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PRESIDENT'S DAY



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President's Day is generally celebrated to honor all former and current U.S. presidents. Originally, Americans celebrated George Washington's birthday on Feb. 11 (Julian calendar) or Feb. 22 (Georgian calendar). Later, many wanted to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday on Feb. 12. Eventually, like minds came together and the third Monday of February was set aside for President's Day.

Gas prices vault 14.4 cents

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 14.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.54/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has increased 11.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.68/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas price

es in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 8.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 39.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 42.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 16.7 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The steady climb of retail gasoline prices is likely to continue following double-digit increases in wholesale prices with fuel produc-

tion tightening in the majority of the country's refineries," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Gregg Laskoski.

"Los Angeles has climbed to \$4.28 per gallon with a 55-cent average price increase in the past month, and that rate was surpassed in Chicago (\$4.09 average price) and Detroit (\$3.86 per gallon average), where motorists saw 63- and 64-cent respective increases over the same period. New York crossed the \$4 threshold too."

FISD bond proposal upcoming

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — School officials here have just about everything set for a bond election except for a final price tag.

Forsan independent School District officials are expected to call for a May bond election when they hold a special meeting Monday, Feb. 25, and will be likely be very busy during the next few days finalizing the proposal.

There are items that will definitely be in the bond package, such as a new campus to replace Elbow Elementary, electrical and plumbing upgrades at the junior high/high school and expansion work at



Johnson

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Austin bag ban campaign begins

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The drive to stamp out plastic bags continues.

Consumers in Central Texas have the chance to learn more about Austin's ban on retail single-use bags that starts March 1.

An \$850,000 print, radio and television marketing campaign began today to inform the public about the upcoming ban on certain thin paper and plastic bags. The ads are sponsored by the city's trash and recycling department and paid for with trash-related fees.

The Austin American-Statesman reported retailers will be allowed to offer thicker plastic and paper bags with handles, which the city considers reusable. Retailers will

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COOKIE CLASSICS

From left, local GSA Troop 281 members Mia Burch, Michelle Johnson, Destiny Hallford, Reagan Thomas and Hunny Hallford were at Taco Villa Sunday selling Girl Scout cookies. The annual cookie drive, which finances Girl Scout activities throughout the area, continues through March 3.

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Which President Wore A Hearing Aid?

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Obituaries

Gary W. Lawson



Gary W. Lawson 55, of Hobbs, N.M., passed away Feb. 14, 2013, in Hobbs. Gary was born July 12, 1957, in Colorado City, Texas, to Laddie C. and Dorothy J. Goodin Lawson.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2013, in the Griffin Funeral Home Chapel.

Gary married Cindy Smith on June 25, 1977, in Big Spring, Texas, and they came to Hobbs in March of 1987. Gary was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed hunting, fishing and going camping with family and friends. Gary worked for more than 30 years as a salesman in the oilfield industry.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Lawson of the home; two sons, Justin Lawson (Ashley) of Austin, Texas, and Jacob Lawson of LaVernia, Texas; one daughter, Megan Lawson Black of McQueeney, Texas; two grandchildren, Bryton Black and Burklee Lawson; one brother, Doyle Lawson (Brenda) of Big Spring, Texas; and one sister, Debra Russell of Sherman, Texas.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents.

Paid obituary

Dudley Jenkins

Dudley Jenkins, 88, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police blotter

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

- CHARLIE RAY CARROLL, 43, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN FLORES JR., 48, of 701 S. Lancaster, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- RONALD STANLEY HASELBY, 62, of Carlsbad, N.M., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROGER LEE HOLMES, 64, of 3300 Ave. Y, was arrested Sunday on charges of interfering with an emergency phone call and assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

Take Note

• Wednesday's jury call for Howard County Court has been cancelled. Call 264-2202 for more information.

• An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2013 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 semester hours. Application deadline is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club's web site: www.westexags.com

• Healthy Woman is presenting a heart healthy affair "Be Aware of YOUR Heart" at noon Feb. 21 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Drs. Rudy and Chris Haddad will speak, along with a person story from Mitzi Knight. The event is free to the public, but reservations need to be made no later than Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. To reserve your spot, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721.

• Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

• Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliances. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

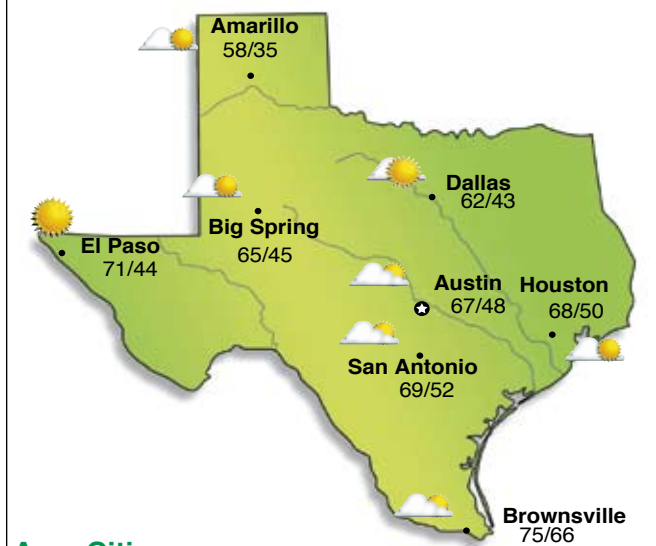
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 2/19	Wed 2/20	Thu 2/21
65/45 Mostly sunny early then becoming mostly cloudy later in the day. Slight chance of an afternoon shower.	63/42 Windy, slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	65/39 Windy with sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 6:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM

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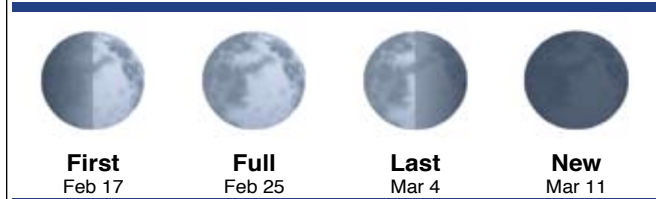
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	65	44	pt sunny	Kingsville	73	61	cloudy
Amarillo	58	35	pt sunny	Livingston	66	43	mst sunny
Austin	67	48	cloudy	Longview	62	43	mst sunny
Beaumont	65	45	pt sunny	Lubbock	59	37	mst sunny
Brownsville	75	66	cloudy	Lufkin	66	44	mst sunny
Brownwood	65	46	pt sunny	Midland	65	46	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	69	60	cloudy	Raymondville	76	64	cloudy
Corsicana	61	43	mst sunny	Rosenberg	68	50	pt sunny
Dallas	62	43	mst sunny	San Antonio	69	52	cloudy
Del Rio	69	52	cloudy	San Marcos	68	49	cloudy
El Paso	71	44	sunny	Sulphur Springs	59	43	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	67	46	rain	Sweetwater	64	45	pt sunny
Gainesville	57	39	mst sunny	Tyler	62	43	mst sunny
Greenville	59	40	mst sunny	Weatherford	60	41	mst sunny
Houston	68	50	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	60	40	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	55	31	rain	Minneapolis	7	-8	pt sunny
Boston	48	30	rain	New York	48	31	rain
Chicago	19	8	sn shower	Phoenix	67	47	mst sunny
Dallas	62	43	mst sunny	San Francisco	52	39	rain
Denver	44	22	pt sunny	Seattle	48	34	pt sunny
Houston	68	50	pt sunny	St. Louis	37	19	pt sunny
Los Angeles	57	41	rain	Washington, DC	52	32	rain
Miami	80	62	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 2/19	Wed 2/20	Thu 2/21
6	6	6
High	High	High

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

World briefs

Hugo Chavez returns home

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez says he has returned home to Venezuela after more than two months of medical treatment in Cuba following cancer surgery. Chavez says in a message on his Twitter account that he had arrived in Venezuela. He says “we will continue our treatment here.”

Country star Mindy McCready dies in apparent suicide

HEBER SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — Perhaps there was one heartbreak too many for Mindy McCready. The former country star appears to have taken her own life Sunday afternoon in Heber Springs, Ark. Authorities say McCready died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot to the head and an autopsy is planned. She was 37, the mother of two young sons.

If confirmed, it was at least her fourth suicide attempt since 2005, ending a series of tumultuous public events that marked much of the singer’s adult life.

Speaking to The Associated Press in 2010, McCready smiled wryly while talking about the string of issues she’d dealt with over the last half-decade. “It is a giant whirlwind of chaos all the time,” she said of her life. “I call my life a beautiful mess and organized chaos. It’s just always been like that. My entire life things have been attracted to me and vice versa that turn into chaotic nightmares or I create the chaos myself. I think that’s really the life of a celebrity, of a big, huge, giant personality.”

Zero tolerance or zero sense?

Kids’ suspensions over imaginary weapons renew debate

Waiting in line for the bus, a Pennsylvania kindergarten tells her pals she’s going to shoot them with a Hello Kitty toy that makes soap bubbles. In Maryland, two 6-year-old boys pretend their fingers are guns during a playground game of cops and robbers. In Massachusetts, a 5-year-old boy attending an after-school program makes a gun out of Legos and points it at other students while “simulating the sound of gunfire,” as one school official put it.

Kids with active imaginations? Or potential threats to school safety? Some school officials are taking the latter view, suspending or threatening to suspend small children over behavior their parents consider perfectly normal and age-appropriate — even now, with schools in a state of heightened sensitivity following the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in December.

The extent to which the Newtown, Conn., shooting might influence educators’ disciplinary decisions is unclear. But parents contend administrators are projecting adult fears onto children who know little about the massacre of 20 first-graders and six educators, and who certainly pose no threat to anyone.

“It’s horrible what they’re doing to these kids,” said Kelly Guarna, whose 5-year-old daughter, Madison, was suspended by Mount Carmel Area School District in eastern Pennsylvania last month for making a “terroristic threat” with the bubble gun. “They’re treating them as mini-adults, making them grow up too fast, and robbing them of their imaginations.”

FISD

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the bus barn. But other items, like road work around the new campus and security upgrades at the secondary building, may make the final cut as well.

Keeping all that in mind, it is understandable that FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson has been hesitant to give a final price tag to the proposal. When pressed, he said the price of construction and renovation could be anywhere between \$20 million and \$25 million.

“I don’t know how many hours we’ve spent going through these figures,” Johnson said. “We’ve had three differ-

ent construction options presented to us, and our trustees are working their way through those options to determine what needs to be on there or not on there.”

The items which will definitely be on the bond proposal are:

- A new elementary campus which will be constructed adjacent to the junior high/high school building in Forsan.
- Renovation of restroom areas at the junior high/high school.
- Expansion of the bus barn to handle vehicles currently at Elbow Elementary.

But Johnson said officials also are looking very closely at other items, including:

- Road work at the new campus to help ease the

Outrage over Indonesian divorce text to teen bride sparks small steps for women’s rights

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A judge being interviewed for a Supreme Court job jokes that women might enjoy rape. A local official takes a 17-year-old second wife, then quickly divorces her by text message.

Both cases reflect attitudes toward women’s rights and safety that have persisted for years in this Southeast Asian archipelago nation of 240 million people. The difference now: Both officials are at risk of losing their jobs.

Women in this social-media-obsessed country have been rallying, online and on the streets, against sexist comments and attacks on women. The response is seen as a small step for women’s rights in Indonesia, where the government is secular and most people practice a moderate form of Islam.

“We are living in a different era now,” said Hussein Muhammad of the National Commission on Violence Against Women. “... Now we have supporting laws and social media to bring severe consequences and social sanctions.”

Still, rights groups say the country remains far behind on many issues involving gender equality and violence. Rape cases often are not properly investigated, and victims are sometimes blamed.

Oscar movies are hits, too, for a change; spur popular debate

NEW YORK (AP) — How accurate is “Zero Dark Thirty”? Is “Lincoln” an epic of historical recreation or a high school history lesson? What did you think of “Django Unchained”? Can we get Anne Hathaway something to eat, already?

As a crop, this year’s nine best picture nominees has been one of the most talk-provoking, op-Ed-generating bunches in recent Oscar history. From “Argo” to “Life of Pi,” they’ve largely been popular at the box office, too.

This year, the question “Have you seen ...?” has been a frequent one, and often the reply has been positive. The movies have been debated, criticized, mulled over and tweeted. Above all, they’ve been relevant.

That hasn’t always been the case, particularly in years where most best-picture candidates — and this is no slight to their worthiness — have struggled to surpass \$100 million at the domestic box office. Last year, of the nine nominees, only “The Help” managed to pass that threshold. This year, five have (“Argo,” “Les Miserables,” “Lincoln,” “Django” and “Life of Pi”) and two more are very close (“Zero Dark Thirty” and “Silver Linings Playbook”).

Many of this year’s nominees have done particularly well overseas. Ang Lee’s “Life of Pi” has proved an international juggernaut, approaching \$600 million worldwide.

