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Skywarn

Class set March 21 to educate public about severe weather

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Think you have what it takes to be a storm spotter? Area residents can find out March 21, as the National Weather Service will present its annual Skywarn class at 7 p.m. at the City Council Chambers — located at 307 E. Fourth St.

Though the Crossroads area enjoyed a rather tame weather last year, officials with the National Weather Service say the Boy Scout mantra is one to live by: Always be prepared. "We had a pretty easy year last year," Pat Vesper, warning coordination meteorologist for the NWS Midland office, said. "However, we have to be prepared for severe weather at all times. We live in an area of the state where the weather can become dangerous in the blink of an eye, and these SkyWarn classes give us a chance to train weather spotters, as well as offer training and advice for your average family. No matter who you are, knowing what to do in these types of severe weather situations is absolutely vital."

According to Vesper, the

"Since we're getting ready to head into the severe weather season, which begins in March and lasts until October, this is really important information to have."



Ferguson

class will include information on tracking and classifying storms and various weather conditions, but it's not limited to emergency management officials and storm chasers.

"It has a lot to offer everyone," said Vesper. "We offer a lot of information on safety during storms and bad weather that the average person can use to protect themselves and their family."

"Our main focus for these classes is safety. We'll also look at super-cell thunderstorms and the type of weather that can arise out of them."

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Visitors examine displays of Stacy Slaten's artwork at the Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts Tuesday evening. Slaten, director of the college art department, created an exhibit featuring art she completed on a daily basis for a year. The exhibit runs through March.

Sex ed

Senators mull contentious education bill

WILL WEISSERT
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A Texas Senate education panel heard details Tuesday on a proposal to prohibit organizations linked to abortion providers from teaching sex education in public schools statewide — even though

critics say there are very few cases where that's actually occurring. The potentially contentious measure from tea party-backed Sen. Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, was hailed by abortion opponents as a way to "exclude Planned Parenthood" from Texas classrooms. It also would require

school districts to seek parental consent before allowing any outside experts to teach sex education. Sarah Wheat, director of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, said "health educators" affiliated with the group have provided sex education instruction "in a handful of school districts"

in Texas through the years, including in Austin. But she also stressed that state law requires all sex education programs to promote abstinence no matter who teaches them, and said Planned Parenthood professionals have to be approved

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Science Fair students state bound

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Eight Big Spring Independent School District students are heading for the state science fair, thanks to superior performances at regional competition in Odessa this past weekend. Brittany Tan, Haley Jenkins, Chloe Bustamante, Oscar Alvarado, Trinady Joslin, Ranen Wilson and Kylie Palmer from Big Spring Junior High School, along with Rebecca Evans from Big Spring High School earned a spot in the state science fair, which will be held later this month in San Antonio.

The students qualified for

the state fair by placing in the top three of their respective divisions in the regional competition, held at University of Texas-Permian Basin.

BSISD elementary students also competed in Odessa, although they were not eligible to advance to state.

"We didn't have as many entries this year, and we didn't have as many winners, but still, the projects we had were good ones," said Darrell Ryan, BSISD sponsor for the science fair. "The kids did a really good job."

The state science fair will be held March 26-29 at the Henry Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

BSISD project winners at

the UTPB Regional Science Fair were:

Junior Division
 March Elementary
 Earth/space science — Elisabeth Sorenson, first place; Michael Stoaks, second place.
 Environmental science — Anisia Salazar, third place; Lexi Saldivar, special award.
 Chemistry — Danielle Deathridge, special award.
 Life science — Hanna Joo, third place.

Moss Elementary
 Behavioral science — Bianca Villalobos, third place.

Intermediate Division

Big Spring Junior High
 Animal Science — Brittany Tan, second place.

Behavioral science — Haley Jenkins, third place.

Energy and Transportation — Chloe Bustamante, first place; Oscar Alvarado, second place.

Math — Trinaday Joslin, first place.

Team — Ranen Wilson and Kylie Palmer, second place.

Senior Division
 Big Spring High School
 Biochemistry — Rebecca Evans, second place and special award.

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Obituaries

Ophelia Click



Ophelia Click, 99, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday March 4, 2013, at Garrison Care Center in Lubbock. Grave-side services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2013, at Trinity Memorial Park with Minister Greg Surles, of 11th and Birdwell Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born Nov. 17, 1913, in Roby, Texas, to Sadie and Arthur Bell and was the oldest of three

girls. She married Lloyd Click Dec. 27, 1930. She worked for Montgomery Ward, Malone & Hogan Hospital and Big Spring State Hospital. She was also a long-time member of 11th & Birdwell Church of Christ before moving to Lubbock in 2003.

She is survived by two sons, Myrl and wife Betty Click of Paradise, Texas, and Don and wife Sheila Click of Lubbock; seven grandchildren, Cynthia and husband Roy Hughes of Paradise, Terry and wife Susan Click of Reno, Nev., Bobby Click of Fort Worth, Sharon Hazzard of Cincinnati, Ohio, Lester Click of Paradise, Texas, Allyson and husband Stuart Joy of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Kelli Click of Florence, Italy; nine great-grandchildren; and one sister: Nola Day of Tulsa Okla.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Lloyd who passed away Sept. 16, 2001; and one sister, Pearl Nelson.

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

Paid obituary

Rev. William Thomas Vaughn Sr.

The Rev. William Thomas Vaughn Sr., better known as "Papa Vaughn," was born March 3, 1924, in rural Freestone County to John H. and Lugenia Allen Vaughn. He was one of 11 children. He graduated from Furney Richardson High School. The Rev. Vaughn served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1943. He matriculated at Prairie View A&M University and later at Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas. In 1945, he married Elizabeth Ross. The couple had three children.

In the late 1940s, the Rev. Vaughn was ordained as a minister in the A.M.E. Church and began his ecclesiastical career. He pastored many churches across the state of Texas.

The Rev. Vaughn's 54-year service to the church included being a delegate to 12 or more A.M.E. Quadrennials, chairman of the Examining Board, instructor for Christian Education and trustee of the North East Texas Conference of the A.M.E. Church.

Survivors include his son, the Rev. William Thomas Vaughn Jr. and wife Lydia of Big Spring, Texas; sister, Laura Muckelroy of Dallas, Texas; two grandsons; three granddaughters; many great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Baker Chapel, A.M.E. Church, 1050 E. Humbolt, Fort Worth. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at DFW National Cemetery at Grand Prairie.

Arrangements are by Baker Funeral Home in Fort Worth.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (Note: there were 77 prisoners in the county jail at the time of this report):

- JOE ANTHONY VILLARREAL, 26, was jailed on charges of criminal mischief and impairing/interupting public service.
- BRANDON DENNIS OLIVETTI, was jailed on a sentence for criminal trespass.
- LOUIS BUTLER EVANS, 59, was jailed on a sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
- ANTONIO PENA JR., 29, was jailed on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- JOHN R. COLLINS, 39, was jailed on a violation of probation warrant for theft by check.
- CURTIS THOMPSON, 53, was jailed on a sentence for possession of marijuana/less than two ounces.
- LEONA JEAN RADASA, 31, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSE JESUS BURCIAGA, 29, was jailed on a warrant for failure to report change of address on driver's license.
- MARK ANTHONY CHAVERA, 24, was jailed on a warrant for cruelty to animals.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. 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 1100 block of Stanford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• 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.

• Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

• Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

• The annual Big Spring Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper will be held Friday at the Howard College cafeteria. Serving is from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and to-go plates are available. Tickets are \$6 apiece and can be purchased at the door or from any Kiwanis Club member. For more information, contact Steve Reagan at 270-2218.

• My Redeemer Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane, will have a spring sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to raise funds for missions.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's income tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.

• 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.westex-ags.com

• 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 appliance. 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.

• 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. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 3/7	Fri 3/8	Sat 3/9
 77/50 Mostly sunny skies. High 77F. Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph.	 78/57 Windy, isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	 73/42 Windy, slight chance of a thunderstorm. Potential for severe thunderstorms.
Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	74	50	mst sunny	Kingsville	76	61	pt sunny
Amarillo	75	46	sunny	Livingston	70	42	mst sunny
Austin	72	51	pt sunny	Longview	67	42	sunny
Beaumont	66	44	mst sunny	Lubbock	75	45	mst sunny
Brownsville	77	63	cloudy	Lufkin	71	42	sunny
Brownwood	75	51	mst sunny	Midland	77	52	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	72	61	pt sunny	Raymondville	77	62	cloudy
Corsicana	69	45	sunny	Rosenberg	70	50	mst sunny
Dallas	71	47	sunny	San Antonio	74	54	pt sunny
Del Rio	74	59	windy	San Marcos	73	50	pt sunny
El Paso	79	53	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	67	43	sunny
Fort Stockton	81	52	windy	Sweetwater	75	50	mst sunny
Gainesville	68	44	sunny	Tyler	69	43	sunny
Greenville	67	42	sunny	Weatherford	70	45	sunny
Houston	70	50	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	72	46	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	33	mst sunny	Minneapolis	34	23	pt sunny
Boston	38	32	mixed	New York	39	32	mixed
Chicago	35	21	pt sunny	Phoenix	74	53	mst sunny
Dallas	71	47	sunny	San Francisco	52	44	rain
Denver	63	35	pt sunny	Seattle	48	36	rain
Houston	70	50	mst sunny	St. Louis	46	31	sunny
Los Angeles	60	47	rain	Washington, DC	44	33	mst sunny
Miami	73	51	sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 3/7	Fri 3/8	Sat 3/9
7	5	7
High	Moderate	High

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

Take Note

Chavez widely mourned, but some hope change on way

LONDON(AP)—Some marked Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's death with tears; others with cheers. There was deep mourning in Latin America, condolences from Europe and Asia and, from Iran's president, predictions of great works in the afterlife.

