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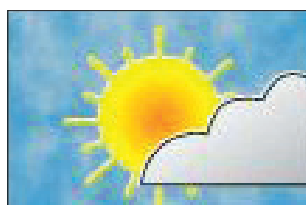
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SkyWarn class Thursday at city hall

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Would you know what to do in the face of deadly weather conditions? That's the question the National Weather Service is hoping area residents will ask themselves, as the service prepares to hold its annual Skywarn classes throughout West Texas, including Thursday in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

Set for 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., local emergency response officials say the SkyWarn class is a great way to brush up on your bad-weather skills.

"The SkyWarn school is put on by the National Weather Service to train



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people in the community on how to look at the clouds and conditions and

tell what's going on," said Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness. "It's very intense. It's very good training and it's only a two hour class. They will also have information on how to go online to the National Weather Service Web site and track the weather on their radar sites. That way they can see what's coming up."

Chamness said the course will cover the most common sever weather situations for the Howard County area in hopes of preparing area residents for the worst case scenario.

"It's really a lot of good information for people to have," said Chamness. "It gives people a basic knowledge of what severe weather is like in our area. Since we're getting ready to

head into the severe weather season, which begins in March and lasts until October, this is really important information to have. Spring time is when we really get a lot of the severe weather — things like hail and possible tornadoes."

Other classes in the area include Stanton, April 6, in the Martin County Courthouse, being offered from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

"There's no charge for the classes and the public is definitely welcome to attend," said Chamness. "Those that sign up for the class will receive a certificate from the National Weather Service, and if you're in law enforce-

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Native culture Preparations now under way for fifth Big Spring Powwow

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Native American culture — from dances to cuisine — will be on display at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum April 4-5 as the fifth annual Big Spring Powwow prepares to get under way.

"This year's powwow is a contest powwow," said Connie Lesser, who serves as secretary for the committee that holds the annual event. "That means there will be competitive dancing going on during certain parts of the event."

Lesser said the Powwow Committee is currently looking for volunteers to help run the event.

"We need volunteers to help us run some of the minor parts of the powwow," said Lesser. "Things like helping to run the front desk and some of the contests, and monitor some of the different stations. It's a lot of fun, and it gives people a

chance to get a birds-eye view of what goes on during the powwow."

The event — which is slated for the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, April 5 — will feature an array of talented Native American artists, according to Lesser.

"The Southern Drum host this year is Robert Tehauno of Lawton, Okla.," said Lesser. "The Northern Drum host is Northern Vibe from Jemez Pueblo, N.M. The drum hosts are responsible for keeping the event flowing without interruptions, and the names indicate what type of music and songs the hosts perform. The Southern Drum host plays music that is low in pitch and slow, while the Northern Drum host will provide

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

About 100 kids and young adults participated in the Rock Big Spring RockBand2 Xbox 360 tournament Saturday in the Dora Roberts Community Center. Proceeds from the event, sponsored by the Computer Store and Spanky's Coffeehouse, will go toward renovation of the Kids' Zone playground area at the city park, which was heavily damaged by fire in December.

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Nation's industrial output drops again

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's industrial output fell for the fourth straight month in February with the factory operating rate dropping to the lowest level in more than a half-century of record keeping.

The Federal Reserve reported Monday that industrial output dropped by 1.4 percent last month, slightly worse than the 1.2 percent decline expected.

The weakness included a 0.7 percent fall in manufacturing output, which pushed the operating rate at the nation's factories down to 67.4 percent of capacity last month, the lowest level on records that go back to 1948.

The drop in manufacturing output occurred even though production at the nation's auto plants actually rose sharply after shutdowns in the previous month.

Output in the mining industry, a sector that includes oil and gas drilling, was off by 0.4 percent and utility plant production plunged by 7.7 percent, reflecting

warmer-than-normal weather in February which cut into demand.

Production at auto plants and auto parts manufacturers rose 10.2 percent in February after four straight months of declines including a sharp 24.7 percent drop in January.

Even with the rebound, the auto industry remains under tremendous pressures given the fact that consumers, facing with the longest recession in a quarter-century, are not in a mood to make big-ticket purchases of autos or many other goods.

The overall operating rate for manufacturing, mining and utilities fell to 70.9 percent of capacity in February, matching a record low set in December 1982, a month when the country was just beginning to pull out of the severe 1981-82 recession.

U.S. factories are being battered not only by falling demand in the United States but also in key overseas markets as the recession that began in the U.S. spreads overseas.

The government reported Friday that the U.S. trade deficit narrowed to a six-year low of \$36 billion in January, but that improvement came because imports fell by a larger amount than exports did. The January decline was the sixth straight month that exports, once one of the few bright spots in the economy, have fallen.

Economists predicted that the woes of exporters would add to the troubles of an economy that already plunged at an annual rate of 6.2 percent in the fourth quarter, the biggest drop in a quarter century. "Exports are a huge drag on manufacturing right now."

Many of the nation's biggest companies, which do a large share of their business overseas, are struggling with the effects of the global drop in demand. More than 75 percent of the orders for commercial planes that Boeing Co. held last year came from outside North America, as did about 60 percent of Caterpillar Inc.'s sales of heavy machinery and engines.

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Obituaries

Laura Gene Lawson



Laura Gene Lawson, 93, of Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Ackerly, died Friday, March 13, 2009, in Albuquerque. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive guests Monday evening from 6 to 8 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Lawson was born Jan. 21, 1916, in Paint Rock and married E. Leo Lawson May 22, 1937, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death July 25, 2001.

Mrs. Lawson was very artistic and loved to paint and play the piano. She arranged flowers and even designed and sewed many outfits. She also taught 7-year-old boys and girls in Sunday School for many years. She was a member of Hoffman Town Baptist Church.

Survivors include daughter, Shirley Isler and husband, Randy, of Albuquerque, N.M.; grand-daughters, Christie Wente and husband, Will, and Laurie Isler, all of Albuquerque, N.M.; great-grand-sons, Ethan and Taren Wente, both of Albuquerque, N.M.; and a sister, Wanda Stump of Austin.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded by her parents, one brother and one sister.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 3001 N. Big Spring, Midland 79705 .

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

Joyce Jennings Maxwell



Joyce Jennings Maxwell, 81, died Friday, March 13, 2009, at Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were set for 3 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2009, at Hamil Family Funeral Home Chapel in Abilene with Gary Montgomery officiating. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery.

Born in Inadale Aug. 27, 1927, she was the daughter of Edna Zell (Coleman) and Jess Authornal Jennings. She was a 1945 graduate of Clyde High School and married M.B. Maxwell in Clyde Aug. 7, 1945. She was a homemaker and a member of Baker Heights Church of Christ in Abilene. She had been a volunteer at Hendrick Medical Center and a teachers aide at Sands Elementary School in Ackerly.

Her parents; a daughter-in-law, Penny Maxwell; and a brother, Wilford "Bill" Jennings, preceded her in death

She is survived by her husband, M.B. Maxwell of Abilene; sons, Lynn Maxwell of Abilene and Kynn Maxwell and wife, Jan, of Midland; sisters, Lela Scarbrough of Tulsa, Okla., Leta Barton of Fort Hancock and Wilma Wilson of Allen; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene 79605; or Huntington's Disease Society of America, PO Box 270261, Flower Mound 75027.

Obituary and guest registry can be found online at www.hamilfamilyfuneralhome.com

Samuel Rivera



Samuel Rivera, 49, died Saturday, March 14, 2009, in San Angelo. Funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City with the Rev. Ruben Covos officiating and burial to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born April 20, 1959, to Steve H. and Frances Hernandez Rivera in Colorado City. "Big Sam" graduated from Colorado City High School in 1977. He was a farmer most of his life and was most recently employed by Globe Energy. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City.

