driving it, getting to the foul line. He was the one guy we talked about in every time-out, and he just took over the game."

Keiton Page scored 16 points for Oklahoma State. Moses, who averaged 11.3 rebounds in the Cowboys' previous four games, had 11 as Oklahoma State posted a 30-19 edge on the boards.

Harris and David Loubeau each scored 14 points for the Aggies.

BIG BOWLERS



Big Spring city champion bowlers, from right to left, Sammy Torres, Ron Midkiff, Tony Saldona and Simon Saldona pose after their 2,796 series score. Midkiff scored the highest with a 712 individual score. Not pictured were doubles winners Eddie Gonzales and Philip Reiner with a 1,442 scratch series.

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ered after a Texas turnover and blocked a fast-break dunk attempt by Texas Tech's Theron Jenkins late in the first half.

"No easy baskets," Balbay said.

Even with those two scoring, the Red Raiders built an early lead. Texas Tech made eight 3-pointers in the first half — the most Texas had allowed in a game all season — and led 50-42 when Nick Okorie

hit from long range. Roberson made four 3-pointers in the half.

Texas cut the lead to 50-47 by halftime behind a 3-pointer by Jordan Hamilton and Pittman's tip at the buzzer.

In the second, the Texas defense pushed out to the perimeter and the Red Raiders attempted just one 3-pointer in the first nine minutes. Mason fed Balbay for a fast-break dunk. Balbay then sliced through the lane for a layup that put Texas up 64-60 with just over 13 minutes to play.

Texas finally created some separation behind James and a 3-pointer by Avery Bradley that put the Longhorns ahead 80-69.

James took over the scoring down the stretch, finding more and more space to move under the basket and grab rebounds. He broke the Big 12 double-doubles record he shared with former Texas All-American Chris Mihm (1998-2000).

"That don't mean nothing to me," James said. "It just feels good being on the winning

side of the table. I'll let my mama talk about it. She'll brag about it to her friends."

After the two losses, the Longhorns had dismissed any notion their season was at a crossroads heading into the second half of the season. The win keeps Texas within a game of Big 12 leader Kansas.

"Coming into this game, nothing changed," Balbay said. "We still have the same game plan, still have the same intensity. We're going to play really hard, every day, every game."

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Midland, where the Chaps out-rebounded the Hawks 41-26.

The Hawk women, coming off their first conference victory over Western Texas at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Monday, will take on an Odessa team ranked No. 20 in the latest NJCAA poll at 5:45 p.m. tonight.

The Hawks caught fire from the floor after a slow conference start against Western Texas, shooting 55 percent from the 3-point line. Tasha Tubbs hit seven 3-pointers for her 21 points.

The Hawks hope to take their

hot hands with them to Odessa against a Lady Wranglers team that is best in the region in field goal defense, forcing opponents to just 27 percent from the floor.

The Lady Wranglers feature an inside-out attack with sophomore center Judith Tabala and freshman guard Takoia Larry. The duo each average more than 11 points per game.

Odessa has lost its last two games at New Mexico JC and at home to conference leader South Plains by one point last week.

That loss was the Lady Wranglers' lone home loss of the season.

**WJCAC Region 5
Women's Standings**

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NMJC	2-2	11-10
Howard	1-3	15-4
W. Texas	1-4	11-10
Clarendon	0-0	13-8

SPURS

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game homestand. Only

two more remain before the Spurs hit the road for 3½ weeks for their annual Rodeo Road Trip.

"I thought we made

a statement from the start," said Spurs forward Antonio McDyess, who scored 17. "We let ourselves down and we had given games away, just beaten ourselves. But tonight we came out and made a statement."

Joe Johnson scored 31 and Jamal Crawford had 25 points for the Hawks, whose winning streak ended at three games. Josh Smith had 14 points and 16 rebounds.

"They had been struggling of late," Johnson said. "They needed to get (a win) desperately and they came out and acted like it tonight."

The Hawks haven't won in San Antonio since 1997. But this lopsided loss — San Antonio led by as many as 28 in the first half and never trailed — was perhaps worse than expected.

The Spurs entered stuck in their worst slump of the season, having recently betrayed their defensive identity. The Hawks, meanwhile, came in leading their division this late in the season for the first time since 1999.

But Atlanta never really got close in this one.

The Spurs matched a season-high with 66 first-half points and held the Hawks to 40 percent shooting.

"I guess we weren't ready to play," Smith said. "We love that kind of pace, but we weren't ready to play."

Duncan had his first 20-20 game since 2005, and the 20th of his career. His 27 rebounds were also an NBA season high.

Duncan bested his previous career rebounding high of 25, set against Miami in 2003. He made just five of 20 shots and had 10 offensive rebounds.

"I mostly rebounded my own shots and that helps," Duncan said. "Helps a whole lot, so I can just get that out of the way."

George Hill scored 16 points as all Spurs starters were in double figures. That includes Parker, who had 10 points and eight assists before being helped off the court.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Pinpoint Defense

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
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EAST
♠ A Q J 9 8 4 3
♥ —
♦ Q 10 9 6 2
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SOUTH
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♥ A 10 9 8 6 4 3
♦ A K 7
♣ 6

The bidding:
East 3♠ South 4♥ West All Pass North
Opening lead — king of clubs.

five and South the six. West then shifted to the deuce of spades. East took dummy's ten with the jack and continued with the ace of spades, on which West had to make a discard.

The winning play was not long in coming: On the ace of spades, West discarded the ace of clubs! This was undoubtedly a spectacular discard — but that was not the purpose of the play.

The purpose was to tell East as clearly and as emphatically as possible not to lead a club at trick four, which is what East almost surely would have done without the benefit of West's ace-of-clubs play. So East led a third round of spades, and declarer could not stop West from scoring the setting trick with the king of trumps.

What does the hand teach us? Essentially, it demonstrates that top-notch defense depends not only on occasional individual brilliance, but also on partnership cooperation. West realized, at trick three, that the only sure way to beat the contract was to get East to lead a spade at trick four. West therefore chose the extraordinary discard of the ace of clubs to try to get that message across, and East's spade return showed that he had gotten the message loud and clear.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Obituaries

Jewel Cauble Anderson

Jewel Cauble Anderson, 91, passed away peacefully Jan. 25, 2010, after a brief illness in the Dallas area where she had been living with her daughter and family. She was born Aug. 20, 1918, in Big Spring to George Clinton Cauble and Lucille Griffice Cauble.



After graduating from Big Spring High School she married her true love, Donald Arthur Anderson, on March 9, 1938, and they lived happily for 61 wonderful years in Big Spring. They worked together at Thomas Office Supply and raised two children.