President Barack Obama, meanwhile, focused on "a new chapter" for Venezuela, following 14 years in which Chavez cast himself as a bulwark against U.S. domination.

Chavez, who died Tuesday aged 58, was seen as a hero by some for his socialist programs, his anti-U.S. rhetoric and gifts of cut-rate oil. Others considered him a bully who repressed his opponents.

A teary-eyed Bolivian President Evo Morales, one of Chavez's closest allies and most loyal disciples, declared that "Chavez is more alive than ever."

"Chavez will continue to be an inspiration for all peoples who fight for their liberation," Morales said Tuesday in a televised speech. "Chavez will always be present in all the regions of the world and all social sectors. Hugo Chavez will always be with us, accompanying us."

Former London Mayor Ken Livingstone, another left-wing fan of the Latin American strongman, told The Associated Press that Chavez's ability to shrug off American pressure and weather what he described as a U.S.-backed coup attempt had inspired the

entire continent to defy Washington.

"The fact that he survived encouraged other Latin American nations to break free and put their own people ahead of corporate interests," Livingstone said in a telephone interview. "Before him, the governments there were just creatures of the White House. Now they are generally pursuing policies that help their own people."

Chavez pulled Venezuela out of America's sphere of influence and embraced Washington's rivals including Cuba, Iran and Russia. Officials in all three countries had effusive praise for the late leader.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced a day of mourning and compared Chavez to a saint, saying he will "return on resurrection day."

Ahmadinejad said he has "no doubt Chavez will return to Earth together with Jesus and the perfect" Imam Mahdi, the most revered figure of Shiite's Muslims, and help "establish peace, justice and kindness" in the world. The Iranian leader said he believes something "suspicious" caused the cancer that killed Chavez.

In Cuba, President Raul Castro's government declared two days of national mourning and ordered flags to fly at half-staff.

"It is with deep and excruciating sorrow that our people and the revolutionary government have learned of President Hugo Rafael Chavez Frias' decease,"



it said in a statement read on the nightly state TV newscast. "The Cuban people view him as one of their most outstanding sons."

Some islanders worried about the loss of the country's No. 1 ally, who has sent billions of dollars of oil to Cuba at preferential terms.

"It's a very tough blow. ... Now I wonder, what is to become of us?" said Maite Sierra, a 72-year-old Havana resident.

"It's troubling what could come now, first for Venezuela but also for Cuba," said Sergio Duran, a Havana resident. "Everything will depend on what happens in Venezuela, but in any case it will never be the same as with Chavez, even if Chavez's party wins" in upcoming elections.

Russian President Vladimir Putin called Chavez "an extraordinary and strong man who looked into the future and always aimed high."

Chinese President Hu Jintao, who steps down this month, and his replacement, Xi Jinping, also sent their condolences to Vice President

Nicolas Maduro, the interim Venezuelan president ahead of new elections.

China has forged a useful friendship with Chavez centered on oil. Tens of billions of dollars in Chinese loans, repayable in oil, helped fund social programs and consumer goods giveaways that made Chavez popular. His anti-American policies and posturing also pleased some in Beijing, though Chinese leaders were careful not to show public support.

China's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying called Chavez "a good friend to the Chinese people."

In the United States, Obama issued a statement reaffirming Washington's support for the "Venezuelan people and its interest in developing a constructive relationship with the Venezuelan government."

"As Venezuela begins a new chapter in its history, the United States remains committed to policies that promote democratic principles, the rule of law, and respect for human rights," the statement read.

Republican U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida called Chavez's death "an opportunity for democracy in Venezuela."

Some of the estimated 190,000 Venezuelan immigrants living in the United States — about half of them in Florida — turned out cheering and waving their country's flag and expressed hope Tuesday that change would come to their homeland.

"We are not celebrating death," Ana San Jorge, 37, said amid a jubilant crowd in the Miami suburb of Doral. "We are celebrating the opening of a new door, of hope and change."

Wearing caps and T-shirts in the Venezuelan colors of yellow, blue and red, many expressed cautious optimism and concern.

"Although we might all be united here celebrating today, we don't know what the future holds," said Francisco Gamez, 18, at El Arepazo, a popular Venezuelan restaurant in Doral.

Several U.S. allies offered praise for Chavez, though some, like France's Socialist Presi-

dent Francois Hollande, noted that "not everyone shared" his political views.

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said in a statement that Chavez's death was "a heavy blow," but also said Venezuela would move on to "new times." Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy sent a telegram saying that with the death of Chavez "one of the most influential figures in Venezuela's contemporary history has disappeared."

British Foreign Secretary William Hague sent his condolences, as did Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper — although the latter pointedly offered hopes for a "a better, brighter future based on the principles of freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights."

Argentine President Cristina Fernandez declared three days of mourning nationwide. She and President Jose Mujica of neighboring Uruguay prepared to travel for the funeral.

In Nicaragua, a nation that broadly benefited from Venezuelan cut-rate oil, Rosario Murillo, the wife and spokeswoman of President Daniel Ortega, said Chavez is "one of the dead who never die."

"We are all Chavez," she said in televised comments.

A wistful Rafael Correa, president of Ecuador and another of Chavez's closest allies, predicted Chavez would have a lasting influence. "We have lost a revolutionary, but millions of us remain inspired."

SKYWARN

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We want our spotters prepared for the kinds of conditions they may see out in the field."

According to local emergency response officials, the course will cover the most common severe weather situations for Howard County and the surrounding areas in hopes of preparing residents for the worst case scenario.

"It's really a lot of good information for

people to have," said Big Spring Fire Department Chief Craig Ferguson. "It gives people a basic knowledge of what severe weather is like in our area. Since we're getting ready to head into the severe weather season, which begins in March and lasts until October, this is really important information to have. Spring time is when we really get a lot of the severe weather — things like hail and possible tornadoes.

"There's no charge for the classes and the public is definitely welcome

to attend. Those who sign up for the class will receive a certificate from the National Weather Service, and if you're in law enforcement or emergency services, you can get credit for it. It's excellent training for anyone to have."

Vesper said the SkyWarn program — and, most importantly, the weather spotters who participate each year — are very important parts of the weather service's ability to accurately report and track the weather when severe conditions hit the

area.

"We rely on the spotters greatly. They provide what we call 'ground truth,' which, when combined with the information we get from our radar and satellites, gives us the ability to provide better information to the public," Vesper said.

"Even if someone doesn't want to become a spotter, I think these classes go a long way to prepare them and their families for a severe weather situation. We're preparing for the storm season now, and

we hope everyone else in the area will do so as well."

Similar classes are being held in Colorado City at the Civic Center (157 W. Second St.) on March 18; in Midland at the Midland College F. Marie Hall Academic Building Lecture Hall on March 19; and in Odessa (location to be determined) on April 16.

For more information on the SkyWarn program and the National Weather Service, visit them online at www.nws.noaa.gov/skywarn/, or call 432-563-5006.

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SEX ED

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by local health oversight committees for each school district.

The proposal is the latest move in Texas' ongoing fight against Planned Parenthood. The Texas Legislature in 2011 outlawed state funds for organizations linked to abortion providers — and subsequent lawsuits by Planned Parenthood stalled. Senate Education Committee Chairman Dan Patrick applauded Paxton's bill and said he had signed on as a co-author, setting the tone for Tuesday's discussion.

Joe Pojman, founder and executive director of Texas Alliance for Life, told the committee he knew of no other group besides Planned Parenthood that would be directly impacted by the bill. He said even if Planned Parenthood isn't in many

classrooms directly, it provides instructional materials and other support so "it's very easy to be promoting their abortion-providing facilities with the state's children."

Anne Newman of the conservative group the Women's Wellness Coalition of Texas pointed to a Planned Parenthood website designed to answer teens' questions about sex that included an entry: "How can I have safer sex with my sex toys."

"I ask you," Newman said, "do you want your children doing that?"

She added, "I'm concerned about not only Planned Parenthood getting into schools but the materials getting into schools and students being referred to them."

Wheat, though, called her organization's website "a huge resource" and shrugged off such criticisms. "I think in China they limit access to websites," she said. "I don't think we can do

that here."

Newman also claimed that Planned Parenthood has been linked to "It's Your Game" a sex education curriculum developed by the Prevention Research Center at the University of Texas' School of Public Health and used in 15 school districts around the state.