3 planes breach no-fly zone over Obama vacation

PALM CITY, Fla. (AP) — Federal Aviation Administration officials say they’re investigating three more apparent breaches of the no-fly zone above President Barack Obama’s vacation spot along Florida’s Atlantic coastline.

According to the FAA, a Lancair 320 allegedly entered the temporarily restricted airspace Saturday afternoon. The plane was flying from Boca Raton to DeLand.

On Sunday morning, FAA officials say a Cessna allegedly entered the restricted flight area. The plane landed at Okeechobee Airport.

A Robinson R44 helicopter allegedly entered the restricted zone Sunday afternoon. The FAA says the helicopter landed at Okeechobee Airport.

Two F-16 military jets escorted a small plane away from the no-fly zone over Palm City on Saturday morning. U.S. Army Lt. Col. Mike Humphreys said the planes forced the Cessna 152 to land in Witham Field in Stuart.

Long-missing WWII medals awarded

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Southern California woman who grew up knowing little of her father — a heroic casualty of World War II — is now the proud owner of his long-lost battle medals, including a Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Hyla Merin’s mother never spoke about the Army officer who died before she was born. The scraps of information she gathered from other relatives were hazy: 2nd Lt. Hyman Markel was a rabbi’s son, brilliant at mathematics, the brave winner of battlefield honors who died sometime in 1945.

Aside from wedding photos of Markel in uniform, Merin never glimpsed him.

About four months ago, the manager of a West Hollywood apartment building where Merin’s mother lived in the 1960s found a box containing papers and the Purple Heart while cleaning out some lockers in the laundry room, Merin said.

The manager contacted Purple Hearts Reunited, a nonprofit organization that returns lost or stolen medals to vets or their families.

A search led to Merin. On Sunday, she received the Purple Heart, along with a Silver Star she never knew her father had won and a half-dozen other medals.

Merin wiped away tears as the Silver Star was pinned to her lapel during a short ceremony attended by friends and family at her home in Westlake Village, a community straddling the Ventura and Los Angeles county lines. The other medals were presented on a plaque.

“It just confirms what a great man he was,” Merin said tearfully. “He gave up his life for our country and our freedom. I’ll put it up in my house as a memorial to him and to those who served.”

Merin’s mother, Celia, married Markel in 1941 when he already was in the military. They met at a Jewish temple in Buffalo, N.Y.

Markel was killed in the last days of World War II on May 3, 1945, in Italy’s Po Valley while fighting German troops as an officer with the 88th Division of the 351st Infantry Regiment, said Zachariah Fike, the Vermont Army National Guard captain who founded Purple Hearts Reunited.

“The accounts suggest that he was out on patrol and ot ambushed and he charged ahead and basically took out a machine gun position to save the rest of his guys,” said Fike.

BAGS

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decide whether to charge for those bags.

Ban exemptions include dry-cleaning bags, newspaper delivery bags, some types of take-out food bags and bags used for fish, meat, poultry, produce, bulk goods and pharmaceuticals.

sudoku

ANSWERS

8	3	1	6	7	2	9	5	4
7	9	4	8	3	5	2	1	6
6	2	5	4	9	1	8	3	7
9	7	2	1	6	4	5	8	3
4	6	3	9	5	8	7	2	1
5	1	8	7	2	3	4	6	9
2	5	9	3	4	6	1	7	8
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1	4	6	5	8	7	3	9	2

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traffic flow in the area.

- Communication system upgrades.

- More extensive renovation at the junior high/high school aimed at making the building more secure for students and staff.

- New junior high school science labs.

Johnson said trustees have had to do a balancing act of sorts, choosing between what the district needs and what it would like to have but could perhaps do without for now.

“It’s a tremendously difficult decision, deciding what items are ‘have-to,’ what is something

we’re going to need in a few years and what is basically a wish-list item,” Johnson said.

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Obama offering immigration plan as backup

PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House is downplaying its draft immigration proposal as merely a backup plan if lawmakers don't come up with an overhaul of their own. It won't be necessary, Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike are telling the Obama administration.

White House chief of staff Denis McDonough said Sunday that President Barack Obama wants to "be prepared" in case the small bipartisan group of senators fails to devise a plan for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States. In response, lawmakers assured the White House they are working on their own plan — and warned that Obama would be heading toward failure if the White House gets ahead of them.

"We will be prepared with our own plan if these ongoing talks between Republicans and Democrats up on Capitol Hill break down," McDonough said, adding he's optimistic they would not crumble.

But he was equally realistic about the fierce partisanship on Capitol Hill.

"Well, let's make sure that it doesn't have to be proposed," McDonough

said of the president's pitch, first reported on USA Today's website late Saturday.

Even so, the administration is moving forward on its own immigration agenda should one of Obama's top priorities get derailed.

The administration's proposal would create a visa for those in the country illegally and allow them to become legal permanent residents within eight years. The proposal also requires businesses to know the immigration status of their workers and adds more funding for border security.

It drew immediate criticism from Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., one of the eight lawmakers searching for a comprehensive plan.

"If actually proposed, the president's bill would be dead on arrival in Congress, leaving us with unsecured borders and a broken legal immigration system for years to come," said Rubio, who has been a leading GOP spokesman on immigration.

Many of the details in the administration's draft proposal follow the broad principles that Obama previously outlined. But the fact the administration is writing its own alternative signaled Obama wants to address immigration sooner rather than later



and perhaps was looking to nudge lawmakers to move more quickly.

The tactic could complicate the administration's work with Congress.

David Axelrod, who was a senior adviser to Obama's re-election campaign, acknowledged Monday that it likely was a mistake for news of the Obama immigration plan to be made public.

Appearing on MSNBC, Axelrod said in an interview from Chicago that "the mistake here was to disseminate it so widely within the administra-

tion" and said he believes that White House officials would "take it back" if they could.

Republican Rep. Paul Ryan, the Wisconsin lawmaker who was his party's vice presidential nominee last year, said the timing of the leak suggests the White House was looking for "a partisan advantage and not a bipartisan solution."

"Leaking this out does set things in the wrong direction," said Ryan. "There are groups in the House and the Senate working together to get this done and when he

does things like this, it makes that much more difficult to do that."

Freshman Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, called the leaked plan "incomplete" and said both parties in Congress and the White House need to work together on a solution.

"It hasn't happened yet. It will happen before something is acted upon and certainly before something is passed," he said.

Republican Sen. John McCain predicted the administration's efforts would come up short if the White House went forward with a proposal, and he encouraged the White House to give senators a chance to finish their work.