Jewel was a member of the First Christian Church, belonged to the Couples' Dance Club and played in the Tuesday Bridge Club for more than 50 years. She loved to play Bingo, playing cards with her family and going "gambling" wherever and whenever she could, especially in Las Vegas. Many will remember her as Sissie or Mimi and know that she was devoted to her family, who loved her dearly and will miss her always.

Jewel was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and brother, J.D. Cauble. She is survived by her son, Donald Gene Anderson and wife Victoria of Katy; granddaughter, Stephanie Derfus and husband Johnny of Tyler; great-grandchildren, Daniel, Luke and Leah; granddaughter, Kristin Martin and husband Jeff of Katy; and great-grandchildren, Collin and Sydney.

She is also survived by her daughter, Jan Anderson Grant of Lavon; granddaughter, Wendi Courtney and husband Andrew of Sydney, Australia; great-grandsons, Stephen and Matthew; grandson, Scott Grant and wife Traci of Andover, Kan.; great-granddaughters, Kaylee and Hannah; granddaughter, Sarah Henry and husband Jeremy of Wylie; and great-grandson, Joshua.

Visitation will be held at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. The funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with graveside services to follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Jewel Anderson's name to a charity of your choice.

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

Betty 'Tootle' Krager

Betty "Tootle" Krager, 59, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010, at her residence. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Msgr. Bernard Gully officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born Nov. 7, 1950, in Stevens Point, Wis., and married Gary Krager on July 22, 1989, in Big Spring.

Betty was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. She graduated from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio in 1969 and was the first boarding student to become student council president.

She worked as an administrative assistant at the Big Spring State Hospital. She enjoyed gardening and cooking. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and was the church organist for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Krager of Big Spring; her daughter, Kathryn Krager of Arlington; her granddaughter, Alexia Edmondson of Arlington; one brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Vonda Ross of Midland; one niece, Jennifer Ross; and one nephew, Sam Ross.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Betty Ross; and one brother, Richard Ross.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St. Suite A, Big Spring 79720; or the American Cancer Society c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121; or to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, P.O. Box 951, Big Spring 79721-0951.

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

Paid obituary

Marcela Rivera

Marcela Rivera, 47, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa following a one vehicle accident in Howard County. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Frank Salazar

Frank Salazar, 84, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Siler E. Williams

Siler E. Williams, 91, of Stiles died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010, in a Big Lake nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at the Stiles Cemetery in Stiles with the Rev. Kevin Weatherby officiating.



He was born Aug. 28, 1918, in Doole. Siler had been a resident of Stiles since 1963.

He owned St. Lawrence Trading Post for 8 years and owned Chaparral Quick Stop for a number of years.

He was a farmer and rancher.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Wesley and Sara Williams of Big Lake, and Duke and Anna Goodwin of St. Lawrence; two daughters and sons-in-law, Delores and Wayne Smith of Burleson, and Donna and Doug Grantham of Denton; 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Edna; his wife, Ynell, in 1997; one brother, Prentice Paul Williams; one sister, Margie Broseh; and one grandson.

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

Joe M. Whitaker

Joe M. Whitaker, lifelong Big Spring resident, died Dec. 21, 2010, in the Temple VA Hospital. Private services were held.



He was born July 25, 1925, to John and Linnie McCoy Whitaker. He was a machinist, violin maker, plane builder and prospector. He was active in the Big Spring Prospector's Club.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Johnnie Whitaker of Cameron.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gene; and two sisters, Louise Nuckols and Mary Anna Jones.

Faye Tarbet

Faye Tarbet, 76, of Denison died Jan. 26, 2010, at a care center in Denison following an extended illness.



Funeral services will be at the Central Church of Christ in Denison on Jan. 29, 2010, at 10 a.m. with burial following at the Garden of Memory cemetery in Colbert, Okla.

Family Night will be Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Family Life Center of the Central Church of Christ in Denison.

She was born Faye Jean Bennett on June 28, 1933, to Roy and Faytie Bennett of Sand Springs. Faye was a member of the Church of Christ, working with her husband Don who is a minister in Churches of Christ.

Together, they served churches in Tennessee, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

They were most recently affiliated with the church in Glenn Heights. During the last 37 years of her life, she was a secretary, sales clerk and manager of Colonial Monuments in Denison.

Faye is survived by her husband Don; a son, Perry of Atoka, Okla.; a daughter, Patti Irwin and husband Bill of Longmont, Colo.; four grandsons; and siblings, Mildred Shortes, Gerald and wife Nelda of Pecos, Bill and wife Johnnie of Sand Springs, Betty Bertram and husband Don of Denison, Patsy Baird and husband James of Big Spring, William and wife Patsy of Wills Point, J.R. of Sand Springs and Bo of Sand Springs.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Oma, Jack, Adlene, Arlene and Peggy.

Arrangements are under the direction of American Funeral Service of Denison: www.americanfuneralservice-fh.com

Michael Brown

Michael Brown, 80, of Vincent died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, in a Lubbock hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- MICHAEL PAUL HOGAN, 38, of 1710 Young, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 24, of 606 Baylor, was arrested Thursday on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

- CALVIN JACOB LAWSON, 26, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, violation of bond or protective order, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to maintain financial responsibility (enhanced) and displaying an expired motor vehicle registration.
- SHAWN CARL ANDERSON, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- MICHAEL PAUL HOGAN, 38, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of bond or protective order.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Nichols Road and Highway 33. One person was transported by air evacuation.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Scott. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
James W. Mathews, 78, died Thursday. Funeral Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.
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Frank Salazar, 84, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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OUR VIEW

BSHS students have us thinking a little differently

For a great many of us, it's been decades since we were in high school, and to some extent, there's a consensus that we were more mature and "had it tougher" than the current generation.

That's probably been the case for years. It's certain that our parents felt the same way, and so, we're sure, was the case with their parents.

However, Big Spring High School student Hannah Weber recently provided the Herald with a story about the BSHS Student Council that was thought-provoking at the very least.

She penned a story about the student council holding a fund-raiser for the American Red Cross to help with the Haiti Relief Effort.

If BSHS students want to donate to the Big Spring High School Haiti Relief Fund, they can bring their money to the BSHS front office. In addition, a table set up in the lunchroom through Friday and student council representatives will be working the table and taking donations.

Weber's story noted that student council officers have been working to make it as easy as possible to give a donation for Haiti — creating posters and hanging flyers to help spread the word about the fund-raiser.

There will also be a program called "Hats for Haiti" on Friday. Faculty and students can wear hats that day if they pay \$2. Funds created will also go to the Red Cross Haiti Relief Effort.