Susan Tortolero, who directs the Prevention Research Center, said Planned Parenthood "had nothing to do with the development or evaluation" of the curriculum. "They linked us and it is just completely false," she said.

She said representatives of the organization did, however, participate in the center's community advisory group on another project.

Tortolero added that two studies have shown the curriculum to be "highly effective in getting kids to abstain" from sex. She said many school districts have adopted "It's Your Game,"

because "it is one of the few curricula that are effective for middle school students."

The program has become increasingly popular with school district leaders who have seen the percentages of their students who are sexually active increase in recent years, she said.

Most of the dozens of other witnesses who waited hours to address the Senate committee were parents and community activists who support abstinence and are opposed to any group that could be seen as promoting premarital sex.

When one witness ad-

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mitted to being in favor of abortion rights, Sen. Donna Campbell responded, "I'm amazed at those who make a point of promoting abortion. They're all alive."

The New Braunfels Republican then added: "Your mom didn't abort you. We need to promote a culture of life."

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What's in a name? Sometimes a lot

Texans are legendary for their state pride, boasting, among other things, that "everything's bigger in Texas." I read recently that when you say you are from Texas no one in the world has to ask where that is. Throw in the Alamo, Nolan Ryan, Tom Landry and the Cowboys, bluebonnets, Blue Bell Ice Cream, the State Fair and Texas-OU weekend, Texas-shaped waffles in every hotel breakfast bar, and a million other components into the discussion and it pretty well seals the deal that there is, in fact, no place else quite like Texas.

Of course, non-Texans often find that attitude overbearing and obnoxious. That's too bad, because it's here to stay. It simply has too many valid reasons to reside in the hearts of the millions of folks who drive pickup trucks with gun racks and proudly display "Native Texan" bumper stickers. For the record, there were almost 5 million trucks registered in the state of Texas in 2011, more than any other state in the nation.

One of the most significant things that underscore the uniqueness of Texas is its amazing variety of landscapes. I have traveled

extensively throughout the United States and I will readily admit there are many states that have breathtaking scenery and are historic places on the planet in their own way. In fact, there are so many wonderful places I won't even start naming any because the list would be too long and I would miss too many deserving references. But only Texas can boast of such an unlimited diversity of vistas.

Leah and I had the privilege this past week to travel through a small section of the beautiful Big Bend area and I was again reminded of how magnificent God's handiwork is and how much attention He bestowed upon Texas. We visited some neat towns, met some nice folks, and enjoyed some food and scenery we are still talking about.

One of the most fascinating discoveries of our trip was learning how some of the towns were named. A glance at a map of the Trans-Pecos region in West Texas has an element of surprise. Hidden amongst all of the Spanish and Anglo-Saxon names for towns you can find two that are Russian. The Spanish names are often religious ones and are expected, since the entire region was part of Mexico for hundreds of years with settlements that predate the landing of the Pilgrims in America by a century. The Anglo-Saxon examples usually derive from names of enterprising or popular

individuals, sprinkled with military commanders, the surnames of a few famous poets and sometimes a keen sense of humor. But where did the two Russian names come from?

According to the research of Thomas Wilson, an Alpine native who holds a PhD from Rice University, the railroad was in control of the naming conventions. The track right-of-way, by order of the Texas Legislature, belonged to the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway Company, which subcontracted the work to the Southern Pacific proceeding from California. The names occasionally changed later, but only the superintendent of railroad construction could bestow the original name. We know who that was. Between Sierra Blanca and the Pecos River, we also know he gave the job to his wife.

In an excerpt of records of the Southern Pacific Railroad that gave the origin of towns named along the route was this citation: "Marfa, named for the heroine of a Russian novel. Wife of Chief Engineer who was reading the novel suggested the name." "Marfa" is actually the Russian equivalent of the English name, "Martha."

The novel must surely have been *The Brothers Karamazov* by Feodor Dostoyevsky, where Marfa appears as the housekeeper and surrogate mother of the four Karamazov boys.

This is where the story gets

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even more interesting. The person naming the stops was clearly an educated individual. Besides Feodora, we find names like Longfellow, Emerson and Dryden, all famous writers and poets. Marathon comes from Lord Byron and Greece.

The team that built the trans-continental railroad in 1869 came out of retirement to build the Southern Pacific. One of them was the husband and wife team of James Harvey Strobridge and Hanna Maria Strobridge. She can be seen in the infamous historical photo of the driving of the "golden spike" at Promontory Point on May 10, 1869.

Strobridge took his entire family with him during the construction, in a special rail car that served as their home. It is not known for a certainty if Hanna Maria Strobridge was on the train when it first saw what is now Marfa, Feodora and Marathon. What we do know is that her husband, James, had given her the right to name the different stops in the region, which she did.

The existence of Feodora convincingly singles out Dostoyevsky as the choice for the Russian author involved, and that Marfa was almost certainly named for the heroine of *The Brothers Karamazov* because the name "Feodora" was taken directly from the title page

of the Russian novel, indicating that it was not translated into English at the time Marfa was named.

Whether or not all of that is 100 percent accurate, what this amounts to is a rich, delightful story involving some of the warmest small towns in West Texas. Marathon, Marfa and Feodora all owe their names to Hanna Maria Strobridge.

Now, if that's not enough to entice you to want to discover this marvelous slice of Texas not far away from where you are sitting right now, you might want to stop in at a little eatery in Ozona called Pepe's Café. The food is typical Tex-Mex, but near the front entrance to this quaint little café there's a guitar on display in a glass case with the initials SRV on the pick guard. It may or may not be authentic but I'm enjoying the possibility anyway.

Oh, and by the way, if you are going to argue about that famous Texas Ranger, Chuck Norris, being a Texan, don't bother. He was born in Oklahoma.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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EDDY PRINCE

The politics of sequestration

Inside the Beltway, everybody's talking about sequestration — and not only about whether it will happen (various supposed "high-level" sources say they are not optimistic that it will be avoided) and what it will mean, but also — it being the Beltway — which side of the aisle will pay the price.

The president is running a campaign to convince people that the results will be dire, that they should be avoided in favor of a sensible mix of spending cuts and revenue increases, and that the Republicans' insistence that all of the savings come from cuts will lead to fiscal havoc, if not take us over a cliff. Republicans are saying that because Democrats control the Senate, they and the president should put a specific plan on the table.

The White House obviously believes that upping the temperature on the issue will increase support for their position — and solidify blame of the Republicans. So that's what they are trying to do.

There's some reason to think that will work from the polls, which find that the more carefully people pay attention to the debate the more likely they are to want Congress to do something to avoid sequestration. On the other hand, nearly four out of 10 people polled tell Gallup they aren't paying much attention, and 40 percent tell Pew Research/USA Today pollsters that if there's no deal, the



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cuts should go into effect. Two in 10 have no opinion at all about the cuts and whether they're for them or for a deal, much less what kind of deal.

Almost everyone is drawing an analogy to the way House Republicans were blamed for closing down the government during the Clinton years, although the reality of that — the government is closed, you can't call Social Security, you can't get your passport — was easier to grasp. If I went to the corner where my office is located and stopped people on the street, I'm not sure that most of them could actually define "sequestration," much less identify specific program cuts.

And I have a lot of respect for the people in the neighborhood.

In fundamental ways, this does seem like a Washington game. At some point, sooner or later, some kind of deal will be made that some of the politicians and talking heads will praise and others will condemn. But that will only happen after the various elected and appointed officials involved play the usual blame games, up the ante with the old-fashioned "chicken" face-off and wait for the other side to blink. One side will claim some kind of victory, while others will denounce the "deserters" and condemn the results, and we'll move to the next fiscal cliff. There will be polls that show us divided, as we usually are.

I can't predict who will "win," but I can tell you who will lose: anybody who really cares about

respect for government, for Congress and the presidency, and for the value of politics.

Years ago, political theoreticians clustered around the idea that pluralism was the means by which democracy operated best, that the public interest was served when different groups with different interests interacted in the process of deciding who got what, when, where and how — the classic definition of politics. But those were the days when the opposing sides acted like people who disagree rather than like people on opposite sides of a war, when everybody still had a drink after work, when forging compromise was an act of strength and not a sign of weakness.

None of that is the case anymore, which is why we seem to lurch from crisis to crisis and why many folks who dreamed of serving in Congress are disappointed with how it's turned out. It's why running for office doesn't even appear on the list of what my talented students want to do.

One way or another, we'll survive the sequestration debate, the way we did the fiscal cliff — or perhaps more likely, we'll find a way to put it off to another time. The harder calculation is of the cost to a healthy democracy. This much is clear: It is not insignificant.

