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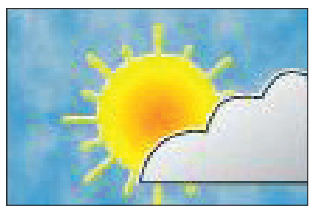
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Decision on water park funding angers some

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 Despite some rather adversarial comments from a pair of residents, the Big Spring City Council unanimously approved the issuance of certificates of obligation Monday totaling \$4.2 million to fund a

new municipal aquatics center in Comanche Trail Park. The council — with Mayor Russ McEwen, one of the proposed center's biggest proponents, absent — gave the go ahead for the sale of the certificates within the fiscal market, moving forward with a plan that will replace the existing municipal swimming pool with a multi-million dollar aquatics center. The council had given the order not to open the existing swimming pool at the end of the school year in May 2009 after city officials learned the facility failed to meet federal requirements laid out in the

Virginia Graeme Baker Act, as well as ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements. Monday's council decision didn't sit well with a pair of local residents — both of whom are political hopefuls heading into the May election — however.

"It's not bad, but it's certainly not an AAA rating," said local resident Tommy Duncan, who has spoken against the construction of an aquatics center in the past and is currently running for mayor. "We are required to buy

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Felony robbery reaps 25 years for local man

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 A Big Spring man was found guilty of first-degree felony robbery Monday in 118th District Court and sentenced to 25 years in prison. Michael Lee Munoz, 26, currently being held in the Howard County Jail and formerly of 904 Abrams, was found guilty by 118th District Judge Robert H. Moore III follow-

ing a bench trial for his part in the Dec. 18 robbery of the Exxon gas station on N. Highway 87. Munoz was indicted on the charge — along with 40-year-old Enrique "Ricky" Sabedra Jr., formerly of 1509 Sycamore — by a Howard County grand jury in mid-January. Sabedra accepted a plea agreement last week that will have him



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Work crews set up a crane outside the Settles Hotel building this morning. The crane will be used to hoist elevators to the top of the building.

Sexual assault trial to begin in 118th court

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 Jury selection in the aggravated sexual assault trial of a 29-year-old Big Spring man began in 118th District Court today. Jacob Andrew Ferro was released by the state facility and immediately taken into custody by officials from the HCSO and transported back to Howard County, according to information released by Sheriff Stan Parker shortly after Ferro's arrest. Ferro was arrested Jan. 30 by the HCSO on charges of assault causing bodily injury,

possession of a controlled substance and aggravated sexual assault (two counts), according to county jail records. The trial was scheduled to begin at approximately 1 p.m. today and will continue, if necessary, at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Attempts to reach the Howard County District Attorney's office for comment Tuesday morning were unsuccessful. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@big-springherald.com

Big Day for Big Spring ISD

Students take home top honors at regional science fair

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Several Big Spring Independent School District students took top honors at the University of Texas Permian Basin Regional Science Fair, held this past weekend in Odessa. Twenty-six student projects were deemed worthy of advancing to the next round of competition in the Intel-spon-

sored International Science and Engineering Fair. State-level competition is next on the students' slate and is scheduled for April 9 through April 12 in San Antonio. According to Darrell Ryan, director of federal programs at BSISD, it was Big Spring day at the regional fair. "The kids just went out there and dominated," Ryan

said. "We had the most entries we've ever had before and the quality of their work was just excellent — and the results show that." At Saturday's regional meet, students placing first through third on their respective projects in the senior or intermediate levels qualified for the state science fair, to be held in the Albert Gonzales Center in San Antonio. Students from the junior (elementary) level competed in the regional fair, but their projects were not eligible to advance to state competition.

Results from Saturday's Regional Science Fair at UTPB were:
 Senior Division
 • Physics/Astronomy —

Destiny Curry, first place plus scholarship.
 • Team project — Julian
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Obituaries

Gloria Hernandez

Gloria Hernandez, 40, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 7, 2010, at her residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Gloria was born March 19, 1969, in Big Spring. She was employed a number of years at the Gregg Street Cleaners, and then later at Classic Cleaners for several years. Gloria was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

Gloria is survived by one son: Sr. Airman Timothy Ray Castillo, U.S.A.F., and his wife Jennifer of Abilene; father: Aristo Hernandez of Big Spring; one brother: Raul Hernandez and his wife Terry of Big Spring; three sisters: Anita Ybarra of Loveland, Colo., Nora Torres and her husband Joe, and Christina Lopez and her husband Ramon, all of Big Spring; one grandson: Jayce Castillo of Abilene; and several nieces and nephews, including two special nieces: Elexius Lopez and Esme Lopez.

Gloria was preceded in death by her husband: Ruben T. Martinez, Sr. on Aug. 15, 2009; her mother: Ofilia Hernandez on May 2, 2005; and one infant brother: Freddie Hernandez.

Pallbearers will be Mikey Hernandez, Mark Hernandez, B.J. Yanez, Adrian Abrego, Daniel Castillo and Raul Castillo.
Paid obituary

Armando B. Reyes

Armando B. Reyes, 61, of Big Spring died on Monday, March 8, 2010, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Eddy Pitchford, minister of Coahoma Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 20, 1948, in San Antonio and grew up moving around with his father who was in the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Megan Summers and husband, David, Amanda Nicole Reyes and husband, Rocky Sanchez, and Carol Dyer and husband, Richard, all of Big Spring; a stepson, Raymond Duran of Amarillo; a brother, Kenneth Spang of San Antonio; five sisters, Elida Garcia, Carmen Ramos, Nita Salisbury, Susan Cunningham and Shirley Siloteo, all of San Antonio; 11 grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard H. and Viviana Reyes; one son, Michael Anthony Reyes; and one brother, Jesse Guerrero.

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

Nan Carpenter Cate

Nan Carpenter Cate of Verhalen, Texas, passed away peacefully following complications of pneumonia Sunday, March 7, 2010, in Fort Worth.

Born May 8, 1924, she was preceded in death by her son, Bruce; parents, Ed J. Carpenter and Hilda Favor Carpenter; and brother Edward Carpenter. She is survived by her husband, Alfred Cate of Verhalen; son, Michael Cate and daughter-in-law, Suzanne, of Granbury; daughter, Molly Peterson of Breckenridge; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Carson Cate of Pahaia, Hawaii; grandchildren, Hilary Cate Ackerman and grandson-in-law, David, of Austin, Robin Cate of Dallas, Gabriel Cate and granddaughter-in-law, Allison, of Shreveport, La., and Kory Peterson and Kelly Peterson, both of Lubbock; and two great-grandchildren, Soren and Caya Cate of Shreveport, La. She is also survived by her sisters, Patty Winters of Plainview, Betty Barr of Big Spring and Elaine Carpenter of Austin, and many nephews and nieces and friends.

Visitation will be at Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2010. A graveside service will be held at Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 10. A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Pecos.

Nan valued family above all else in her life, which was filled with accomplishments and interests. Earning a degree in home economics in foods and nutrition from Texas Tech College in 1945, she went on to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville on a graduate fellowship. However, before finishing her fellowship, she married her high school sweetheart, Alfred Cate.

While raising her family, Nan worked as co-manager with Alfred of Cate Grocery and Market at Vincent and later as bookkeeper at Verhalen Mercantile. A life-long learner, she was very involved in the Modern Study Club of Pecos, serving as president two different terms and being selected as Outstanding Club Woman of the Year 2006 for the Western Division of the Texas Federated Women's Clubs. She researched and presented many programs on international affairs.

She was a woman of great faith who loved the United Methodist Church, especially for its strong emphasis on education and social justice. She served in United Methodist Women for many years, leading them as president for several terms.

Nan served as the County Extension Agent for Reeves and Loving Counties from 1980-82. Pursuing her love of learning, she went back to college at Sul Ross University, earning 27 hours in English, history and math. Her love of reading, especially history, was matched by her love of playing bridge. She and Alfred belonged to several bridge clubs in the Pecos area.

Above all her other accomplishments, Nan prized her family. Her husband Alfred, children and grandchildren all know they were loved unconditionally by her. Her influence is strong in all their lives. Her memory will serve as a guiding force to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

Paid obituary

Helen McDaniel

Helen McDaniel, 76, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at her residence. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born Feb. 28, 1934, in Mitchell County. She spent most of her life in New Mexico, Colorado City and Loraine. She moved to Big Spring in 1998 from Albuquerque, N.M. She worked most of her life in banks and at Walmart in Big Spring.

She is survived by one daughter, Gail M. Rincones and her husband, Joe, of Lubbock; two sons, Jimmy Honea and his wife, Kay, of Big Spring and Rodney McDaniel of Midland; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com



Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 3/10	Thu 3/11	Fri 3/12	Sat 3/13	Sun 3/14
67/42 Sunny with gusty winds. High 67F. Winds W at 25 to 35 mph.	62/38 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	66/36 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	68/42 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	71/45 Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 6:51 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 6:52 PM	Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 6:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 6:53 PM

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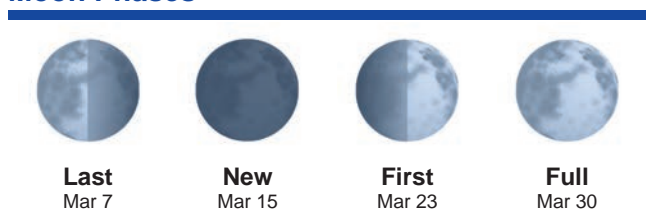
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	67	41	sunny	Kingsville	84	53	pt sunny
Amarillo	52	30	rain	Livingston	70	45	t-storm
Austin	73	44	t-storm	Longview	70	46	t-storm
Beaumont	71	52	t-storm	Lubbock	63	36	windy
Brownsville	84	60	pt sunny	Lufkin	71	46	t-storm
Brownwood	71	43	t-storm	Midland	69	45	windy
Corpus Christi	78	54	t-storm	Raymondville	87	57	pt sunny
Corsicana	70	44	t-storm	Rosenberg	71	50	t-storm
Dallas	71	45	t-storm	San Antonio	78	47	pt sunny
Del Rio	79	46	windy	San Marcos	75	45	t-storm
El Paso	58	40	windy	Sulphur Springs	70	46	t-storm
Fort Stockton	69	42	windy	Sweetwater	68	42	windy
Gainesville	68	41	t-storm	Tyler	69	46	t-storm
Greenville	69	42	t-storm	Weatherford	69	41	t-storm
Houston	71	51	t-storm	Wichita Falls	65	38	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	52	50	rain	Minneapolis	47	38	rain
Boston	52	33	sunny	New York	56	41	mst sunny
Chicago	55	44	rain	Phoenix	56	41	rain
Dallas	71	45	t-storm	San Francisco	58	41	sunny
Denver	40	27	mixed	Seattle	50	39	rain
Houston	71	51	t-storm	St. Louis	72	53	pt sunny
Los Angeles	64	44	mst sunny	Washington, DC	64	49	pt sunny
Miami	77	68	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 3/10	Thu 3/11	Fri 3/12	Sat 3/13	Sun 3/14
7	7	7	7	7
High	High	High	High	High

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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-9-17-34. Bonus Ball: 5.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-12-15-20-35. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$25,225. Winning ticket purchased in: Garland.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-0-6. Sum It Up: 7.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-7. Sum It Up: 8.