On another front, a new "Talk About It" program has been started at the high school that allows students to e-mail specified teachers about problems they may be having in school, at home, or even threats they may hear in the hallways at school.

Talk About It allows students to report problems and incidents on a range of topics — bullying, gangs, threats of violence, suicide, cheating, drug and alcohol abuse, pregnancy, depression, stress, physical abuse, self-mutilation, sexual harassment, date rape, weapons in school...

In other words, the program allows students to discuss any personal issue and concern, while remaining anonymous. However, there's more to the program than a chance to discuss various topics.

Student council members took a day recently to tell classmates in history classes how to use the "Talk About It" program. They explained that it is easily accessible through the school's website, showed them how to send and receive messages, answer polls, take surveys and play games.

BSHS also has plans to move all student elections to the "Talk About It" program.

Primarily though, "Talk About It" is designed to allow good people to stand up and help put a stop to unsafe problems. It also wants to help give kids a new confidence in themselves, by being able to open up to an adult that cares but will not know who the student is.

Well, we here at the Herald aren't all that sure we had it rougher than today's students, and these two examples also have us wondering if we were quite as mature.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

The more we sow with You, Lord, the more we reap.

Amen

Robbing granny to reward Wall Street

When I grew up in Texas, the dance we all learned was the Texas two-step. But times have changed. The next big dance these days could be called the Social Security double shuffle. A good number of senators are waltzing to the music of the "let's cut Social Security" crowd by trying to sell a solution to the deficit designed to hack apart the government-guaranteed retirement plan we've had since the 1930s.

Led by Budget Committee members Kent Conrad (D-N.D.) and Judd Gregg (R-N.H.), they're pushing a bipartisan Commission for Responsible Fiscal Action to solve the country's red-ink problem. Sounds pretty good on the surface. Who's not for responsible fiscal action? Trouble is, this kind of commission subverts the democratic process. It uses a fast-track approach that forces Congress into an up-or-down vote on its recommendations. No debate, no amendments, no consulting with constituents.

Though such a commission is supposed to consider all options for cutting the deficit, many see it as an attack on elders. "It is clear from their press release that Sens. Conrad and Gregg have painted a big red target on Social Security and Medicare," Sen. Max Baucus (D-Minn.) warned. "That's what this commission is all about. It's a big roll of the dice for Social Security and Medicare."

Public interest groups like the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, a coalition of national not-for-profit organizations focused on the well-being of America's 87 million older adults, oppose the idea too.

Women's groups are particularly outraged at the Senate penchant for dancing with Wall Street fat cats. Whether we like it or not, women are still the majority of low-wage workers in the United States. That means they have less to contribute to the system, and lower returns when they retire.

"The average Social Security recipient receives \$13,860 annually, less if you are a woman. The fact that Sens. Conrad and Gregg think the way to fix budget shortfalls is to make seniors poorer is shocking and laughable first, because Social Security doesn't contribute in any way to the national deficit, and second, because essentially Congress has allowed \$150 billion in Wall Street bonuses," stated Ashley Carson, executive director of the Older Women's League. "Robbing grandma to reward Wall Street fat cats is not sound economics."

Women are far less likely than men to have a company-provided pension, and when they do get one, it's most often based on a lifetime of lower earnings. So women depend on Social Security more than men. Women are also the majority of caretakers when a spouse dies and leaves young children (who draw Social Security until they're 18). Many single-parent families couldn't make it without this feature of Social Security — but nobody's talking about what will happen

to disability and survivor payments if the system is shredded.

Widows would lose too — and women who get divorced. Social Security now protects both groups with guaranteed benefits based on spousal earnings, even if they tended home and hearth while hubby went out to work. Without Social Security, an astonishing 59.2 percent of elderly women would live in poverty.

Neither Wall Street, nor an unaccountable commission, brought us to a national retirement system with guarantees we can't outlive, payments that are indexed to inflation and benefits that help the middle and lower earners more than the rich.

That came to us courtesy of a forward-looking congressional leadership that created a system which spends less than 1 percent of its revenue to administer the largest benefit program in America.

And one more thing: Social Security isn't part of the deficit problem — it actually ran a \$180 billion surplus last year.

Even if this commission is shot down this time around in the Senate, it's bound to be back. Bad ideas have a way of doing that.

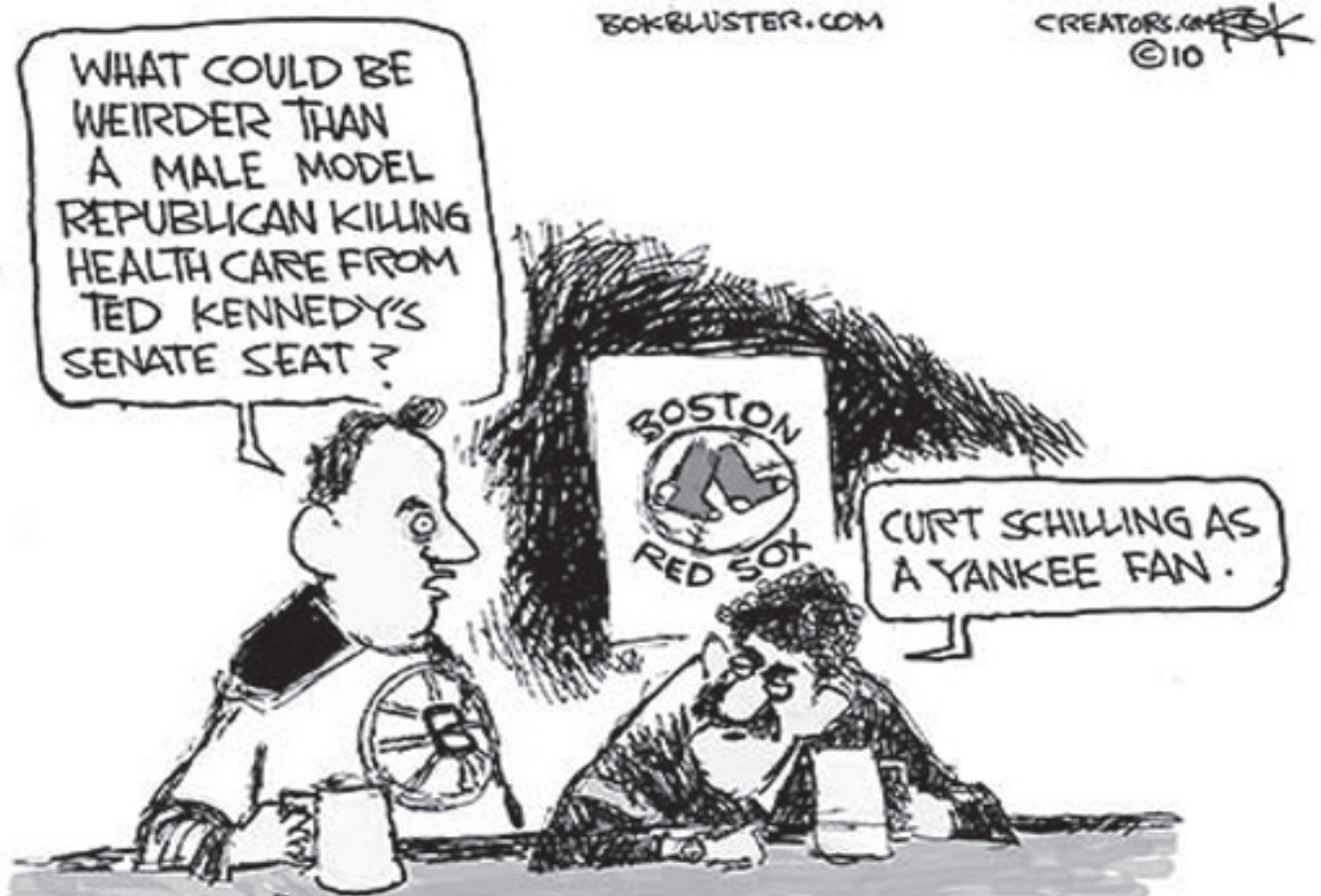
Let the Budget Committee barons shuffle across the floor with the big gamblers on Wall Street if they want to.

