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Wildflowers are in full bloom across the Crossroads area. These were growing in a pasture off Old Gail Highway, north of Big Spring.

Provost search ongoing

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Howard College officials are taking their time to find a new provost at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. The position became vacant when Dr. Mark Myers announced his resignation earlier this year, and officials said no timetable has been set in naming a replacement. Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the

search will continue "as long as it takes" to find a suitable replacement for Myers. Myers announced his resignation in January and intends to relocate closer to family members, Sparks said. Myers, a New England native, accepted the SWCID position in 2008, succeeding long-time provost Dr. Ron Brasel. Until a new provost is

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Mountain masters are sought

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Running and walking enthusiasts from all over the Permian Basin will test their mettle against one of the area's biggest challenges — the historic Scenic Mountain — on April 14. That's when Big Spring State Park hosts the 14th annual Master the Mountain Fun Run and Walk. Registration for the event is under way as state park offi-

cials get ready to hold 5K and 10K contests along the facility's hills and slopes. "You can run around a flat track all day long and not get anywhere near the effect you get from running the hills and slopes of Scenic Mountain," said Ron Alton, manager of the Big Spring State Park and an avid runner. "You really can't find the kind of hills

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Trash-off an opportunity to spruce up community

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Area residents will have the opportunity to make a difference in the Crossroads

community April 14, as Keep Big Spring Beautiful and local volunteers get ready to spruce up the area during the annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-off. Trash-off coordinator Pat Simmons said the event is a great way for area residents to make a difference in the weeks leading up to Earth Day, which will kick off across the nation April 22. "Looking after our com-

munity isn't something we should be doing just one day a year," Simmons said, "and with the Trash-off a little more than a week before Earth Day, this is an excellent way for us to set the example. "Keep Texas Beautiful is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, which has each state scheduled for a clean

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Mediation training scholarship available

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

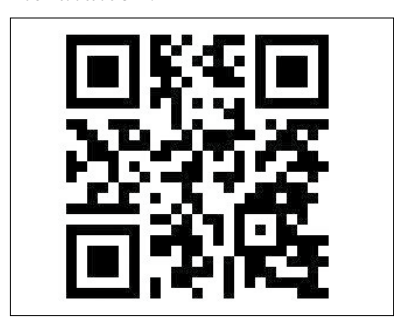
Mediation can be a vital tool, which is why one Howard County citizen will be chosen to receive a full tuition scholarship for a 40-hour Basic Mediation Training course. "This is an opportunity to build a core of mediators in Big Spring," Gene Valentini, director of Office of Dispute Resolution, said. "It will help us open doors to more people and have more options when it comes to mediators." The training will take place

May 21-25 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Ashmore Inn and Suites in Lubbock, Texas. The course will provide the essentials of becoming a personal mediator, including personal development, communication skills and problem solving. The time spent in the training course can also serve as continuing education credit and will be provided at no cost. This opportunity is provided by the Office of Dispute Resolution and the Lubbock County Board of Judges.

"This is an opportunity to not only help the court system, but also has the benefit of learning skills that can be used in the work environment and in personal relationships," Valentini said. For those interested in applying, deadline for applications is 5 p.m. April 1. Applications can be submitted by fax to 806-775-7929, marked Attn: Training; applications can also be submitted online at odr@co.lubbock.tx.us with Training Scholarship as the subject.

The winner will be announced April 9 in Judge Mark Barr's courtroom.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com



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Obituaries

Patsy 'Pat' Grant Guinn



FORT WORTH — Patsy "Pat" Grant Guinn, 74, departed this life Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

Service: 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Laurel Land Chapel of Chimes. Interment: Laurel Land Memorial Park. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Laurel Land Funeral Home of Fort Worth.

Memorials: Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Pat was born Sept. 23, 1937, in Big Spring to Jefferson Davis and Freida Koila Newton Grant. She graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in education and then later from Texas Christian University with a master's. She worked in the Fort Worth ISD for many years in the special education department.

While at Texas Tech, Pat met the love of her life, Joe W. Guinn. They later married June 2, 1958, and started a life and family in Fort Worth. She loved taking care of her family, but also enjoyed traveling, reading and going to the symphony in her spare time. However, her true passion was teaching, and she continued to teach life lessons to those around her well after she retired. There is a void that cannot be replaced now that she is gone.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Mary Clair Guinn; and granddaughter, Alexis Sophia Guinn.

Survivors: sons, Alan Guinn and wife Kellie, and Brad Guinn; grandchildren, Anthony Dilsaver, Dane Dilsaver, Andrew Guinn and Grant Joseph Guinn; siblings, Koila Grant and Bobby Grant and wife Peggy; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Paid obituary

Geneva Irene Howard



Private graveside services for Geneva Irene Howard, 96, of Lamesa will be held Friday, March 30, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Lamesa Memorial Park with Billy Ray Mayfield and Mike Ritchey officiating. A memorial service will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lamesa under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. She died Tuesday, March 27, 2012, in Big Spring.

Geneva was born July 22, 1915, in Comanche, Texas, to Ezra and Minnie Ola Phillips Bean. Her mother died at an early age and she was raised by her step-mother, Claudia Clementine Bean. She married Thomas Howard on July 22, 1931, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death May 13, 1985.

Geneva was active in the Midway Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Lamesa. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her children, JoAnn and husband Donald Ritchey of Big Spring, James Howard and wife Joye Beth of Lamesa and Troy Howard and wife Sue of Lamesa; a brother, James Bean of Graves, Texas; nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Geneva is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Thomas Howard; a son, Thomas Lavan Howard Jr., who passed on April 12, 2007; four sisters; Idella, Lola, Jewell and Ida; and a brother, Emery Bean.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church Television Ministry, 801 S First St., Lamesa, TX, 79331, or to Compass Hospice, 1003 E FM 700, Big Spring, TX, 79720.

To send condolences online please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com

Joe Jones



Joe Jones, 75, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring died Saturday, March 24, 2012, in San Angelo. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Jerome McNally and Pastor Anthony Harris officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 22, 1937, in Ballinger to Henrietta and Willie Jones. He married Sarah Wood on Dec. 17, 1960, in Big Spring. He lived most of his life in Big Spring, moving to San Angelo in 1985. He had been employed by the City of Big Spring and the Big Spring State Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Jones of San Angelo; three daughters, Debra Mitchell of San Angelo, Bethine McNally and husband Jerome of Big Spring and Stephanie Harris and husband Anthony of San Angelo; four sons, Joe Willie Jones of Austin, Joe Jones Jr. of San Angelo, Tyrone Jones and wife Shaquetta of Round Rock and Rafael Paiz of San Angelo; three sisters, Juanita Kilpatrick of Midland, Laura Francis of Roscoe and Mary Jones of Midland; 32 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, James Stevens; two brothers, Willie Jones and Robert Jones; and two sisters, Rosie Lee Dotson and Cora Davis.

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

Elizabeth Herrera Martinez

Elizabeth Herrera Martinez, 34, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Robert Adair

Robert Adair, 54, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 29, 2012, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Sheila Mae Welch

Sheila Mae Welch, 64, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 28, 2012, in a San Angelo hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- JAMES THOMAS SMITH, 57, of 1009.5 S. Main St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- THEODORE LEE FLORES, 33, of Levelland, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- LAFAWN FAY CANTU, 39, of 508 Young St., was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

- CRYSTAL GAYLE MITCHELL, 28, of 1803.5 S. Lancaster, was arrested Wednesday on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle or watercraft and driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

- DANIEL LEE USSERY, 34, of 300 Tulane Apt. 15, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- WILLIAM WAYNE LEE, 43, of 2208 S. Monticello, was arrested Wednesday on three warrants from other agencies and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- JAI ANTHONY KEYS, 43, of 1906 E. Highway 350, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- THEFT was reported:
In the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- REBECCA HUTCHESON, 36, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for displaying expired registration, no valid inspection certificate, failure to maintain financial responsibility and a Lubbock County warrant for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

- JAI ANTHONY KEYS, 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- JOHN QUINN TIDWELL, 59, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- LAFAWN JOHNSON CANTU, 39, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and possession of drug

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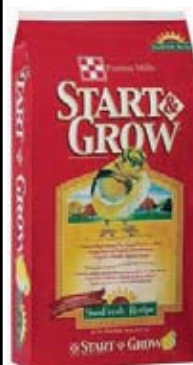
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RUN

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that we offer with this run anywhere else. I've heard runners refer to one of the hills on the run as Terminator Hill. The steep grades really offer a challenge to runners."

Alton said the event has continued to grow during the past several years, with this year's contest featuring the return of the 10K race and fun run.