He is survived by his wife of eight years, Barbara Rivera of Colorado City; a son, Nathaniel Cade Rivera of Colorado City; a step son Daniel Zachary Johnson of Brandon, Miss.; brothers, Joe Rivera and wife, Yoly, Rene Rivera and wife, Leslie, Johnny Rivera and wife, Christina, and Arthur Rivera and wife, Cami, all of Colorado City; sisters, Yolanda Rivera of Hurst and Estela Perez and husband, Adolfo, of Venezuela; and many nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Steve H. and Frances; a brother, Antonio Rivera; and a sister, Juanita Mendoza.

Rosary will be Monday, March 16, 2009, at 7 p.m. at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- RAY ZAPATA, 28, of 701 Creighton, was arrested Saturday on a Hunt County warrant and charges of theft and possession of a prohibited weapon.
- MICHAEL BIRMELIN, 28, of 502 S. Young, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- JESSICA BROOKS, 21, of 1603 Lincoln, was arrested Sunday on a charge of hindering an officer's official duties.
- DON BROOKS, 42, of 1300 Harding, was arrested Sunday on a charge of hindering an officer's official duties.
- RICKY YANEZ, 23, of 1305 Lincoln, was arrested Monday on charges of resisting arrest, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ANNA NICKLE, 27, of 1302 S. Nolan, was arrested Monday on charges of assault and criminal mischief.
- THEFT was reported: in the 2300 block of Wasson, in the 1700 block of FM 700, in the 1200 block of 11th Place, in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20, in the 1800 block of Gregg Street and in the 300 block of Owens.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of Indian Ridge.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 700 block of Lancaster.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2300 block of Mishler.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported: in the 1700 block of Yucca and in the 4200 block of Oak.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 51 inmates at the time of this report.
- CINDY RENAE ALEXANDER, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
 - BRADY TIMMINS, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated and a charge of possession of marijuana.
 - NELSON LEMOS-RODRIGUEZ, 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a Pennsylvania parole violation.
 - JOHNNY BARRAZA, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for resisting arrest/search/transportation and a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
 - DONALD JAMES KARAVATOS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
 - RICKY DEAN RICHTERS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
 - JOHN ANTHONY PANTOJA, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
 - CACEE DELANE CORBELL, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance – more than four grams, less than 200 grams (three counts) and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - YCIDRO VILLAREAL III, 41, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of assault causing bodily injury – family violence, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony and violation of a protective order.
 - SAMMY FERRELL, 47, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for unlawfully carrying a weapon.
 - HENRY EARL SPEARS, 51, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
 - JOSE ANGEL HOLGUIN, 44, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
 - ALBERT CARRILLO, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
 - KATIE FRANCO ANAYA, 63, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

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TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Howard County Master Gardeners meet at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the county courthouse. The public is invited.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of N. Highway 87 and County Road 50. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 800 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 800 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of W. Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4800 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 6100 block of Lamesa Highway.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of E. Ninth Street. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of Williams. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of W. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 12900 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 400 block of E. Eighth Street.

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Texas News Briefs
Woman's death at Denton
State School a homicide

DENTON (AP) — The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the death of a 53-year-old resident of the Denton State School a homicide.

Janice Campbell died Friday in a Fort Worth hospital of a closed head injury suffered earlier in the month, the medical examiner's office said. She had been taken to the hospital from the school on March 3.

A state official said Sunday that the incident in which Campbell was injured was an accident. Ceilia Fedorov, with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, said another resident who is profoundly mentally disabled accidentally pushed Campbell and she fell.

Harris County deputies find 13 alleged hostages

CLOVERLEAF (AP)— Harris County deputies investigating a hostage report found 13 people they believe were

held against their will.

Deputy Thomas Gilliland said Sunday that it appeared a human trafficking ring was operating out of the Cloverleaf-area home.

Six people were arrested as they fled from the home after deputies surrounded it Sunday afternoon.

Authorities went to the house after a man said his father had been kidnapped by three men who were holding him for ransom.

It wasn't immediately clear how long the people had been living in the house.

Man dies after being struck by lightning on beach

PORT ARANSAS (AP) — A 63-year-old man is dead after being struck by lightning on Mustang Island Beach in Port Aransas.

Police identified the victim of Sunday's lightning strike as Stan Grassel of Ransom Canyon, near Lubbock.

The death occurred as storms rolled through the Gulf Coast area Sunday afternoon, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported in its online edition. Emergency crews responding to a 911

call found Grassel unconscious on the beach in Port Aransas.

Man arrested in Dallas armored car robbery

ROSEBUD (AP) — Authorities captured a 53-year-old man Sunday afternoon who is wanted in a \$1.9 million armored car robbery in Dallas.

The FBI said Donald Ray Williams was arrested without incident at a residence in Rosebud, about 35 miles south of Waco. Williams was being held Sunday night at the McLennan County Jail in Waco.

The FBI had posted wanted information about Williams on digital billboards last month and received tips that led them to San Antonio. News of the San Antonio focus led to additional tips over the weekend that Williams might be in Rosebud.

Williams is suspected of being one of two men who robbed the armored car while it was being unloaded at a Dallas bank on Sept. 5, 2007. Freddy Lee Fouts, 53, was convicted and sentenced to nearly 30 years in prison for his role in the robbery.

Fouts was arrested attempting to flee

to Mexico through El Paso after leading authorities on a 140-mph chase in a Mercedes AMG that was later discovered filled with cash.

A \$45,000 reward had been offered for information leading to Williams' arrest.

San Antonio police say deputy pulls gun on officer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Officials say a Bexar County sheriff's deputy pulled a gun on a San Antonio police officer after a traffic mishap.

A uniformed police sergeant on his way to work in his personal vehicle Friday night became involved in a minor accident involving another vehicle, according to a report by KABB in San Antonio.

The other driver got out with a gun drawn, pointing it at the officer approaching, police Sgt. Gabe Trevino said. The officer pulled his gun and ordered the man to the ground. The officer placed the man in handcuffs.

Officials discovered that the man and a passenger were both off-duty sheriff's deputies. The two were given container violations. An administrative investigation is under way.

Oil falls to near \$44 as OPEC doesn't cut supply

By PABLO GORONDI
AP Writer

Oil prices tumbled nearly \$2 on Monday to around \$44 a barrel after OPEC decided not to cut production levels at its meeting over the weekend in Vienna.

Benchmark crude for April delivery was down \$1.92 to \$44.33 a barrel by midday in Europe on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil prices dropped 78 cents on Friday to settle at \$46.25 a barrel. Earlier Monday, prices fell

as low as \$43.62 before a slight recovery.

In London, Brent prices fell \$1.93 to \$43.00 on the ICE Futures exchange.

Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said Sunday they would strive to adhere more closely to the group's current output quotas. OPEC is overshooting its daily target level of just under 25 million barrels a day by about 800,000 barrels.

Prices had risen from

under \$35 a barrel last month as investors anticipated OPEC would cut production by up to 1 million barrels a day on top of 4.2 million barrels of reductions announced since September.

"OPEC's decision is widely interpreted as a measure to provide support to the global economy," said JBC Energy in Vienna, as a new cut likely would have resulted in prices spiking considerably higher.

While some of the oil

producers had voiced support for a further cut at Sunday's meeting, others like OPEC's de-facto leader Saudi Arabia argued instead for stricter compliance with the already-announced output reductions.

Still, with the global economy continuing to show falling demand, some analysts concluded that a new cut could still be in the books, maybe at OPEC's special session on May 28 reviewing prices and supply.

"The existing ... cuts deal with yesterday's problem and further action is needed to deal with today's even worse environment," said KBC Market Services in Britain. "The odds must favor another production cut."

Last week, both OPEC and the Paris-based International Energy Agency lowered their global oil demand forecasts for 2009.

Oil prices rose recently in anticipation of a decision by OPEC to set

a lower output target, but markets on Monday were in a corrective mood.

"The gains we've seen in oil over the last two or three weeks were from pricing in a further cut-back, which didn't come through," said Mark Pervan, senior commodity strategist with ANZ Bank in Melbourne. "So now we're seeing some profit-taking."