Just don't ask ordinary people, particularly women, to pay the piper with reduced retirement benefits.

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MARTHA BURK



Health-care reform: A good start

When you strip off the rhetoric and the partisan politics and remove the fear factor, the health-care legislation working its way to President Barack Obama's desk is, for most Americans, the healthiest medicine ever offered. Sure, there are missing pieces and probably things that should not be there. Instead of trying to produce perfect reform legislation, which has failed in the past, the Democrats in Congress, under pressure from Obama, have made a good start.

The legislation provides a basic structure that will, in time, shelter almost all Americans from the high cost, selective availability, inefficiency and injustice of American medical care as it is today. When implemented and tweaked, the new medical care system will bring the United States more in line with the other industrialized nations. Being at the bottom of the list, as we are today, is a disgrace.

We need to focus on both our short- and long-range health-care goals. In the long term, our nation needs medical care to be affordable for all. We want medical care to be competent and cost efficient, preferably given by the doctor and the hospital of

our choice. We would like to feel secure knowing that no matter how sick we get, we won't go broke trying to save our lives or quality of life. Medical care must be available for those with a pre-existing condition or a genetic high-risk factor, or those who lose their jobs, or whose employers go out of business.

And wouldn't it be nice if medical care was seen as a right, rather than a source of enormous profit to others? Insurance companies shouldn't force us to bet against the odds on our health. If we can't afford the drugs, even the best diagnosis is of no benefit.

Although the vast majority of Americans, including physicians, nurses and hospital administrators, embrace these goals, none really exist in this country — except for the wealthy. Does the pending legislation head us towards these goals? And is this enough? Do we have to score the very first time we get the ball? Let's look at the short term.

The legislation imposes on a free-enterprise, for-profit medical delivery system a new and important objective: access for all. The United States is at long last on the road to having regulated medical care, not only for the older citizens who now enjoy Medicare, or the indigent, who have some access to Medicaid, but for everyone.

Just take the ability to get insurance as an example. Currently, whether you can even get

insurance is entirely up to the insurance companies and they can exclude "pre-existing conditions." Sure, the company may let you buy insurance and pay a standard premium, but they exclude from coverage the one risk for which you really need to be insured: a disease or ailment to which you seem vulnerable.

Insurance coverage limits are another example. Currently there are ceilings on the obligation of the insurance company to pay your medical bills. You may think you're insured against ruinous medical costs, when in fact you're not. The insurance company walks away from coverage at just the time when your medical bills become ruinous. Those limitations will be outlawed in all insurance policies.

Unfortunately, it seems the final legislation won't do much to achieve the other key objective of systemic cost reduction. Health-care industry lobbyists won that round. But what we're getting is a foundation on which an informed public and a responsible Congress can build long-term goals of affordable health-care rights for all.

So let's not quibble about how the structure isn't the way we personally want it, that it seems unfinished, perhaps not big enough, or short of certain features. It's not that the glass is half-full or half-empty; it's that there is finally a glass at all.

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News in brief

Obama urges nervous Dems to fight on for health care, jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Caught between disgruntled voters and a president urging them to press ahead on divisive issues such as health care, Democratic lawmakers must soon decide whether Barack Obama is leading them toward statesmanlike courage or political folly.

Obama used his first State of the Union speech Wednesday to try to hit the reset button on health care and to offer a hodgepodge of tax breaks and other incentives to create new jobs. He mixed overtures with digs toward Republicans. But he mainly addressed fellow Democrats, who still can enact his agenda if they overcome fears fueled by events such as last week's stunning GOP victory in the Massachusetts Senate race.

That setback may have cost Democrats their filibuster-proof Senate majority, Obama said, but "we still have the largest majority in decades, and the people expect us to solve some problems, not run for the hills."

He accepted partial blame for the deep troubles facing his health care push, but he implored lawmakers to finish the task rather than yield to public opposition.

"The longer it was debated, the more skeptical people became," Obama told the joint session of Congress and a nationwide TV audience. But health care problems will continue for millions, he said, and "I will not walk away from these Americans, and neither should the people in this chamber."

The president devoted most of his 65-minute speech to job-creation proposals, such as eliminating capital gains taxes on small business investment and extending tax breaks for businesses to invest in new plants and equipment. But those proposals also face uncertainty in Congress, where Senate Democrats say they may need a selective, piecemeal approach to win enough votes.

International allies seek to map eventual exit from Afghanistan

LONDON (AP) — Major world powers opened talks Thursday seeking an end to the grinding conflict in Afghanistan, drafting plans to hand over security responsibilities to local forces and quell the insurgency with an offer of jobs and housing to lure Taliban fighters to renounce violence.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai greeted delegates from about 70 nations and institutions in London, seeking to win new international support after more than eight years of combat which is threatening to exhaust public good will in the West.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen also joined talks aimed at setting targets to transfer security control of several Afghan provinces to the local police and military by the end of 2010.

"This is a decisive time for the international cooperation that is helping the Afghan people secure and govern their own country," British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said, opening the one-day talks. "This conference marks the beginning of the transition process."