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• The city of Big Spring will close the northbound lane just north of 319 Runnels and its associated parking area to Third Street through Friday. For more information, contact Assistant City Manager Todd Darden at 264-2501.

• An account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Faye McGee of Big Spring to help defray the cost of medical bills and treatment. She is in ICU at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Contact CFCU at 400 E. Marcy in Big Spring, account 762989 or call Cosden at 264-2600 or toll free 800 725-2673.

• A Dinner Theatre is slated for March 27 at KoKopelli's to benefit the Big Spring Educational Science Trip, aka the Big Spring UFO'S. The meal will consist of brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, Texas toast, lemonade, water or tea. Price is \$10 a person or \$18 per couple. Purchase tickets from Medicine Center Pharmacy; ask for Monika. A silent auction will be held as well.

CITY

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insurance to get a AAA interest rate, and I'm concerned that our A-rating may be in jeopardy if we move forward. I think everyone here realizes there is a lawsuit against the city regarding a recent city council meeting, and the object of that lawsuit is to have a rollback election. That's the final outcome they (the Concerned Citizens Council) is wanting. If that lawsuit is successful and the rollback election is successful we will not have the tax rate that we're proposing to pay for this pool with.

"If that happens, there are a couple of options we'll have. The first is to default on the bond. We won't be able to make those payments because the revenue isn't here. The second is our other city services will suffer. We will not be able to maintain the city services we have right now on the budget we have if we've obligated to \$6.1 million for a pool project."

The lawsuit — which was filed on behalf of the Concerned Citizens Council with local residents Shannon Thomason, Steve Campbell, Thomas Tafuro, John Huckabee, Joe Hernandez and Mary Musik named as plaintiffs — alleges an emergency meeting of the Big

Spring City Council held Jan. 7 violated the open meetings act.

At the heart of the lawsuit is a rollback tax petition filed by Thomason, which failed to garner the 1,200 signatures needed to force a rollback election. The petition, which contained only one name — Thomason's — was determined to be invalid during the Jan. 7 emergency meeting.

Walker said the city's bond rating is not in trouble, and is in fact flourishing.

"Based on our recent conversation with the bond rating agency, our bond rating was increased. It improved from A to A-plus," said Peggy Walker, city finance director. "They did find that we are very stable, have a low amount of debt-to-income ratio, and they looked at a lot of economic factors. The city has never defaulted on a bond."

Resident Craig Olson, who is also a part of the May election — he recently announced his candidacy for the District 5 seat — directed his comment on the officials from First Southwest, the company in charge of taking the bonds to the market.

"You bond people need to beware of this," said Olson. "This 3.3 cents the mayor and city council is going to use to pay for this is at serious risk. If anybody here

thinks this is a joke, the city is going to lose this. People in Austin have filed this suit, they have looked at it and the 3.3 cents is at risk."

Olson also inquired why the matter is being voted on by the council instead of being put on a city-wide ballot.

"Certificates of obligation and general obligation bonds are basically identical once they get to the bond market. The only difference is certificates of obligation do not require voter approval," said Walker. "It is the council's requirement to make a determination if this project is something they feel strongly about to move forward without voter approval, and this council felt very strongly."

"They have, from the beginning, felt we will put together some sort of a water park for our community. For the children, the adults and the seniors of our community. Based on that assumption, this is an important project for our community and something they felt strongly about, they made the determination to move forward with the certificates of obligation."

Olson's reaction to Walker's explanation of the use of certificates of obligation was he was less than pleased.

"So, what you're saying is this thing is so important we can't live without it and the vot-

ers really shouldn't have a say in it? They really don't know what to think here and they aren't smart enough to understand..."

"That is not what I said," Walker responded firmly.

Despite some rather adversarial tones from those opposed to the issuing of the certificates of obligation — including declarations the council is ignoring the Crossroads citizens — Councilman Terry Hansen said he feels the council is doing the right thing and, in fact, following the lead of the city's residents.

"There are definitely two schools of thought on this issue, and I certainly respect the position that you have," said Hansen. "However, I want you to also understand there are many, many people that are in favor of this. Many of these people have talked to me, or I have gone to them, and I think most — if not all — of the council is in the same situation where we feel we are representing the wishes of the community."

Once the bonds are repaid, including the principal and interest, Walker said the final price tag for the new aquatics center will be slightly more than \$6 million.

"Including the principal and interest, and this is going by the preliminary schedule,

which includes a lot of different things, it will be slightly over \$6.1 million," said Walker. "That does include the \$4.2 million issuance, plus the repayment of the interest."

According to city officials, the \$4.2 million facility — which does away with the concept of a rectangular swimming pool in favor of a water park concept — will not require a tax hike, fitting the construction and eventual operation and maintenance of the proposed facility into the current tax rate of \$1.013243 per \$100 valuation.

While the funding for the project has been secured, city officials pointed out Monday night the design of the pool, which has been discussed by the council during the past several months, is still up in the air.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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 Gloria Hernandez, 40, died Sunday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
 Richard Schroeder, 60, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
 Fern Lewis, 78, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

ROBBERY

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serving five years, according to court officials.

According to law enforcement reports, the pair were arrested shortly after a police officer who was getting ready to take a meal break at the Travel Centers of America truck

stop spotted the two suspects running from the gas station.

"The officer (Mike Calley, BSPD) saw the two suspects running along Interstate Highway 20," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department. "It appeared the two were looking for a way to cross the Interstate."

Everett said the officer, assisted by deputies

from the Howard County Sheriff's Office, pursued the two men and eventually took them into custody in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20, a short distance from the Exxon station.

Neither man is believed to have used a weapon during the robbery and no injuries were reported as a result of the altercation.

"According to the report, the two men ap-

proached the clerk at the Exxon station and told them, "This is a robbery," said Everett. "They took the clerk back to the store's bathroom and told them to stay in there. The clerk stayed there until they heard the door chime, at which time they believed the men had left. However, when the clerk opened the bathroom door, they saw the two men running out

the door with the station's cash box."

The cash box, which contained an undetermined amount of cash, was recovered when officers arrested the two men, according to Everett.

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Rodriguez and Jacob Wiley, third place.

• Behavioral/Social Science — Krystal Soto, first place plus scholarship.

• Energy/Transportation — Brady Weber, first place plus scholarship.

• Environment Management — Hannah Weber, first place plus scholarship.

• Electrical/Mechanical — Victor Woodruff — first place plus scholarship.

Intermediate Division

• Biochemistry — Teodora Arguello, first place.

• Mathematics — Ry-

ane Colette, first place; Remy Colette, second place.

• Chemistry — Tucker Durham, first place plus special award.

• Team project — Carlos Ross/David Williams, first place; Alex Franco/David Gonzales, third place.

• Electrical/Mechanical — Angela Garza, third place.

• Earth Science — Alesia Hernandez, second place.

• Environmental Science — Hannah Jensen, first place, Tyler Stromberg, second place.

• Plant Science — Brianna Kight, first place.

• Animal Science — Mariah McIntosh, second place, Erin Pollard, third place.

• Environmental Man-

agement — Trace Telchik, first place, Bailey Pitman, second place.

• Energy/Transportation — Jacob Scott, first place.

• Bioengineering — Stevi Ward, first place.

• Physics/Astronomy — Amy Winters, second place.

• Microbiology — Erin Wolf, third place.

Junior Division

• Earth/Space Science — Micaela Perez, second place; Caleb Awbrey, third place.

• Chemistry — Jeremy Sturles, Rowan Colette,

Sarah Boyd and Nina Clair, special awards; Kylie Palmer, second place; Brett Berringer, third place.

• Mathematics — Danica Bishop, third place.

• Life Science — Saaleen Burchett, second place.

• Environmental Science — Gabi Gomez, special award; Alexis Garza, third place.

• Behavioral Science — Cooper Miller, first place; Andre Marquez, third place.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Don't miss out on museum's newest exhibit

It has been said that familiarity breeds contempt. While that may be true in some cases, we believe it more than likely results in our taking things for granted. When it comes to our local banks, it's almost certain the latter holds true.

Banks and banking have been a constant in Big Spring since the 1890s and the Heritage Museum is now in the process of celebrating the role the banking industry has played in our community.

"Banking in Big Spring," an exhibit honoring the first five banks in Howard County, opened late last week and will continue through May 8 at the museum, located at 510 Scurry.

Displays ranging from vintage photos to all sorts of banking memorabilia make up the exhibit, according to Museum Curator Tammy Schrecengost.

Banking in Howard County got its unofficial start in 1882, when officials at the J&W Fisher Store began cashing railroad employees' paychecks, but the first official banking institution, First National Bank, opened its door for business April 19, 1890. Following it was West Texas National Bank, which was chartered in February 1903 and remained in business until it merged with First National in 1934.

State National Bank began business in 1903 as The First State Bank in Big Spring and began using its current title in 1924.

After First National merged with West Texas National in 1934, it and State National enjoyed banking primacy in Big Spring for more than 20 years until Security State Bank (now known as American State Bank) opened its doors in 1956, followed by Coahoma State Bank (currently titled Western Bank) in 1961.

Tracking down information for the exhibit proved to be a bit challenging, Schrecengost said.

"I was doing a little bit of research and came across some confusing facts about the first downtown banks," Schrecengost noted. "The rotated in and out of buildings a lot."