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music that is fast-paced with a high pitch."

Arena director is Fabian Galvan of Lubbock and emcee for the event is Tim Harjo of Ada, Okla. The Head Female Dancer is Charlotte McCurtain of Indianola, Okla., and the Head Male Dancer will be Terry Pecos of Albuquerque, N.M.

According to committee treasurer Randy McKinney, the powwow is not a religious event, but will certainly help

those in attendance lift their spirits.

"The powwow is a social event and there is no Native American religion involved; there will be no medicine men and no ceremonies," said McKinney. "A powwow is a wonderful experience; the drum alone will lift your heart and make your feet want to dance."

"Dancing has always been a big part of the Native American culture, as it has in many cultures. Most people thin of war dances or rain dances. However, Native Americans dance for many reasons — a

good hunt or harvest, marriage or childbirth, or just for the fun of it. These dances would last for days."

Vendors offering many different wares will also be available and a food drive is scheduled with all donated canned goods given to local food banks.

"The vendors will be selling all kinds of Native American wares, from jewelry and art to food, like the traditional fry bread," said Lesser. "There will also be a silent auction, so it should be a lot of fun for everyone in the family."

The event will kick

off Saturday with gourd dancing at 11 a.m. and grand entry set for noon. Following grand entry, contest dancing will continue until a dinner break at 5 p.m., with a second round of gourd dancing at 6:30 p.m. and a second grand entry at 7 p.m., with the event shutting down for the night at 10 p.m.

Sunday the event begins with a special Christian worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the arena, followed by gourd dancing and the Grand Entry.

Area businesses interested in showing support for the annual event can

secure a sponsorship, with the deadline to participate March 28.

Admission to the event is \$5 and children under 12 are free.

For more information about the powwow, contact Lesser at 264-8203, or visit the Powwow Committee's Web site at www.powwowbig-spring.com.

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Lillian L. Rhyne, 95, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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ment or emergency services, you can get credit for it. It's excellent training for anyone to have. They change it up every year. I've gone to them for the last seven or eight years, and it's just excellent information to have."

According to Warning Coordination Meteorologist Pat Vesper, the class will include information on tracking and classifying storms and various weather conditions, but it's certainly not limited to emergency management officials and storm chasers.

"While the class is designed for storm chasers and those participating in the SkyWarn program, it has a lot to offer everyone," said Vesper. "We offer a lot of infor-

mation on safety during storms and bad weather that the average person can use to protect themselves and their family.

"Our main focus for these classes is safety. We'll also look at super-cell thunderstorms and the type of weather that can arise out of them. We want our spotters prepared for the kinds of conditions they may see out in the field."

Vesper said having spotters reporting in during severe weather allows the NWS to develop a better picture of dangers, and while not everyone wants to be a spotter, the information the class provides is invaluable to anyone finding themselves in severe weather.

"The SkyWarn spotters are an integral part of our system," said Vesper. "They provide reports to us from out in the field, which allows

us to combine that information with satellite and radar data to get a good picture of what's going on.

"Even if someone doesn't want to become a spotter, I think these classes go a long way to prepare them and their families for a severe weather situation. We're preparing for the storm season now, and we hope everyone else in the area will do so as well."

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OTHER VIEWS

Obama’s plan for withdrawal makes sense

No issue was more important to the candidacy of Barack Obama than the war in Iraq.

Obama was alone among the major Democratic and Republican presidential candidates in consistently opposing the U.S. operation to topple the regime of Saddam Hussein. And his pledge to remove combat troops from Iraq within 16 months of taking office resonated strongly with the American people.

Making decisions as commander in chief is far different from making promises on the campaign trail. National interests are far more important than partisan political interests.

Which is why President Obama shouldn’t be concerned about the criticism he is catching from some anti-war activists about the fine print in his recently announced Iraq policy.

That policy, created in consultation with military leaders, will largely remove combat troops over 19 months, not 16 months. The pace of withdrawal will be far slower than the one or two combat brigades per month candidate Obama had pledged.

A 50,000-man residual force will remain in Iraq beyond Aug. 31, 2010, far larger than opponents had expected. While that force may not technically consist of any combat brigades, it’s clear that a contingent that big will have combat capability.

Obama’s plan wisely takes into account the delicate security situation in Iraq. A precipitous withdrawal could squander the hard-won gains of soldiers and Marines over the last two years that have given Iraqi leaders and institutions breathing room to build their own political and security institutions.

In the end, Obama’s plan is largely consistent with the spirit of his campaign pledges and the Status of Forces Agreement hammered out last year by Iraqi and American negotiators. The agreement requires all U.S. forces to leave Iraq by the end of 2011.

A decent end to the American intervention in Iraq is now within sight. It would be a foolish and costly mistake to allow the rhetoric of a candidate to hamper a president and jeopardize a positive outcome.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

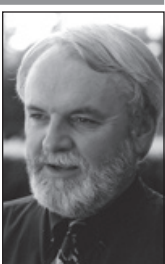
Now is a good time, Lord, for us to bring You our problems.
Amen

Continued U.S. global dominance

The Barack Obama administration is continuing the neo-conservative agenda of U.S. military domination of the world — albeit with perhaps a kinder-gentler face. While overt torture is now forbidden for the CIA and Pentagon, and symbolic gestures like the closing the Guantanamo prison are in evidence, a unilateral military dominance policy, expanding defense budget, and wars of occupation and aggression will likely continue unabated.

The military expansionists from within the Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush administrations put into place solid support for increased military spending. Clinton’s model of supporting the U.S. military industrial complex held steady defense spending and increased foreign weapons sales from 16 percent of global orders to over 63 percent by the end of his administration.

The neo-conservatives, who dominated the most recent Bush team, amplified this trend of increased military outlays. The neo-cons laid out their agenda for military global dominance in the 2000 Project for a New American Century (PNAC) report “Rebuilding America’s Defenses.” The report called for the protection of the American homeland, the ability to wage simultaneous wars in different theaters, to perform global constabulary roles, and to control space and cyberspace. The report claimed that in order to maintain a Pax Americana, potential rivals — such as China, Iran, Iraq, and North Korea — needed to be held in check. This military global dominance agenda required forward deployment of U.S.



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forces worldwide and increasing defense/war spending well into the 21st Century. The result was a doubling of the U.S. military budget to over \$700 billion in the last eight years. The United States now spends as much on war and defense as the rest of the world combined, making Americans the highest war-tax payers in the world.

President Barack Obama’s election brought a moment of hope for many. However, his administration is not calling for decreased spending, or a reversal of U.S. military global dominance. Instead, the new president retained Robert Gates, thus making Mr. Obama the first president from an opposing party in U.S. history to keep in place the outgoing administrations’ Secretary of Defense or War. Additionally, Mr. Obama is calling for an expanded war in Afghanistan and only minimal long-range reductions in Iraq.

The U.S. military industrial complex is deeply embedded inside the Washington beltway. According to the most recent reports from OpenSecrets.org, 151 members of Congress in 2006 had up to \$195.5 million of their personal assets invested in defense companies.

Major defense contractors were seriously involved in the 2008 elections.

Lockheed Martin gave \$2,612,219 in total political campaign donations, with 49 percent to Democrats and 51 percent to Republicans. Boeing gave \$2,225,947 in 2008 with 58 percent going to Democrats, and General Dynamics provided \$1,682,595 to both parties.

Northrop Grumman spent over \$20 million in 2008, hiring lobbyists to influence Congress, and Raytheon spent \$6 million in the same period. In a revolving door appointment, Mr. Obama nominated Raytheon’s senior vice president for government operations and strategy, William

Lynn, for the number two position in the Pentagon. Lynn was formerly the Defense Department’s comptroller during the Clinton administration.