Brown said the conference would set a target for Afghanistan to increase its military to 171,600 by Oct. 2011, and boost police numbers to 134,000 by the same date. "By the middle of next year we have to turn the tide," he said.

Karzai envisions Afghanistan's government taking control of security in all 34 provinces by 2015, but said he expects foreign troops to stay in his country for up to a decade.

Toyota extending recall to Europe over floor mats, pedals

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota's massive recalls over problem gas pedals in the U.S. are being extended to Europe, the latest blow to the world's top automaker as it struggles to salvage its safety reputation.

The announcement Thursday in Europe comes after the company earlier this week said it was suspending U.S. sales of eight models — including the Camry, America's top-selling car — to fix faulty gas pedals that could stick and cause acceleration without warning.

The scale of recalls over problems with sticking gas pedals and floor mats that can trap the accelerator have rapidly snowballed.

A week before the U.S. sales suspension, Toyota issued a recall for the same eight models, affecting 2.3 million vehicles. On Thursday, it announced an additional recall of 1.09 million vehicles in the United States covering five models — 2008-2010 Highlander, 2009-2010 Corolla, 2009-2010 Venza, 2009-2010 Matrix, and 2009-2010 Pontiac Vibe.

Those steps came on top of a recall in late 2009 involving 4.2 million vehicles amid concerns that floor mats could bend across gas pedals, causing sudden acceleration.

In Europe, Toyota is still unsure how many vehicles are affected.

Obama speech stiffens some spines on health care overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some congressional Democrats are seizing on President Barack Obama's fresh call for a sweeping health care overhaul as a message to show resolve and get the legislation done.

Yet doubters remain. After a week of turmoil, due in large part to the Massachusetts special election that denied them their filibuster-proof Senate majority, a few Democrats said the president's strong boost for health care in his State of the Union address Wednesday stiffened their spines.

"I heard him basically issue a call to arms to renew the fight for health care reform," Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., said.

Whether it was enough remains to be seen. Some Democrats, particularly moderates, were still gloomy about the health care bill's chances even after hearing Obama's request: "Don't walk away from reform. Not now. Not when we are so close."

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., put the odds of passing a comprehensive bill at "less than 50-50."

Conservative activist told of New Orleans 'project' days before arrest

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Last month, protesters marched in front of Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu's office to criticize her support for health care legislation and complain that they couldn't get through on her office phones.

Now Landrieu's phones are at the center of federal charges against four men accused of trying to tamper with

them. Among those arrested was conservative activist James O'Keefe, who gained notoriety last year with hidden-camera videos showing him dressed as a pimp exposing irregularities in offices of the liberal community-organizing group ACORN.

Authorities said O'Keefe was using his cell phone to try to capture video of two of his fellow defendants in Landrieu's office before their arrest. The two posed as telephone repairmen in hard hats, fluorescent vests and tool belts and asked to see the phones at Landrieu's office; one of them had a tiny camera in his helmet. The fourth is alleged to have waited outside in a car with a listening device to pick up transmissions.

Projects in California, Florida, Illinois are the biggest winners of high-speed rail grants

WASHINGTON (AP) — High-speed rail projects in California, Florida and Illinois are among the big winners of \$8 billion in grants to be announced Thursday by the White House — the start of what some Democrats tout as a national rail-building program that could rival the interstate highway begun in the Eisenhower era.

Thirteen rail corridors in 31 states received funds. The White House, which supplied a list of the grants to reporters late Wednesday, billed the program as "high-speed rail," but only the California project calls for trains with maximum speeds exceeding the 200 mph achieved by some trains in Europe and Asia.

Some of the money will go toward trains with top speeds of 110 mph while others — such as the \$400 million allotted to Ohio to connect Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati by rail — will go toward trains traveling no faster than 70 mph.

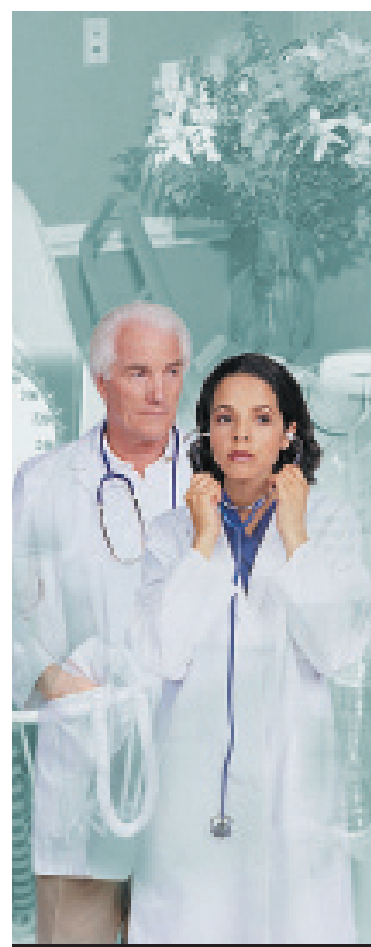
President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden are expected to pitch the program as a boost to the economy at a town hall meeting Thursday in Tampa, Fla.



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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My in-laws live in a condominium about 35 miles from us. We visit them once a month.

My father-in-law does not move around very well and is incontinent. He seldom leaves the condo.

My mother-in-law still walks, but only to the grocery store or doctor's office. She is obviously beginning to slow down.

We know there will come a day when they are no longer able to stay in the condo.

However, they have no intention of moving into a retirement community.

They say, "We don't want to live in a place where there are only old people." Meanwhile, they know no one in their condo building,

where they have lived for 20 years, nor do they visit friends elsewhere.

Several months ago, my in-laws bought a miniature poodle puppy that can only be described as neurotic.

If anyone enters the condo, it will either hide or sit in a corner and growl.

My father-in-law says the dog would get used to us if we visited more often, and once a month apparently isn't often enough.

Annie, we have three very active children, not to mention a house and chores and jobs to take care of.

We visit the in-laws as often as possible, but we cannot see them every weekend simply so their dog can get to know us better.

My husband says they are lonely and isolated, but I don't think that is our responsibility. This is really beginning to become a problem. Please help. — Had It in Maryland

Dear Maryland: Your husband is right — your in-laws are lonely. You are not responsible for their unwillingness to reach out to neighbors and friends, but try to be a bit more compassionate.

Since you are too busy to see them more often, suggest your husband visit his parents on his own.

You also can look into caregiving services if their health interferes with their mobility.

Dear Annie: This is for "Feeling the Pain in Ohio," who has trouble shaking hands because of arthritis.

Why not make life a little more multicultural and try the Asian custom of bowing?