For more information on the exhibit, contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

We encourage readers to go by the museum and check out this latest exhibit. We bet that everyone will learn something they didn't know before they went. Of course, that's always the case when it comes to the Heritage Museum.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we practice what's in Your word, Lord.
Amen

History lesson presented by 'Avatar'

Like Barack Obama, Avatar has become a Rorschach test for the times in which we live. Everyone interprets it their own way. Nominated for nine Oscars, it's already the highest-grossing film of all time — having pulled in around \$2.5 billion globally. More importantly, Avatar could become a game-changer in our evolving cultural consciousness about the impact of modernity on the world.

I recently saw the film in St. Louis with my teenage niece and nephew. To them, it was science fiction. I suggested it was more of a commentary about the Americas. Indeed, it mirrors the history of indigenous peoples in this hemisphere for the past 500 years. The struggle over resource extraction for profit versus the territorial rights of indigenous peoples continues to unfold on a daily basis across the globe.

Set in the year 2154, the conflict in Avatar involves corporate lust for a rare precious mineral called "unobtainium," which, we're told, is valued by humans at 20 million per kilo. What's it for? We're never told, but perhaps that's the point. Unobtainium serves as a generic placeholder for the commodities we extract from native lands: oil, gold, silver, lumber, pasture or any other thing of value according to market forces. How much unobtainium is enough? The film's characters never say. But, like a bonus-grubbing Wall Street executive, no amount can

sate modern society's never-ending desires.

I receive several urgent action alerts every month from indigenous communities throughout the hemisphere, asking for help as their lands are invaded by corporations, farmers and ranchers. Centuries of racism have turned them into nuisances to be pushed aside by the colonizers. They don't vote in a significant bloc, so local politicians rarely pay attention to their pleas. If they happen to use force to resist the exploitation and illegal expropriation of their lands, they — like Avatar's Na'vi protagonists — are often labeled "terrorists" and violently suppressed. In reality, indigenous peoples across the Americas have been fighting against terrorism since 1492.

I asked my niece and nephew to think back a dozen generations. Who populated the lands upon which they live today? What happened to them? Under what circumstances were their lands colonized? Deep down, we know about terrible wrongs that were committed against the native peoples who used to inhabit this land, but we push these traumas out of our collective consciousness. Until we come to terms with our own history, it will continue to fester like a rotting pink elephant in our national living room.

The Na'vi in Avatar and indigenous humans here on Earth have accomplished something that we in the modern industrialized world have failed to do. They've figured out how to live in a sustainable way for countless generations. We, meanwhile, are quickly reaching the environmental limits of what's sustainable.

Our technologies have ad-

vanced far ahead of our collective wisdom to incorporate them in a thoughtful way. We've surrendered our future to the market forces that have run amok, and where the only relevant bottom line is short-term profit. The elders of the Iroquois nations used to ask how the decisions they made today would affect their descendants seven generations down the line. Today we don't turn to our elders for wisdom. After all, what do they know? They're old. Put them in a retirement home.

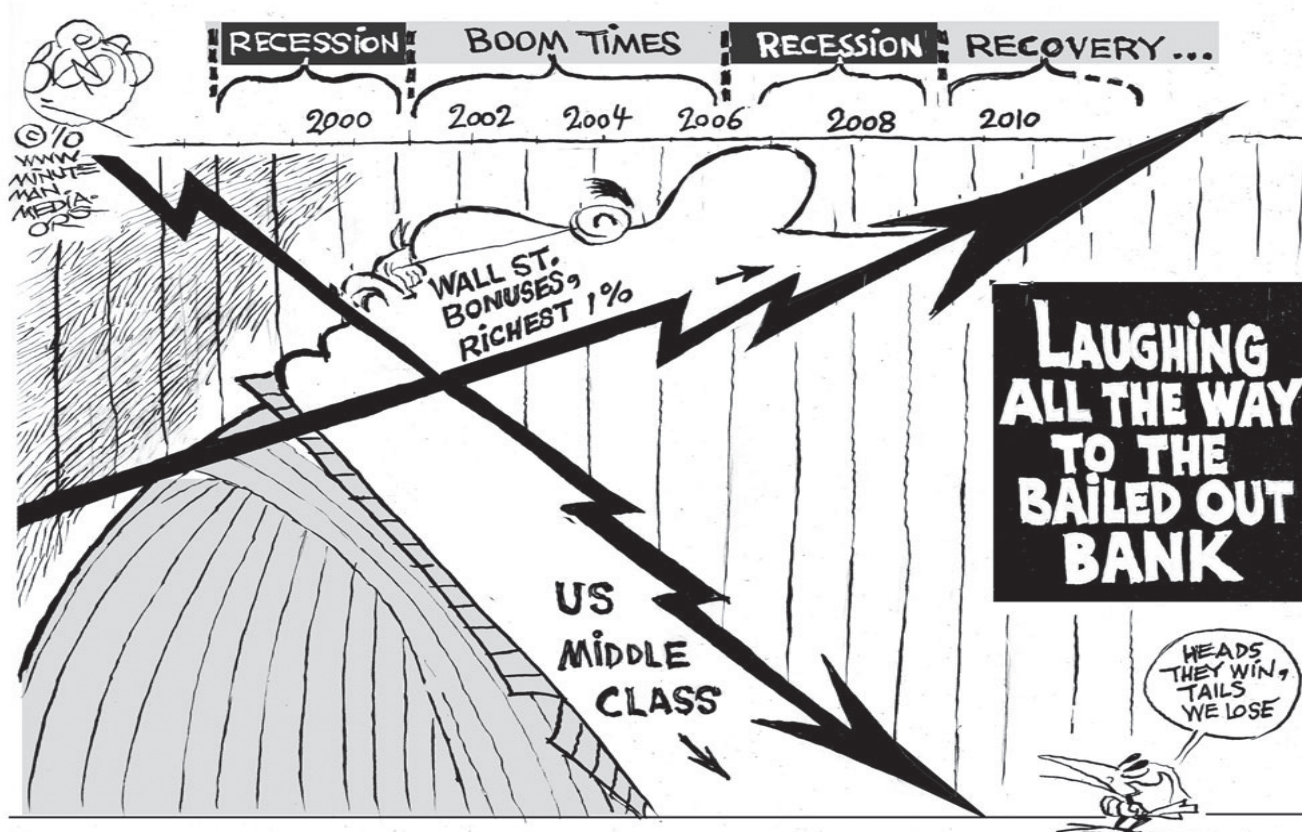
Instead, our future is determined by cowardly politicians who can only think as far as the next election.

Our economy is guided by short-sighted corporations that only care about hitting their quarterly numbers, lest their stock nosedives and they get taken over by a rival corporation. Any leader who talks about planning for the future is branded a "socialist" by the teabaggers — as though we should let our planet's fate be determined by the tender mercies of the free market.

In the early 1980s, an indigenous leader from Guatemala came to the Inter-American Development Bank and spoke to its board of directors. He said: "Your bank, I don't like it so much. It scratches where it doesn't itch."

Avatar makes us pause to think of all the manufactured "itches" that comprise modern life. The movie left me ready to paint myself Na'vi blue.

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Get off your high horse!

I suspect we all know what this idiom means. Perhaps we've all said this — or felt like saying it — at least once in our lives. Or maybe this exclamation has been directed toward us!

In short, the demand is to stop acting as if we are better or more intelligent than other people. The call is to become more humble, less haughty, and to lose any attitude of superiority with its overbearing manner and distasteful pride.

This phrase is directed at dismissive arrogance, which I can assure you will poison any relationship — whether the relationship is between husbands and wives, parents and children, bosses and their employees, or leaders and their constituents.

The arrogant assumes his views and opinions are "the truth." He is more concerned about his own viewpoint being heard, accepted and obeyed than being right or doing what is right.

She demands respect from others when she needs to give respect to others.

An Arabian proverb warns, "Arrogance diminishes wisdom." Indeed, arrogance and

pride can keep us from making good decisions.

There was a general named Naaman, whose story is told in II Kings in the Bible. (II Kings 5:9-14) Naaman's inflated arrogance and pride almost kept him from being healed of leprosy. When he went to Elisha in search of healing, Elisha sent a message to him telling him to wash seven times in the Jordan River and his skin condition would be cured.

But Naaman was disappointed that Elisha had not come to see him in person to perform an admirable show of God's healing power. He reacted with haughtiness and disdain at Elisha's instructions and even asked why he couldn't wash in a different river that he thought was cleaner.

Naaman's servants eventually persuaded him to follow Elisha's directions, and he was cured.

I think the lesson for Naaman (and all of us) is to be willing to listen and humble our ego enough to be open-minded to a new idea — a better and more productive solution than perhaps what we first thought was best.

Have you ever asked someone for advice and then didn't pay attention to it because it was not what you were hoping to hear?

If we really want the advice of others, then we need to be willing to listen and be attentive and open to their ideas and sugges-

tions. We need a sincere desire to learn. And with that learning, be willing to adapt and change any preconceived notions. This attitude would keep us approachable and teachable and no doubt direct us toward wiser decisions.

Even when we are confident about a decision we've made today, we need to be open to making a new one tomorrow.

We live in an ever-changing world. Surely, to keep progressive pace in this world, we need to maintain a modest estimate of our own opinion and remain ready and willing to be taught, to be flexible and yes — to change our mind.

This may mean taking a different approach. This could require an admission that we've made a mistake.

And if we're talking about the government of a country, then it would certainly mean a willingness to compromise opinion to work together for the good of the country.

There is no place for arrogance in the wise governing of a great nation.

Surely all relationships benefit when we get off our high horse and are not so certain we are right. After all, we might not be!

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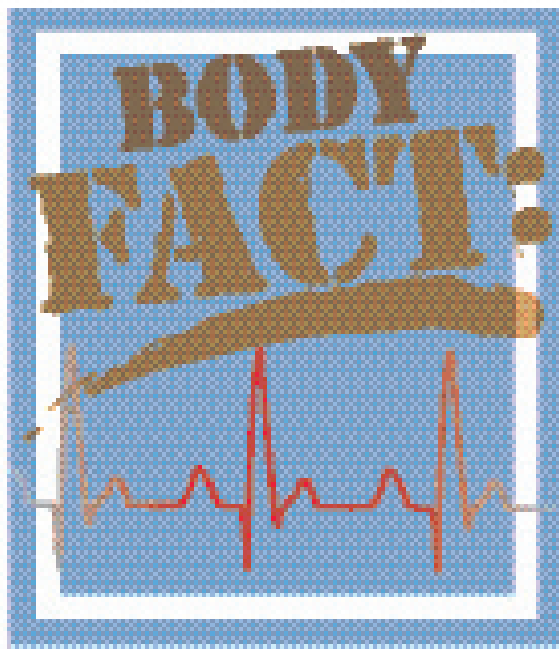


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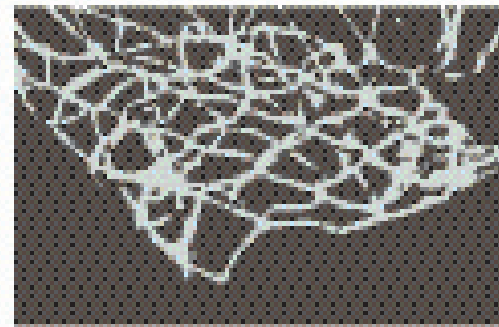
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BY BOB WEBER JR.