The International Monetary Fund’s prediction for global economic growth in 2009 is 0.5 percent—the lowest since World War II. The United Nations’ International Labor Organization estimates that some 50 million workers will lose their jobs worldwide this year. There are an estimated 62,000 U.S. companies expected to close in 2009, and while official unemployment is at 7 percent in the United States, when you add people no longer looking for jobs and part-time workers, joblessness is closer to 14 percent.

The military-industrial-political elite are worried about the potential of increasing global insecurity. The answer so far inside the Obama administration is to continue high defense and war spending to insure military control of both domestic and foreign instabilities.

The military, industrial, congressional, and administrative elite profit from defense spending, both financially and ideologically. Insider profit-taking from Pentagon spending is widespread in Washington.

But perhaps more important is the belief that this global military machine is seen as necessary for the protection of U.S. corporate interests and the American upper classes in an increasingly destabilized world.

Given that belief, the Obama administration is unlikely to change the defense spending policies of its predecessors without significant disruptive pressure from anti-war activists and global empire resisters.

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The drug war body count

The war on drugs is a failure, so say Fernando Henrique Cardoso, Cesar Gaviria and Ernesto Zedillo — the former presidents of Brazil, Colombia and Mexico — writing in the Wall Street Journal last month. “Prohibitionist policies based on eradication, interdiction and criminalization ... simply haven’t worked,” they wrote.

In Mexico, an estimated 6,290 drug-related murders occurred last year.

On Feb. 20, Roberto Orduna Cruz had to resign as chief of police of Ciudad Juarez after drug traffickers announced they would kill a police officer for every 48 hours Orduna remained on the job — and made good on the threat. As Cardoso, Gaviria and Zedillo warned, “The alarming power of the drug cartels is leading to a criminalization of politics and a politicization of crime.”

Their countries have received billions in U.S. aid for drug interdiction, yet the former presidents suggested “the possibility of decriminalizing the possession of cannabis for personal use.”

Now, that baby step is big. They should have used the L-word, legalize, as decriminalizing drugs would leave trafficking and big profits under the control of violent cartels.

But as Eric Sterling, president of The Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, figures, “decriminalization is often used as a euphemism for legalization,” in part because voters perceive legalization as complete lawlessness, when it should entail regulation “by a state by state basis and a drug by drug basis.”

Which is why Norm Stamper, the former Seattle police chief, now speaks for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition.

He grew up in San Diego and



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has spent a lot of time in Mexico. “I love the country and it’s heart-breaking to see what’s happening, when we know there’s a solution for it,” Stamper told me. “There’s a simple but profound stroke that can drive the cartels and the street traffickers out of business — end the prohibition model and replace it with a regulatory model.”

On March 7, The Economist resumed its call for an end to the war on drugs: “Prohibition has failed; legalisation is the best solution.”

Noting that more than 800 Mexican police and soldiers were killed since December 2006, the editorial noted, “Indeed, far from reducing crime, prohibition has fostered gangsterism on a scale that the world has never seen before.”

Thursday, CNN anchor Rob Marciano read parts of The Economist piece to Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., then asked her about legalizing drugs.

Sanchez responded (please bear with this quote, it’s a bit garbled), “Certainly there is one drug — it’s called alcohol — that we prohibited in the United States and had such a problem with as far as underground economy and cartels of that sort that we ended up actually regulating it and taxing it. And so, there has always been this thought that maybe if we do that with drugs, it would lower the profits in it and make some of this go away.”

Ess Eff Assemblyman Tom Ammiano has introduced a bill to legalize and tax and regulate “the state’s largest cash crop” — which would help with Sacramento’s chronic budget shortfalls.

I think it’s fair to assume that if the bill passed, California would see an increase in marijuana use — which is not good — but a decrease in drug profits and violence — which is good.

At a House subcommittee hearing last week, Rep. John Tierney, D-Ma., figured that \$15 to \$25 billion in annual profits from drug sales in the United

States bankroll Mexican cartels’ purchases of guns from America. “The profits and guns — and drug precursors in some cases — then find their way back across the border to Mexico and fuel the increasing violence.”

Sterling said of the violence in Mexico, it “is not senseless. It’s very deliberate. The reason the violence becomes more gruesome is because it’s murder as message. It’s an attempt to intimidate the government to make the government the way it used to be.”

Sidney Weintraub of the Center for Strategic and International Studies told the Chronicle that 40 percent of Mexico’s drug sales are marijuana. “What we have to do is change our policy and decriminalize marijuana.”

Think the L-word, instead, to put more kingpins out of business. Except that to question the drug war is to risk losing tax money. When the El Paso City Council passed a resolution calling for “open, honest, national dialogue on ending the prohibition of narcotics,” state and national politicians threatened to withhold government funds.

The Associated Press reported on a letter by five Democratic state representatives that warned that the resolution “does not bring the right attention to El Paso. It says, ‘We give up and we don’t care.’” The El Paso mayor vetoed the measure and it died.

I’d say that to not ask if prohibition actually works is to give up and not care.

Now here’s a moral question: How many Mexican police have to die because American parents believe that U.S. drug laws will keep their teenagers from doing something their kids may or may not do whether it is or isn’t legal?

Follow-up question: Will parents feel safer if the drug cartel violence moves north?

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HERALD photo/Alicia Bess

Big Spring's Derrick Anderson squats at the Region I Powerlifting Meet Thursday at Odessa Permian High School. Anderson and teammate Jonathan Molina each qualified for state with their performances.

Anderson, Molina qualify for state

By ALICIA BESS

Special to the Herald

ODESSA — Eleven athletes that formed the Big Spring powerlifting team participated at the Texas High School Powerlifting Region 1, District 1 Meet Thursday at Odessa Permian. Six athletes placed in their respective weight classes but only Derrick Anderson and Jonathan Molina were state qualifiers.

With a total weight 1,420 pounds, Anderson placed

second in the 242-pound weight class. Anderson squatted 605 pounds, benched pressed 300 pounds and dead lifted 515 pounds during the regional meet. He has placed first at the Big Spring, Coahoma, Seminole and Sweetwater invitational earlier this season.

Unfortunately, Anderson was 10 pounds short of tying with first place Josh Robinson from Abilene Cooper. Anderson has lifted a

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Limited on athletes, BSHS track still shines

Herald Staff Report

ODESSA — Baseball and softball weren't the only sports affected by the cold and rainy conditions late last week.

The inclement weather took its toll on track as well.

The West Texas Relays in Odessa had Friday's preliminary races cancelled, forcing all events to run both prelims and finals Saturday.

However, several teams either didn't bring a full squad to Odessa for the meet or simply didn't show up.

Both Big Spring's boys and girls track squads didn't have its full compliment of athletes in attendance, but the ones making the trip made an impact on their events.

Big Spring's Lady Steers finished fifth at the meet with 63 points.

Sophomore Desiree Anderson brought home the most hardware for Big Spring, winning the long jump and taking bronze in the 100.

Freshman Bridgette Tuitt was third in both the long jump and triple jump.

Cheyenne Lessor was the only other Lady Steer to earn the team points, finishing sixth in the 100-meter hurdles.

The Steers had even fewer athletes on the track than the girls and pulled in just 23 points for an eighth-place finish. Big Spring placed in only long distance running and throwing events with a mere three participants tabbing any points.

Big Spring's highest finisher was cross country state champion Jordan Valle, who placed second in the 1,600 meters. Kade Parker was fifth in that event after finishing in third in the 3,200 earlier in the day.

Zack Saldivar made his presence known throwing the shot put and discus, giving a third-place performance in the disc, while finishing fourth in the shot.

For the first time this season, the boys and girls track teams won't be at the same meet Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Steers travel to Brownwood for the Bluebonnet Relays, while the Steers attend the Sandhill Relays in Monahans.

Girls team scores

1. Permian, 184 points; 2. Odessa High, 125; 3. Midland Lee, 79; 4. Hereford, 67; 5. Big Spring, 63; 6. Midland High, 50; 7. Lubbock Monterey, 45.