"We've really been fortunate. Several people have stepped up and really helped us make the Master the Mountain a success in the community and it's grown considerably during the past several years," Alton said. "This year we'll be having the 5K run, 5K walk, 10K run and 10K walk. There will be awards given for first, second and third place male and female finishers in each run.

"We feel really good going into this event. It's a lot of fun each year. Some folks will come and treat it as very competitive, and then some will take part just for fun. It's something the runners in the area really look forward to."

The entry fee for the run — which is slated to get under way at 9 a.m. with late registration from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. — is \$19 before Tuesday and \$20 after, which includes a commemorative T-shirt for participants. And while the races seem to draw the serious competitors, Alton said the beauty of the mountain draws just as many people for the walking division.

"You don't have to run to be a part of the fun," said Alton. "We get a lot of people who participate in the walk just because of the beauty of the park, and the view from the 200-foot bluff is just unbelievable. Whether you're running hard or

just walking along, it's hard to ignore the beauty from there."

Alton said the fun run doubles as a fund-raiser for the park, and helps show the state just how important the facility's role is in the community.

"The state really looks at events like these when it comes to the state parks and the funds each one is allocated," he said. "So this run is really important — not just to the health of the runners and walkers in and around the community, but to the longevity of the park itself."

Alton said he hopes people take a special reminder about exercising when they leave the event.

"I started running about nine years ago, and it's had a tremendous impact on my health," said Alton. "You can't believe the amount of energy it creates. It sounds funny, but exercise breeds en-

ergy. At the end of the run you're so tired you can barely stand up, but the next day you have even more energy."

For more information on the "Master the Mountain" Fun Run and Walk, contact Alton at 432-263-4931. To register, contact Craig Felty by e-mail at cfelty1@suddenlink.net or register online at timingspecialist.com

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

PROVOST

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found, former SWCID Dean Dominick "Dom" Bonura is serving as interim provost.

Bonura has a long-time association with SWCID, having served the campus as the dean of students from 1981-

PD investigates shooting death

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Police Department investigated an apparent gunshot wound Wednesday which left one person dead at a home in the 500 block of Abrams.

Police were called to the scene at 2:22 p.m.

Police Sgt. Tony Everett, public relations officer with the local department, said the wound appeared to be self-inflicted, pending an autopsy.

The victim, listed as 34-year-old Elizabeth Martinez, is apparently a resident of the home.

TRASH

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up from March 1 through May 31. So, Texas always works on the first Saturday in April unless Easter falls on that weekend."

The event, held in conjunction with Keep Texas Beautiful's annual state-wide trash-off, has attracted more than 300 volunteers each year, a number Simmons hopes to equal or exceed this time.

"People can clean their own lots or streets

or we can send them to a particular area," Simmons said. "Their efforts really make a difference ... It seems like we don't have as much trash to pick up as the year before."

Janice Bishop, president of KBSB, said volunteering just a small portion of time each month can have an impact on the way the community looks.

"If people just get out and spend an hour each month helping to pick up litter and trash, it can make a huge difference in our community," she said. "I keep a

bag in my car and when I'm going to a business I try to pick up as much litter as I can between my vehicle and the front door.

"Of course, the best way to fight litter is to not let it get there in the first place. However, not all of it ends up out there intentionally. Unfortunately, though, the only way it's going to get picked up is if it's done intentionally, so we all have to contribute and do our part."

Simmons said volunteers will be at the Chamber of Commerce office on W. Third Street

from 9 a.m. until noon Friday, April 20, to give out trash bags to interested persons.

Those volunteers will then join several other civic and governmental organizations in the main clean-up effort Saturday. In past years, efforts have centered on Big Spring's main thoroughfares — Third and Fourth streets, Gregg Street and FM 700 — as well as other areas.

"We have about 13 Adopt-A-Spots throughout town and groups will be out picking up trash in those areas," Simmons said. "But

people can pick up trash on different streets, lots ... wherever they want to clean."

Simmons asks that volunteers register with her before the event, whether they plan to request an area to clean or pick up litter in their own area or property.

"This way we can get a head count of how many people are participating in the Trash-off, which is important for the information we submit to Keep Texas Beautiful," she said. "Even if you're just going to work on your own property, please call us and let us

know so we can be as accurate as possible."

For more information on the Trash-off, contact Simmons at 432-263-4607.

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paraphernalia.

- THEODORE LEE FLORES, 33, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- JAMES THOMAS SMITH, 57, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- REBECCA KING BREWER, 54, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated — second offense.

- CRYSTAL GAYLE MITCHELL, 28, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle or watercraft and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- LARRY WILSON STEIGER JR., 28, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction

or suspension and municipal warrants for violation of a promise to appear and speeding — 68 mph in a 40 mph zone.

- AUDREY LAYNE SHERRILL, 27, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of terroristic threat and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- RAYMOND LEE SHOOK, 26, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- DUSTIN JAMES SAUCEDO, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on municipal capias warrants for public intoxication and assault — family violence.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lexington. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300

block of Park. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 15th Street and Goliad. Three people were transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of S. Highway 87 and Wildfire Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Joe Jones, Sr., 75, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Brenda Robertson, 63, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

There seems to be an abundance of television programs focused on food. You can watch shows about preparing gourmet food, southern cuisine, and a seemingly endless buffet of other cooking programs.

If cooking is not your interest, you can learn about restaurants that do the cooking for you! You can watch people eat lobster in Maine, grits in Georgia and gumbo in Louisiana. You can watch all these programs while eating a sandwich in Texas!

While it appears that a lot of folks are focused on food, these programs really prove that people are focused on watching television! If watching folks cook and eat is fulfilling to your stomach, does that mean owning a Bible or listening to praise music means you've satisfied your hunger for righteousness?

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OUR VIEWS

Easter greetings from the Heritage Museum

Here comes Peter Cottontail ... to the Heritage Museum this weekend.

Easter is a little more than a week away — April 8 — and the Heritage Museum is inviting the community to start the holiday a little early.

Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon, kids can show up and take pictures with Peter Cottontail. The Easter celebration will allow kids to tour the Easter exhibit, take photos with Peter and enjoy some refreshments.

Another attraction for the kiddos is the display including live chicks and the incubator, which is providing a warm home for the eggs until the new chicks hatch. The baby chicks are expected to be making their appearance the Thursday before Easter, but area children are encouraged to stop by the museum and check on the progress of the chicks.

For those unable to make it to the Easter celebration Saturday, there will still be time to swing by the museum and check out the exhibit. The display will be up until May 1.

The exhibit includes displays and enlargements of vintage Easter postcards. The postcards displayed are from the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Other donations included in the exhibit include a dress from the early 1900s, donated by former editor of the *Big Spring Herald* Joe Pickle. In that same display, there is a World War II soldier uniform donated by William Bonner from the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Even though the traditions associated with Easter haven't changed all that much, there is still history to be told.

Museum curator Tammy Schreengost said she hopes the display will inspire and bring back those memories of childhood for many of the Big Spring residents.

The core of the holiday still seems to be the family, going to church and setting out on the Easter egg hunt.

There is always time to make new memories and build upon old ones.

Stop by the Heritage Museum and see what memories you can create.

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- By telephone at 263-7331
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Sometimes, Lord, we just need to bring everything to You for help.

Amen

Tales from the 'yellow dog'

It was a dream-like state with tales retold around 10,000 campfires, all of them — save one — meeting Smokey the Bear's rigid standards. It was “come and go” for the afterglow as long-ago stories unrolled — many stretched — on recollections of biggest fish, deepest snow and ages of first bike rides, except for that one fire. Its flames licked skyward, lighting a thousand acres.

Firefighters and medics were on alert; signs offered \$10 parking in adjacent pastures. Folks were drawn like moths, ever closer to the growing inferno. And nobody left.

They patiently took turns to share memories logged over many miles and many years of riding “yellow dogs” — a nickname for school buses. Unlike Las Vegas, where “what happens” stays, they “cut loose” with stories previously known only to witnesses either sworn to silence or too embarrassed to share.

Some of the vignettes — dating back to 1960 — beg to be shared. Here goes:

Prentice Martin, a football coach at Abilene Cooper High School, was highly organized; he had to be. There was much to do — even driving the team bus to out-of-town games. He heaped much on the student manager — call him Jimmy — always an eager helper. One managerial chore included “tie-downs” of uniforms and game paraphernalia on top of the bus.

Following one game, Martin

asked Jimmy to hurry with tie-downs. After all, hamburgers awaited pick-up at the diner across the street, and there were many miles to cover before slumber. Jimmy scurried to the top, and players jumped on board as the bus rolled slowly from the stadium.