Mr. Beaver returned from a boat ride with his son Billy this morning. First he tied his rowboat to the pier, then he tied Billy's tiny toy tugboat tightly against the piling. When they returned hours later the toy boat was missing. Slylock Fox says if they wait, the toy may appear. How can that be?



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Bird Poop:

'Sharpie' survives to again hunt in air

Not having seen it in several weeks, the woman felt confident in filling her feeders to attract the neighborhood masses and spring migrants. When it had swooped through her yard during December and January, she had known it was just a matter of time before it quickly snatched its morning meal.

Dipping into the outside canister, she enjoyed the daily routine of providing some sustenance for the wintering flock. When something moved underneath the dense shrub that bordered the back of her house, she stopped. What she glimpsed in the shadows was certainly a darker, grayish-blue and larger than a dove.

As she moved, the stranger tried to put a greater distance between them. Wondering why it didn't fly, the woman was determined to find out why the bird was evading her rather than taking flight.

Opening the back door and calling for her son, she needed help in trying to capture it. Handing her a towel, the young man took his and hoped he could throw it over the elusive visitor. As the two slowly frustrated the bird by boxing it into a corner, it suddenly sprang forward with a series of hops across the lawn.

Shrugging his shoulders, her son had come up empty-handed. Determined, they both tried again. Finally pinning the bird to the ground under a large yaupon, he waited for his mother to remove the struggling bird's talons from the side of his hand and thumb.

"It's that hawk," she exclaimed excitedly. Covering it with her towel,

she managed to free her son's hand from its slender talons. Tiny droplets of blood remained where the hawk had pierced his skin.

"Really, Mom, it's nothing," he offered. His being hurt while trying to help had visibly disturbed her.

Already planning to come to Big Spring, the caller from Lamesa said she'd see us in about an hour. After hearing her story, I invited her to watch as we examined the bird. Bringing the sharp-shinned hawk out of her carrier, and with Art's help, I extended its left wing. We could find no breaks.

While feeling the bone structure of the right wing, a lump from an earlier injury was evident.

If an X-ray determined the bone had knitted properly, and exercise produced a flight worthy raptor, then a future release might be possible.

As we shared stories of this specie, the caller's and our descriptions were similar. With its arrival in November, this sharp-shin had the same characteristic as other accipiters. It was a bird hawk. Nature's design in providing short, rounded wings; a long, narrow tail; typical gliding flight; and a penchant for thinning populations made an awesome combination.

Having seen these avian hunters pluck sparrows from inside our honeysuckle vines, chase doves as if their size didn't matter and try to intimidate the curved-bill thrashers in a Spanish dagger was an indication of their ferocious personalities.

Emphasizing a particular season, we shared with the woman our experience of a "sharpie" being so active in the neighborhood that we had to peek around any corner of the house before risking a collision with "the blue streak" coming from the opposite direction.



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Courtesy photo

Quietly hidden among the upper branches of a tree, the sharp-shinned hawk will quickly flap its wings then glide toward unsuspecting prey. Plucking a smaller bird from a limb, the ground, or out of the sky, the accipiter uses its agility and speed to obtain its victims.

Five days later, as we readied the accipiter for a trip to South Plains in Lubbock, I glanced at its colorful attire.

Above, the bird was a soft, bluish-gray. Several darker bands accented its square-tipped tail. Below, the cinnamon display of barring on its breast and belly provided a sharp contrast.

Several weeks passed before good news arrived from the wildlife center. Release of the sharp-shin in the near future would allow it another opportunity to migrate.

As its northward journey carried it

toward Canada, again the "sharpie" would prey upon small birds. It would only condescend to eating an occasional lizard, mouse, young rabbit, or even an insect, if no birds were to be found.

The familiar sight of its weaving through the tangled branches of someone else's yard in pursuit of avian delights would be a reminder of nature's irony.

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Parent's Corner:

Learning respect and self-respect is vital

There was something about Rodney Dangerfield's comment, "I get no respect," that always seemed humorous. Of course that comment was his "calling card" and he used it quite well. Such as, "I get no respect; even my twin brother forgets my birthday!"

I was thinking about that the other day when I ran across the new three Rs: Respect for yourself; Respect for others; and Respect for your responsibilities (taking responsibility for your possessions and your actions).

Respect goes far beyond the Dangerfield concept.

Respect, whether it be a behavior or a feeling is one of the main concepts that control our attitudes and it's one of the most important things

we can teach our children.

However, keep in mind that respect is not the same as obedience and one of the best ways to teach respect is to show respect.

When a child experiences respect, they understand the feeling and the importance of what it brings. The Golden Rule of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," is the zenith of respect.

Respect is an attitude and being respectful should be a goal. We should have respect for peers, authority, or ourselves, and if we have respect for ourselves and for others, it will lead us to be respectful of our responsibilities and our actions.

Our schools must teach children about respect, however, parents have the most influence on how respectful children become.

Children must be respectful at home and until children show respect at home, it's unlikely they will show it anywhere else.

A parent's opinion means a lot to a

child. We must teach our children to respect themselves, for self-respect is one of the most important forms of respect. Once we respect ourselves, it is easier to respect others.

We must build their independence and give them responsibilities as soon as they can handle them. We must help them set and achieve goals. Their self-respect will skyrocket when they see themselves achieving their goals.

If we believe our children can succeed, they will believe they can as well.

We must encourage honesty and let our children know that they may be able to fool some people, but they can't fool themselves.

There is no pride in stealing, cheating, or lying.

When our children make mistakes, remind them that they are still loved.

The value of self-respect is often taken for granted, but sometimes we painfully discover how very important it is when our self-respect is

threatened, or we lose it and have to work to regain it, or we have to struggle to develop or maintain it in a hostile environment.

Some people find that finally being able to respect themselves is what matters most about kicking a disgusting habit, or defending something they value; others, sadly, discover that life is no longer worth living if self-respect is irretrievably lost.

We learn that respect and self-respect are deeply connected, that it is difficult if not impossible to respect others if we don't respect ourselves and on the other hand, to respect ourselves if others don't respect us.

In the words of Yogi Berra, "You can observe a lot just by watching!" He also commented, "I learned a lot from my parents, especially my mom and my dad!"

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Police

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

- REBECCA COMSTOCK, 26, of 1612 Settles, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- CYNTHIA RAMOS, 31, of 1501 Scurry, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid and no insurance.
- JOHN POWELL, 45, of Oregon, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUSTIN SPEER, 34, of Colorado City, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- JACQUES FOSTON, 37, of 1002 N. Main St., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- SUZANNE IRVIN, 31, of 1406 Tucson, was arrested Monday on nine local warrants.
- LITTLE JOHN WINFIELD, 47, of 1205 Stanford, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency and charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 800 block of Settles.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of Dallas.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff's Office

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.
- DOMACIO RODRIGUEZ, 59, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - MURRAY CLARK JONES, 48, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - JUAN MANUEL NIETO, 35, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- CHELSEA NICOLE CHAVARRIA, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of running a stop sign and failure to appear.
- SHAWN MICHAEL OVERTON, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT LEOS LOPEZ, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSHUA BASURTO, 17, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to identify – giving false information.
- KELLY JAMES CONWELL, 50, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CARLTON KEITH SPIVEY, 32, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUANITA TARIN GARCIA, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of speeding in a school zone, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear (two counts).
- REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK, 26, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of theft and failure to appear.
- CYNTHIA ANN RAMOS, 31, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.
- DORA ANN BURCIAGA, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- PATRICIA LABELLE EDWARDS, 47, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- ANDREA ALENDER, 37, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a sentence/revocation for driving while license invalid.
- RUBEN JUAREZ JR., 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- THOMAS LEWIS EASON, 34, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated and a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – second offense, open container.
- JACQUES LARON FOSTON, 37, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a violation of parole – aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- JOHN WAYNE POWELL, 45, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of

solicitation by a pedestrian.

- JUSTIN SPEER, 34, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- STORMEE KAY NIX, 30, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution, possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license (two counts), violation of a promise to appear (five counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility – second offense and failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts).
- LITTLE JOHN WINFIELD, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense, resisting arrest, search or transportation and violation of parole – driving while intoxicated.
- SUZANNE MARIE IRVIN, 31, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, weedy lot (three counts), front yard parking, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts) and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.
- GABRIEL GARCIA, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and duty on striking a fixture/highway landscape.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of 11th Street and Locust. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Hilltop and Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wason. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of N. Lameasa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 11th Street and Goliad. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Pine. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3300 block of Fordham. One person was transported to SMMC.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

groove over the next few days, but that's a good thing. You'll take achievement over comfort for now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The thing you used to enjoy so much is now becoming slightly tedious. What's going on? Don't be alarmed. This is just a signal that it is once again time to modify your schedule to fit your changing priorities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Give yourself a time limit. If you think you have all the time in the world, that's how long it will take to get things done. You deserve to get on track now. Set a deadline and tell people about it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). An upcoming event is too important to deal with casually. Make specific plans. Surround yourself with reminders of the details. You're about to pull off something truly grand.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 9). You believe the best in others, and that's what they'll show you. Something amazing happens this month: You communicate the things that bother you,

and your loved ones change their behavior. April brings a professional boost. A current of romance sweeps you off your feet in May. August brings a move. Gemini and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 30, 14, 44 and 18.

C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES: Academy Award-winner Juliette Binoche is a Pisces with Mercury and Mars also in the ethereal realm of the fish. The ultimate French movie star, Binoche chooses her projects with great discernment and has turned down several Hollywood roles in the process, including the lead for blockbusters like "Jurassic Park." Pisces people follow their strong intuition to make the choices that best suit them.