Field events

High jump: 1. Kerri Haenelt, Odessa High, 4-10; 2. Chasity Mims, Odessa High, 4-8; 3. (tie) Bronwyn Jones, Midland High; Cheyenne Swoopes, Permian; and Amy Noel, Midland Lee, 4-8; 6. Leesa Jones, Lubbock Monterey, 4-8.

Pole vault: 1. Emily Spencer, Midland High, 8-6; 2. Rachel Rice, Midland High, 7-6; 3. Arlene Rice, Odessa High, 7-6; 4. Felicia Price, Lubbock Monterey, 7-0.

Long jump: **1. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring, 17-5.25;** 2. Porshia Fobbs, Permian, 16-8; **3. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 16-4;** 4. Jasmine Cannon, Odessa High, 16-4; 5. Chantesean White, Midland Lee, 16-2.75; 6. Sh'Kendra Hightower, Lubbock Monterey, 15-11.25.

Triple jump: 1. Shartanae Swearengin, Permian, 35-11; 2. Jasmine Cannon, Odessa High, 34-10.5; **3. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 34-6.75;** 4. Toia Wiltz, Lubbock Monterey, 33-8.5; **5. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring, 33-4.5;** 6. Sh'Kendra Hightower, Lubbock Monterey, 32-9.5.

Discus: 1. Shelby Chancellor, Permian, 112-3; 2. Dorrian McKnight, Odessa High, 104-2; 3. Sydney Pierce, Lubbock Monterey, 102-0; 4. Leslie Leal, Big Spring, 100-3; 5. Whitney Armstrong, Permian, 99-1; 6. Deja McKnight, Odessa High, 98-11.

Shot put: 1. Adedunke Bolagun, Permian, 37-8; 2. Chelsea Hudson, Midland Lee, 36-0.5; 3. Whitney Armstrong, Permian, 35-10; 4. Shelby Chancellor, Permian, 35-3; 5. Deja McKnight, Odessa High, 35-0.5; 6. Vanessa Terry, Odessa High, 34-8.25.

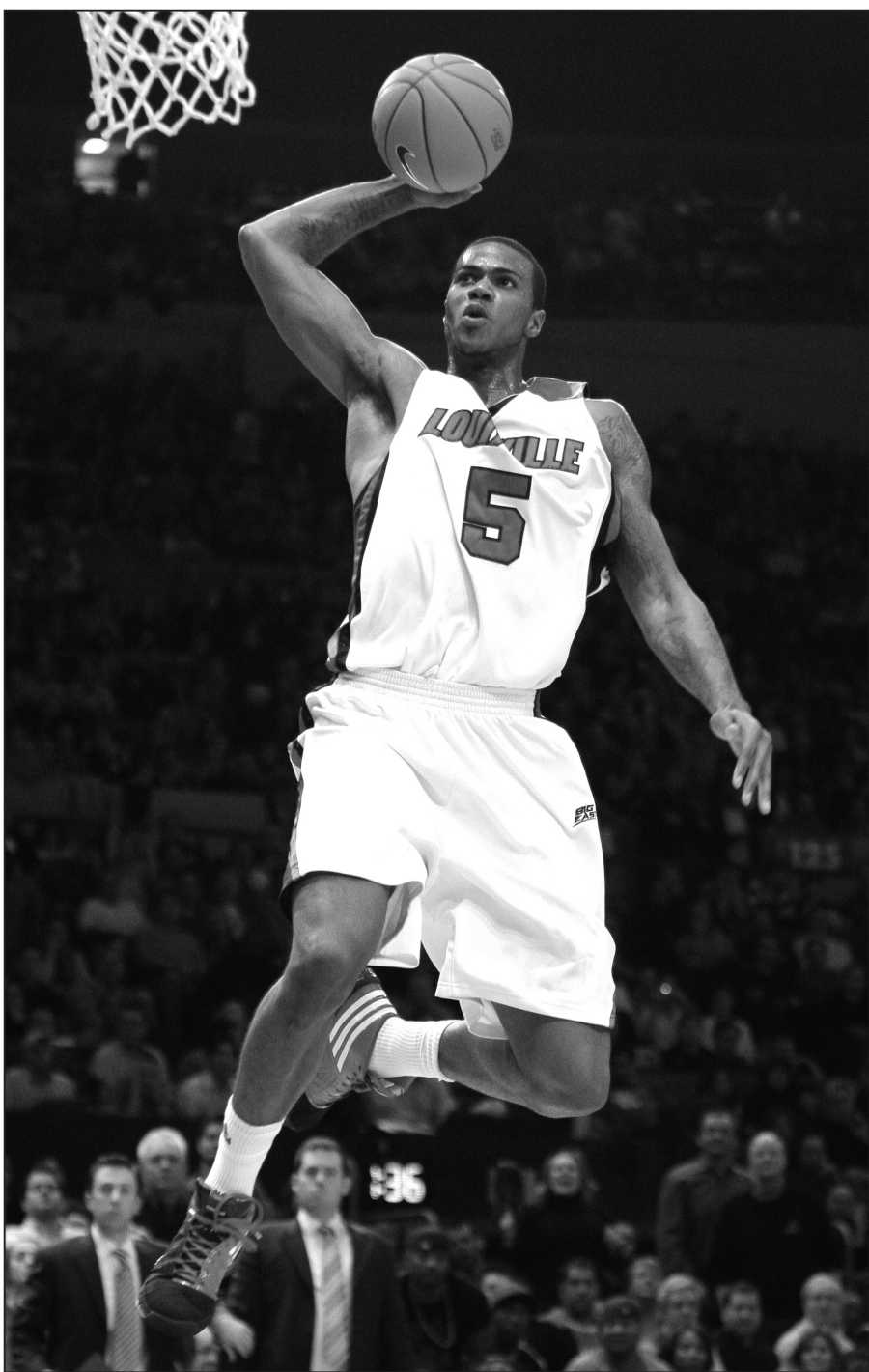
Running events

3,200: 1. Alyssa Diaz, Hereford; 2. Laura Porras, Permian; 3. Jessica Blakely, Hereford; 4. Ana Lopez, Hereford; 5. Monick Garcia, Permian; 6. Lindsey Lewallen, Lubbock Monterey (accurate times not available).

400 relay: 1. Midland Lee, 48.63; 2. Big Spring, 50.84; 3. Odessa High, 51.46; 4. Midland High, 52.43; 5. Lubbock Monterey, 52.50; 6. Permian, 52.51.

800: 1. Jamia Graham, Permian, 2:20.63; 2. Bianca Cortez, Permian, 2:21.36; 3. Kryssalee Saucedo, Hereford,

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AP photo/Julie Jacobson

Louisville's Earl Clark soars to the basket for a dunk against Syracuse in the second half during the championship game of the Big East men's basketball tournament Saturday at Madison Square Garden in New York. Louisville won 76-66 and is one of three Big East schools, along with Pitt and Connecticut, given a top seed in the NCAA Tournament, which begins Tuesday.

NCAA Tournament Big East gets three 1 seeds

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

On the brink of extinction only a few, fretful years ago, the Big East is back in more familiar territory — on top of the college basketball world.

Louisville, Pittsburgh and Connecticut helped the league that was created decades ago for hoops, then nearly obliterated because of football, become the first conference to earn three No. 1 seeds in the NCAA tournament.

North Carolina, the regular-season Atlantic Coast Conference champion, was the other top seed in the bracket released Sunday.

"It speaks volumes for what it means to win the Big East," said Louisville coach Rick Pitino, whose Cardinals are the tournament's overall top seed and will play in the Midwest Regional.

The coup of placing three teams on the top line comes 24 years after the Big East became the first league to get three teams in the Final Four — Georgetown, Villanova and St. John's.

So much has changed since then.

So much has stayed the same.

The Cardinals (28-5), winners of the regular-season and conference championships in the nation's top-ranked conference, are one of the newest members of the Big East. They were brought into the fold after Boston College, Miami and Virginia Tech bolted for a better situation on the

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MC routs Hawks in doubleheader

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — Midland College's softball team sent a message to rival Howard College Sunday.