McCain, the Arizona senator whose previous efforts at an immigration overhaul ended in failure in 2007, predicted the White House proposal's demise if it were sent to Congress. He strongly urged the president to pocket the drafted measures.

"I believe we are making progress in a bipartisan basis," said McCain, who is in the Senate group working on legislation.

And Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer, who met with Obama on Wednesday at the White House to discuss progress, urged his allies in the administration to

give a bipartisan group of eight lawmakers the time to hammer out a deal on their own.

Schumer, a New York Democrat and a close ally of the White House, said he has not seen the draft proposals but, along with the Democrats working on a compromise, met with Obama this week to talk about progress being made on Capitol Hill.

Schumer acknowledged that a single-party proposal would have a much more difficult time becoming law and urged the bipartisan group of senators to keep meeting to find common ground.

"I am very hopeful that in March we will have a bipartisan bill," Schumer said. "And, you know, it's obvious if a Democrat — the president or anyone else — puts out what they want on their own, (it) is going to be different than when you have a bipartisan agreement. But the only way we're going to get something done is with a bipartisan agreement."

McDonough appeared on ABC's "This Week," NBC's "Meet the Press" and CBS' "Face the Nation." Ryan and Castro spoke to "This Week." McCain spoke to "Meet the Press." Schumer appeared on CNN's "State of the Union."

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Our daughter, "Mattie," is 42 years old. She has been married for 10 years and has two school-age children.

Due to her husband's work transfers, Mattie twice was left alone with the children for several months while she tried to sell the house and her husband moved to the new location.

The first time it happened, things worked out OK, but the second time, Mattie started drinking quite heavily.

We didn't find out until she had seizures, lost a lot of weight and ended up in the hospital close to death with severe liver damage.

She pulled out of it, but now we worry that she might be in the same situation. We visited her over the holidays and suspect she has started drinking again. She also seems very depressed.

Her husband doesn't seem to recog-

nize the problem. As parents, do we get involved? If so, do we confront Mattie or talk to her husband? — *Terrified for Our Daughter*

Dear Terrified: Please don't be afraid to speak to Mattie if you think she is drinking again. It is a serious matter, both physically and emotionally, and needs to be addressed. You also should speak to her husband. He may be doing more than you realize, or he may be in denial or completely oblivious.

Contact Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen.org) for assistance and suggestions.

Dear Annie: When my mother was dying of cancer,



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

she chose to die at home and not at my "pious" sister's house.

My sister resented this and made only brief visits during Mom's final days. The day the hospice nurse said Mom would probably die within hours, my sister stopped by and then left for a week's planned vacation.

We postponed the funeral until she returned, and she showed up to the visitation in a souvenir T-shirt.

After the funeral, Sis, as executor, didn't want my brother or me to go through Mom's possessions. Instead, she had an auction, and we had to bid on closed boxes.

Many of the things we know

belonged to Mom did not show up, and somehow, my sister's name got on the deed to the family farm.

There has been no accounting of the income from the auction, and when we asked, Sis became angry. The final straw was that my mother wrote a personal letter to me but did not get around to mailing it. Sis found it, made copies and passed it out to everyone but me. I would like the original, but Sis says, "Finders, keepers."

Sis now wants us to get together and pretend there are no problems. This is putting my "Christian attitude" to the test. Should I turn a very bruised cheek and pretend all is well for the sake of family unity? — *Confused in Missouri*

Dear Missouri: Your sister certainly has been less than forthcoming, and the business with the personal letter is rather nasty. Did your mother have an attorney? If so, there should be an accounting of where the money went and what your sister was entitled to as executor.

But you may need to sue in order to get the information, so decide what it's worth to you. It is likely to cause a permanent estrangement, and you still may not get what you are hoping for: your sister's remorse and an apology. Our condolences.

Dear Annie: "Want To Do the Right Thing" wants to celebrate his parents' 50th anniversary but can't afford the restaurant and wants guests to pay for their own meals.

We all want things we cannot afford. Most parents would not enjoy knowing their children are depriving themselves for a big party. Instead, arrange for a nice family photo that would be treasured. Then take your parents out to a lovely lunch or dinner. — R.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 10 7
♥ J 8 5 4
♦ Q 7 6 5
♣ 7

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

EAST
♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ 3
♦ K 8 3
♣ Q J 8 6 3

SOUTH
♠ 9
♥ A K Q 10 6
♦ A 4
♣ A 10 5 4 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass

Opening lead two of hearts.

In the opinion of most observers, this was the deal that determined the winner of the 2001 world team championship. It occurred with seven deals remaining in the 128-board final and the United States leading Norway by the slender margin of 12 IMPs.

When the hand was first played, Chip Martel and Lew Stansby of the U.S. reached only four hearts on the North-South cards, making six after West led the king of spades. Stansby was able to ruff four clubs in dummy to finish with 12 tricks, losing only a diamond at the end.

At the other table, Terje Aa and Glenn Grotheim of Norway reached six hearts on the bidding shown. South's opening club bid was artificial and forcing, and the subsequent bidding revealed that North held a 4-4-4-1 distribution with eight to 10 high-card points and specifically a singleton club.

If the slam made, Norway would gain 13 IMPs to take a 1-IMP lead with six boards to go; if the slam was defeated, the U.S. would gain 13 IMPs to lead by 25.

Peter Weichsel, on lead, knew a great deal about the North hand, but all he knew about the South hand was that Grotheim thought he could make a slam opposite what Aa had promised.

Weichsel deliberated for a long time, allowing the other players to get up and stretch their legs as he pondered his opening shot. At long last, he emerged with the killer: the deuce of hearts.

The trump lead torpedoed any chance of making 12 tricks on a crossruff, as Stansby had done. Ordinarily, three club ruffs in dummy would enable declarer to establish his fifth club, but with the clubs divided 5-2, this was not possible, and he eventually finished down one.

Six deals later, the Americans had won the match by a margin of 21 IMPs. Had Weichsel led anything other than a trump on this deal, however, Norway would have won the world title by 5 IMPs.

Tomorrow: A self-inflicted wound.
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Sudoku Answers on Page 3

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Hawks take doubleheader, ladies earn sweep at Midland Classic tourney

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

HOBBS, N.M. — With the renovations being completed at Jack Barber Field, Howard College Head Baseball Coach Britt Smith and his team have had the added burden of traveling just to get in their regular practices. They have used Steer Park, the diamond at Midland College — wherever the Hawks can practice, they practice.