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Venus transiting Aries ramps up the competition, especially in matters of the heart. We'll spring to the defense of our relationships and make a greater effort to pursue our attractions. Saturn in Libra opposes Venus, and we could get off course by competing against our loved ones instead of competing against those who vie for their attention.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Express your creativity. You'll feel powerful when you are making something that didn't exist in the world before. And the feeling could inspire you to take control of a situation you used to think was too big for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make time for love, and love will stretch that time in wonderful ways. You'll feel as though you are suspended in a perfect bubble of bliss. These are the memorable moments of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a lot that has to happen before you can put your thoughts into action. You need permission, money and time, not to mention a good plan. Don't go off half-cocked. For now, jot your ideas down. Make copious lists.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You control how quickly you move up in the world by monitoring how much you give. Givers get — it's that simple. When you want more, you'll give more quite naturally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

However much you're moving your body, it's time to turn it up. You need to be strong both mentally and physically for the challenges ahead, and exercise will accomplish both. Consider signing up for a class or special training.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A prideful person you know may be making a mistake. Others are inclined to tear this person down emotionally. Make a sacred intention that you will be the kind of person who supports others when they need it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just as there is a solid scientific reason that oil and water don't mix, there is a very sound logic behind your decision to stay away from a certain person. You may not be able to explain it, but stand by it all the same.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone's idea about what is attainable is different. What's realistic to you may be extremely unrealistic for someone else. Remember not to expect others to have the same goals and standards as you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's highly unlikely that you'll fall into a comfortable



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Power of Visualization

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♥ A K 8
♦ A K J 6
♣ A 7 3

WEST
♠ J 4
♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ 9 7 5 4
♣ 10 9 2

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

SOUTH
♠ K 5
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ Q 8 3
♣ Q 6 5 4

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

Opening lead — jack of spades.

Assume you've arrived at three notrump on the bidding shown, and West leads the jack of spades. East contributes the nine on the first trick, and you take the king. How would you continue?

At first glance, it seems you are faced with an impossible assignment. You have only eight tricks in view, and the queen of clubs is your sole hope for a ninth. However, there doesn't appear to be any way to score a trick with the queen without conceding a trick to the king first, and if you do, East will run enough spades to set the contract.

But when the deal occurred, South made three notrump, and, what's more, there was nothing the opponents could do about it.

Declarer began by cashing four diamonds, East discarding a club and a heart. Next came the A-K of hearts. East followed to the first heart, but had to discard a spade on the second one in order to protect his king of clubs.

By this time, South had taken seven tricks and the defense none. It was clear from East's discard of a spade that he had relinquished a spade winner in order to guard the club king. East's remaining six cards therefore had to be the A-Q-x-x of spades and doubleton king of clubs.

Accordingly, declarer next led the ten of spades from dummy. East collected four spade tricks, but had to lead a club at the end, allowing South to score the queen and ace and so make his contract.

Note that East could not have escaped the impending endplay by taking the ace of spades at trick one and returning a spade to declarer's king. In that case, South would have proceeded as before, eventually throwing East into the lead with dummy's last spade to achieve the same result.

Tomorrow: A necessary assumption.
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Menefield, Anderson shine at Abilene meet

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — The Big Spring boys and girls track squads jumped to sixth place team finishes in Abilene's Big Country Relays held over the weekend.

Desiree Anderson jumped 18-4 1/2 to capture first in the long jump and Mike Menefield posted 46-10 in the triple jump, more than three feet ahead of the next competitor.

"Looking around the state, that's sixth or seventh-best right now," girls track coach Nick Roberson said of Anderson's jump.

Anderson also finished third in the 100-meter with a time of 13 flat. April Turner ran a 1:05.12 in the 400-meter, good for fourth place.

Freshman Carson Riebe took fourth in the 300-hurdles with a 51.21 time and fifth in the 100-hurdles with a

17.27. The girls mile relay team took third in the meet, posting a 4:14.81 time.

Roberson said he was pleased to see times drop in the 800-meter relay and mile relay, as well as several other personal improvements.

"We were running against several 5A (schools), and quality 5As at that," Roberson said. "I was real pleased

with the way the girls ran."

On the boys side, Daniel Segundo ran a 2:01.22 800-meter, good for second place. Monte Anderson posted an 11.43 time in the 100-meter, which tied him for second with Ethan Buchanan of Midland Lee.

Dennis Merworth finished fourth in the long jump with a 20-9 3/4 distance.

The teams will be in

San Angelo this weekend for the Concho Relays. Check the *Herald* for results.

Big Country Relay Results

Girls Team results — 1. Amarillo High 169.5; 2. Abilene High 117.3; Odessa High 96, 4. San Angelo Central 86.5; 5. Cooper 70; 6. Big Spring 60, 7. Midland Lee 21.

JV team results — 1. Abilene High 209; 2. Odessa High 97; 3. Big Spring 92; 4. Midland Lee 80; 5. Central 64; 6. Cooper 56.

Triple Jump — 1. Jasmine Cannon, Odessa, 35-10 1/4; 2. Jordan Coonts, Amarillo, 33-7 3/4; 3. Jasmine White, San Angelo Central, 33-4 3/4.

Discus — 1. Elizabeth Railsback, Cooper, 120-7; 2. Tiffany LaFleur, Amarillo, 120-0; 3. Deja McKnight, Odessa, 112-9; 5. Cirbi Ritchey, Big Spring, 99-3; 6. Tahlia Green, Big Spring, 97-7.

High Jump — 1. Noelle Davis, Abilene, 5-2; 2. Victoria Wmilo, Odessa, J5-0; 3. Chastity Emms, Abilene, 4-10; 5. Bridget Tuitt, Big Spring, J4-10.

Long Jump — 1. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring, 18-4 1/2; 2. Allison Martinez, Amarillo, 17-8 3/4; 3. Jessamyn Curtis, Abilene, 17-7.

Shot Put — 1. Deja McKnight, Odessa, 37-11 3/4; 2. Ashley Fitzpatrick, San Angelo Central, 36-0 1/4; 3. Cassandra Perez,

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Howard sweeps 4 Odessa games

Herald Staff Report

The No. 3 Howard Hawks took a leg up in the WJCAC baseball standings during weekend as they swept four games over Odessa.

The Hawks didn't make it close in two games at Odessa on Friday, sweeping that doubleheader in two run-rule decisions. Howard (16-4) took a close 9-8 win in the first game Sunday and powered its way to a 9-3 victory to complete the series.

The Hawks are tied for first in the WJCAC conference with Clarendon, which swept El Paso over the weekend. Howard has a home series with Seward this weekend, after which they will pick up WJCAC play again with a home series against New Mexico Military Institute on March 19-20.

Howard 10, Odessa 0

Howard scored five in the first and three in the fifth as they ran away with a 10-0 win in game one.

Burch Smith struck out nine and allowed just one hit in seven innings of shutout baseball to earn the win. Odessa's Jerome Leija was charged with the loss, lasting 4 2/3 innings and allowing eight earned runs on 10 hits.

Kevin Sah notched three hits and three RBI in the game, including a double. Nathan



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton

Hawks center fielder Joe Leftridge catches a ball in the outfield against Texarkana at Jack Barber Field earlier this season. Leftridge is batting .514 on the year in the leadoff spot for No. 3 Howard.

Burns had two hits and three RBI in the game, including a home run.

Howard 17, Odessa 5

It was more of the same in game two as the Hawks put up a

4-spot in the first on the way to a 17-5 win.

Josh Ezernack tossed 5 1/3 innings, allowing all five runs, earned on eight hits. But Howard's bats ensured Ezernack the win, scoring five

more in the fourth and three in each of the last two innings. Rick Stover knocked in six runs on three hits, including a double

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Baseball roundup: Forsan wins at Ralls

Herald Staff Report

RALLS — The Forsan Ralls have started the 2010 season on a roll.

As the team prepares for district play today at 4 p.m. in Ira, the Buffs feature a 7-0 record and wins in the Albany tournament last weekend and Ralls tournament Saturday.

Peyton Parker got the win for Forsan over Ralls in the tournament championship game, which Forsan lost last year to Ralls by one run. Parker stymied the Jackrabbits Saturday, scattering four hits and one earned run over five innings. He struck out eight and walked one.

Ryan Flores had a 2-RBI double in the game as the Buffs scored five in the second inning and four in the fourth, pounding out seven hits and taking advantage of four Jackrabbit errors.

The Buffs will return home to face Miles on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at Forsan High School.

Snyder 9, Steers 8

SNYDER — The Big Spring Steers suffered another close loss Saturday at the hands of Snyder to wrap up the Snyder Tournament.

In a time-shortened six-inning game, Snyder scored three runs in the last frame to take a comeback win over the Steers, who scored four in their

half of the sixth.

Alex Hensley took the loss for Big Spring, giving up nine runs, five of which were earned, and seven hits over 5 1/3 innings. He struck out five and walked six.

"We mixed in some walks and an error, and that kind of killed us," head coach Burt Otto said about the last inning. "Seven of Snyder's runs they either got on by error or a walk."

The Steers were efficient at the plate, though, scoring eight runs on just four hits. Martin Yanez collected two and scored two runs, Max Papajohn doubled, Jacob Acosta notched two RBIs with a double in the game.

Steven Islas reached base twice in the game.

"He's had some bad luck because the last few times he's been on from an error, but they've scored runs, and he's scored runs," Otto said. "Every time I look up, he's on base somewhere."

The Steers will be on the road today at Brownfield at 6:30 p.m. Check the Herald for results.

Box Scores

Forsan 11, Ralls 1
Forsan 051 41 -- 11 7 1
Ralls 100 00 -- 1 4 4

W- Parker (2-0)

SNYDER 9, Big Spring 8
BSHS 103 004 -- 8 4 2
SHS 005 013 -- 9 7 3
W- Wall; L- Hensley

Coahoma: Newton dominant in circle; 2 Bulldogs make all-district

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Coahoma pitcher Heather Newton has been unhittable lately. Literally.

Newton has not allowed a hit in 22 consecutive innings going into tonight's home matchup with Abilene Wylie. The Angelo State

signee tossed a perfect game to close out the Umpires Association tournament in San Angelo on Saturday, striking out 16 in a 3-0 win over Harker Heights.