The Lady Chaps made it clear to the Hawks who the team to beat in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference is.

Midland dominated Howard in a doubleheader serving as the first conference series for the Lady Chaps Sunday, routing the Hawks 7-0 and 8-1.

Midland used three pitchers to shut out the Hawks in Game 1 with Kristen Marris picking up the win.

A.J. Woodard started the game, but came out in the first inning due to sickness. Marris pitched through the fifth inning with Claire Molina throwing the final two

innings.

Diana Espinal took the loss for Howard. Espinal gave up three runs in the bottom of the first inning with two coming off a homer by Charleen Romero.

Romero shined in the opening game of the doubleheader, going 5 for 6 at the plate and scoring four runs. She had three doubles and four RBI.

Gabby Hernandez hit a two-run homer for Midland in the third, making the score 5-0.

Howard managed just three hits — all singles — in the game.

In Game 2, Howard got on the board first with a run in the top of the opening frame, when Emily Imken drove in a run with a single.

From there, Molina took over, shutting down the Hawks with a

complete-game five-hitter.

Offensively, Midland got a charge in the bottom of the first, scoring four runs off Howard starter Katie Smith.

Howard and Midland wrap up its four-game series at 1 p.m. today with a doubleheader at Foundation Field.

Game 1

Howard 000 000 0—0 3 0

Midland 302 101 x—7 13 0

Diana Espinal and Emily Imkey. A.J. Woodward, Kristen Marris (1), Claire Molina (6) and Dina Ortiz. W - Marris. L - Espinal. 2B: MC - Charleen Romero 2, Gabby Hernandez. HR: MC - Romero, Hernandez.

Game 2

Howard 100 000 0—1 5 2

Midland 410 111 x—8 12 1

Katie Smith and Monica Buccellato. Claire Molina and Dina Ortiz. W - Molina. L - Smith. 2B: HC Heather Sanchez, Michelle Mun. MC - Elsa Apo, Charleen Romero.

Sports in brief

Howard College women's basketball national tournament schedule

Howard College's women's basketball team plays its first game of the NJCAA National Tournament at noon Tuesday against Kaskaskia College (Ill.). The Hawks play again at 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Lady Steers boosters meeting today at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club is meeting at 5:45 p.m. today in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Lady Steers athletes in junior high or high school are encouraged to attend.

1,600 relay: 1. Odessa High (Ricardo Enriquez, J.P. Johnson, Caleb Gregory, Joseph Limon), 3:23.48; 2. Midland Lee, 3:25.70; 3. Lubbock Monterey, 3:27.31; 4. Permian, 3:29.43; 5. Midland High, 3:31.57; 6. El Paso Burges, 3:33.08.

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Among the aggrieved: Duke and Memphis, both overlooked in the quest for top seeding, settling for No. 2 seeds despite winning their conference tournaments. Memphis is often downgraded for playing in the less-than-stellar Conference USA, but

Welcome to the party, fellas:
Your first game is against defend-
ing national champion Kansas,

Among the last teams to make it: Wisconsin, a 12th seed in the East; Maryland, a surprisingly high 10th seed in the Midwest; and Dayton, one of only four teams from small conferences to earn an at-large bid.

Contract Bridge



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q J 9
♥ A K J 7
♦ —
♣ K Q 9 5 4

WEST
♠ 7
♥ 6 5 4 3
♦ A J 4 3
♣ A 7 6 3

EAST
♠ 8
♥ 10 9 2
♦ Q 10 9 7 6 5
♣ J 10 8

SOUTH
♠ A 10 6 5 4 3 2
♥ Q 8
♦ K 8 2
♣ 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
3♦	Pass	5♦	5NT
Pass	6♥		

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

This astonishing deal occurred during a match in the 1997 Vanderbilt Teams, and had a direct effect not only on the outcome of that match, but also in determining the ultimate winners of the event.

The serendipitous result on the deal grew out of a bidding misunderstanding between Bobby Goldman and Paul Soloway, a longstanding partnership comprised of two of the best players in the United States.

After Fred Stewart and Steve Weinstein, East-West, had quickly arrived at five diamonds, Soloway elected to bid five notrump, which he intended as a takeout for the three

unbid suits. He apparently felt a double at this level would have been construed as primarily for penalties.

However, Goldman read the five-notrump bid as “unusual notrump,” asking him to choose between clubs and hearts, the two lower-ranking unbid suits. He therefore bid six hearts, and everyone passed, leaving North-South in their 4-2 heart fit rather than their 11-card spade fit!

Weinstein led the diamond ace, and Goldman could see that if he ruffed in dummy, whichever defender held four trumps would then have a trump trick. So instead of ruffing, Goldman discarded a spade!

Now, as anyone can plainly see, all Weinstein had to do to beat the slam was to cash the club ace. But he reasoned that if South had no clubs, leading the ace might help declarer make the slam, while if South had a club, he would have to lose a trick to the ace eventually.

So at trick two, Weinstein led another diamond, a play that no doubt has caused him many sleepless nights since. Goldman won the diamond with the king, drew trumps in four rounds and then ran seven spades to score the rest of the tricks!

At the other table, six spades was duly bid and made by Weinstein's teammates to achieve a tie. But if Weinstein had cashed the club ace at trick two, his team would have won the match and eliminated the team that went on to win the Vanderbilt that year.

Tomorrow: Gain versus loss.

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The state powerlifting meet will take place at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene Saturday, March 28.



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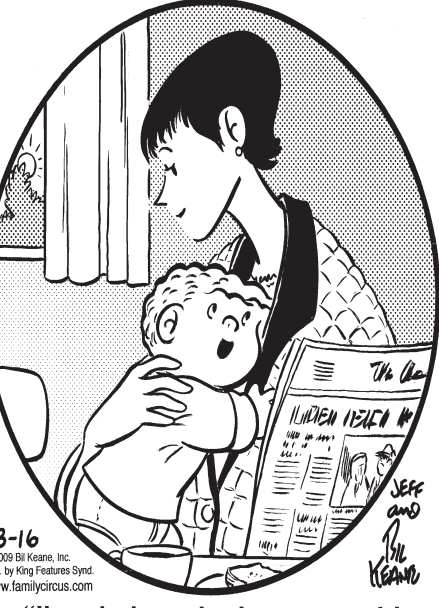
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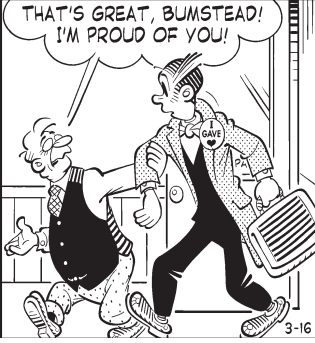
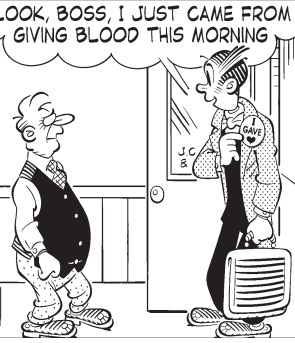