Despite not having a field to use on campus, HC is starting to improve as a team, at least if Sunday's showing is any indication.

The Hawks edged Cloud County Community College in Game One of a doubleheader, 7-5 and then shellacked the T-Birds 28-4 in the nightcap.

David Gates pitched five innings in the first bout, allowing three earned runs, while newcomers Hunter Wood and Brian Drapeau finished the game on the mound for the Hawks.

Scoring seven runs on seven hits, HC was able to fend off a late rally by the Thunderbirds, but the Hawks committed five errors in the outing.

"We weren't very good defensively," Smith said of the performance in the first outing.

In Game Two, however, the Hawks' offensive was relentless.

Reed Seeley, Omar Garcia and Nick Bullington each scored four runs in the rout, while Neal Cameron, Joe

Cervantes and Michael Resnick each crossed home plate three times apiece. Also scoring were Forsan native Foster Burchett, Dane Steinhagen, Michael Bradshaw, Sanford Keegan, Aaron Warren and Andrew Santacroce.

"We played a lot better offensively," Smith added. "We had a better approach at the plate. It was good to see us take more competitive at-bats. Team-wise, it was pretty good."

The Hawks will be back in action Monday against Western Texas College in Snyder. Game time is set for 1:30 p.m.

MIDLAND — The Lady Hawks kept rolling during at the Midland Classic Tournament over the weekend, going undefeated after earning wins over Vernon (15-2), Coastal Bend (10-8), Otero (13-5), Seminole State (15-7) and Trinidad State (7-3).

That puts Howard College at 14-1, with its only loss coming at the hands of Weatherford College.

The Hawks will be on the road against Lubbock Christian University on Tuesday for a doubleheader. Game times are set for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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Howard College's Claudette Smith catches a fly ball in right field during a game earlier in the season. The Hawks went 5-0 over the weekend at the Midland Classic Tournament.

West beats East in NBA All-Star game

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**

AP Basketball Writer

HOUSTON — The NBA's career scoring leader in the All-Star game, Kobe Bryant has never been just about offense.

"I'm known for my defense," Bryant said. "I can defend. I'm pretty smart with my defense."

Pretty good, too. Ask LeBron James.

Bryant blocked James' jumper, turning it into a dunk by Kevin Durant that helped the Western Conference put away the East 143-138 on Sunday.

Bryant may not leap like Blake Griffin, but he can still get up when he needs to, especially when the defenseless part of the All-Star game is over and it's time to stop somebody — even the league's best player.

On Michael Jordan's 50th birthday, the players most often compared to him turned the final minutes into a 1-on-1 duel, and it went to Bryant — the guy Jordan said he'd pick between the two based on his five championship rings. That's one less than MJ and four more than King James.

"It was a great block," Durant said. "I haven't really seen any MVP get a jumper blocked like that. It was a really great play."

Chris Paul had 20 points, 15 assists and won MVP honors, and Durant scored 30 points. Griffin finished with 19, joining his Clippers teammate, Paul, in creating Lob City deep in the heart of Texas.

"You just want to play fast. I like to throw the lob. I like to see

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Patrick wins pole for Daytona 500

By **MARK LONG**

AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Danica Patrick is at her best in the spotlight.

Good thing, too, because she's going to be there all week.

Patrick won the Daytona 500 pole Sunday, becoming the first woman to secure the top spot for any race in NASCAR's premier circuit. It's by far the biggest achievement of her stock-car career. She's braced for the attention that will follow.

"I think when pressure's on and when the spotlight's on, I feel like it ultimately ends up becoming some of my better moments and my better races and better

results," Patrick said. "I just understand that if you put the hard work in before you go out there that you can have a little peace and a little peace of mind knowing that you've done everything you can and just let it happen."

Patrick, who taped interviews Sunday with CNN, ESPN and Good Morning America, was the first woman to lead laps in the Indianapolis 500. She finished third in 2009, the highest finish in that illustrious race for a woman. And she became the only woman to win an IndyCar race when she did it in Japan in 2008.

Her latest stamp in the history books came with a lap at 196.434 mph

around Daytona International Speedway. Patrick went out eighth in the qualifying session, then had to wait about two hours as 37 fellow drivers tried to take her spot.

Only four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon even came close to knocking her off the pole. Gordon was the only other driver who topped 196 mph in qualifying. He locked up the other guaranteed spot in next week's season-opening Daytona 500.

"It's great to be a part of history with Danica Gordon on the pole," said Gordon, who joked that at least he was the fastest guy. "I think we

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Woods joins Obama for golf round

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**

Associated Press

PALM CITY, Fla. — President Barack Obama teed it up with Tiger Woods on Sunday.

The White House confirmed that the President and the world's most famous golfer played a round at a secluded, exclusive yacht and golf club on Florida's Treasure Coast.

Once the sport's dominant player before his career was sidetracked by scandal, Woods joined Obama at the Floridian, where Obama is spending the long Presidents Day weekend. The two had met before, but Sunday was the first time they played together.

The White House, which has promised to be the most open and transparent in history, has prohibited any media coverage of Obama's golf outing.

The foursome also included Jim Crane, a Houston businessman who owns the Floridian and baseball's Houston Astros, and outgoing U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk, a former mayor of Dallas, said White House spokesman Josh Earnest. Crane and Kirk also were part of Obama's foursome on Saturday, the White House said.

Obama, an avid golfer, also received some instruction Saturday and played a few holes with Butch Harmon, Woods' former swing coach.

Initial word that the First Duffer would play a round with the world's No. 2 player didn't come from the White House, but instead came from veteran golf journalist

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Women's Basketball

• Odessa College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Men's Basketball

• Odessa College at Howard College, 7:45 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Girl's Basketball Playoffs (Regional)

• Garden City vs. Sterling City, 7 p.m., Coahoma

TUESDAY

Girl's Basketball Playoffs (Regional)

• Forsan vs. Plains, 6 p.m., Wolfforth.
• Grady vs. Borden County, 6 p.m., Seminole.