But that's not all. She struck out 13 in a 1-0 win over Bandera and 19 in a 3-0 win over Newman Smith in the

tournament. Newton is 8-2 on the season and has allowed a total of eight runs in her nine starts, none of them earned.

The Bulldogettes have won five straight games to improve their record to 12-5. Coahoma's losses have all come to 5A schools this year.

First pitch tonight is 6 p.m. against Wylie.

Leija, Paniagua named to first team

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs placed two first-teamers on the 7-2A all-district teams released Monday.

Seniors Josh Paniagua and Martin Leija were both all-district performers for the Bulldogs, who finished the year 16-14.

"They led us between them in scoring and rebounding, and Josh averaged seven assists per game, which is unheard of when you score in double figures," Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said.

Hunter Williams and Tanner Ruiz earned second-team honors for Coahoma. Williams will

be back for his senior year and Ruiz earned the honor as a freshman.

"The coaches were very impressed with Tanner being a freshman, and it was a great honor he was named to the second team," Nichols said. "And

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Country Club holding United Way fund-raiser

Big Spring Country Club and the United Way invite the public to participate in a 3-person scramble March 27-28 at the Country Club.

Entrance fee is \$60 per player plus a cart. Private carts are welcome.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry includes barbecue on the course Saturday at noon and a 19th hole party on the patio.

Softball signups under way

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is holding signups for the upcoming 2010 season for girls ages 4-14 as of Jan. 1.

Signups will be held this Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. It is the last singup to take place.

Registration fee is \$75, including a full uniform. Late registration after March 13 will cost \$10 extra. For more info, contact Lucy Ramirez at 466-3670.

Howard softball games canceled in Lubbock

Due to unplayable field conditions, Howard College's softball doubleheader scheduled against Lubbock Christian on Monday was canceled.

Games canceled on March 5 and 6 against Odessa have been rescheduled for this weekend. The Hawks will host Odessa in a doubleheader Friday at 1 p.m. before the series moves to Odessa on Saturday, starting at 1 p.m.

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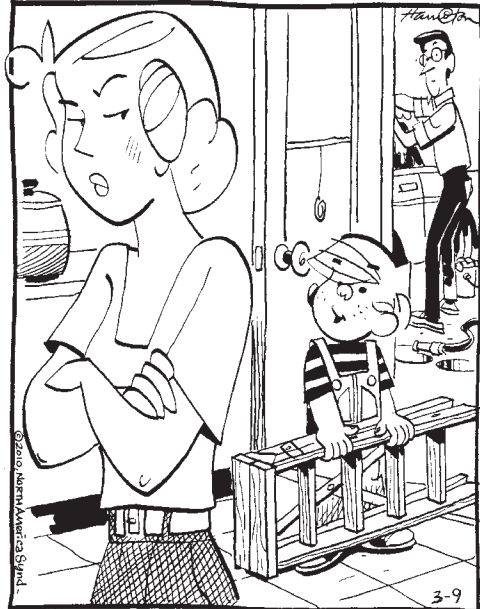
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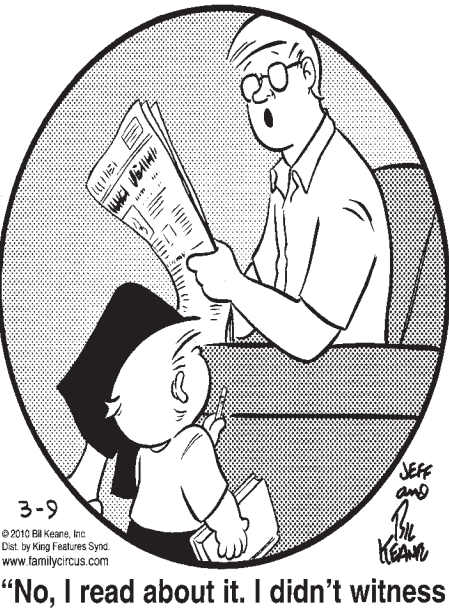
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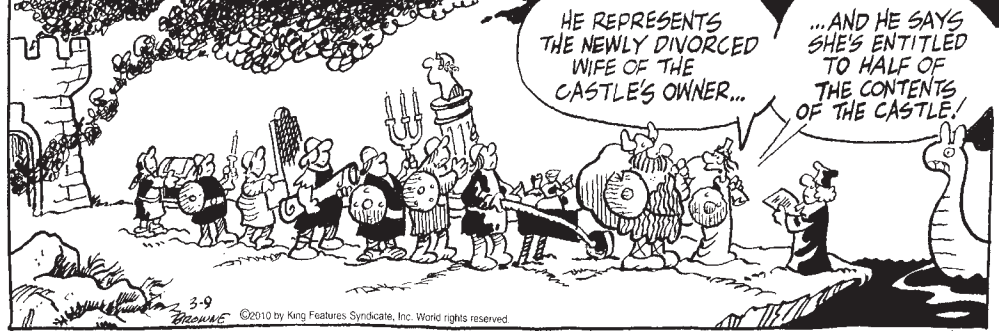
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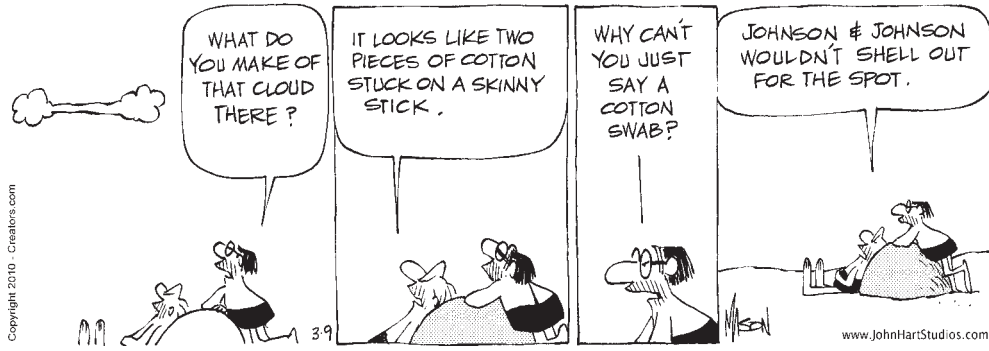
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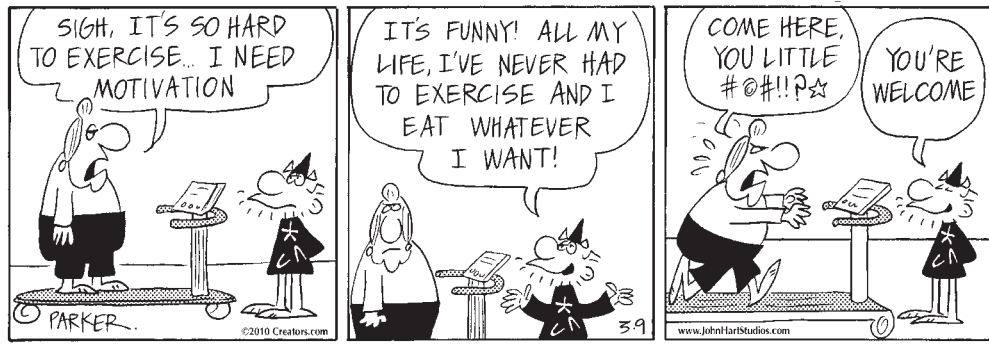
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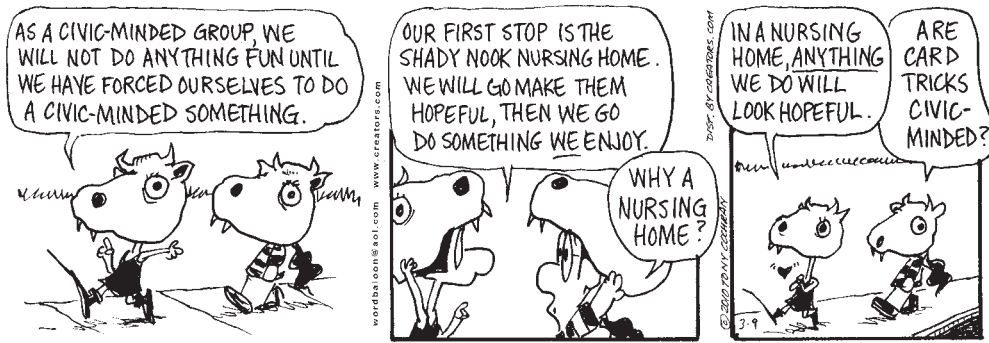
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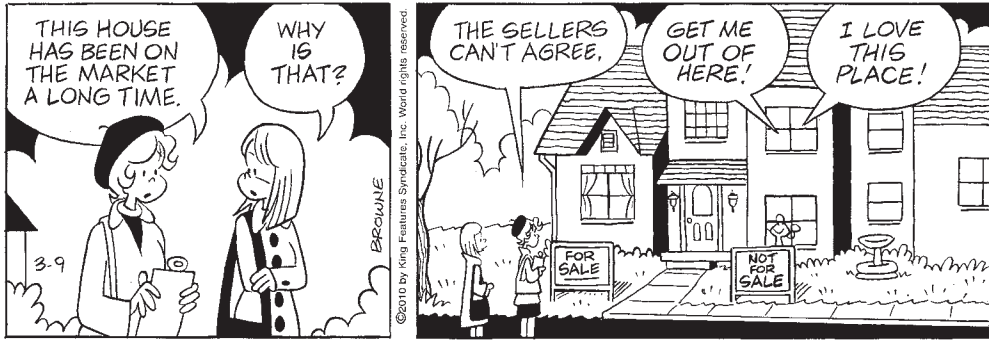
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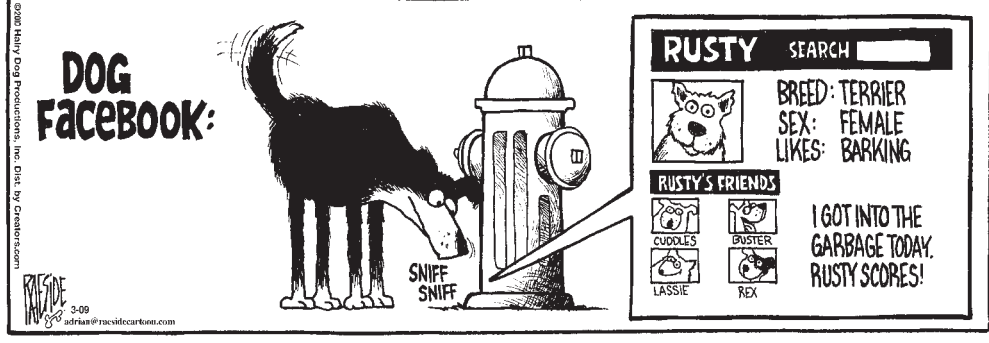
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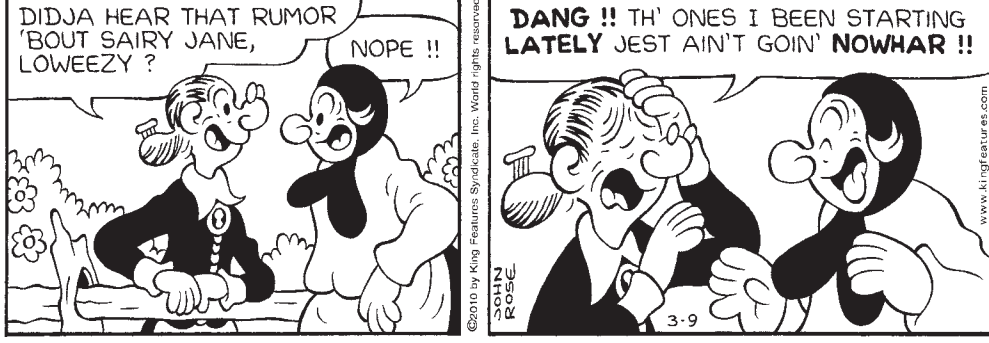
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 9, the 68th day of 2010. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