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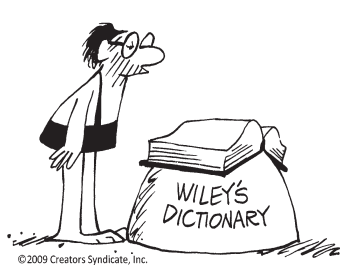
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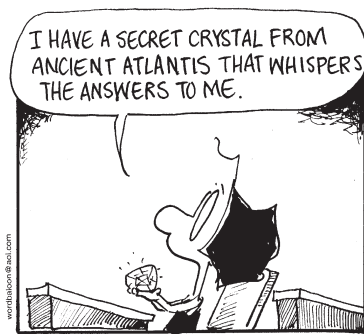
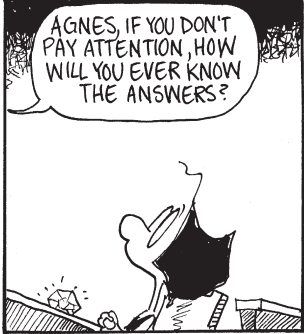
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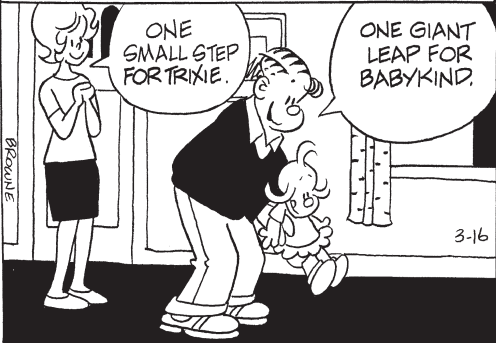
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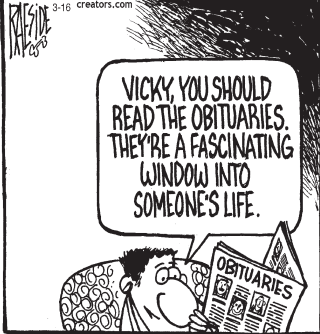
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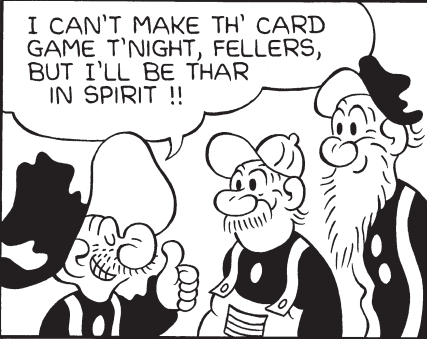
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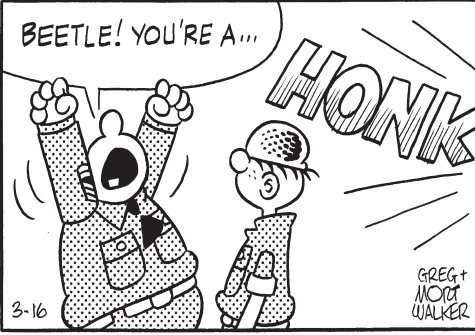
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 16, the 75th day of 2009. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 16, 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre of Vietnamese civilians was carried out by U.S. Army troops; estimates of the death toll vary between 347 and 504. The same day, in Washington, D.C., Sen. Robert F. Kennedy of New York announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

On this date: In A.D. 37, Roman emperor Tiberius died; he was succeeded by Caligula.

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1915, the Federal Trade

Commission began operations.

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket, in Auburn, Mass.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler decided to break the military terms set by the Treaty of Versailles by ordering the rearming of Germany.

In 1969, "1776," a musical about the writing of the Declaration of Independence, opened on Broadway.

In 1978, Italian politician Aldo Moro was kidnapped by left-wing urban guerrillas, who later murdered him.

In 1984, William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, was kidnapped by gunmen; he died in captivity.

In 1985, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was abducted in Beirut; he was released in December 1991.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 83. Country singer Ray Walker (The Jordanares) is 75. Movie director Bernardo Bertolucci is 68. Game show host Chuck Woolery is 68. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 67. Country singer

Robin Williams is 62. Actor Erik Estrada is 60. Actor Victor Garber is 60. Actress Kate Nelligan is 58. Country singer Ray Benson (Asleep at the Wheel) is 58. Rock singer-musician Nancy Wilson (Heart) is 55. Golfer Hollis Stacy is 55. Actress Isabelle Huppert is 54. Actor Clifton Powell is 53. Rapper-actor Flavor Flav (Public Enemy) is 50. Rock musician Jimmy DeGrasso is 46. Folk singer Patty Griffin is 45. Actress Lauren Graham is 42. Actor Judah Friedlander ("30 Rock") is 40. Actor Alan Tudyk is 38. Actor Tim Kang ("The Mentalist") is 36. R&B singer Blu Cantrell is 33. Actress Brooke Burns is 31.

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Newsday Crossword

TIRE TALK by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**

1 Goatee's location

5 Taps the brakes

10 "Knock it off!"

14 Not respectful

15 Eiffel Tower locale

16 Opera highlight

17 Moisturizer ingredient

18 Wipe the blackboard

19 Road curve

20 America's national symbol

22 Woodpeckers' noses

23 Entices

24 20 Across, for example

25 Storm drains

28 Is caught in a downpour

31 "Am not!" reply

32 Beach-umbrella offering

34 Pub beverage

35 401(k) alternative: Abbr.

36 Castle protectors

37 Paving material

38 Neither's partner

39 Untrue

40 Borscht vegetables

42 Swinglike circus device

44 Formal order

45 Feeling angry

46 Sword metal

48 Yellow citrus fruit

50 Nonglossy wall finish
- 54 Eager

55 Much the same

56 Inventive thought

57 Prison room

58 Stays out of sight

59 Wander

60 Leg joint

61 Paid out

62 Retired planes: Abbr.
- DOWN**

1 Lobster relative

2 Luau dance

3 Adored celebrity

4 Sewing-kit items

5 Asparagus units

6 Huge
- 7 Face-to-face tests

8 All-knowing

9 U-turn from NNW

10 Cavalry weapons

11 Remain upright, in the pool

12 Sow's squeal

13 Writing tablets

21 Money in Italy

22 Small taste

24 Cribs and cots

25 Canonized one

26 Proofreader's find

27 Be visibly happy

28 Fence opening

29 Fill with joy

30 Not wordy

32 Boot bottom
- 33 Is the owner of

36 Lab rat's challenge

39 Plant with fronds

40 Answering-machine sound

41 Custard-filled desserts

43 Curly-haired dog

44 Really dislike

46 Playground fixture

47 Spoken for

48 Don't have

49 Smooth out

50 Turn, as pancakes

51 Altar vows

52 Clutter-free

53 Scottish caps

55 Signs of relief

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Paris embraces Russian style

By JENNY BARCHFIELD

Associated Press Writer
PARIS (AP) — Paris embraced Mother Russia, as designers in the French capital on Wednesday sent out fall 2009-winter 2010 ready-to-wear collections inspired by Russian peasant blouses, embroidered skirts and military uniforms.

Although springtime made its first tentative appearance outside, it was snowing on the catwalk at the John Galiano show. The British designer delivered an outrageous collection of hip-waisted coats, sculpted felt skirt suits and diaphanous Russian bridal gowns — all heavy with embroidery, chains, medallions and tinkling coins.

Model-actress Milla Jovovich, who was born in Kiev, hailed the show as “amazing.”

“It was like some opening into a doorway of dreams in Russian-Ukrainian fairy tale fantasy dreams,” the first-row guest told reporters backstage.

Kenzo sent out oversized felt coats and voluminous striped knits that were fit for a Siberian winter. The label’s Italian designer Antonio Marras said he had imagined a Russian woman packing her trunk for a train trip to Paris. The look represented “the marriage between Russian culture and French allure,” he added.

French labels Hermes and Chloe didn’t stray so far from home. Both sent out collections that were deeply rooted in their heritage, with leather outerwear taking center stage at Hermes and at Chloe, flirty casuals.

Red-carpet favorite Elie Saab got serious about daywear, delivering an edgy collection of form fitting asymmetrical sheath dresses that exuded a slightly kinky feel.

Paris’ nine-day-long pret-a-porter week wraps up on Thursday with displays by Louis Vuitton and Miu Miu, Prada’s second line.

JOHN GALLIANO
Flurries of foam fell like thick Siberian snow onto garments inspired by the traditional fineries of Mother Russia and her far-flung provinces.

Each look was more elaborate than the next. An ultra-voluminous vest in embroidered gray felt was paired with an equally voluminous skirt which was layered over churidars that gathered a riot of voluptuous folds at the ankle. Add a coin-cov-

ered headdress and towering platform shoes with an ingenious cut-out base and you begin to get the idea.