Boy's Basketball Playoffs (Bi-district)

• Forsan vs. Bovina, 8 p.m., Lubbock Roosevelt.
• Sands vs. Meadow, 6 p.m., Lubbock Roosevelt.
• Garden City vs. Hermleigh, 8 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Softball

• Howard College at Lubbock Christian University (doubleheader), 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once you break down a task into manageable chunks, you'll discover that your challenges are not really that hard. You are absolutely capable of meeting the goal posts you projected at the beginning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The left-brain-dominant people will misunderstand the right-brain-dominant people. Now able to swing freely from one mode to another, you'll be the translator who helps everyone get along.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sometimes things slip from your mouth that you didn't intend to say, especially around people you like. It's a function of being comfortable, and it's

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

nothing to worry too much about.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today will be an elaborate game of advance and retreat. Choose your tactic, and another person will naturally fall into the opposite role. So would you rather chase or be chased?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll give freely to the one who gives freely to you. You'll also give to people who are not likely to give back, and that's fine, too. In many ways, it's even more satisfying because you sense there is real need there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may feel that you're wound too tight, but this is just the adrenaline rush you need to have a highly productive day. Your nervous energy is put to good use through cleaning, building or growing things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your personal happiness is not governed by the actions of another. You know best what you need to do to squeeze maximum enjoyment from a situation, and you're gloriously self-sufficient now, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Justice demands total impartiality. You may not be the right one to deliver justice in a situation involving your loved ones. To avoid favoritism, get the opinion of an outsider.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone loves you and loves you completely. You are much harder on yourself than this person ever would be. If you could see yourself the way this person sees you, you would be kinder to yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There really are very few things you need, so wherever possible, reduce your needs to wants. Needing causes you to hand over your power. Wanting puts you back in charge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You like attention, but not when it comes with pressure. For instance, you'll avoid people who seem to want you to give their lives meaning. That's too much responsibility!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Happiness lends a

charisma that's hard to beat. It's better than beauty or riches. You know this to be true, so you smile whether or not you feel like it. Soon your insides match your mouth.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 18). You're a love magnet, and you'll find it tough to sort out your scheduling because everyone wants to spend time with you at once. Take a calculated financial risk this month. March brings the rejuvenation of an old relationship. You'll put on a show in April. May unites your family. Wedding bells ring in September. Leo and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 23, 38 and 14.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I can't believe he broke up with me, and right before Valentine's Day. I told him he's insane for not wanting to be together. I do so many things for him — cook, clean, even give him money — and he repays me by leaving. I shouldn't want him back so badly, but I do — desperately! How can I convince him? I'm a Virgo, and he's a Taurus."

By trying to convince your Taurus that he is wrong for breaking up with you, you are putting him in a position to defend his decision. Whatever his reasons are, you are only enforcing them by making him argue his side. That's why you might consider giving up the fight and agreeing to

lose him.

Your only chance at getting your Taurus back will happen out of agreement, not disagreement. Let him know that he's right, that the relationship wasn't ideal, and that you're going to move on now. Then leave him alone while you focus on your own life. Get a new hobby and a different look, and make other friends. Who knows? Working on yourself might be so much fun that when he does circle back to you, you'll want nothing to do with him.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Depending on their birth time, babies born today will be either Aquarius or Pisces. Born in the final degrees of Aquarius, actor John Travolta uses his uniqueness to elevate his characterizations to iconic status. With Mercury and Venus in empathetic Pisces, he can truly get into the mind of each character. His Mars in adventurous Sagittarius shows a love of travel and a pioneering spirit.

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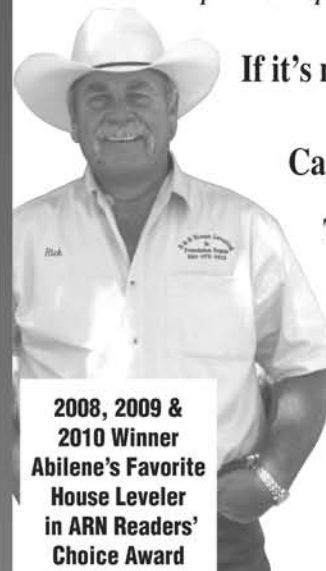
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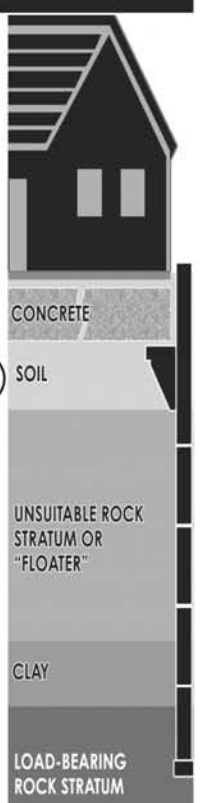
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DENNIS THE MENACE

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"I LIKE DAD'S AFTERSHAVE SO MUCH, I USED THE WHOLE BOTTLE."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"I'm tired. Let's make this snowman be lyin' down 'stead of standing up."

HAGAR

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VERY GOOD, LUCKY EDDIE... BUT NOW YOU HAVE TO WORK ON YOUR DEPTH PERCEPTION

WIZARD OF ID

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WILEY'S PROVERBS — BETTER TO LIGHT A CANDLE THAN TO CURSE THE DARKNESS.

BLONDIE

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WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING? FOOTBALL

I THOUGHT FOOTBALL SEASON WAS OVER

IT IS! BUT NOW IT'S TIME FOR SEASON HIGHLIGHTS, BOWL GAME RERUNS, AND BROADCASTS OF THE GREATEST GAMES EVER PLAYED

HOW LONG DOES ALL THIS LAST? UNTIL FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS

AGNES

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I'M GOING TO BE AWAY ALL WEEK — THE BOYS AND I ARE GOING ON A SKI TRIP

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

CALLING THE HOSPITAL TO MAKE A RESERVATION... YOU PREFER A WINDOW, RIGHT?

SO MUCH FAITH

HI AND LOIS

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WE USED TO CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S AND LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAYS ON SEPARATE DAYS.

NOW IT'S "PRESIDENTS DAY"

OUR BIRTHDAY COULD BE "TWINNS DAY"

NO WAY!

THE OTHER COAST

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KOKO, WANT SOME BACON?

FOOLED YA! IT WAS ACTUALLY A PILL.

I'M A VICTIM OF FRAUD.

YOU'RE A VICTIM OF GREED.

SNUFFY SMITH

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HALP !! I THINK I BROKE MY TOE, DOC !!

HAVE YA PUT ENNY WEIGHT ON IT, LOWEEZY ?

GOLLY, DOC !! CAN'T WE JEST THIS ONCE NOT TALK 'BOUT MY DIET !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

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SARGE JUST SCARED THE SOCKS OFF BEEBLE!

GREG + MOG WALKER

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS JUST AN EXPRESSION

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2013. There are 316 days left in the year. This is Presidents Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 18, 1913, Mexican President Francisco I. Madero and Vice President Jose Maria Pino Suarez were arrested during a military coup (both resigned their positions the next day, and both were shot to death on Feb. 22).