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A tentative peace has been brokered between Palestine and Israel by the United States. But, guess what? Some people do not want that to happen (image that?). The envoy that is sent to solidify the treaty is under threat of assassination. The taskforce, led by Pike Logan and partner Jennifer Cahill, is charged with preventing that from happening. Of course, this means thwarting terrorist organizations, independent killers and even shaky allies. This will be an exciting book. "Simple" (M GEO K) by Kathleen George will not turn out to be a simple mystery. Cassie Price is thrilled to be working at a high-powered law firm in Pittsburgh. She is living the life: meeting important people, eating in expensive restaurants and maybe even having a mysterious affair. When her lifeless body is found at the bottom of some stairs, suspi-

cion falls on the local handyman, but Detective Colleen Greer and Commander Richard Christie are not too sure about that. Sometimes the easiest cases are the most complicated. Look for it in the mystery shelves. We also have James M. Cain's "The Cocktail Waitress" (M CAI J), "Mr. Monk Gets Even" (M GOL L) by Lee Goldberg, from Warren Ellis — "Gun Machine" (M ELL W) and "Burying the Past" (M CUT J) by Judith Cutler.

New fiction that has come in: "The Captive Heart" (F CRA D) is Book 2 in the Caleb Bender Series by Dale Cramer; from Brad Meltzer, "The Assassin" (F MEL B); "The Inn at Rose Harbor" (LP F MAC D) by Debbie Macomber; and from Danielle Steel, "Happy Birthday" (F STE D).

"Fever Season: The Story of a Terrifying Epidemic and the People Who Saved a City" 614.541 KEI J) is the story about a devastating outbreak of yellow fever in 1878 in Memphis, Tenn. During the 18th and 19th centuries, outbreaks were common in cities due to poor sanitation practices. "Fever Season" chronicles the forgotten story of the epidemic that nearly destroyed Memphis, from the outbreak in August until the disease ran its course in late October. Jeannette Keith uses diaries and newspaper

articles to tell the anguished stories of both heroes and cowards of those who chose to stay, those who were left behind and those who left. It is a gripping story.

Days before the July Fourth holiday and dedication of One World Trade Center at Ground Central, an incident in an airliner over the Atlantic Ocean reminds everyone to stay vigilant. In Dick Wolf's newest Jeremy Fisk thriller, the NYPD detective and partner Krina Gersten are doing just that. When a Saudi Arabian disappears from the same flight Fisk and Gersten were on, and every trail and clue fizzles, it looks like time is running out. "The Intercept" (F WOL D) is a page-turner bar none, and it will keep you up past your bed time to finish it! Dick Wolf is

also the architect of one of the longest running shows on TV — Law & Order.

"Holy Ghost Girl" (B JOH D) by Donna M. Johnson is a compassionate, humorous memoir of faith, betrayal and coming of age on the evangelical sawdust trail. Long before the Blues Brothers coined the term, Donna M. Johnson's family was on a mission from God. She was just 3 years old when her mother signed on as the organist for tent revivalist David Terrell. Before long, Donna and her family were part of the hugely popular evangelical preacher's inner circle. At 17, she left the ministry for good, with a trove of stranger-than-fiction memories. A homecoming like no other, "Holy Ghost Girl" brings to life miracles, exorcisms

and face-offs with the Ku Klux Klan. And that's just what went on under the tent. As Terrell became known worldwide during the 1960s and 70s, he enthralled — and healed — thousands a night, and the caravan of broken-down cars and trucks that made up his ministry evolved into fleets of Mercedes and private jets.

The glories of the Word mixed with betrayals of the flesh, and Donna's mother bore Terrell's children in one of the secret households he maintained. Terrell's followers, dubbed "Terrellites" by the press, descended on backwaters across the South to await the apocalypse in cult-like communities. Johnson's personal story takes us into the heart of a

mystical and deeply flawed family where the norms are anything but normal and where love covers a multitude of sin. Recounted with the deadpan observations and surreal detail only a kid would notice, "Holy Ghost Girl" bypasses easy judgment to articulate a rich world in which the mystery of faith and human frailty share a surprising and humorous coexistence.

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sudoku

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.

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

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Do you, a friend or family member know of someone who has an interesting hobby or story to tell? The Big Spring Herald is gathering material for its annual 'Profiles' edition which will be published March 31. If you know someone who might be an interesting topic for a short story, contact the Herald at 432-263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Psychological Ploy

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 4
♥ K J 2
♦ K Q J 10 3
♣ 10 7 5
WEST
♠ K 7 2
♥ 8 7 5 4 3
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 6 3
EAST
♠ 6 3
♥ A Q 9
♦ 7 6
♣ K Q J 8 4 2
SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 8 5
♥ 10 6
♦ A 9 2
♣ A 9

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♦ 3♣
4♠

Opening lead — six of clubs.
It is usually poor policy to false-card on defense because there is a much greater chance of fooling partner than declarer. Top-notch defense is difficult enough under ordinary circumstances without adding to it the risk of deceiving partner.
Nevertheless, there are times when a player should deliberately mislead partner in order to achieve the best result. Here is such a case.
South is in four spades, and West leads a club in response to East's overcall. Declarer follows low from

dummy, and East's normally correct play is the jack. This is consistent with the rule that a defender plays the lowest of equal cards when winning or attempting to win a trick.

But in this deal, East should play the king of clubs instead of the jack. It is true that when South wins the king with the ace, West will conclude that declarer started with the A-Q of the suit. But that is exactly the conclusion East wants West to reach. The reason is that East wants his partner to shift to a heart — if West should happen to gain the lead so East deliberately misleads him.

South crosses to dummy with a diamond at trick two, leads the nine of trumps and lets it ride, losing to West's king.

East's falsecard at trick one now comes home to roost because West — under the impression that South started with the A-Q of clubs — does not lead another club. Instead, he shifts to a heart, through dummy's K-J-2. This allows East to score two hearts and a club to put the contract down one.

Note that if East plays the club jack at trick one, West might decide to lead another club at trick four, thus handing South the contract. East's intentional deception at trick one is designed to steer his partner in the right direction.

Tomorrow: Keep your eye on the goal.

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It's in the Bag (Pipes)

Seattle resident Jori Chisholm has played the bagpipe since age 11 and today is one of the world's premier professional pipers, widening American exposure to the iconic Celtic instrument.

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Fight over Medicaid continues at Texas Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — About 1,000 protesters marched and rode wheelchairs to the Texas Capitol on Tuesday to demand that lawmakers fully fund Medicaid and expand it to include an additional 1.5 million poor people.

Disabled and low-income residents wearing yellow caps carried banners up Congress Avenue and chanted, "My Medicaid matters!" They were joined by their family members and dozens of groups from across the state.

After listening to speakers talk about their shared cause, protesters and their supporters headed inside the Capitol to lobby lawmakers.

Separately, hundreds

of doctors in white lab coats met privately with legislators, asking for better reimbursement rates for treating Medicaid patients. Currently, the state only covers about 60 percent of the cost of treating recipients of the joint federal-state health care program for the poor and disabled. Doctors and clinics are expected to absorb the losses.

Under the Affordable Care Act, states have the opportunity to expand Medicaid coverage to low-income adults, with the federal government paying 85 percent of the cost over the next 10 years. The federal rules also would increase reimbursement rates to the same as those for Medicare,

the government health insurance program for the elderly.

At least 26 states have agreed to expand Medicaid, but Texas Republicans insist the program already is too expensive for the state to operate and lacks enough doctors.

Gov. Rick Perry said he wants a waiver from the Obama administration that would allow Texas to receive the funding, ignore federal regulations and develop its own program.

DeAnn Friedholm, a former Texas Medicaid director who's now a health care expert with Consumers Union, said enrolling more people into the health program will lower local taxes and health insurance

premiums by cutting back on the number of uninsured relying on emergency rooms for care.

Friedholm also called for a boost in Medicaid reimbursements.

"The biggest problem with Texas Medicaid today is that the payments for doctors are so far behind what other medical programs and private insurers pay that doctors can't or won't take Medicaid patients," she told a crowd on the Capitol steps. "Guess who's in charge of setting those rates? The Texas Legislature."

By spending \$15 billion more on Medicaid over the next 10 years, the federal government would contribute \$100

billion in matching funds and provide health care coverage for an additional 1.5 million Texans, she said. Texas currently has the highest rate of uninsured in the country at 24 percent.

Small brewers

From his pizza pub in San Antonio, Scott Metzger has built a modest business brewing offbeat ales with names like Broken Treaty, eXXXtra Pale and End of the World.

But his plans to expand have run up against outdated laws favoring brewers from other states, Metzger told lawmakers on Tuesday.

"I can sell more beer in the state of Texas today," Metzger testi-

fied, "if I moved out of Texas."

Over the last few years, the growth of the craft beer business has split the loyalties of the state's powerful distribution firms.

When the Senate's Committee on Business and Commerce agreed to consider legislation that would expand the market for craft beers, lawmakers set off a scramble for favorable regulations.

Expanding the fight, the committee's chairman also filed his own beer bill.

It includes a hodgepodge of requests from the secretive Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas, traditionally the most powerful trade group in the business.

News in brief

What record? 'Just another day' as Dow's all-time high doesn't impress Wall Street workers

NEW YORK (AP) — What record?

There were no signs of a celebration on Wall Street after the Dow Jones industrial average closed at an all-time high Tuesday. Like on any other day, traders rushed out the doors of the New York Stock Exchange after the closing bell and down the stairs of subway stations. Nearby office workers did the same.