At once, pounding noises from the roof caused serious vibrations. “Jimmy, I thought I asked you to tie all the stuff down,” the coach gruffed. A player, wondering if he should say anything, answered, “Sir, that is Jimmy!”

Sul Ross State University, located deep in West Texas, always has been challenged geographically. (If the earth were square, Alpine would be one of the corners.) For many years, SRSU teams competed in the Lone Star Conference. The Lobos' nearest opponent was 325 miles away, and three were some 600 miles away.

It was challenging to keep buses rolling. Once, a new transmission was ordered for the football team bus. The late Otilio Ramos, a “do-everything” mechanic/maintenance man at SRSU during most of his adult life, was bilingual, but sometimes his “take” on English was a bit “off.” He was instructed to put the transmission in the bus prior to its departure on a 500-mile trip to Kingsville.

Outside of Del Rio, the bus ground to a stop, its transmission dead. Asked why he didn't put the new transmission in the bus, the good-natured Otilio responded, “I did. It's in the luggage compartment.”

Iraan High School, also in West Texas, has a “yellow dog” story from a memorable 1960 band trip. The always-careful driver was within a few hundred

yards of the Alpine High School football field, where the 40-member band would perform.

As he approached a low-slung railroad trestle near the stadium, he slowed to a crawl, realizing that the vehicle—with large brass instruments atop the bus—would have no more than a two-inch clearance. Inching forward snail-like, he wiped sweat from his brow as band members exited the bus, eager to stretch after the 130-mile ride. The director announced a 30-minute “walk-through” of the half-time routine.

The driver figured 30 minutes would provide time to drive back into town for re-fueling. What he didn't consider was that buses are considerably taller when 3,000 pounds of students are removed. The trestle — its unforgiving clearance unchange — wiped out most of the brass section. Needless to say, there were far more “trills” than “oompahs” from the IHS band that night, and nobody remembers who won the game.

Still another coach remembers his first out-of-town trek as both coach and driver.

Glenn Petty, recently retired athletic director of Abilene ISD, was a ninth grade coach at Big Spring early on. Jotting down driving directions to the stadium, he was puzzled by instructions to “take a right when the second rock hits the bus.” Sure enough, two tough kids a block apart, tossed rocks at the slow-moving bus.

Petty took the next right, and there was the stadium.

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Grand old pedagogy lessons

It seems as though the 2012 Republican presidential primaries began the day before forever. But oh the lessons we've learned.

We've been treated to startlingly original theories about the economy, international affairs, history, biology, theology, and climatology, as well as an -ology or two we didn't know existed before.

The only downside — and I'm not carping about it — is that the lessons have been utterly, totally, and in every respect wrong. Let me count the ways:

The economy — the Republicans would have us believe that the way to revive a faltering economy is to cut government spending by cutting programs, firing public workers, and getting rid of frills like roads, bridges, and schools.

That's counterintuitive when you think about it. How can putting people out of work in an environment where too many people are already out of work be good for the economy?

Name me one time when cutting spending, ostensibly to balance the budget, pulled the country out of the economic doldrums...I'm waiting. (And don't tell me Ronald Reagan. He tripled the national debt while he was in office.)

Republicans apparently are willing to go down with the ship

rather than change course. Unfortunately, the rest of us will be going down with them.

Europe — it's an article of faith among Republicans that Europe is a bad, bad place and all contact with it should be avoided if possible. One of the criticisms of John Kerry in 2004 was that he spoke French. Mon dieu, so does Mitt Romney.

Ironically, with their cries for austerity, austerity, and more austerity, today's Republicans are sounding a lot more European than the Democrats are.

And how is that working out for Europe? Its economy is going down the toilet. Greece first. We'll be lucky if it doesn't take us with it, which it will if the Republican deficit hawks have their way.

Christianity — Republicans, Rick Santorum chief among them, insist we are a Christian nation and that other religions and non-believers should defer to certain Catholic beliefs, especially in matters where priests are experts, like marriage and reproductive rights.

The truth is that we're a diverse nation of many religions and each has the same rights as any other group, including the right to be left alone. If the Constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion doesn't mean that, it doesn't mean anything at all.

Education — Republicans pretty much agree that our educational system is a disaster and that it is the fault of teachers in general and teachers' unions in particular. They think this can be remedied by doing away with the Education Department, cutting

federal support for education, and, of course, firing teachers.

Where to begin?

There are bad teachers, certainly, and teachers' unions sometimes go too far in protecting them, but you can hardly blame them. They do a hard job in difficult, sometimes impossible, circumstances.

Most teachers I've known are hard-working, dedicated people who try their best for our children and get precious little credit for it.

Particularly from people like Santorum who think home schooling is the answer to our problems.

Ye gods, that's what we need for the 21st century: young people who don't know anything their parents didn't know and are innocent of chemistry, physics, trigonometry, and biology.

Still, it's been a fascinating and educational campaign. My favorite discovery has been that you can be baptized a Mormon even though you don't want to be a Mormon and are dead.

Apparently Mormons baptize dead people all of the time if they take a liking to them. Anne Frank, for example. They also did it to Mitt Romney's father-in-law, who was not only dead but an atheist.

I don't know what I can do with that information, but I'm glad it's out there.

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Why not check this out? At the library

Our Caribbean travel section has been updated with new Frommer travel guides to "Bahamas 2012" (917.196 POR D) and "Bermuda 2012" (917.199 POR D), all written by Darwin Porter and then one on the whole area "Caribbean 2012" (917.290 COL C), written by Christina Paulette Colon. They are chock full of things to do, places to go and stay, and give a good example of prices you can expect to pay. Frommer's "Costa Rica 2012" (917.286 GRE D) by Eliot Greenspan is available also.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

If you wish to venture over the "Pond" as the Atlantic Ocean was once referred to, we also have guides from Frommer's on "Paris" (914.436 ALE L) by Joseph Alexiou "London 2012" (914.210 FUL J) by Joe Fullman and "Barcelona" (914.672 STO P) by Peter Stone that will guide you around the respective cities. Each book has easy-to-read maps, candid review of hotels, eateries, shopping, nightlife walking tours and insider tips from local expert authors.

Now for European Union countries to visit! We have new guides for "Ireland" (914.150 DAU C) by Christine Daugherty and "England 2012" (914.204 DAL N) by Nick Dalton. My younger brother was stationed there

and married an English girl in Brighton, and mother said it was quite an experience to be hurtling through the hedgerows in a Corvette, just looking at shrubbery. When I taught, Joe and I on spring break one year went to London. Everything is green. Grass is like velvet and everything looks like a garden. If you want to get on the European continent, we have "Germany" (914.304 AND C) by Christopher Anderson, "France 2012" (914.404 CUL A) by Allison Culliford and "Italy 2012" (914.504 POR D) Dawn Porter.

Still in non-fiction mode: "The Everything Guide to Algebra" (512.007 MON C) by Christopher Monahan is a step by step guide to basic algebra. I open the list of chapters and Chapter 12 is concerned with Absolute Value and Irrational Expressions and I was instantly transformed into a gibbering idiot. It goes on down to say we will work with "irrational functions with higher indices." then we will "simplify" them and then glory to the heavens, we will solve equations with irrational expressions. If the equations are irrational, then how can they be solved? Oh, no, it then gets worse. "The Everything Guide to Calculus I" (515 HIL G) by Greg Hill with methods of antidifferentiation and the definite integral explored in chapter 14; then in chapter 17, the integral turns indefinite. Cannot numbers keeps themselves straight? Anyway, if you or your student needs some help in Algebra or Calculus 1, check these

out. Please do not ask me to help, though.

I saw this book on the cart and thought, kettlebells? I thought they rang handbells in church. The new fitness craze is something called a kettlebell, which is a weight that looks like Mickey Mouse's head (just the head) without the features, with his ears pulled together like a handle on a purse. They

of your muscle groups at the same time. Because the fast-paced motions in the exercises, your heart rate increases with each repetition, keeping you in the fat burning zone throughout your workout.