On this date:

In 1735, the first opera presented in America, "Flora, or Hob in the Well," was performed in present-day Charleston, S.C.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as provisional president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time.

In 1930, photographic evi-

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ACROSS

- Annoying person
- Coyote cry
- Top-billed performer
- Dainty fabric
- Region
- Break up the soil again
- Like ___ of bricks
- Allows
- Make amends
- Three-foot measure
- Coal or natural gas
- Rodeo bull
- Capital of Norway
- Jockey's straps
- Dictator
- Physicians' org.
- Lack of musical talent
- Three-person band
- Crack up after a joke
- Boring
- Sight or hearing
- Narc's agcy.
- 45 Say again
- Piece of postage
- Elm or eucalyptus
- Occupy, as a table
- Siphoning
- Capital of Italy
- Desert haven
- Connecticut school
- Woodcutters' tools
- Atmospheric layer
- Give a nudge to
- Color slightly

DOWN

- Theater productions
- Bother greatly
- Cross home plate
- Affectionate
- Fifty percent
- Black-and-white cookie
- Moistens
- Cowboy's rope
- Begin a journey
- "Wherefore ___ thou Romeo?"
- Top-rated
- Fishing-rod attachment
- Sports comeback
- Suffix for novel or ideal
- Nevada city
- Debtor's letters
- Tennis-court dividers
- Clearance events
- Desertlike
- Three hours before noon
- Old Roman garment
- Mr., for example
- Stubborn animal
- "Wherefore ___ in a memo
- ___ and rave
- Minnesota baseball team
- Nation n. of Mexico
- Emeralds and pearls
- Get out of bed before noon
- Two hours
- Buccaneer
- Cairo's country
- Snake venom, for example
- Make changes to
- Midterms and finals
- Entryway
- Tear down
- ___ yet (so far)
- Rowboat implements
- Box-office failure
- Government agents, for short

Answer to previous puzzle

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GOLF

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Tim Rosaforte, who announced it on Twitter. Rosaforte's late-morning tweet said: "The president is arriving at the Floridian range. Awaiting is Tiger Woods and club owner Jim Crane. Historic day in golf. Their first round."

White House confirmation of Woods' participation came about two hours later, following multiple appeals from traveling White House reporters.

Golf Digest reported on its website that Obama spent eight hours Saturday with Harmon, playing 27 holes and hitting balls in Harmon's studio, and then managed to coordinate Sunday's round with Woods. The report said the original plan called for Obama and Woods, a Florida resident, to play at Woods' home club — The Medalist Golf Club, a half-hour away in Hobe Sound. But they eventually opted for the Floridian.

Woods departed Sunday after the first 18 holes, with Obama staying on to play another nine, the report said.

"Just to see the interaction between the two on the range was pretty neat," Harmon told Golf Digest. "The President said to Tiger: 'The last tournament you played was fun to watch. It's good to see you play well again.' You could tell he meant it. It just wasn't a throw it out compliment."

It seems Obama and Woods — the first black men at the top of their respective fields — have

spent the past few years inching toward Sunday's meeting on the fairway.

They met in January 2009, during Obama's inauguration in Washington. Four months later, in April, Woods visited the White House and Obama received him in the Oval Office.

Woods' personal life imploded later in 2009 after revelations that he had engaged in multiple extramarital affairs, leading to divorce. He followed with a public apology and announced he was taking an indefinite break from golf. Shortly after Woods announced he was coming out of seclusion, Obama said in an interview with Fox News Channel that Woods will still be a "terrific" golfer despite his personal issues.

After returning to the sport, Woods went two years without winning, but his game is back on track and he currently is ranked No. 2 in the world. Woods won the last tournament he played, three weeks ago in San Diego.

The White House made clear from the start of Obama's trip that there would be no coverage of him because he would be on vacation with no plans to leave the club, which remained open to members and their guests.

It arranged for the pool of reporters who traveled with Obama to bunk at a Holiday Inn about a 20-minute drive away in Port St. Lucie. Whenever the reporters were brought to the Floridian on the off chance that Obama might leave the property, they were taken no further than a main-

tenance shed beyond the club gates but on the edge of the grounds.

The presence at the Floridian of a professional journalist who tweeted about Obama's game as he was playing, while White House reporters essentially were locked out, brought a sharp response from Ed Henry, the Fox News Channel correspondent who also is president of the White House Correspondents' Association.

"A broad cross section of our members from print, radio, online and TV have today expressed extreme frustration to me about having absolutely no access to the president of the United States this entire weekend," Henry said in a statement. "There is a very simple but important principle we will continue to fight for today and in the days ahead: transparency."

In response, Earnest, the White House spokesman said: "The press access granted by the White House today is entirely consistent with the press access offered for previous presidential golf outings. It's also consistent with the press access promised to the White House Press Corps prior to arrival in Florida on Friday evening."

Previous administrations have allowed brief news media coverage at either the beginning or the end of presidential golf games. Obama's policy generally is no coverage at all, but exceptions were made for separate outings he had in 2011 with House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and former President Bill Clinton.

POLE

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all know how popular she is, what this will do for our sport. Congratulations to her. Proud to be on there with her."

The rest of the field will be set in duel qualifying races Thursday.

However the lineup unfolds, all drivers — including boyfriend Ricky Stenhouse Jr. — will line up behind Patrick's No. 10 Chevrolet SS.

"I was brought up to be the fastest driver, not the fastest girl," she said. "That was instilled in me from very young, from the beginning. Then I feel like thriving in those moments, where the pressure's on, has also been a help for me. I also feel like I've been lucky in my career to be with good teams and have good people around me. I don't think any of it would have been possible without that."

"For those reasons, I've been lucky enough to make history, be the first woman to do many things. I really just hope that I don't stop doing that. We have a lot more history to make. We are excited to do it."

Even before her fast lap, Patrick had been the talk of Speedweeks. Not only did she open up about her budding romance with Stenhouse — Patrick officially filed to end her seven-year marriage to 47-year-old Paul Hospenthal in January — but she was considered the front-runner for the pole after leading practice sessions Saturday.

Now, she will garner even more hype.

"That's a huge accomplishment," team owner and fellow driver Tony Stewart said. "It's not like it's been 15 or 20 years she's been trying to do this. It's her second trip to Daytona here in a Cup car. She's made history in the sport. That's stuff that we're proud of being a part of with her. It's something she should have a

huge amount of pride in.

"It's never been done. There's only one person that can be the first to do anything. Doesn't matter how many do it after you do, accomplish that same goal. The first one that does always has that little bit more significance to it because you were the first."