Maybe the memories of the financial meltdown are too fresh, or outlook for the economy is too uncertain. But the only indication that something historic had transpired was the six television news cameras that faced the stock exchange. Even that perplexed some Wall Street denizens.

"Is that what this is about?" said one trader, referring to the cameras and reporters as he darted across Wall Street. He said he didn't have time to give his name because he was rushing to get home.

The Dow rose 125.95 points Tuesday and closed at 14,253.77, topping the previous record set on Oct. 9, 2007 by almost 90 points. The blue-chip index has more than doubled since falling to a low of 6,547 in March 2009 during the financial crisis. It's sign the country is slowly healing after the worst recession since the 1930s.

D.C. region faces unique challenges from budget cuts due to concentration of federal workers

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — To get a sense of just how much federal government spending influences the Washington metropolitan area, all you have to do is listen to the ads on an all-news radio station there.

Instead of promoting happy hours and nightclubs, WTOP's commercials are replete with buzzwords about cloud computing and fulfilling mission statements — pitches by IT consultants and contractors trying to land business with federal agencies.

And the storm that was heading for the Mid-Atlantic on Tuesday? It's been dubbed "snowquaster," a play on the D.C. wonk jargon that is used to describe the \$85 billion that must be cut from federal budgets over the next six months after President Barack Obama and lawmakers failed to reach a deal that would reduce the national deficit.

Communities on the Capital Beltway have disproportionately benefited from the federal government's growth for decades — and there is no doubt they will now take a disproportionate hit from the budget cuts.

The federal government is the region's largest single employer and an economic engine. Thousands of federal government workers for agencies as varied as the CIA and the Patent and Trademark Office make their home in the area — about 15 percent of the total federal workforce, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Office of Personnel Management.

Flyers call policy allowing small knives, baseball bats, golf clubs on planes 'common sense'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Flyers reacted with shrugs but largely agreed with a new policy announced by the Transportation Security Administration that airline passengers will be able to carry small knives and previously forbidden sports equipment on planes.

"It's common sense," said Pat O'Brien, who stood at Los Angeles International Airport after arriving from Durango, Colo. "You can make anything into a knife so I don't have a problem with it at all. You can sharpen a credit card to make a sharp implement."

Aviation security consultant John L. Sullivan agreed with O'Brien, saying a pen or toothbrush can be sharpened like the "shivs" inmates sometimes make in prison.

"There are a lot of things you can use on an airplane if you are intent on hurting someone," said

Sullivan, co-founder of the Welsh-Sullivan Group in Dallas. "Security is never 100 percent."

The changes announced by the TSA Tuesday take effect April 25. Box cutters, razor blades and knives that don't fold or that have molded grip handles will still be prohibited.

Winter snowstorm pummels Midwest, heads toward nation's capital and Mid-Atlantic states

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — After pummeling the nation's midsection with heavy snow, a late-winter storm was making its way Wednesday toward the nation's capital, where residents braced for the possibility of snarled traffic and power outages.

As the storm closed in, the federal government said its offices in the Washington, D.C., area would be closed Wednesday.

The storm had brought around 10 inches of snow to weather-hardened Chicago by late Tuesday, when snow was also starting to come down in parts of Virginia. Schools were closed in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois, and more than 1,100 flights were cancelled at Chicago's two major airports, prompting delays and closures at others.

Airlines along the storm's projected path were already cutting flights too, including hundreds more Wednesday, most of them at Dulles and Reagan National airports in the Washington area, according to FlightAware.com.

While there were no initial reports of major accidents in the Chicago area, a semi-trailer slid off a snow-covered interstate in western Wisconsin, killing one person. The search for a second person, believed to be a passenger, was suspended overnight.

U.N. says number of Syrians fleeing their country, seeking assistance hits 1 million

BERLIN (AP) — The number of Syrians who have fled their war-ravaged country and are seeking assistance has now topped the one million mark, the United Nations' refugee agency said Wednesday.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Antonio Guterres, said in a statement released in Geneva that the figure is based on reports from his agency's field offices in neighboring countries that have provided refuge for Syrians escaping the civil war.

"With a million people in flight, millions more displaced internally, and thousands of people continuing to cross the border every day, Syria is spiraling towards full-scale disaster," Guterres said.

Syria's uprising began in March 2011 with protests against President Bashar Assad's authoritarian rule. When the government cracked down on demonstrators, the opposition took up arms and the conflict turned into a full-blown civil war. The United Nations estimates that more than 70,000 people have been killed.

The relentless violence also has devastated many cities and forced hundreds of thousands of Syrians to seek refuge abroad.

City Hall veterans pull away from field in Los Angeles mayoral election

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two City Hall veterans took command in the contest to replace outgoing Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, setting up a likely runoff to determine who will lead a city troubled by double-digit unemployment and a looming budget gap.

"The creativity and the genius that is Los Angeles, we will bring back. And that's what I'm going to do as the next mayor of Los Angeles," city Councilman Eric Garcetti promised Tuesday night as he led the field with 34 percent of the vote.

With mail-in ballots and about 40 percent of precincts reporting, no candidate was in position to clear the majority needed to win outright. The top two finishers will go to a May 21 runoff, and Garcetti, 42, was followed closely by city Controller Wendy Greuel, 51, another Democrat who notched 29 percent of the vote.

Democratic Councilwoman Jan Perry was parked in third place, with 17 percent.

The election capped a lackluster primary campaign that was snubbed by most of the city's 1.8 million voters. Turnout was scant.

Months after Superstorm Sandy flood, NYC hospital slowly rebuilds stocks of special lab mice

NEW YORK (AP) — It was one of the most dramatic stories from Superstorm Sandy: more than 300 patients including tiny babies safely removed from a flooded New York hospital that lost power. But in a research building at the complex, where thousands of lab mice were kept, the story had a sadder ending.

A storm surge into the basement swamped some 7,000 cages of mice used for studying cancer, diabetes, brain development and other health issues. Each cage held up to five of the little rodents, and even four months later, nobody knows exactly how many perished.

Now, about 50 scientists at the NYU Langone Medical Center are going through the slow process of replacing them. What they lost in a few minutes one terrible night in October will take more than a year to recover, at a cost of tens of millions of dollars.

That's because, for the most part, they can't simply buy the mice off the shelf. Most were tailor-made, engineered to carry specific genetic mutations to mimic human diseases and conditions like autism. Some breeds can be found only in a few labs worldwide. Others were too new to have been shared yet with researchers elsewhere and will take many months or even two years to recreate.

Besides the mice, researchers lost precious specimens and suffered damage to sensitive equipment from the blackouts and flooding from the nearby East River. The 700-bed hospital closed for almost two months.

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Lady Steers down MCHS; Steers fall

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — The Big Spring Lady Steers evened their season record with a 10-5 win over Midland Christian in non-district softball action Tuesday.

Logan Yarbar was the winning pitcher for Big Spring, which improved to 8-8 for the season.

BSHS Coach John Sparks said errors continue to be a concern for the team, but offensive production is beginning to make up for any shortcomings in the field.

"I think right now, we're at a point where the girls are starting to get confidence at the plate," Sparks said. "We're making too many errors, but hopefully, the confidence factor will improve there, also."

The Lady Steers return to action Thursday when they begin play in the Snyder softball tournament.

"We're looking at this

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Adam Franco prepares to tag out a Lubbock Estacado runner at second base during their game Tuesday at Steer Park. The Steers dropped a 13-12 decision in the non-district contest.

Manziel prepares for spring football after busy off-season

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel was back on the field with his teammates at spring practice on Tuesday.

But the whirlwind season he had last year just how long the quarterback will remain an Aggie.

The quarterback became the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy in 2012. He will be eligible for the NFL draft after the 2013 season since he red-shirted his first season in College Station.

He knows questions about the possibility of leaving school early are inevitable. But he's not

thinking about that right now.

"I will just try to answer it the same way I do every time," he said. "It's always been a dream of mine, but for now I'm very content and very happy where I am right now. So I love it here."

Still, he admitted that he will consider all the possibilities when it is time.

"Whenever that decision comes, I will have to sit down and evaluate it just like you do with anything else in your life," he said. "With the NFL, if you have an opportunity to go, then you look at it. But I love this place, I love coach (Kevin) Sum-

lin and all my teammates here ... I'm not in any rush to make a decision like that."

Manziel is however taking steps to guard his future, and said after Tuesday's practice that he is in the process of getting an insurance policy to protect him in case of injury.

"It's just a precaution," he said. "I think there's a lot of players out there that have done it in the past. You never know what could happen. Football is a dangerous sport, so you make sure that you take the precaution."

Sumlin said he tries to be there for Manziel as

much as he can, but he's careful not to overdo it with his words of wisdom.

"His life is forever changed," Sumlin said. "For me to tell him a lot, or anybody else to tell him a lot, it's really kind of hard because nobody has been in those shoes. All we can do is give him advice. We've got a great support system here for him. We have great communication."

Texas A&M went 11-2 in its first season in the SEC after moving from the Big 12, its first 11-win season since 1998. Manziel led the Aggies to a

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New Fox network to debut in August

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox proved television was ready for a fourth major network, and Fox News took on CNN.