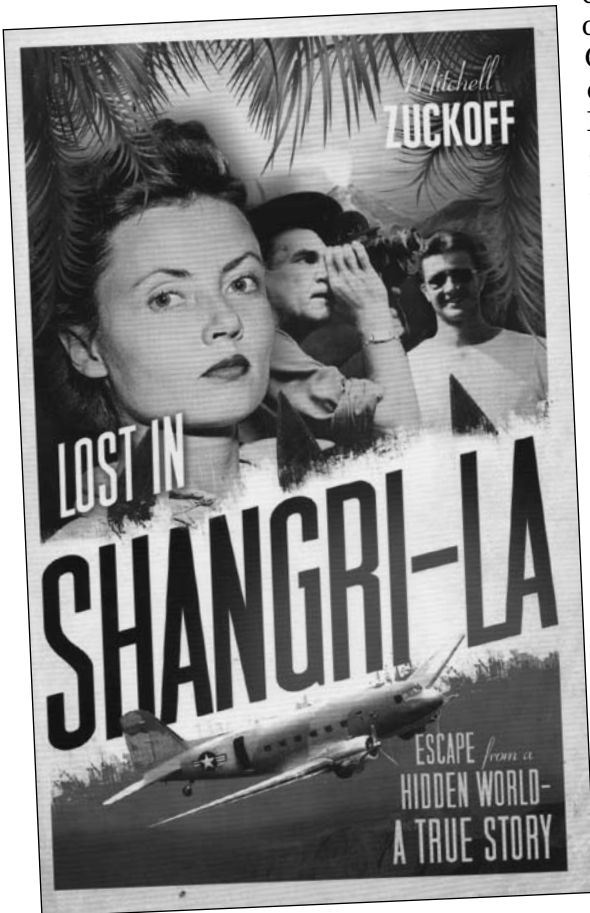
Are you curious about chickens? Yes, I know, you cannot sleep at night wondering what a Lakenvelder is. You can find out all sorts of interesting facts about chickens if you check our "The Chicken Encyclopedia: An Illustrated Reference" (636.503 DAM G) by Gail Damerow. Damerow is also the author of "Storrey's Guide to Raising Chickens," which I do think we have on our shelves. Come, increase your knowledge, start your own coop, grow your own eggs. Believe me, they taste far better than the store bought ones.

An utterly gripping non-fiction adventure narrative, "Lost in Shangri-La" (940.548 ZUC M) by Mitchell Zuckoff, is an untold true story of war, survival, discovery, heroism and a near-impossible rescue mission. Three months before the end of World War II, a U.S. Army plane flying over New Guinea crashed

in uncharted mountains inhabited by a Stone Age tribe. Nineteen passengers and crew were killed and two were mortally wounded. But somehow three survived: a lieutenant whose twin brother died in the crash, a sergeant who suffered terrible head wounds, and a beautiful member of the Women's Army Corps. Hurt, unarmed and afraid, they prayed for deliverance — from their wounds, from the elements, and from the spear-carrying, Dani tribesmen who roamed the mountains, men who were untouched by modernity. For seven weeks, the survivors experienced one remarkable adventure after another, until they were rescued in a truly incredible mission. Using a huge range of sources, including firsthand accounts from the survivors themselves, Mitchell Zuckoff exposes the enlightening and terrifying adventure of three individuals lost on unknown soil and the relationships they built not only with each other, but also with a lost civilization.

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Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.



weigh about 20-26 pounds, and first appeared on the scene in 2003. Sarah Lurie, author of "Kettlebells for Dummies" (613.713 LUR S), writes that a kettlebell is a simple piece of equipment that allows you to work most

Buffalo Tales: News from Forsan ISD

By ERIN STONE

Special to the Herald
FORSAN — The Forsan High School University Interscholastic League Math and Science team competed in San Antonio at the TMSCA state meet over spring break. Each student competed against other 2A students from across the state in their grade level. Forsan came back with the following awards:

- Calculator — Sydney Holdampf, third; Brady Gartman, seventh; Cole Long, eighth.
- Mathematics — Sydney Holdampf, sixth; Brady Gartman, sixth; Cole Long, seventh
- Number Sense — Sydney Holdampf, third; Kyle Stevenson, eighth; Brady Gartman, fifth; Trevin Cherry, ninth.
- Science — Cole Long, third; Brady Gartman, fourth; Sloan Miller, first.

All students are given points for their individual places and compete in what is called the "top gun" award. The students with the highest overall points for all events are given the top gun award. Sydney Holdampf ranked fourth among all 2A seniors, Brady Gartman ranked third among all 2A juniors and Cole Long sixth among all 2A juniors in the top gun rankings. The team also placed

third in sweepstakes competition. One-Act Play Advanced to District The Forsan High School One-Act Play competed in University Interscholastic League zone competition March 22, at Stanton High School. Forsan performed "Tevya and His Daughters" by Arnold Perl and advanced to the district competition, which will be held

at Post High School April 5. The following cast members received awards:

- Cole Long — Best Actor.
- Brady Gartman and Treagan Kendrick — All-Star Cast.
- Alex Park and Zachary Long — Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.
- Kelia Smoot — Outstanding Technical Award.

Other cast members

are Autumn Alton, Elizabeth Rhodes, Hannah Thompson, Hope Cimino, Chandler Freeman, Tanner Ballard and Taybor Flores. Crew and alternate members are C.J. Ballard, Travis Ballard, Elena Flores, Amber Posey, Sassy Farmer, Yanci Yeater and Darby Depauw. The play is directed by Jim Rhodes and Misty Hoelscher.

Bluegrass pioneer Earl Scruggs dies at age 88

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — It may be impossible to overstate the importance of bluegrass legend Earl Scruggs to American music. A pio-

neering banjo player who helped create modern country music, his sound is instantly recognizable and as intrinsically wrapped in the tapestry of the genre as Johnny Cash's baritone or Hank Williams' heartbreak. Scruggs died Wednesday morning at age 88 of natural causes. The legacy he helped build with bandleader Bill Monroe, guitarist Lester Flatt and the rest of the Blue Grass Boys was evident all around Nashville, where he died in an area hospital. His string-bending,

mind-blowing way of picking helped transform a regional sound into a national passion. "It's not just bluegrass, it's American music," bluegrass fan turned country star Dierks Bentley said. "There's 17- or 18-year-old kids turning on today's country music and hearing that banjo and they have no idea where that came from. That sound has probably always been there for them and they don't realize someone invented that three-finger roll style of playing. You hear it everywhere."

Country music has transcended its regional roots, become a billion-dollar music and tourist enterprise, and evolved far beyond the classic sound Monroe and The Blue Grass Boys blasted out over the radio on The Grand Ole Opry on Dec. 8, 1945. Though he would eventually influence American culture in wide-ranging ways, Scruggs had no way of

knowing this as he nervously prepared for his first show with Monroe. The 21-year-old wasn't sure how his new picking style would go over. "I'd heard The Grand Ole Opry and there was tremendous excitement for me just to be on The Grand Ole Opry," Scruggs recalled during a 2010 interview at Ryman Auditorium, where that "big bang"

moment occurred. "I just didn't know if or how well I'd be accepted because there'd never been anybody to play banjo like me here. There was Stringbean and Grandpa Jones. Most of them were comedians." There was nothing jokey about the way Scruggs attacked his

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ANSWERS

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High court arguments suggest justices could produce partisan split familiar in health debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The survival of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul rests with a Supreme Court seemingly split over ideology and, more particularly, in the hands of two Republican-appointed justices.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Anthony Kennedy put tough questions to administration lawyers defending the health care law during three days of arguments that suggested they have strong reservations about the individual insurance requirement at the heart of the overhaul and, indeed, whether the rest of the massive law can survive if that linchpin fails.

But Roberts and Kennedy also asked enough pointed questions of the law's challengers to give the overhaul's supporters some hope. In any event, justices' questions at arguments do not always foretell their positions.

The court's decision, due in June, will affect the way virtually every American receives and pays for health care and surely will reverberate in this year's campaigns for president and Congress. The political effects could be even larger if the court votes 5-4 with all its Republican-appointed justices prevailing over all the Democratic appointees to strike down the entire law, or several important parts of it.

GOP set to muscle election-year budget through House, rejects rival Obama, bipartisan plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are ready to ram through the House an election-year, \$3.5 trillion budget that showcases their deficit-cutting plan for revamping Medicare and slicing every-

thing from food stamps to transportation while rejecting President Barack Obama's call to raise taxes on the rich.

The blueprint by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., was headed for all but certain House passage Thursday, mostly along party lines. It faces a demise that is just as sure in the Democratic-run Senate, which plans to ignore it, but the battle remains significant because of the clarity with which it contrasts the two parties' budgetary visions for voters.

Republicans were focused on sharper deficit reduction and starkly less government than Democrats wanted and were proposing to lower income tax rates while erasing many unspecified tax breaks. Obama and Democrats were ready to boost taxes on families making above \$250,000 and on oil and gas companies, add spending for roads and schools and cull more modest savings from domestic programs.

"They're choosing the next election over the next generation," Ryan said, deriding Democrats' plans as far too timid. He added, "If we don't tackle these fiscal problems soon, they're going to tackle us as a country."