Other skirts, made what appeared to from boiled wool were sculpted through their extra-wide hips. Kicky short skirts in rich Russian red were worn with white balloon sleeved peasant shirts, cropped suspender vests and lace-up platform sandals punctuated by oversized pompoms that climbed to the knee.

Brides in rose crowns with layers of trailing chiffon veils wore diaphanous gowns with Galiano’s hallmark long lean bias cut. Their coin-covered panties glinted from beneath the radiant silver silk.

Galiano appeared at the end of the show wearing riding boots, a swashbuckler coat and a tri-corner hat. Puffing his chest, he took a deep bow as the crowd cheered enthusiastically.

“It was fantastic, theatrical, brilliant,”

“It’s a very, very cold winter in Russia,” Marras told *Associated Press* Television News. “She packs (her trunk) with a military jacket, an embroidered dress, platform boots, scarves, gloves ... In Paris, you have the marriage between Russian culture and French allure.”

Models wearing peasant skirts in knit stripes or dusty flower prints with cowl-neck blouses and cocoon-shaped coats traipsed down a catwalk made of weathered wooden planks. Bulky scarves and knit caps or earflap hats topped off the looks, in dusky purples, peacock blues, grays and jade green.

One knockout piece was an A-line ivory sweater dress with embroidered branches that dripped with little red berries.

HERMES

A dozen prop-plane rotors began to spin, a deafening roar of take off filled the hall, and Amelia Earhart look-alikes in luxurious



AP Photo/Remy de la Mauviniere

A model presents an ensemble by Russian designer Igor Chapurin

gushed studio exec Harvey Weinstein, a front-row guest.

KENZO

With its oversized felt coats and voluminous striped knits, the Kenzo collection was one of few the shown in Paris — which was dominated by a parade of short cocktail dresses, some in diaphanous chiffons — that actually looked warm.

Marras said he had tried to imagine what a chic Russian woman would pack for a train trip to Paris.

bomber jackets and aviator goggles strode down the catwalk.

French saddlemaker Hermes played to its strength, sending out a collection centered around leather bomber jackets and trench coats with oversized, fur-lined hoods.

“I was inspired by a woman, I forgot her name, an American pilot with very short, wavy hair who was wearing an aviator jacket — which I love — and a little scarf that was so Hermes,” designer Jean



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Models take the catwalk at the end of the presentation of the Fall-Winter 2009-2010 ready-to-wear collection by Italian designer Antonio Marras for fashion house Kenzo in Paris,

Paul Gaultier said. “That’s when I said, ‘ah ha, that’s it.’”

He paired the outerwear — in buttery black, gray and caramel leathers, crocodile and astrakhan — with leggings or pleated pants that tapered from the full thigh to a pegged ankle.

Besides the strong, flight-ready looks, Gaultier also served up Earhart’s saucier side with ankle-length silk

simpler Birkin” that does away with famous bag’s the flap opening — was less expensive than the classic version, Gaultier burst into laughter.

“I don’t know that it is,” he guffawed.

ELIE SAAB

A single sleeve and sharp shoulders lent many of the body-skimming sheath dresses a kinky businesswoman feel and marked a radical departure from the

cial crisis.

“I think women now are going to be more careful about buying very costly things,” he told the *AP* in a backstage interview. “So I’ve tried to make things that are easy to wear, with less embroidery.”

Indeed, apart from a series of evening looks covered in oversized black rhinestones, the collection was remarkably clean. The only ornamentation on the sheath dresses that opened the show was the network of visible seams that crisscrossed the razor-cut garments.

Structured, peaked shoulders — virtually omnipresent on Paris catwalks during Fashion Week — and plunging V backs gave the looks just the right sexy edge.

CHLOE

Rustic pieces borrowed from the closet of a manly man were given a feminine twist at the flirty French house.

Oversized, boxy coats in shades of camel and apricot were belted high on the waist to create an hourglass silhouette, while pronounced shoulder-pads lent a roomy blouse a ladylike touch.

Designer Hannah MacGibbon paid homage to the French label’s 1970s heyday, delivering a smattering of feather-light dresses with lacy collars and low, drawstring waists. But the collection was mostly made up of pant looks.

Gathered, paper-bag waisted trousers in washed silks were cinched with belts and cuffed above the ankle for a distinctly postdiluvian look.

Chloe chairman and CEO Ralph Toledano praised the collection, saying it had attained the label’s goal of making women beautiful.

MacGibbon captured “the DNA of the brand, the femininity, the elegance, the sensuality, the attitude,” Toledano told the *AP* in a backstage interview.



AP Photo/Michel Euler

A model presents a creation by British designer John Galiano.

dresses in shiny satin prints.

Accessories — a major cash cow at the storied label — were spotlighted in the show, which was held at a former warehouse in eastern Paris.

Models carried crocodile clutches and a new version of the best-selling Birkin bag, which is famed for its price-tag in the thousands of euros (dollars) and its years-long wait list.

Asked if the modified Birkin — which Gaultier described as a “trompe l’oeil Birkin, a

Lebanese designer’s usual fare of flattering goddess gowns.

Neiman Marcus buyer Ken Downing hailed the shift to daywear.

“Customers are really responding to dresses that are cut close to the body but have a specialness,” he said, adding, “I’m really excited to go back to the showroom and see the prices on the daywear.”

Saab, who dressed Angelina Jolie for the Oscars last month, said the focus on daywear was a deliberate response to the finan-

Tomorrow’s Horoscope

You may find yourself overly curious about what your neighbors are up to. You may also be drawn to research other cultures or assemble facts on various realms of study. The Sagittarius moon is eager to reach into new territory in order to help us make sense of the one we usually occupy. Your curious mind leads you to exciting places.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Travel a distance with your mind. See if you can tell how another person must be feeling. You’ll have to get out of your own circumstances to do this, and when you come back your new perspective will liberate you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Explore. There’s a street, shop or library you haven’t seen yet, so go there. Talk to strangers and you’ll make friends. You’ll find out your worlds connect in interesting ways.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Stay busy. If you’re not busy enough you’ll start to over-think your choices or worry about how you’re coming across. Give yourself too much to do and you’ll probably accomplish it all.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You feel like you’re in it alone. You have people on your side, but they’re not as informed as they could be. Start telling people what you’re doing and what you need so

they can get enthusiastic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Numbers will matter to you, whether on the bathroom scale, your checking account statement or on a test. The bottom line doesn’t tell the whole story, but later it will help you to remember the rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some people want to help you, but they don’t have the power to do so. Beware of promises. Consider the source. Your best bet is to do it yourself. You’ll become strong, independent and self-sufficient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may find that you like a person, but you dislike the person’s behavior. It’s no time to criticize, though; take note privately so that you will avoid making the same mistake as this person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It’s no wonder people are drawn to you. You have the funny anecdotes and cute witticisms. You are cheerful and excited about what you are doing. You include people and build them up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may be slow in getting started, but you’ll get a big burst of energy this afternoon. Apply it to your work on a long-term project. You’ll make considerable progress.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The deeds you do today are their own reward, so make sure to pick the tasks you will enjoy, and that mean something to you. Let other people solve their own problems.



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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Beware: Those who ask your opinion are likely just looking for an opportunity to voice their own views. Avoid such social traps. Keep communication breezy. The intense philosophical conversations can wait.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your powers of concentration are amazing. It might feel selfish to focus on only the things that bring you joy, but this is actually a generous thing to do. Your happiness will raise the mood for everyone around you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Pisces crooner Adam Levine is a rising star. This soulful front man for the chart-topping Maroon 5 has collaborated as a solo artist with the likes of Kanye West, Alicia Keys and Natasha Bedingfield. Could acting be his next foray? Pisces are naturally great at slipping into character, as their enormous powers of empathy allow them to imagine in vivid detail the inner life of another person.

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