The company wants to remind everyone of its record as it challenges ESPN with Fox Sports 1, a 24-hour sports cable network set to launch Aug. 17.

"We're coming in trying to take on the establishment," Fox Sports executive vice president Bill Wanger said Tuesday in announcing the venture. "It's no different than Fox News or Fox Broadcasting back in the '80s. We're going to have to scratch and claw our way all the way to the top."

To do that, Fox executives are confident they have enough live events, with rights to college basketball and football, NASCAR, soccer and UFC fights. In its first year, the new network will broadcast nearly 5,000 hours of live competition and news.

Fox owns the rights to many Big 12, Pac-12 and Conference USA basketball and football games. Its soccer deals include UEFA Champions League and the men's and women's World Cups from 2015-22.

Starting in 2014, FS1 will start broadcasting Major League Baseball games, including part of the postseason. It will show some NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races as early as 2015, with other NASCAR events on the air from the start.

"We believe we've amassed enough live events and can package and put programming around it where we can have scale," Fox Sports co-President Randy Freer said. "We can have significance. We can be a major player in the market."

However, unlike ESPN's lineup, there's no NBA, no SEC football, no ACC basketball and, the biggest problem of all, no NFL games. On that last point, Wanger was quick to add: "Yet."

Still to be determined is whether the NFL sells some Thursday night games separately from its NFL Network package. If it does, everyone will try to buy a piece of the action.

That will be the case for any rights deals that come along soon; there aren't many, with long-term pacts now the norm. NBC

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Questions about Ryan's future with Texas

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

Nolan Ryan is synonymous with the Texas Rangers.

Yet, suddenly there seem to be some questions about Ryan's future with the team. Primarily, how has his role changed and is he going to stay?

The Hall of Fame pitcher spent the last five seasons of his playing days in a Rangers uniform, getting his 300th victory, throwing the last two of his record seven no-hitters and getting his 5,000th strikeout.

Since Ryan became the team's president five years ago, the Rangers have made their only two World Series appearances. Those AL pennants came after he helped lead the team through a bankruptcy and was a primary figure in the ownership group that bought the team.

Speculation about Ryan's future with the Rangers has been growing since some seemingly routine promotions. Team ownership last week gave general manager Jon



Ryan

Daniels and chief operating officer Rick George new presidential titles.

The team's announcement that Daniels would be president of baseball operations/general manager and George president of business operations said that the two will continue to oversee the day-to-day baseball and business operations of the team under the leadership of Ryan, who remains chief executive officer but gave up the title of president.

Included in that announcement was a statement from Ryan in which he said he was "proud of what we have accomplished as an organization over the last several years. ... That has been due in large part to the efforts of a lot of talented and dedicated individuals who work in all areas of the ballclub."

Ryan congratulated Daniels and George on their promotions and said the organization was moving forward "to achieve an even greater level of excellence in 2013 and in the years to come."

That statement remains the only public comment by the wildly popular Ryan since the moves that have raised questions about if the

new titles for Daniels and George diminish his role.

The Rangers on Tuesday had their first day off since the start of spring training.

After getting to Arizona last month, Ryan was asked about his role leading the Rangers organization and how it had altered since he was hired by former owner Tom Hicks as president in February 2008.

"Obviously things have changed with the organization and the organization is more stable now than it has been since I've been here," Ryan said then. "So obviously some of the things that we used to focus on, we don't have to anymore, because it's changed with the ownership and with the success of the ballclub. It's been a growing process and I think with experience you have a comfort level and more feel for things."

But there were no indications then that any changes had been made in the team's organizational structure, or were forthcoming.

After the promotions were announced Friday, Daniels said there "won't be any dramatic difference"

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Dear Annie: My boyfriend's parents are truly wonderful people, but they have taught their son to rely solely on them.

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I knew my boyfriend was rather self-centered before we moved in together. We discuss nothing about our household, but he talks to his parents about our finances. When they tell him to do something, he complies, even if I am against it.

This is causing problems in our relationship. I am afraid my only option is to leave. I love him, but I feel I could never measure up to his parents, and they will keep him a little boy forever.

Our relationship needs to move to the next level, but it is impossible with them hanging on for dear life. — *Frustrated*

Dear Frustrated: A man in his 50s who still expects his parents to pay his bills and buy him toys is not a responsible adult, and we cannot promise he ever will be. Unless you can convince him or his parents that their indulgence is not in his best interests, you will be fighting an uphill battle. Sorry.

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Dear W.: Please speak to someone who can be impartial about your past and help you deal with

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Dear Annie: "K" complained about a neighbor child she fears is "a ticking time bomb." My son fits nearly every category of her profile. He has difficulty in public and prefers to be by himself. He shows a great interest in guns and has few friends, and we had to move him to a different school because "he didn't fit in." This does not make him a potential risk.

My son struggles every day with epilepsy, along with the side effects of several medications. Children his age can be brutal to those who are different. He withdraws to protect himself. We moved him to a different school because his old one would not provide the resources he needs.

Now he can maintain a decent grade point with teachers he respects and likes. His interest in guns is no different from that of other 15-year-old boys in our area, and more importantly, our son has no access to guns. He has a healthy respect for their power.

I admit that impulse control is not his strong point, but we work with him to learn what is appropriate. If you get to know him, you will find a nice kid with a good sense of humor, a passion for history and genuine empathy. He doesn't like to see others being mistreated, because he knows how it feels.

Thank you, Annie, for saying, "We also hope you can be his friend." That's what my son wants more than anything in the world: someone to accept him for who he is. — *A Father Who Knows*

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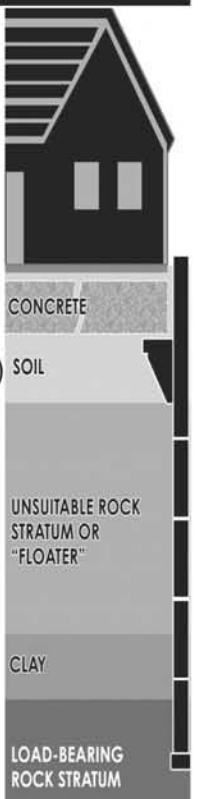
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Since it's summer in Chile when it's winter here, fresh fruits such as grapes, blueberries, peaches, plums and kiwi can be added to recipes like these all year. For more recipes, visit www.fruitsfromchile.com

Spinach Salad with fresh Grapes, Plums, Peaches and Kiwis

Serves 6

- 4 cups washed baby spinach
- 1/2 cup red grapes
- 1/2 cup green grapes
- 2 plums sliced
- 1 peach sliced
- 2 kiwis sliced for garnish
- 1/2 cup toasted almonds

Place spinach and sliced fruit in a salad bowl and toss with kiwi vinaigrette. Garnish with additional fruit pieces and top with toasted almonds.

Kiwi Vinaigrette

- 3 kiwis peeled and chopped
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 - 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon agave or honey
- salt and black pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in a food processor or blender and blend until smooth. Set aside.

Salmon, Fresh Chilean Blueberries and Lemon Salad with Chive Vinaigrette

Serves 4

- 8 cups salad greens, in small pieces
- 1 pound salmon fillet, poached
- 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries
- Lemon zest to garnish

Vinaigrette:

- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives

Divide salad greens on four salad plates. Tear salmon into medium pieces and arrange on greens. Sprinkle on blueberries. Top with lemon zest. In a jar with a lid, add all vinaigrette ingredients. Shake well. Serve salads chilled with the dressing alongside.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus Offers Generation Exchange Program

To those who grew up in the analog age, today's technology-rich children seem to gain digital savvy through osmosis. The alarmingly adaptive youth may have more to teach older people than any other generation that has walked the earth. Venus warms up to Saturn, increasing the interest and stimulating the dialogue between young and old.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your people will see you the way they always have, regardless of what new wisdom you bring to the picture. If you want to be properly recognized, you'll have to venture out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Waiting until you are stirred to do something isn't advised. Get in motion, and the practical aspects will soon come together to give you that inspired feeling or to render it unnecessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). While tuning in to the people around you and all the humor, interest and beauty that's going on in your surroundings right now, you'll get the sneaking suspicion that these are the good times.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may find that you're acting on less of a thought process and more of a gut feeling. People will respect your decisions even if you can't back them up in rational terms. The less you say about it the better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You and a friend will occupy the same moment and have a vastly different experience of it. Find out what's going on with this person. Pisces energy is helping you expand your powers of empathy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your timing is sublime, largely because you're not getting too wrapped up in time periods over which you have no control, i.e., "then." Instead of thinking about where

you were or where you'll be, notice where you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your active imagination will be a delight to behold. Even those who can't relate to your creativity can at least appreciate that you bring a special something to the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In order to step through the porthole of intuition, you have to leave your baggage at the door. Any attachment you have to your story of the past or the future will only cloud your vision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whatever you are feeling, it is perfectly acceptable. Tell yourself this, even though you may not even be aware of what you're feeling. You need a reminder that it is safe to be yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are decisive, but not closed-minded. There's a big difference. Choosing is movement. Someone who is already moving can just as easily move a different way. It's harder, though, for someone who is not moving.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though you're practiced in the art of conversation, since Mercury went retrograde, it hasn't been as easy for you. At times like this, words are inferior indicators of all you're learning through silent observation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's a fine time to move your professional life into new territory. Mention your interests, volunteer to help, or turn in an application. Your strong intention will clear the way.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 6). Don't waste energy being too practical or thinking small. Make magical requests now while so much is working in your favor. You'll labor for free this month and then get paid handsomely for easy-peasy work in April. Projects and relationships reach a turning point in May. Invest in you. Family grows in December. Leo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 9, 39, 11 and 7.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I never was a moody person

before, but recently I can't seem to shake off the sadness of life. When people around me lack enthusiasm or seem lonely, I fall into a horrible funk. I'm a 40-year-old Pisces."