Democrats said they, too, were eager to stanch deficits that now exceed \$1 trillion annually. But they said it needed to be done in a more balanced way, with rich and poor alike sharing the load.

'Things just don't matter': Friends, fellow pilots baffled by JetBlue captain's unraveling

RICHMOND HILL, Ga. (AP) — No one recalls JetBlue Airways captain Clayton Osbon coming unhinged before. Not the airline that let him fly for 12 years, the neighbors in his secluded waterfront community or the friends he tried selling weight-loss shakes to on the side.

Now federal prosecutors have charged Osbon following his bizarre unraveling aboard Flight 191 to Las Vegas, describing in court records a midair breakdown they say began with cockpit ramblings about religion and ended with passengers wrestling him to the cabin floor.

Witness accounts of Osbon telling his co-pilot "things just don't matter" and sprinting down the center aisle — yelling jumbled remarks about Sept. 11 and Iran — baffled longtime friends and fellow pilots who said they couldn't remember previous health or mental problems.

Osbon, 49, was instead described as an affable aviator who took his private plane for joyrides in his spare time, shied from talking politics and hosted Super Bowl parties. His father was also a pilot who died in a 1995 plane crash while on a sunken treasure hunt, according to a Wisconsin newspaper in the town where his family lived.

"I can't say whether it's shock or disbelief," said Justin Ates, a corporate jet pilot and friend who

also lives in Richmond Hill. "It's hard to describe what you feel when you see something that's completely 100 percent out of character."

2 Syrian colonels gunned down in attack on government stronghold as Arab leaders mull crisis

BEIRUT (AP) — Gunmen struck Thursday in the heart of Syria's largest city and a stronghold of support for President Bashar Assad, killing two army colonels at a downtown roundabout in an attack that state media blamed on terrorists.

Separately, in the central province of Hama, rebels attacked an army truck and killed two soldiers, activists said. Fresh clashes also broke out between government troops and army defectors in the country's north and south, they said.

The violence came as Arab leaders meeting at a Baghdad summit struggled with deep divisions about how to address Syria's crisis. The leaders are expected to pass a resolution calling for a cease-fire and an immediate, daily two-hour stop to fighting across Syria to permit aid to suffering civilians.

Such a resolution would fall short of previous calls by the body that Assad give up power, but would back efforts by U.N.-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan to broker a political solution.


Syria's state news agency said four gunmen belonging to an "armed terrorist group" opened fire on the two colonels in the Bab al-Hadid roundabout in the center of Aleppo, the country's largest city. The high-ranking officers, identified as Abdel-Karim al-Rai and Fuad Shaban, were on their way to work.

Not facing primaries, Obama uses savings to outspend GOP

CHICAGO (AP) — With Republicans locked in a contentious and expensive primary, President Barack Obama has spent a small fortune in recent months to build and maintain a campaign operation that is larger, more diverse and more focused on November's general election than any of his opponents' organizations.

Republican contenders like Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum have surely been watching their expenses during their primary elections: millions here for ad spending, millions there for travel, rallies and consulting fees. What's left keeps the lights on, the phones ringing and the staff paid.

But Obama, who faces no serious challenger for the Democratic nomination, has sunk his cash into an expansive brick-and-mortar operation with offices in nearly every state. His campaign has spent more than \$135 million on operations through February, according to an Associated Press analysis of Federal Election Commission records. That's about \$3 million more than all his GOP challengers combined.



By Steve Becker

A Crucial Play

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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♣ Q 6

EAST
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♦ A 8
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SOUTH
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♥ A Q 5
♦ 9 7 2
♣ A J 9 3

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

Opening lead — five of spades.

Assume you're in three notrump and West leads a spade. It seems natural to play low from dummy and win East's jack with the queen, but if you do this, you go down one.

East wins your first diamond lead with the ace and returns a spade, and West's spades become established whether you take the ace on this trick or the next one. Your cause is then hopeless, since you cannot make nine tricks without establishing dummy's diamonds, and West still

has a diamond entry that allows him to cash his spades.

However, you can make the contract by letting East's jack hold the first trick! Once you do this, the defense disintegrates. When East returns a spade, you still have the suit doubly stopped, and when you next play a diamond, it does not matter which defender wins the trick. If West takes the diamond and returns a spade, you concede another diamond to East's ace to acquire nine tricks.

If East wins the first diamond lead, he can do no better than return a club, since he has no more spades. If he does that, however, you rise with the ace and lead another diamond, ensuring the contract beyond the shadow of a doubt.

It is true that ducking the spade at trick one would defeat you if it turned out that West had the A-K of diamonds as well as five spades. But this possibility is distinctly against the odds, which strongly favor East having either one or both missing diamond honors.

It's not as abnormal as it might seem to let East's jack hold the opening trick. It is virtually certain that West has the king when East does not play that card at trick one, so it isn't necessary to win the first spade in order to assure two tricks in the suit.

Tomorrow: Test your defensive play.
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"fancy five-string banjo," as Opry announcer George D. Hayes called it. In a performance broadcast to much of the country but unfortunately lost to history, he scorched the earth and instantly changed country music. With Monroe on mandolin and Flatt on guitar, the pace was a real jolt to attendees and radio listeners far away, and in some ways

the speed and volume he laid down predicted the power of electric music.

Tut Taylor, a friend of the Scruggs family who heard that first performance on the radio in his Georgia home, called it an unbelievably raucous moment "a lot like some of the rock 'n' roll things they had, you know. But this was a new sound. It was a pretty sound and a welcome sound."

Scruggs' use of three fingers — in place of the limited clawhammer style once prevalent — elevated the banjo from a part of the rhythm section — or even a comedian's prop — to a lead instrument that was as

versatile as the guitar and far more flashy.

Country great Porter Wagoner probably summed up Scruggs' importance best of all: "I always felt like Earl was to the five-string banjo what Babe Ruth was to baseball. He is the best there ever was, and the best there ever will be."

His string-bending and lead runs became known worldwide as "the Scruggs picking style" and the versatility it allowed has helped popularize the banjo beyond the traditional bluegrass and country forms. Today the banjo can be found in almost any genre, largely due

to the way he freed its players to experiment and find new space.

That was exactly what Ralph Stanley had in mind when he first heard Scruggs lay it down. A legendary banjo player in his own right, Stanley said in an interview last year that he was inspired by Scruggs when he first heard him over the radio after returning home from military service in Germany.

"I wasn't doing any playing," Stanley said. "When I got discharged I began listening to Bill and Earl was with him. I already had a banjo at that time, but of course I wanted to do the three-finger roll. I knew Earl was the best, but I didn't want to sound like him. I wanted to do that style, but I wanted to sound the way I felt and that's what I tried to do."

Dave Rawlings, a Nashville singer-songwriter and producer, says Scruggs remains every bit as influential and fresh seven decades later. He said it's impossible to imagine nearly every guitar player mimicking Jimi Hendrix, but with Scruggs and the banjo, that's the reality.

"The breadth and clarity of the instrument was increased so much," he said. "He invented a style that now probably 75 percent of the people that play the banjo in the world play Scruggs-style banjo. And that's a staggering thing to do, to play an instrument and change what everyone is doing."




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Herald file photo

Big Spring's Jarred DoPorto fields a grounder during a game earlier this season. The Steers lost to Wylie on Wednesday 9-7 on the road. The Steers will face Andrews Friday at Steer Park at 7 p.m.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Rodeo

- Western Texas College Rodeo, Snyder, (Through Saturday).

Track

- Forsan at Colorado City, TBA.

Golf

- Big Spring Boys at Snyder Invitational, TBA.

FRIDAY

Baseball

- Andrews at Big Spring, Steer Park, 7 p.m.
- Clarendon College at Howard College (DH), noon.
- Forsan at Colorado City, 7 p.m.

Softball

- Howard College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- Post at Coahoma, TBA.
- Forsan at Colorado City, 5:30 p.m.

Tennis

- Big Spring at Abilene Eagle Invitational Tournament, TBA.
- Forsan at Greenwood

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Rangers down Kansas City

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Derek Holland thought he pitched pretty well, even though his line didn't look so good.

Holland yielded two-run homers by Lorenzo Cain and Billy Butler, but the Texas Rangers rallied for a 7-6 victory over the Kansas City Royals in 10 innings on Wednesday night.

"Just a couple of pitches got away from me," Holland said. "I'm still working on some things. At the same time, you've got to tip your hat to Billy Butler. He crushed the ball like 800 feet.

"I thought I had command of all my off-speed pitches and that's the main thing. I've been throwing my sinker a lot this whole spring, just trying to make sure I get the feel for it both inside and outside. That was the pitch Butler got, wrong situation. That's what he's here for. They get paid for that."