The result surely felt good for Patrick, especially considering the former IndyCar driver has mostly struggled in three NASCAR seasons. Her best finish in 10 Cup races is 17th, and she has one top-five in 58 starts in the second-tier Nationwide Series.

She raced part-time in 2010 and 2011 while still driving a full IndyCar slate. She switched solely to stock cars last season and finished 10th in the Nationwide standings.

She made the jump to Sprint Cup this season and will battle Stenhouse for Rookie of the Year honors.

Starting out front in an unpredictable, 500-mile race doesn't guarantee any sort of result, but securing the pole will put her in the limelight for at least the rest of the week.

"I don't think about Danica as a female race-car driver," defending Cup champion Brad Keselowski said. "I think of her as a rookie and someone that hasn't won races or proved that she is competitive."

Patrick won the pole at Daytona for last year's Nationwide race.

But this is considerably different, significantly bigger.

The previous highest female qualifier in a Cup race was Janet Guthrie. She started ninth at Bristol and Talladega in 1977.

"It's obviously a history-making event that will last a long, long time," Guthrie said, praising Patrick's feat. "It's a different era, of course. Different times. I can't imagine what I would do with a spotter or somebody telling me how to drive. It's rather a different sport now. Back then, there was a much greater difference from the front of the field to the back."

ALL-STARS

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guys hit 3s," Paul said. "When we're out on the court with all that firepower, why wouldn't you want to make passes? You've got KD filling one of the lanes, you've got Blake, Kobe on the wing. There's nothing like it."

Bryant added a second late block of James, the MVP of the 2006 game here after leading a big East comeback. This time, he scored 19 points but shot only 7 of 18 after making 60 percent of his shots in six straight games before the break.

Carmelo Anthony led the East with 26 points and 12 rebounds.

"I think we played really good defense at the end of the game as a team," Durant said. "Kobe was really going with the ball. It's tough to stop LeBron, but he did his best. He was

able to block a few of his shots. But CP did a really good job of keeping us in the game."

The first dunk of the game came 16 seconds in, Paul throwing a pass to Griffin as part of the West's 7-0 start. The West led after each of the first three quarters, though was never ahead by more than eight points through three periods.

They finally pushed it into double figures early in the fourth fueled by former Oklahoma City teammates Russell Westbrook and James Harden, but couldn't put it away until a late run behind the guys from the city of Los Angeles — who along with Lakers center Dwight Howard gave Los Angeles all but one of the West's starting spots.

Paul hit two 3-pointers, Bryant made a layup, and his block of James led to Durant's dunk that made it 136-

126. Griffin had one last forceful dunk to help close it out, throwing a pass to himself off the backboard and climbing high in his neon green sneakers to slam it home and make it 142-134.

Harden had 15 points in his home arena, where the sights of the game were on the floor and the sounds were at the rim — which shook repeatedly after thunderous dunks for most of the game before, as usual, players tried to make some stops down the stretch.

Players' sneakers were a variety of pastels and fluorescent colors that looked like they came right from Easter Sunday church, many clashing so badly with their multi-colored socks that they may as well have been created by spilling out random paint buckets.

James and Dwyane Wade wore purple, and Griffin's neon look was also sported by the usually not-so-loud Tim Duncan and Brook Lopez.

But the NBA's high-flyers sure could leap in them.

Durant slammed one down so hard at one point that he stumbled backward after landing, appearing woozy. He came in as the career leader in points per game with 28.3 and may have won a second straight MVP award if

not for Paul's big finish.

But the Kobe-LeBron matchup down the stretch showed that even in an All-Star game, when it's time to determine a winner, the 34-year-old Bryant is all business.

"It was all in good spirit, man. It was just two guys that love to compete, love to go at it. So I had a lot of fun," said James, who at 28 has plenty of time to catch up to Jordan and Bryant in when it comes to NBA championships.

Bryant finished with only nine points, but had eight assists. Griffin shot 9 of 11 from the field and didn't miss until trying to violently throw one down from a few feet away from the basket.

Indiana's Paul George scored 17 and Kyrie Irving had 15 for the East.

Not everybody had it so easy. Chris Bosh shot two airballs in the first quarter and was booed, tossed up another in the second, and had Tony Parker dribble the ball through his legs on defense. He was even pulled down the stretch by his own coach, Erik Spoelstra, right after Bryant blew right by him for a layup.

Bosh finished 3 of 9. Wade had 21 points on 10-of-13 shooting, the best performance of the three Heat players in the starting lineup. He and James helped the East pull out a two-

point win in the 2006 game here, but the West didn't play Bryant-level defense back then.

"Second time in Houston, it was great," Wade said. "We didn't get the win, but we are all winners, because all 24 of us are All-Stars. So it was great."

There were plenty of laughs, players performing comedic skits and poking fun at each other on the Toyota Center's massive overhead scoreboard.

Even the celebrities that surrounded the court — Westbrook almost crashed into Beyonce and Jay-Z while trying for a first-half steal — seemed entertained.

Two of Houston's biggest basketball stars, Hakeem Olajuwon and Yao Ming, who was honored after the first quarter, and Olympic gold medalists Usain Bolt and Gabby Douglas were among the athletes who

weren't in the game.

Players wore warmup jackets with patches commemorating their individual and team career accolades during a lengthy pregame that included a performance by Ne-Yo. They actually warmed up twice, needing to get loose again after watching and being introduced during the elaborate show.

The game capped a weekend of change in Texas, where David Stern presided over his final All-Star game as commissioner and players' association executive director Billy Hunter was voted out of office — a result he seems likely to contest.

Boston's Kevin Garnett said before coming to Houston he thought his 15th All-Star selection would be his last, and turned it over to the young guys early. He played only 6 minutes of the first half before calling it a night.

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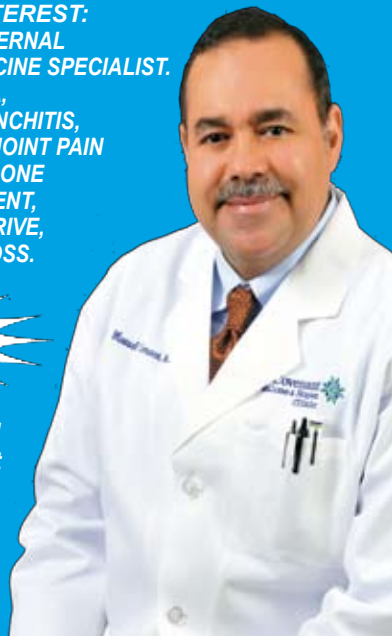
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