Right now, the sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars and Neptune are all in your part of the sky. You may feel overwhelmed with different kinds of energy, but you're also stronger than you realize. I encourage you to summon that strength and flee your gloomy environment with all the zeal of a fully alive person running from zombies. In your current state, you need to be in a positive environment more than ever.

Those who lack enthusiasm may not realize that the gravity of their humorless ways has an impact on others. But anyone who is paying attention knows that a dark mood can be like an emotional black hole, sucking the happiness out of everything that comes near it. Gloomy people are toxic, especially to Pisces, who can be an emotional sponge, soaking up the vibes all around.

Thank you for reaching out and sharing about your struggle. I encourage you to seek the input and support of many sources: spiritual, social, intellectual and possibly medical.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Renaissance man Michelangelo Buonarroti was considered the greatest artist of his time and remains one of the most notable of the ages. A master of many disciplines, his best-known works include the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel and the Statue of David. Buonarroti's natal sun, moon, Mercury and Mars are all in Pisces indicating deep spiritual passion.

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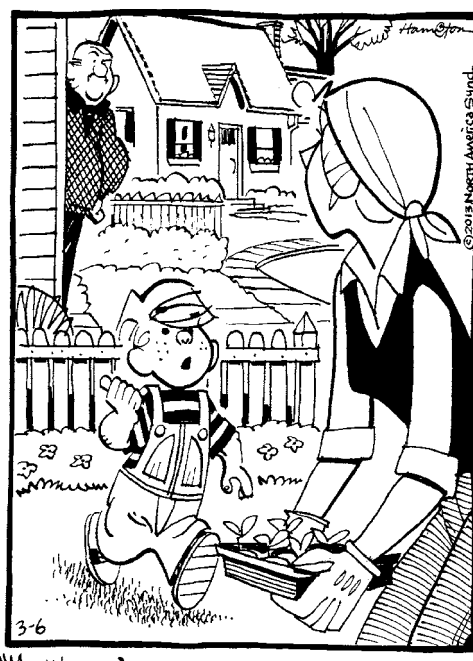
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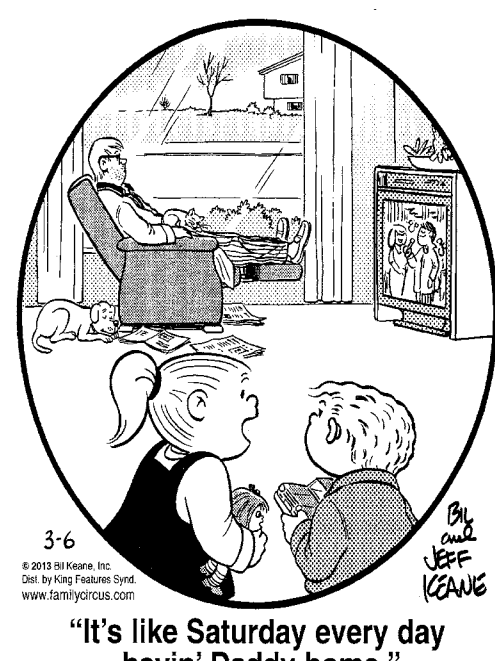
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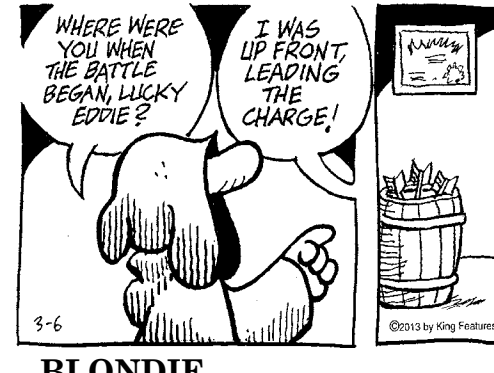
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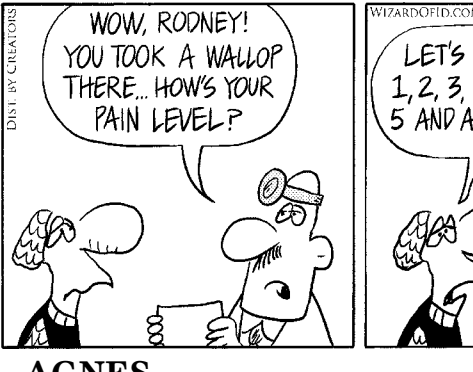
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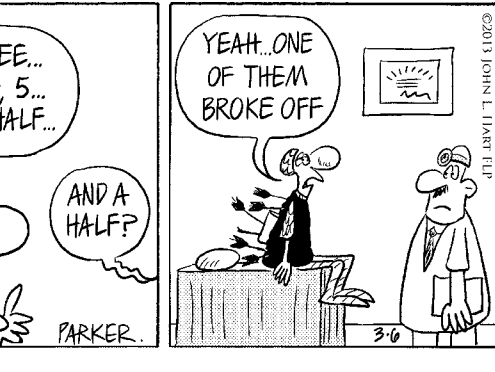
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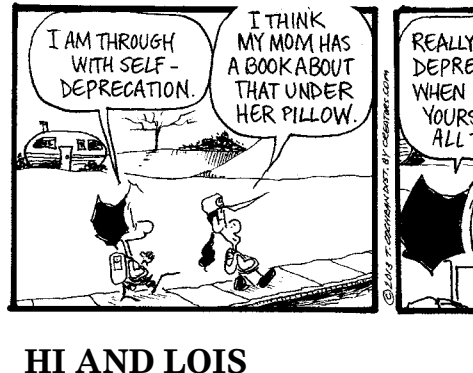
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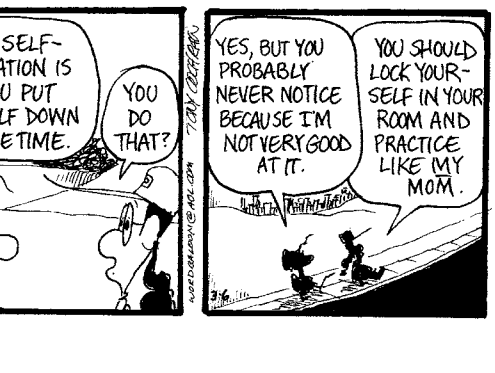
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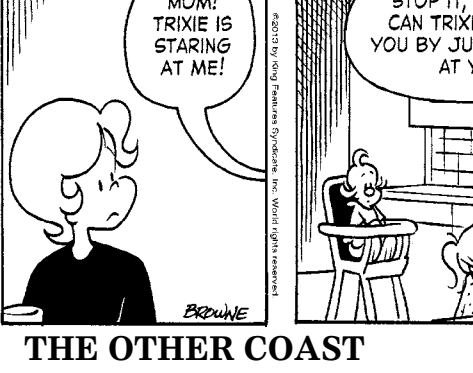
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 6, the 65th day of 2013. There are 300 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 6, 1933, a national bank holiday declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt aimed at calming panicked depositors went into effect. (The holiday was supposed to last four days, but was extended until it was gradually lifted starting March 13.)

On this date:

In 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.

In 1853, Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy.

In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Dred Scott v. Sandford that Scott, a slave, was not an American citizen and could not sue for his freedom in federal court.

In 1912, Oreo sandwich cookies were first introduced by the National Biscuit Co.

WAYS TO GO

Washington, D.C., a liberal arts college for the deaf, selected Elisabeth Zinser, a hearing woman, to be school president. (Outraged students shut down the campus, forcing selection of a deaf president, I. King Jordan, instead.)

Today's Birthdays: Orchestra conductor Julius Rudel is 92. Former FBI and CIA director William Webster is 89. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is 87. Author Gabriel Garcia Marquez is 86. Orchestra conductor Lorin Maazel is 83. Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova is 76. Former Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., is 74. Actress-writer Joanna Miles is 73. Actor Ben Murphy is 71. Opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa is 69.