Rangers right fielder Nelson Cruz left with a bruised right hand after he was hit by a pitch from Luke Hochevar in the third inning. The 2011 ALCS MVP is day to day.

Cruz hit 29 homers last year but was sidelined for 29 games because of a strained left hamstring and strained right quadriceps muscle.

Cain went deep with two out in the first. Butler connected in the third.

Holland allowed six runs and nine hits in five innings. He struck out three and walked two.

Hochevar got off to a strong start, striking out the side in the first and retiring his first five batters overall. He allowed four runs and eight hits in five innings.

"I think early on, obviously, I'm going to go out and try to establish my fastball," Hochevar said.

"I think I stayed with it a little too long before I started mixing. When they start sitting on one speed, I got hit around there just because they were looking one speed. That's all I was giving them.

"Once I started mixing it and starting throwing my curveball and changeup and keeping them off balance I felt like I settled in. I got into some better pitching counts."

Coahoma High School Golf Invitational Boys Results

Boys Team Standings

- 1) Idalou: 332 (Won Playoff)
- 2) Kermit: 332
- 3) Kermit: 336
- 4) Stanton #1: 350
- 5) Denver City: 359
- 6) Forsan: 362
- 7) Coahoma #1: 373
- 8) Garden City: 374
- 9) Lubbock Roosevelt: 387
- 10) Stanton #2: 387
- 11) Crane: 404
- 12) Coahoma #2: 414
- 12) Grady: 418

Boys Medalist Standings

Tyler Hammond, Colorado City: 74
Derek Means, Crane: 76
Wade Fullingim, Idalou: 77
Nathan Ornelas, Kermit: 77

Grady

Joseph Briseno: 81
Sam Warren: 113
E.J. Rodriguez: 110
Jacob Beaty: 114
Andrew Cornett: 139

Forsan

Mikael Pappajohn: 81
Covan Davidson: 91
John Breyman: 94
Dalton Ogle: 97
Cody Moore: 96

Stanton No. 2

Seth Gonzales: 104
Kyle Inman: 88
Nathan Swiger: 98
Nathan Garlington: 120
Nicolas Nevares: 97

Colorado City

Tyler Hammond: 74
Arden Alvarez: 86
Will McKinney: 86
Bailey Spencer: 86
Kody Wood: 105

Coahoma No. 1

Namen McCullough: 93
Alex Hill: 98
Kaleb McAdams: 98
T.J. White: 94
Morgan Luce: 88

Coahoma No. 2

Colton VerSteege: 88
Tanner Ruiz: 102
Zack King: 109
Dustin Fontana: 115
Aaron Acevedo: 116

Garden City

Austin Hoelscher: 80
Corbin Davis: 84
Cody Halfman: 107

Stanton No. 1

Levi Bryand: 85
Taylor Spinks: 92
K.J. Glaspie: 96

Individual Medalists

Aaron Rivera, Colorado City: 106
Corbin Lewis, Colorado City: 107
Tylor Lorenz, Colorado City: 101
Cory Williams, Slaton: 83
Harrison Schafer, Slaton: 97
Jack Franklin, O'Donnell: 136
Jerrod Jaquess, O'Donnell: 131
Josh Quaid, Stanton: 125
John Roblez, Stanton: 124
Conner Steel, Forsan: 115

Spurs win 6th in a row

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Manu Ginobili talked about wanting to find his rhythm after helping the San Antonio Spurs win yet another road game.

However, Ginobili certainly resembled the slashing, high-scorer that he has been throughout his nine seasons with San Antonio.

Coming off the bench, he scored 20 points in 25 minutes and the Spurs beat the Sacramento Kings 117-112 on Wednesday night for their sixth straight victory.

Ginobili hit some key baskets in the fourth quarter when the deep and talented Spurs pulled away for their ninth victory in 10 games.

Ginobili has been playing well of late, but said he's still trying to fine-tune his game during a season where several injuries forced him to miss 29 games.

"I'm still trying to get in a rhythm," said Ginobili, who hit three 3-pointers and was 8 of 12 overall.

"I'm getting there, it's been much better the past 10 days. I'm not at my best, but I'm letting it come to me. I'm trying to be more of a creator than a finisher."

Spurs center Tim Duncan said the team is the deepest in his 14 seasons with the Spurs. That was evident against the Kings, whose backups were outscored 55-20 by the San Antonio reserves.

Rookie Kawhi Leonard was the only San Antonio player to go over 30 minutes, which was an important because coach Gregg Popovich's team was playing its fifth game in six nights. And the Spurs won all five games.

"Pop doesn't allow us to look for excuses," Duncan said. "He's doing a good job of keeping everyone fresh. He takes a lot of those excuses

away."

The Spurs continue to thrive on the road. Since starting the season losing eight of 10, the Spurs have been difficult to beat away from home. The victory was their 13th in 15 games and their seventh consecutive victory overall in Sacramento. San Antonio has defeated the Kings in 13 of 14 games.

Leonard had 19 points, Duncan added 18 points and eight rebounds, Gary Neal scored 13 points, and Tony Parker had 10 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds.

The Spurs shot 54 percent overall, but were especially effective in the final two quarters when they shot 66 percent and scored 64 points.

"They play like a championship team. They play together and they look like they love playing together," Kings rookie point guard Isaiah Thomas said.

"That's a team we need to look up to because they are very solid in every area."

Thomas scored a career-high 28 points and had 10 assists for Sacramento. DeMarcus Cousins had 25 points and 11 rebounds, Marcus Thornton added 18 points, and Jason Thompson had 15. The Kings have lost four straight.

"You have to play perfect against this team," Kings coach Keith Smart said. "You need a perfect effort from pretty much all of our guys who played tonight."

Ginobili, who had his fifth 20-plus game this season, hit a 3-pointer and came back quickly with a three-point play to put the Spurs in front 113-103 with 37 seconds left to play.

Sharing the ball and running their offense precisely, the Spurs managed to maintain the lead throughout the fourth quarter.

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- 2)Idalou: 384
- 3)Garden City: 401
- 4)Denver City: 413
- 5)Stanton: 442
- 6)Roosevelt: 468
- 7)Grady: 473

Girls Medalist Standings

Brittini Cook, Garden City: 77
Lindsay Nutt, Kermit: 81
Kyla Stanton, Idalou: 83

Individual Medalists

Hannah Minchew, Forsan: 128
Kelsey Copeland, Slaton: 95
Victoria Arguello, Slaton: 117
Race Terry, Slaton: 120
Amber Peterson, Stanton: 123
Skyler Church, Stanton: 109
Lindsay Ayers, Kermit: 105
Kaitlin Baker, Kermit: 107

Sarah Harrelson, Crane: 112

Grady

Cayley Oppeward: 105
Charmynee Arnold: 114
Ariel Arnold: 122
Laura Lopez: 132
Tori Pearson: 133

Garden City

Brittini Cook: 77
Ashley Halfman: 89
Katy Multer: 113
Sara Avery: 122
Holly Halfman: 122

Stanton

Lynette Quiroga: 110
Jacey Luxton: 123
Eva Klassen: 94
Kara Stevenson: 122
Madison Graves: 116

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals addressed to Virginia L. Taylor, Manager of Administrative Service of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 400 East 24th Street, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 3:00 PM for the furnishing of the following items:
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John W. Grant,
General Manager
#7317 March 29, 2012 and April 5 and 12, 2012

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I hope you like yourself a great deal, because you'll need to get on your own team now. There seems to be no end to the number of tricky, sticky situations to be navigated. So walk out into the cosmic complications of the day after a unifying chat in the mirror — but not with the image of your body but with the soul behind your eyes.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll get to choose your leader, which puts you among a small minority of humans in the history of humanity. You'll be drawn toward those with the ability to unite people in a sense of profound purpose.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll cotton to what's important. This skill alone will put you in a category above the crowd. You don't even have to tell anyone what you're doing, because who you are is apparent.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a dreamy quality to the day, but even when you wish things were different, you realize the power you have. When you decide to put your hands on the controls of life, the drive begins.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are trying to do too much on your own. Additionally, you hardly know where you're going. Is it so difficult to ask for a map or a road sign, cosmically speaking?
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No explanation or excuse will be necessary, so don't offer one. You're a fun-loving person, which boils down to precisely this: The "why" question is almost always followed by a "why not?"
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Moving along life's path, you will stub your toe. It's inevitable. When it happens (maybe today, maybe tomorrow), just praise yourself for moving as opposed to trying to stand still.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The windows and doors of knowledge are wide open, inviting you to learn all you can. Try new things. Repeat your

experiment until you feel you've learned something of value.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Social influences are strong, but they cannot trump your sense of morality, poetry and innate justice. Don't concentrate so intently on your vision that you lose sight.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The past got you where you are now. That doesn't mean you have to be in love with what happened, but you can at least come to terms with it. Doing so paves the way.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone who is younger than you will be telling stories about you in the decades to come. This makes for some interesting choices on your end. What do you want to be known for?
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Usually, you wouldn't think twice about what the neighbors, or anyone else, think of you. But lately you've started to notice how your reputation affects your options, and you'll curb your behavior accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's nothing about love that will make sense to you today, and it absolutely shouldn't make sense. If it did, you wouldn't be moved to express yourself in such a creative manner.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 29). For the next 10 weeks, you'll focus on intellectual growth. In June, you'll put your time and sweat into achieving states of personal beauty and relationship harmony. Learning and applying your knowledge to improve your finances will be a favorite concentration. A family celebration in July will bring a lucky connection. Libra and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 2, 20, 14 and 8.