Not only will it avoid

handshakes, but it could help break the ice and start an interesting conversation. — Just a Thought from Georgia

Dear Georgia: Thanks for the idea. Here are a few more:

From Chicago: Try touching the back of the person's extended hand with your fingertips as you say, "I'd love to shake your hand, but it's too painful for me."

Santa Fe, N.M.: Place a pencil in your hand



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

when greeting customers. This will delay the handshake and give you time to say, "I suffer from arthritis so please be gentle" before offering your hand.

Tennessee: A simple solution is to wear a noticeable wrist brace. Put it on the right hand. (If it's on both hands, some folks will think it's a fashion accessory.) It can work wonders in letting them know to shake this hand very gently.

Sarasota, Fla.: I am a self-defense practitioner. When someone offers their hand, reach deep into their palm with your forefinger toward the base of their thumb. By doing this, the grip cannot be applied as forcefully.

As an additional precaution, firmly hold their right wrist with your left hand. This will allow you to help disengage if it proves to be too painful.

Louisville, Ky.: I take the person's hand in both of mine and gently pat their hand, saying, "I have a sore hand today." I keep my hands flat.

California: Actually, it's more of a refinement on your suggestion, which was pretty good — to grab their wrist or arm instead of their hand. My idea is to use your left hand instead of your right. It will throw off their reflexes and slow them down just enough for you to win the grab contest.

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College Test Prep with a Bite

(Family Features) Each year, millions of students gear up for a battery of pre-college testing. In order to help students do their best, Americans spend about \$4 billion dollars on classes, tutors, study guides and books.

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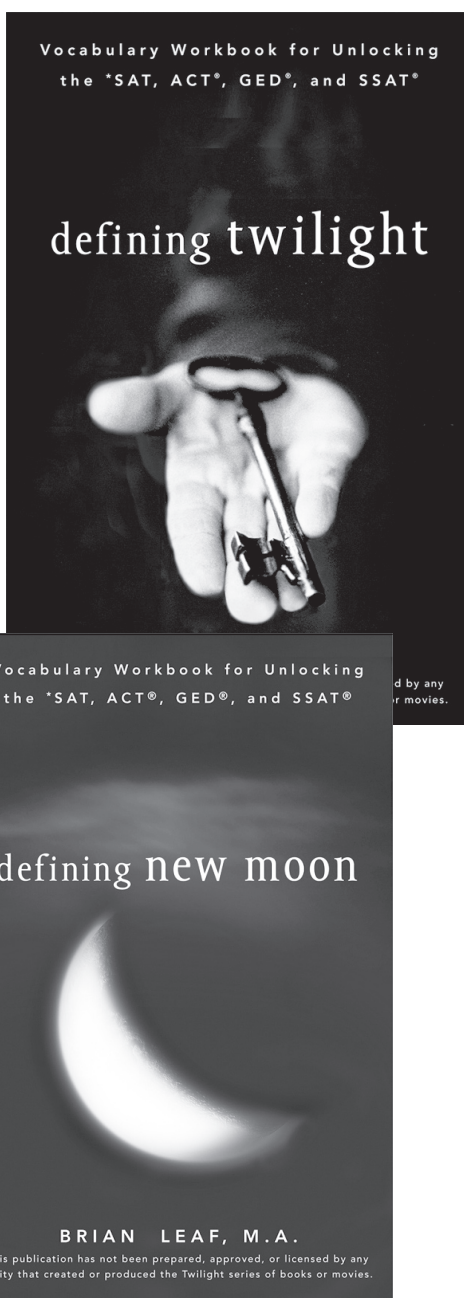
The series first began in June 2009 with "Defining Twilight" and then expanded to include "Defining New Moon." The third and latest book in the series, "Defining Eclipse: Vocabulary Workbook for Unlocking the SAT, ACT, GED, and SSAT," will arrive in stores on May 24, just in time for the release of the movie "Eclipse."

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see a newly administered SAT test, I am amazed at how many of the vocabulary words appear in the 'Twilight' books — words like solicitous, macabre, inexorably, inure, baleful, ecstatic, blithe, placate, haggard, belligerent, stymie and nebulous. Students who learn all the vocabulary words in the "Defining Twilight" series will absolutely raise their test scores."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The moon transits through her homeland on this eve of the full moon. While she's in Cancer, she likes to inspire us to enjoy our own domicile as much as she enjoys hers. Clean the place up, and start something fantastic in the kitchen. It's the perfect night to make an outrageously delicious meal, even if you're the only one who will be eating it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It will be hard for you to buy a gift for someone else without purchasing something for yourself. So get yourself something you really want. After all, you've been a pretty good friend to yourself, too.



HOLIDAY
MATHIS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be drawn to glamour. Just thinking about the lights, music, parties and dancing gets you excited. Put your feelers out. You are closer to this fantasy than you know.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You not only capture the details, you revel in them. Nothing will go to waste in your world. You will collect the loose bits of life and make something substantial out of them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will treat everyone fairly. This requires that you quietly assess situations before you act. Don't borrow from the person you wouldn't want to lend anything to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If your stress level had a number (one being very relaxed and 10 being very stressed out), what would it be? Your awareness of the tension you hold in your body and mind will inspire you to release it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone who is helping you out might also unconsciously be trying to control you. It makes this person nervous to think that you could ever withdraw your love, and he or she is working hard to

secure it. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What others think of you is none of your business. But that doesn't stop you from wondering. Such opinions will shift moment to moment, so there's no point in asking. Try harder not to care.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stoicism has its place, but not today. If you've truly been treated unjustly, speak up. Anyone who has ever been treated unfairly will resonate with your plight, and together you can find answers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're still spinning over a recent event, so it may be challenging to stay present. That's why it's important to double check that you blew out your candles and turned off your electric burners.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Submit your brilliant ideas to the people who might be able to promote them — and you. This could involve the purchase of a list of professionals. Invest in yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Boring work causes your escapist tendencies to kick in. Make a game of it. Be amused by your fantasies. Will you scale a mountain peak or lollygag on a tropical island? In your mind, you can do it all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Be careful not to compromise more than is fair or good for you. If someone tells you that he is willing to meet you halfway, be sure you both agree on the actual distance between you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 28). Extra charisma is yours to wield this year. You don't wish to control anyone other than yourself, and yet you are such a powerful presence that you will gain admirers and followers. A move in February will inspire you. Agreements made in March benefit you financially. June brings additions to your family. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 4, 22 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Here's what happens when I go out on a date with my Aries boyfriend. He doesn't open the door for me, he walks in front of me, and he talks about himself in nauseating detail for the rest of the night. What's crazy is that my friends say he's been like this the entire two years we've been dating and I'm just now starting to notice. What's even crazier is that I still want him to be my boyfriend. He's cute, he has good job, and I'd rather have a boyfriend than not have a boyfriend. What's an Aquarius girl to do?"