On this date:

In 1796, the future emperor of the French, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais (boh-ahr-NAY'). (The couple later divorced.)

In 1910, American composer Samuel Barber, best remembered for his Adagio for Strings, was born in West Chester, Pa.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing 18 Americans.

In 1932, Eamon de Valera was appointed head of government of the Irish Free State.

In 1945, during World War II,

U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In 1954, CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on "See It Now."

In 1959, Mattel's Barbie doll, created by Ruth Handler, made its public debut at the American International Toy Fair in New York.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, ruled that public officials who charged they'd been libeled by news reports could not recover damages unless they proved actual malice on the part of the news organization.

In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington, D.C., killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. (The siege ended two days later.)

In 1990, Dr. Antonia Novello was sworn in as surgeon general, becoming the first woman and the first Hispanic to hold the job.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. James L. Buckley

(Conservative-N.Y.) is 87. Singer-actress Keely Smith is 78. Singer Lloyd Price is 77. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 76. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 74. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 74. Actress Trish Van Devere is 69. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 68. Former ABC anchorman Charles Gibson is 67. Rock musician Robin Trower is 65. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 62. Country musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 62. Actress Jaime Lyn Bauer is 61. Magazine editor Michael Kinsley is 59. TV newscaster Faith Daniels is 53. Actor-director Lonny Price is 51. Actress Linda Fiorentino is 50.

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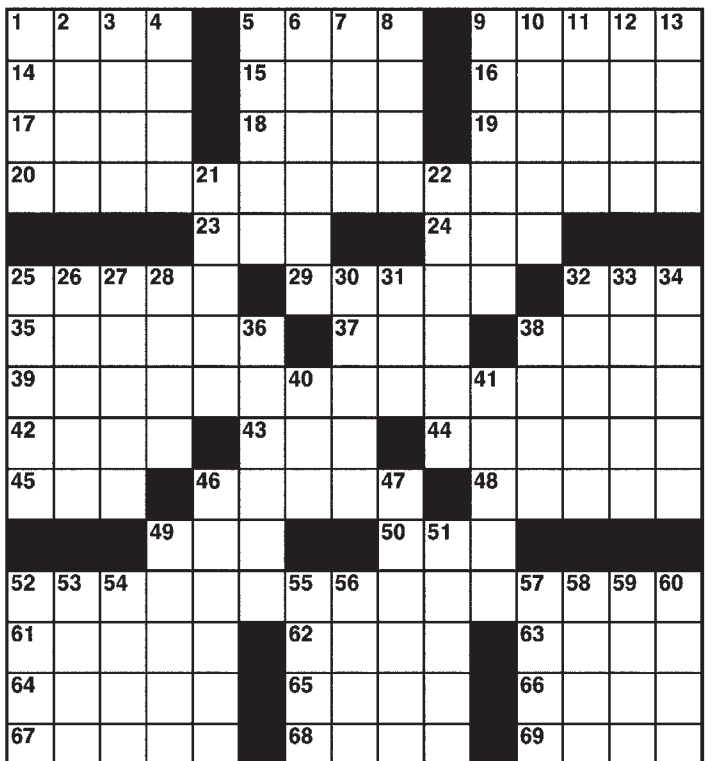
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| ACROSS | 64 Gold bar | 10 Roused from sleep | 40 Large body of water |
| 1 Steer clear of | 65 Job benefit, for short | 11 Need a break | 41 Minimal amount |
| 5 Recedes | 66 Speak unclearly | 12 Prefix for freeze | 46 Explosions |
| 9 Symbol of evil | 67 Boscs and Bartletts | 13 Orderly | 47 Orange-and-black cats |
| 14 "So long!" | 68 Back talk | 21 Audio counterpart | 49 Stage performer |
| 15 Neck of the woods | 69 Printer's error | 22 Places for carnations | 51 Where office clerks work |
| 16 Strong string | | 25 Radar images | 52 Defeat, slangily |
| 17 Historical periods | | 26 Nostalgic clothing style | 53 Sharpen |
| 18 Unable to decide | | 27 Makes simpler | 54 Lotus-position discipline |
| 19 Major blood vessel | | 28 Colonizing insects | 55 Spinning toys |
| 20 Store exchange-window story | | 30 Gravy flaws | 56 Notion |
| 23 Ballpoint filler | | 31 Stubborn mule | 57 Price-tag info |
| 24 Exist | | 32 Reindeer pilot | 58 In a competent manner |
| 25 Rye or pumpernickel | | 33 High points | 59 Minestrone, for instance |
| 29 High-fives | | 34 Lawn invaders | 60 Novel's protagonist |
| 32 Wood-cutting tool | | 36 Entice sneakily | |
| 35 Lower in fat | | 38 Wander around | |
| 37 Take off the shelf | | | |
| 38 Marathon, for one | | | |
| 39 Store exchange-window story | | | |
| 42 Corp. bigwig | | | |
| 43 Get-up-and-go | | | |
| 44 On a sofa | | | |
| 45 Distress signal | | | |
| 46 Cruel one | | | |
| 48 Pile up | | | |
| 49 _ Baba | | | |
| 50 Proofs of age, for short | | | |
| 52 Store exchange-window complaint | | | |
| 61 Owl sounds | | | |
| 62 Poems of praise | | | |
| 63 Woodwind instrument | | | |



HOWARD

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including a double and a triple, and Joe Leftridge and Anthony Calhoun each went deep. Howard notched 16 hits in the game.

Reid Scoggins tossed 1 2/3 innings of hitless relief for Howard.

Howard 9, Odessa 8

The Howard Hawks scored in the bottom half of the seventh to take a 9-8 win over Odessa in the first of two games played at Jack Barber Field on Saturday.

After Odessa came up with three runs to tie the game in the top of the seventh, the Hawks

wasted no time as they scored the final run of the game without recording an out.

Landon Steinhagen and second baseman Marcellous Biggins each knocked in two runs in the game. Steinhagen has knocked in 13 runs in 10 games this season. Leftridge, Toal and Biggins had two hits.

Scoggins earned the win in his second straight day in relief, allowing four runs on three hits in 2 1/3 innings. Tyler King started the game, going 4 2/3 and allowing four runs on eight hits.

Howard 9, Odessa 3

Howard jumped all over Odessa starter Narcisco Pailina Hiraldo

in the first inning Sunday, scoring three in the opening frame en route to the four-game sweep.

Carter Hahn allowed just one earned run in six innings, allowing five hits and striking out three in the win.

A five-run seventh inning gave the Hawks a comfortable winning margin, helped by two RBI from a Steinhagen home run and third baseman Victor Guerra. Leftridge had three hits in the contest to improve his batting average to a scalding .514 on the season. Chase Durham also went deep in the game.

Howard 10, Odessa 0
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Smith and Toal; Leija, Jorge, Munguia and Molina; W- Smith (3-1); L- Leija;
HR- Burns; 3B- Calhoun; 2B- Sah, Burns; RBI- Sah 3, Burns 3, King, Calhoun

Howard 17, Odessa 5

HC 411 503 3 -- 17 16 0
OC 003 101 0 -- 5 8 4
Ezernack, Scoggins and Stover; Roman, Wolfe, Lewis and Molina; W- Ezernack (4-0); L- Roman
HR- HC Calhoun, Leftridge, OC Cartenegro, Brooks; 3B- HC Stover, Leftridge, OC Rosa; 2B- HC Biggins, Guerra, Sah Stover, OC Garcia, Brooks;

Howard 9, Odessa 8

OC 011 021 3 -- 8 11 1
HC 003 050 1 -- 9 10 0
Garza, Mulkey and Longoria. King, Scoggins and Toal. W- Scoggins (2-0). L- Mulkey. HR- OC Garcia, Rosa, Todman. 3B- HC Burns, Steinhagen. 2B- OC McLeer, German, HC Leftridge;

Howard 9, Odessa 3

OC 020 000 100 -- 3 8 0
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Pailino Hiraldo, Brooks, J Ezek and Longoria. Hahn, Mendoza, Patton and Stover. W- Hahn (4-0). L- Pailino Hiraldo. HR- HC Durham, Steinhagen.