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'm in my mid-20s, and my sister is a junior in high school. "Tina" has always looked up to me as the "cool brother," and we've become buddies. I tell her my issues at work and my troubles with women, and she tells me far more than she does the rest of our family. We've grown to trust each other.

Last week when the mail arrived, my mother noticed that Tina had received an envelope from the county prison. Inside was a six-page soft-porn letter from a convicted felon who used to date one of Tina's friends. Mom also discovered that Tina had been accepting long-distance charges on her cell phone from the prison. My parents contacted the authorities, and the man won't write or call her again. They've also grounded Tina for a month.

I'm not that hurt by her lies of omission. She's just a kid, and I did some fairly stupid things at her age. But now I don't feel like telling her anything. I'm still nice to her, and we get along like we used to, but I've not told her

about a few things that have happened in my life recently. Is this an OK way to handle it? — *Need Help in Wisconsin*

Dear Wisconsin: Tina's behavior was terribly reckless. And we think you are more than a little upset that she didn't confide any of this to you and give her big brother the chance to protect her. You don't have to tell Tina everything. There are things she may be too young to appreciate. But please try to cultivate the closeness you had before, and let her know you wish she had told you about her correspondence with the inmate. You are in an excellent position to be a positive influence in her life.

Dear Annie: My stepson, "Joe," and his wife have cut off all communication with my husband and me, and we have no idea why. They have two small children of whom we are very fond. We have not seen them in more than a year.

It's possible Joe is punishing his father for

some imagined slight, but we have no clue what it could be. We have always been kind, loving and generous to them and continue to send them cards on special occasions.

My husband says to let it go. Should we stop trying? There is no one to act as a go-between. They live about five hours away and continue to visit Joe's mother and her parents. We miss them very much. — *Brokenhearted*

Dear Brokenhearted: You do have a go-between: Joe's ex-wife and her parents. Could you call them and find out what's going on? Explain how much you miss Joe and his family, and ask what you can do to fix this. It would be a shame to give up without trying every avenue available to you.

Dear Annie: "Upstate N.Y. Dad" said that the babysitter took his children on an unauthorized drive to the ice cream store. I agree that she was extremely irresponsible, but your response that the girl

"showed terrible judgment, but that is not unusual for a 17-year-old" was a slap in the face for teenagers like me.

Many teenagers do wonderful, responsible things in their community. I organize a program in which musicians from my school go to various retirement centers and play for the elderly. I tutor every Wednesday. I bring home straight A's and do not drink, party or smoke.

That girl wasn't irresponsible because she was 17. She's irresponsible because she was raised by a parent who has no dignity or honesty. — *A Disappointed 15-Year-Old Girl*

Dear Disappointed: Brava. We did not mean to give the impression that all teenagers are irresponsible — only that the maturity to properly judge a situation takes time to develop. Obviously, you are already there. Thanks for sticking up for your peers.

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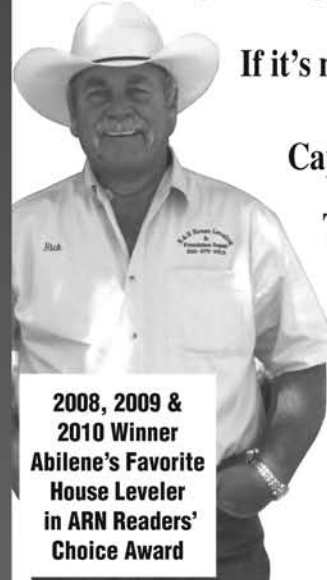
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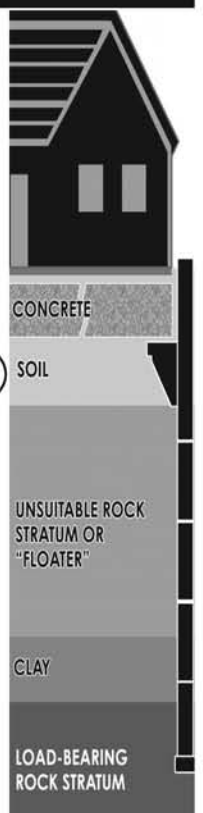
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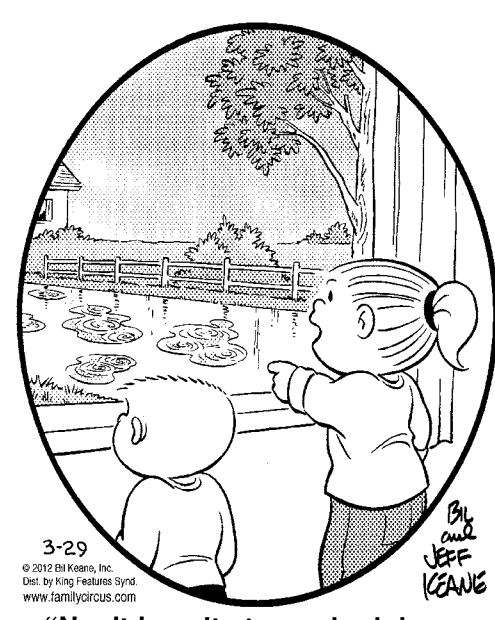
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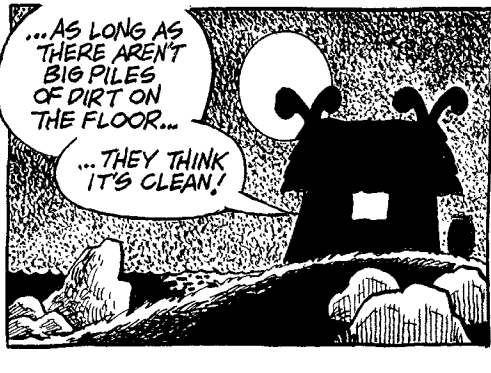
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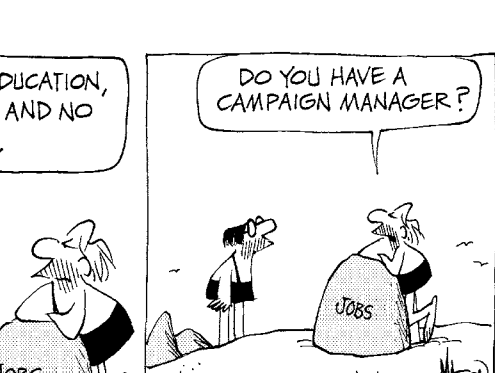


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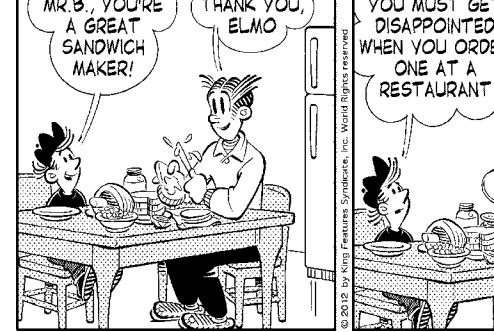


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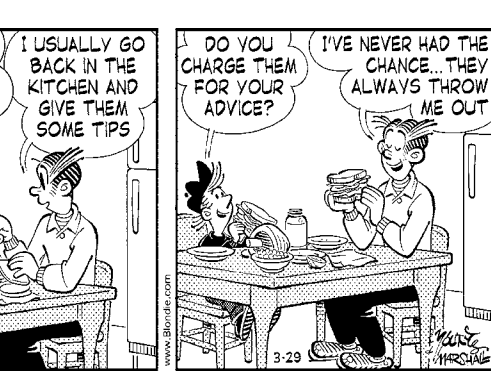