An Aquarius girl is to get a life. And this is the perfect time to do it. With the sun, Venus and Neptune all transiting your sun sign, you'll feel empowered to do what you couldn't do before. For instance, say: "Walk with me. Open my door and let me order first. And by the way, listen to this story about what happened to me today" If saying these things doesn't help the situation with your headstrong Aries beau, an Aquarius girl might even be so bold as to think life is actually pretty dreamy, even without a boyfriend!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Idol" runner-up Adam Lambert is willing to go to great lengths "For Your Entertainment" and has proved to be one of the most theatrical, surprising and compelling "Idol" contestants yet. This musical Aquarius has his moon in independent Aries and lucky Jupiter in Scorpio, the sign of counterculture and transformation. His Venus in Capricorn declares a stellar work ethic.

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Voters to president: Less talk, more action

LAS VEGAS (AP) — When Al Melquist voted for Barack Obama in 2008, the unemployed software engineer was drawn to the politician's charisma and promise of solutions for the nation's economic woes and wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In the time since, Melquist has given up looking for work. The house in Las Vegas where he lived sits empty and bank-owned after his landlord didn't make mortgage payments for 13 months. He is burning through his savings and doing Web site work to make ends meet for his family of

five, while working on his own startup.

Millions of Americans like Melquist tuned in to the president's State of the Union address Wednesday night, aching for solutions but wary — aware that in too many places voters are no better off today than when they lifted Obama into the White House.

Many have become so disillusioned with their economic situations that they are tired of all the politics and promises and want action.

"He just says so many things," the 41-year-old Melquist said of Obama. "I just don't trust what

he says is actually going to happen."

Obama acknowledged in his speech that economic devastation remains — in joblessness, shuttered businesses and declining home values — and the change he wanted everyone to believe in "has not come fast enough." He also declared that it's time to "seize this moment" and "get serious about fixing the problems that are hampering our growth."

While Obama's attempt to reconnect with everyday Americans hit the notes many expected to hear, some wonder whether

he and other lawmakers can follow through and actually get things done.

George Carrillo watched the speech on TV between attending to patients during his night shift as an emergency room nurse in Miami Beach.

Carrillo expressed deep disappointment that a health care bill has not passed and criticized Obama for making broad statements without offering specific plans, but he was glad to hear the president urge lawmakers not to let health reform languish.

"I'm cautiously hope-

ful," said Carrillo, 47, who voted for John McCain in 2008. "You talk a good talk, now walk the walk. Let's see you walk the walk."

Obama's focus on jobs was especially important in states like Nevada and Michigan.

In Nevada, rapid tourism growth has collapsed in a spectacular two-year meltdown of job losses, foreclosures and bankruptcies.

The state posted the highest foreclosure rate in the nation last year, with more than one of every 10 housing units hit with at least one foreclosure filing. The unemployment

rate was 13 percent in December.

Melquist said after the speech that he wished Obama would have talked only about jobs and the economy.

"He talked about too much stuff," Melquist said. "A normal American who is trying to make ends meet, we don't really care about Iraq. We don't really care about Afghanistan. We don't really care about health care reform."

In Michigan, unemployment hit 14 percent in 2009.

Michigan resident Dianne Impullitti simply exclaimed "Yes!" when Obama said job creation must be the top priority in 2010.

Impullitti, who is studying renewable energy at a community college after losing her job as an automotive tool designer in August 2008, called the speech hopeful and said she was worried jobs had taken a back seat to health care.


"I was definitely encouraged by things he said and the things he plans on putting out there," she said. "Now, I want to see the details.."

Eric Dixon of Philadelphia said he wished he had heard more from Obama about efforts to help people who experience racial and employment discrimination. He did like the president's proposal for a 10 percent tax credit for employers.

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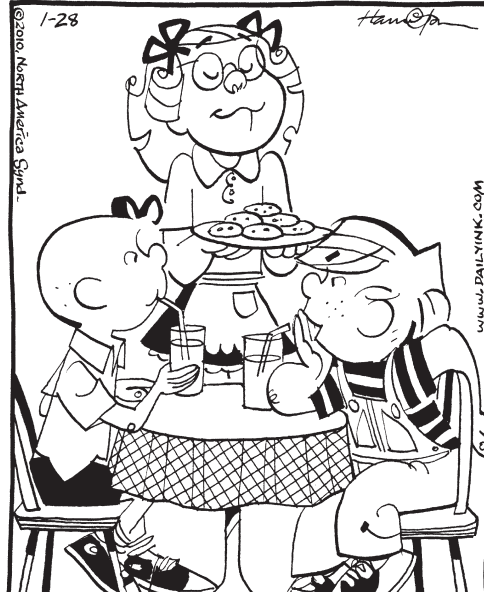
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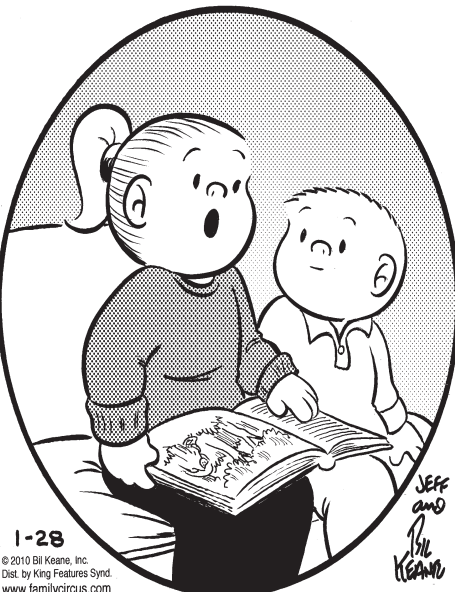
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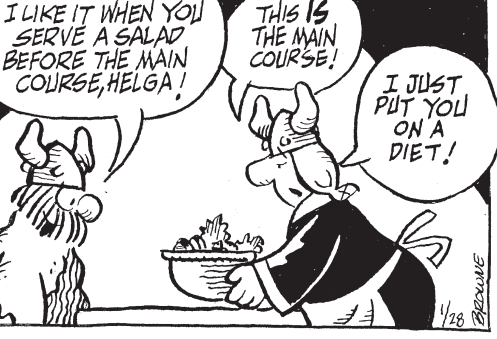
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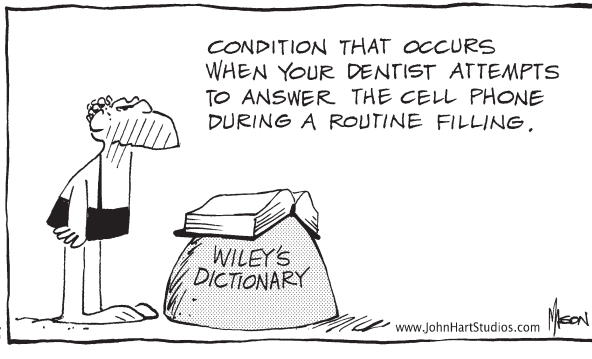
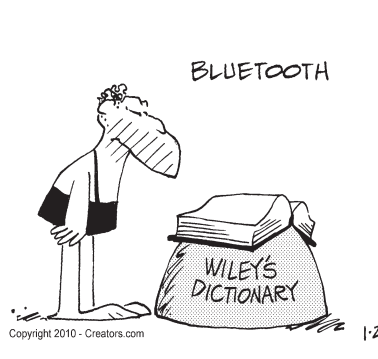