UIL STATE PAIRINGS

Class 5A
Semifinals
SA Wagner (38-1) vs. Garland Lakeview Centennial (32-3), 3:30 p.m. Friday
Lewisville Marcus (37-2) vs. Fort Bend Bush (33-4), 8:30 p.m. Friday
Final: 8:30 p.m. Saturday

Class 4A
Semifinals
Lancaster (35-2) vs. Lake Travis (33-5), 7 p.m. Thursday
Houston Yates (32-0) vs. Lewisville The Colony (30-8), 8:30 p.m. Thursday
Final: 3:30 p.m. Saturday

Class 3A
Semifinals
Silsbee (30-4) vs. Dallas Madison (28-8), 2 p.m. Thursday
Lubbock Estacado (31-4) vs. Stafford (23-11), 3:30 p.m. Thursday

Final: 10 a.m. Saturday
Class 2A
Semifinals
New Waverly (32-3) vs. Idalou (29-6), 8:30 a.m. Friday
Hallettsville (36-1) vs. Ponder (35-4), 10 a.m. Friday
Final: 2 p.m. Saturday

Class 1A Division I
Semifinals
Gruver (28-5) vs. Bronte (26-5), 8:30 a.m. Thursday
Cayuga (20-2) vs. Spurger (27-5), 10 a.m. Thursday
Final: 8:30 a.m. Saturday

Class 1A Division II
Semifinals
Lenorah Grady (30-4) vs. Leggett (29-7), 2 p.m. Friday
Slocum (33-5) vs. Nazareth (28-7), 7 p.m. Friday
Final: 7 p.m. Saturday

TRACK

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Amarillo, 34-1; 5. Elizabeth Railsback, Cooper, 33-5 1/4; 6. Tahlia Green, Big Spring, 31-3.
Pole Vault Varsity Girls — 1. Eden Williams, Amarillo, 10-00; 2. Dinha Callejas, San Angelo Central, 9-06; 3. Brittany Patterson, San Angelo Central, 9-06.

100 — 1. Allison Martinez, Amarillo, 12.53; 2. Shay O'neal, Midland Lee, 12.89; 3. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring, 13.00; 5. Megan Martinez, Cooper, 13.42.

200 — 1. Madilyn Newsome, Amarillo, 25.66; 2. Adriana Rogers, Abilene, 26.34; 3. Purity Hooper, San Angelo Central, 26.38; 5. Makayla Dessivia, Abilene High, 26.60.

400 — 1. Chelsea Howard, San Angelo Central, 1:02.03; 2. Mattie Pugh, Amarillo, 1:02.56; 3. Tsola Omamogho, Amarillo, 1:04.14; 4. April Turner, Big Spring, 1:05.12; 5. Chelsey Lebouef, Abilene, 1:05.44.

800 — 1. Kirsten Taylor, Odessa, 2:28.32; 2. Sarah Randall, San Angelo Central, 2:29.84; 3. Brianna Falcon, Cooper, 2:31.28; 6. Madeline Jordan, Abilene High, 2:34.67.

1600 — 1. Kirsten Taylor, Odessa, 5:34.62; 2. Jourdan Ellis, Abilene High, 5:36.27; 3. Rebecca Swenson, Cooper, 5:47.46; 6. Alexandra Weidanz, Abilene High, 6:01.55.

3200 — 1. Jourdan Ellis, Abilene High, 12:00.94; 2. Jamie Nelson, Midland Lee, 12:33.27; 3. Madeline Weidanz, Abilene, 12:38.78; 4. Alexandra Weidanz, Abilene High, 12:38.90.

100 Hurdles — 1. Danielle Blanco, Cooper, 16.26; 2. Dannelle Kortkamp, Abilene High, 16.95; 3. Kelsey Barnes, Cooper, 17.15; 5. Carson Reibe, Big Spring, 17.27; 6. Cassidy Green, Abilene High, 17.31.

300 Hurdles — 1. Danielle Blanco, Cooper, 46.07. 2. Leslie White, Amarillo, 46.65. 3. Dannelle Kortkamp, Abilene, 50.33. 4. Carson Reibe, Big

Spring, 51.21. 5. Brittany Lozano, Odessa, 51.43. 6. Megan Modersitzki, Amarillo, 51.97.

400 relay — 1. Amarillo 49.01; 2. Abilene High 50.21; 3. San Angelo Central 50.55; 4. Cooper 51.68; 5. Big Spring 52.64.

800 relay — 1. Abilene High 1:45.95; 2. Amarillo 1:46.99; 3. Big Spring 1:47.54. 4. Cooper 'A' 1:51.94.

1,600 relay — 1. Amarillo 4:07.55. 2. San Angelo Central 4:11.97; 3. Big Spring 4:14.81; 5. Abilene High 4:21.41; 6. Cooper 4:23.06.

Boys
Team results — 1. Cooper 168. 2. Odessa 102. 3. San Angelo Central 93. 4. Abilene High 85. 5. Amarillo High 72. 6. Big Spring 57. 7. Midland Lee 43.

JV team results — 1. Odessa 159. 2. Midland Lee 123. 3. Cooper 117. 4. Abilene High 96. 5. Central 73. 6. Big Spring 46.

Triple Jump — 1. Mike Menefield, Big Spring, 46-10; 2. Derrick Randle, Cooper, 43-4 1/2; 3. Khaeer Sonnier, Cooper, 43-0; 6. Josh Bowman, Cooper, 39-7 3/4.

Discus — 1. Heath Skelton, Amarillo, 166-3; 2. Daniel Dia, Amarillo, 164-3; 3. Reese Howard, San Angelo Central, 143-6. 4. Garrison Railsback, Cooper, 142-8. 5. Ben Kitley, Abilene High, 140-8. 6. Bryce Bevil, Abilene High, 137-5.

High Jump — 1. Tommy Bowman, Cooper, 6-5; 2. Dalton Koller, Amarillo, 6-0; 3. Alfred Cooper, Cooper, 5-10; 6. Chris Veail, Abilene, J5-10.

Long Jump — 1. Derrick Randle, Cooper, 21-7 1/4; 2. Sean Brown, Odessa, 21-3 1/2; 3. Khaeer Sonnier, Cooper, 20-11 1/4; 4. Dennis Merworth, Big Spring, 20-9 3/4; 5. Zach Mosley, Abilene High, 20-9; 6. Tevin Payne, Abilene High, 20-8 3/4.

Shot put — 1. Andrew Lopez, Odessa, 50-1 3/4; 2. Garrison Railsback, Cooper, 48-6 3/4; 3. Heath Skelton, Amarillo, 47-11.

Pole vault — 1. Chase Wolfe, Amarillo, 14-06. 2. Derek Karl, Cooper, 13-0; 3. Blayze Walker,

Abilene High, 12-6; 4. Chris Veail, Abilene High, J12-6.

100 — 1. Sammy Beall, Cooper, 11.30; 2. Ethan Buchanan, Midland Lee, 11.43; 3. Monte Anderson, Big Spring, J11.43; 4. Sean Brown, Odessa, 11.46; 5. Alfred Cooper, Cooper, 11.63; 6. Elgin Harness, Cooper, 11.66.

200 — 1. Lawrence Brownfield, Cooper, 21.97; 2. Davon Riddick, Cooper, 22.58. 3. T.C. Robinson, Cooper, 22.97.

400 — 1. Hunter Strout, San Angelo Central, 51.26. 2. Kendrick Powder, Cooper, 52.05; 3. James Muniz, Abilene, 52.78; 4. Jonathan Smith, Midland Lee, 53.29; 5. Robert Barraza, Big Spring, 53.63.

800 — 1. James Muniz, Abilene, 1:58.45; 2. Daniel Segundo, Big Spring, 2:01.22; 3. Chris Jones, San Angelo Central, 2:03.80; 5. Josh Olvera, Abilene, 2:05.95; 6. Robert Barraza, Big Spring, 2:07.69.

1,600 — 1. Kevin Barr, San Angelo Central, 4:46.24; 2. Caleb Neptune, Odessa, 4:48.24; 3. Cody Valenzuela, Odessa, 4:49.35; 4. Zac Smith, Abilene, 4:54.76.

3,200 — 1. Caleb Neptune, Odessa, 10:29.43; 2. Cody Valenzuela, Odessa, 10:29.96. 3. Michael Brothers, San Angelo Central, 10:33.55.

110 hurdles — 1. Joshua McVea, Odessa, 15.43; 2. Logan Chandler, Abilene High, 15.51; 3. Alfredo Salazar, Odessa, 15.65; 5. Britton Hale, Cooper, 17.39.

300 hurdles — 1. Logan Chandler, Abilene High, 41.42; 2. Manuel Cruz, Odessa, 41.80; 3. Derek Footer, Cooper, 41.81.

400 relay — 1. Cooper 43.34; 2. San Angelo Central 44.26; 3. Big Spring 44.42.

800 relay — 1. Cooper 1:29.91; 2. Abilene 1:32.14; 3. Big Spring 1:32.32.

1,600 relay — 1. San Angelo Central 3:28.00; 2. Midland Lee 3:31.10; 3. Abilene 3:31.40; 4. Cooper 3:32.70; 6. Big Spring 3:36.40.

Coahoma Bulldogs wrapped up the Sandhills Tournament in Monahans with a split doubleheader with two El Paso schools.

Coahoma's offense couldn't cash in on a big opportunity in the top of the sixth inning, when the Bulldogs had the bases loaded and nobody out. Burgess' left fielder made a diving catch in left field to save multiple runs, and when Coahoma's runner tagged at third and scored, Burgess appealed the tag and got the double play.

Chance Hart earned just one of the three runs he gave up in the loss, scattering eight hits over six innings and striking out 11.

The Coahoma bats came alive in the second game Saturday as the Bulldogs scored nine runs in the fourth inning to win 14-3 over El Paso Irvin.

"We were able to find some holes, and they weren't able to make the great plays against us that other teams have been," coach Shane Fuller said. "They couldn't make the diving plays, and we started catching some breaks."

Rey Gutierrez hit a solo blast and the Bulldogs got triples from Chance Hart and Dakota Griffith, whose three-bagger plated three runs. Eight Bulldogs had RBIs in the game.

"We were finally able to get some hits and get some people on, run the bases and do what we do," Fuller said. "It's hard to steal bases when you don't have anyone on base."

Coahoma hosts Lamesa today at 7 p.m.

EP Burgess 6, Coahoma 0
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L- Gutierrez

Coahoma 14, EP Irvin 3
EPI 012 0 -- 3 2 3
CHS 032 9 -- 14 13 1
W- Doporto
HR- Gutierrez; 3B- Griffith, Hart; RBI- Griffith 3, Keaton Martin 2, Lupe Abrego 2, Josh Paniagua, Gutierrez, Amaro, Jake Owens, Kirk Hahn;

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Hunter played well enough as well. We're excited to have both of them back next year."

A trio of seniors also earned honorable mention honors. Lane Douglass, Kirk Hahn and Isaac Garcia all got the honorable mention nods.

"We'll miss the nine seniors," Nichols said. "They played hard."

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