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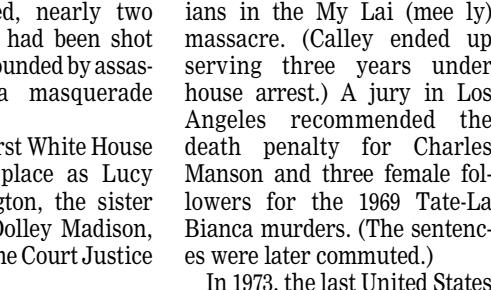


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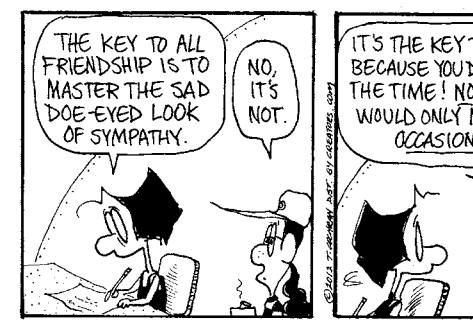


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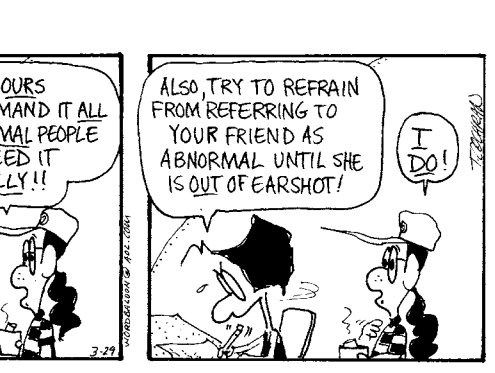


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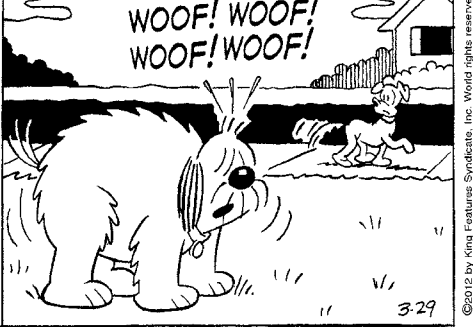


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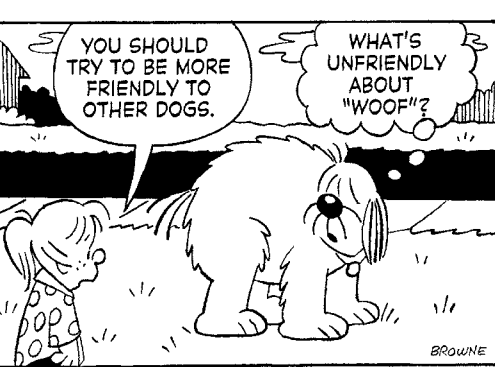


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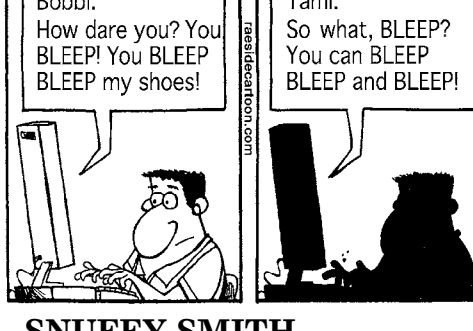


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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 29, the 89th day of 2012. There are 277 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 29, 1912, British explorer Robert Falcon Scott, his expedition stranded in an Antarctic blizzard after failing to be the first to reach the South Pole, wrote in his journal, "We shall stick it out to the end but we are getting weaker of course and the end cannot be far. It seems a pity but I do not think I can write more." Scott concluded with: "Last entry. For Gods sake look after our people." (Scott is presumed to have died shortly thereafter; his four companions also perished.)

On this date:

In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1790, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1792, Sweden's King Gustav III died, nearly two weeks after he had been shot and mortally wounded by assassins during a masquerade party.

In 1812, the first White House wedding took place as Lucy Payne Washington, the sister of First Lady Dolley Madison, married Supreme Court Justice Thomas Todd.

In 1871, the Royal Albert Hall in London was opened by Queen Victoria.

In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was chartered in Connecticut.

In 1943, World War II rationing of meat, fats and cheese began.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.) The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I" opened on Broadway.

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time, although the network aired a repeat the following night. (Johnny Carson debuted as host in Oct. 1962.)

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai (mee lay) massacre. (Calley ended up serving three years under house arrest.) A jury in Los Angeles recommended the death penalty for Charles Manson and three female followers for the 1969 Tate-La Bianca murders. (The sentences were later commuted.)

In 1973, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

Today's Birthdays: Political commentator John McLaughlin is 85. Author Judith Guest is 76. Former British Prime Minister Sir John Major is 69. Comedian Eric Idle is 69. Composer Vangelis is 69.

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 - Masculine to the 56 Down
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 - Go viral, old-style
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Nike, Reebok feud over Tebow New York apparel

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

NEW YORK (AP) — Nike went to court Wednesday to prove that Reebok is no shoo-in to promote New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow on apparel.

Nike Inc. claimed in a lawsuit in U.S. District Court that Reebok International Ltd. has used Tebow's name on Jets-related apparel without permission since it was announced last week that Tebow was traded from the Denver Broncos to New York. The Tebow trade occurred just before Nike replaces Reebok on Sunday as the supplier of NFL team uniforms.

Oregon-based Nike spokeswoman Mary Remuzzi said early Thursday that a temporary restraining order blocking further sales of the merchandise by Reebok was issued on Wednesday.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, claims that Reebok misappropriated publicity rights, interfered with business relationships and unjustly enriched itself because it failed to get Tebow's permission before launching the new products.

Reebok, based in Canton, Mass., did not immediately respond to a request seeking comment on the restraining

order. The lawsuit said Reebok did not respond to demands to cease Tebow apparel sales after a Tebow representative sent a letter to the company on Friday.

Reebok is a subsidiary of Adidas AG.

According to the lawsuit, new Nike-supplied uniforms for all 32 NFL teams will be unveiled next week in New York City, kicking off a five-year deal for Nike to be the league's exclusive provider of on-field apparel, including game uniforms and sideline apparel. Reebok had been the supplier for the last decade.

The lawsuit said demands for Tebow-related Jets apparel was intense last week during a normally subdued time for NFL merchandise sales.

It said Nike, based in Beaverton, Ore., believes Reebok was shipping large volumes of Tebow-related apparel products to retailers for sale to the public this week, damaging Nike's ability to capitalize on a "unique and short-lived opportunity."

The lawsuit added that it was unlikely that a consumer who buys an unauthorized Tebow jersey or T-shirt from Reebok this week will purchase an authorized Tebow item from Nike next week.

Woods' Masters' chances may come down to putting

NEW YORK (AP) — Tiger Woods' former swing coach thinks the 14-time major winner's chances at the Masters next week depend on his putter.

Once a coach, always a coach for Hank Haney — even after writing a detailed book about his most famous student.

"I don't think you can predict how someone is going to putt," Haney said Wednesday while signing copies of his book, "The Big Miss: My Years Coaching Tiger Woods," at a midtown Manhattan golf store a day after its release. "Tiger hasn't putted well enough at Augusta in some time, since 2005. If he putts well — it really gets down to eliminating three putts. If he does that I would be very surprised if he doesn't have a chance to win. I'd be shocked if he doesn't have a chance to win."

Haney pointed to a recent change in Woods' putting stroke, a switch back to an older style, as reason for his improved performance on the greens that helped him to victory at Bay Hill last week.

And Haney is in position to know. He worked with Woods from 2004-10, when the then-No. 1 player in the world won six majors but resigned

not long after Woods returned to the PGA Tour from a sex scandal that ended his marriage and sent his life into turmoil.

"The Big Miss" generated a lot of buzz in the months leading up to its release because of excerpts that focused in part on Woods' obsession with the Navy SEALs and his relationship with wife Elin Nordegren, but it's a more complicated look at a self-centered superstar athlete.

"Read the book in context I think it's an overly positive book about Tiger," Haney said. "I couldn't have only positive things in the book because then it wouldn't be an honest book."

Haney said Woods told him that they "should remain good friends" when they parted not long after the 2010 Masters, but they have not spoken since then. Haney hasn't reached out to Woods, either: "Why would I?" he said.

Still, Haney watches Woods carefully enough to be able to rattle off his rankings in different statistical categories.

Haney is confident that the timing of the books release will have no affect on Woods as he heads to the Masters, which is April 5-8.



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