"Was Robin Hood the daddy of Red Riding Hood?"

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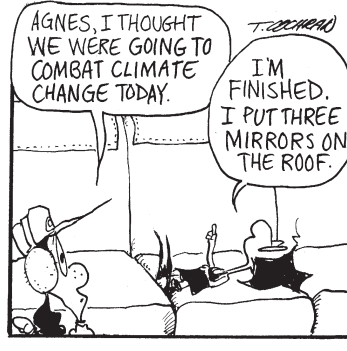
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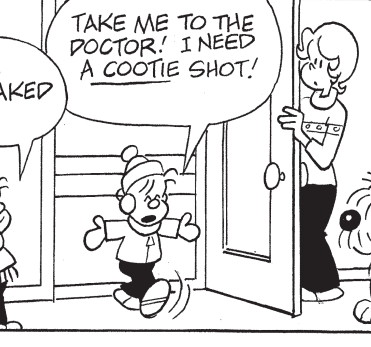
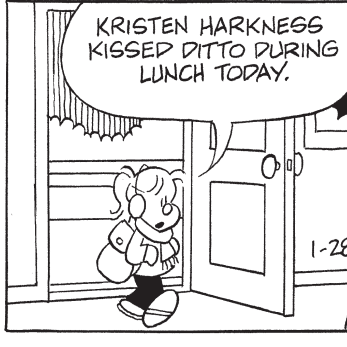
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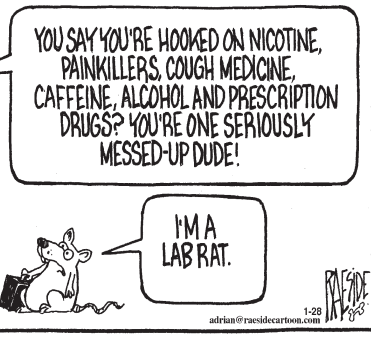
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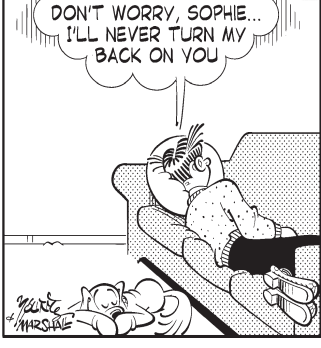
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2010. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 28, 1980, in what became known as "the Canadian Caper," six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats.

On this date:

In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.

In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana.

In 1909, the United States withdrew its forces from Cuba as Jose Miguel Gomez became president.

In 1915, the United States Coast Guard was created as President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill merging the Life-Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service.

In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court; Brandeis became the court's first Jewish member.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

In 1960, the National Football League awarded franchises to Dallas and Minneapolis-St. Paul.

In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

In 1978, fire swept through the historic downtown Coates House hotel in Kansas City, Mo., killing 20 people.

In 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven of its crew members, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

Today's Birthdays: Musician-composer Acker Bilk is 81. Actor Nicholas Pryor is 75. Actor Alan Alda is 74. Actress Susan Howard is 68. Actress Marthe (cq) Keller is 65. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) is 63. Actress-singer Barbi Benton is 60. Evangelical pastor Rick

Warren is 56. French President Nicolas Sarkozy (sahr-koh-ZEE') is 55. Actress Harley Jane Kozak is 53. Movie director Frank Darabont is 51. Rock musician Dave Sharp is 51. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 47. Rock musician Dan Spitz is 48. Country musician Greg Cook (Ricochet) is 45. Gospel singer Marvin Sapp is 43. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 42. Rapper Rakim is 42. DJ Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 42. Actress Kathryn Morris ("Cold Case") is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Anthony Hamilton is 39. Rock musician Brandon Bush is 37. MLB player Jermaine Dye is 36. Singer Joey Fatone Jr. ('N Sync) is 33. Rapper Rick Ross is 33. Actress Rosamund Pike is 31.

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- ACROSS
- 1 Check record
 - 5 "Fernando" band
 - 9 Astronaut wear
 - 14 Melodious Horne
 - 15 Easy gait
 - 16 Jousting weapon
 - 17 Monogram pt.
 - 18 Broken, in a way
 - 19 Unfamiliar
 - 20 Basketball-broadcast phrase
 - 23 Ecological
 - 24 Certain details
 - 25 Panache
 - 28 Begs off
 - 32 Detroit-based grp.
 - 35 Tranquility
 - 38 Carmen selection
 - 39 Micro-encapsulation technology
 - 43 Zine on-line
 - 44 Protein acid
 - 45 Bishop's domain
 - 46 Behave (oneself)
 - 49 Social outing
 - 51 "As if!"
 - 54 Ore carts
 - 58 Song of the South ditty
 - 61 Cause jaws to drop
 - 63 Division term
 - 64 Ready to serve, say
 - 65 Closet contents, maybe

- DOWN
- 1 Biblical weapon
 - 2 Vocal range
 - 3 Bring together
 - 4 Got soaked, perhaps
 - 5 Memo abbr.
 - 6 Sing one's own praises
 - 7 Box-office duds
 - 8 Devoured
 - 9 Quick look
 - 10 One with leads
 - 11 Textbook section
 - 12 Water cooler
 - 13 Midmorning
 - 21 Not suitable
 - 22 Turner of media fame
 - 26 NYSE watchdog
 - 27 Laugh-track snippet
 - 29 Exodus author
 - 30 Widespread
 - 31 Umpire's call
 - 32 Like thrift-store wares
 - 33 High point
 - 34 Prepare presents
 - 36 Engine part
 - 37 Oklahoma city
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 - 59 European volcano
 - 60 Morse code symbols
 - 61 Keyboard key
 - 62 Former Russian orbiter

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