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- 1 "Ditto!"
- 6 Fully prepared
- 9 Nasal appraisal
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- 15 Armed conflict
- 16 "Shut up!"
- 17 "I'm at a loss"
- 18 Expert
- 19 British pop singer
- 20 24 hours a day
- 23 Upper-left keyboard key
- 24 Boxing official
- 25 Little Mermaid tune
- 31 Gallery display
- 34 Trumpets
- 35 Lab-maze runners
- 36 Tint
- 37 Prepared soil for planting
- 38 Vast
- 40 Artery's opposite
- 41 Nation north of Mex.
- 42 Medal of Honor recipient
- 43 College officials
- 44 Garment border
- 45 Spilling out
- 48 Questionnaire info
- 49 Cereal grain
- 50 Time for an intermission
- 58 Hot beverage
- 59 Thumbs-up vote

DOWN

- 1 M*A*S*H star
- 2 Tart-tasting
- 3 Part of AD
- 4 Bistro handout
- 5 Laundry workers
- 6 Fabric sample
- 7 Apiece
- 8 Genealogy chart
- 9 Garden shrubs
- 10 Free from
- 11 Oil cartel
- 12 Dairy product
- 13 Had a bite
- 21 "Spring forward" period: Abbr.
- 22 Largest Greek island
- 25 Informal approval
- 26 Rope loop
- 27 Fond hope
- 28 Wrap up
- 29 Miscue
- 30 Sink in the middle
- 31 Onward
- 32 Feeling bad about
- 33 Jittery
- 38 Flood barrier
- 39 "___ we there yet?"
- 40 Neckline shape
- 42 Baloney
- 43 Can't stand
- 46 Sums
- 47 Defiant shout
- 48 Physicist's studies
- 50 Prosperous period
- 51 Beige shade
- 52 Examined
- 53 Have to have
- 54 Yearning
- 55 Apple center
- 56 Difficult journey
- 57 Realizes
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FOX

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and CBS already have their own cable sports networks, and Turner is also a factor. Fox Sports co-President Eric Shanks mentioned the NBA, Big Ten and U.S. Open tennis as appealing properties whose contracts expire in the next several years.

FS1 has two main challenges, he said. One is producing enough alluring live events to draw viewers, and he thinks the network is already in good shape to do that. The other is inertia: Fans accustomed to tuning to ESPN must be persuaded to switch to a different network.

"People need to over time feel like there's a channel number in their head that they can go to as an alternative to one of the more pow-

erful sports channels out there," he said.

Will they watch nightly highlights on something other than "SportsCenter"? FS1 will try to find out with its own news show, which will look more like Fox's NFL pregame coverage than ESPN's cornerstone program.

"We like our position," ESPN spokesman Josh Krulewitz said. "We have always had vigorous competition so there is really nothing substantially new here. Others are, however, beginning to recognize what we have long known: The power of live sports, especially in light of technological advances, is substantial and brings tremendous value in today's entertainment landscape."

ESPN has eight cable networks that combine for almost 30,000 hours of live coverage.

FS1 will be converted from Speed, a motorsports network, and will be available in 90 million homes, compared with 98 million for ESPN and ESPN2.

And in what might seem odd for a company known for drawing a young audience, Regis Philbin will host a weekday sports talk show for the new network. The 81-year-old Philbin jokingly pretended to be hard of hearing when questions came up about this at the news conference.

Wanger noted that "Live! With Regis and Kelly" did well in younger demographics before Philbin left that show in late 2011.

"Regis has appeal from young to old," Wanger said. "That's why we want him."

Fox plans to use its "double box" format for showing commercials during live action

for sports events. Kicking off the coverage on Aug. 17 will be a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race from Michigan and a UFC event in prime time.

Fox executives had talked about potentially launching a sports network for years. As DVRs made live events even more valuable, the timing was right once the company was able to line up enough broadcast rights. And not having a cable sports partner could have hurt the main Fox network in negotiations, Freer said. Fox has used cable channel FX in the past to show some sports.

The network wasn't ready to announce a deal with the new basketball conference formed by breakaway Big East schools, but Fox's executives were happy to talk up the ratings draw the league will provide. Freer called it

an "iconic basketball brand" that will immediately be one of the top hoops conferences in the country.

Fox is airing the 2014 Super Bowl in the New York area, a valuable opportunity to promote the new network. Its 22 regional channels also will offer regular chances to direct viewers to FS1.

A report by RBC Capital Markets analyst David Bank says that while FS1 may not match ESPN right away, it can thrive without doing so. Banks writes that a "modestly successful" venture would more than quadruple Fox's monthly subscriber fees from what Speed received.

"It's going to take us a while, and we're aware of this fact," Fox Sports Chairman David Hill said. "We're not expecting to knock ESPN off in the first week or two. ... It's going to be a solid slog."

RYAN

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in his role on a day-to-day basis and that he still reported to Ryan, who wasn't on that conference call.

Daniels has since repeated that "I report to Nolan," and said they have talked daily as usual since the announcements.

Bob Simpson, a co-chairman of the ownership group, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram this week that Ryan

leaving the Rangers "would be a tragedy" and is not something the group wants to happen.

"We absolutely do not want Nolan to leave. The moves we announced were to preserve Nolan, not to remove him, or remove his power," Simpson said. "We want Nolan to be with the Rangers forever, and in charge of the team as long as he wants to be."

The 66-year-old Ryan, who has a minority ownership stake, has three years left in his front-office contract.

When Ryan became the Rangers president, Daniels already had been the general manager for more than two years. Daniels was the youngest GM in major league history at 28 years old when he was promoted from being an assistant in October 2005.

In March 2011, Ryan added the title of CEO after Chuck Greenberg left the organization only seven months following the sale following a dramatic bankruptcy court auction.

Ryan's No. 34 is the

only jersey worn by a Rangers player to be retired, and there is a statue of the pitcher at Rangers Ballpark. He is the only player in the Hall of Fame whose bust is topped by a Texas

cap. "I don't know what's going on, to be honest with you. Nolan obviously brings credibility on both sides of the ball," Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler.

"He had a successful career, he's a successful businessman and he brings respect in a lot of different ways. To have a guy like that in the organization is important."

MANZIEL

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win at national champion Alabama, and became A&M's first Heisman winner since 1957. Manziel threw for more than 3,700 yards and added more than 1,400 yards on the ground last year to win the award.

Last year at this time, Manziel was competing to be a starter.

He knows things are much different now after the success he had in his first season. But the increased expectations won't change his approach.

"I feel like we're doing all right. We're still just out here playing football, doing the same things that we did last year," he said. "We didn't have a lot of expectations last year, and there's a lot more talk this year. So for us, we just have to make sure that we continue to do the things that got us where we are today."

Sumlin watched the development of Manziel throughout last season, and expects that progress to continue in his second year. He isn't concerned that his work ethic will change because of what happened last year.

"As much as we talk to him, he's as hard on himself as any of the coaches are," Sumlin said. "He wants to be great. Because of that he'll work at it. He's very, very honest and we're honest with him about what we see. He continues to work to improve."

The team practiced for about two hours on Tuesday wearing shorts. The Aggies will don pads for their next practice on Thursday.

The Aggies will use this spring to test out a revamped offensive line.

There will be several changes to the group tasked with protecting Manziel, but the biggest one will be Jake Matthews taking over at left tackle for Outland Trophy winner Luke Joeckel, who left early for the draft.

"In the first few days, first weeks we're still figuring out the pieces and what you have with guys," Manziel said. "There's a lot of new guys coming in and you're trying to plug guys in the offensive line. The first few weeks

we'll evaluate and make sure we get everybody plugged into the right places, and from there it's just making sure that we continue to get better every week."

Texas A&M also has a new offensive coordinator in Clarence McKinney, who took over after Kliff Kingsbury became the coach at Texas Tech. Manziel said that transition has been easy because McKinney has worked in Sumlin's system for years, and they already had a good relationship.

STEERS

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tournament to be a confidence-builder heading into district play," Sparks said. "The girls are ready to get after it."

Steers fall to Estacado

It was a rout in the making and then, all of a sudden, it wasn't.

The Big Spring Steers were four outs away from being run-ruled against Lubbock Estacado before staging a wild rally before ultimately falling short, 13-12, in non-district baseball action Tuesday.

The Steers trailed 11-1 in the bottom of the fifth inning before making

a game of things. Haegan Rodriguez's three-run triple keyed an eight-run fifth for Big Spring.

The Steers return to action Thursday as hosts of the Big Spring Varsity Baseball Tournament.

Hawks down Trinity Valley

ATHENS, Texas — The Howard College Hawks are putting the memories of a bad early season behind them in a hurry.

The Hawks won the first game of a three-game series, 7-2, against Trinity Valley Community College Tuesday.

Howard has now won nine straight after starting the season 2-6.

Howard concludes its series with Trinity Valley with a doubleheader today.

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OKC holds off Lakers' charge

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — There are times when coach Scott Brooks figures the best way to get his Oklahoma City Thunder to stop turning the ball over is to simply stop talking about the problem in the hope it goes away.

For at least one night, the Thunder's turnover trouble almost vanished — and in record-setting fashion.

Russell Westbrook had 37 points and 10 rebounds, Kevin Durant scored 26, and Oklahoma City tied the NBA record with only two turnovers in a 122-105 victory over Los Angeles on Tuesday night in which Kobe Bryant hurt his elbow and the Lakers fell back below .500.

"It was just one of those games. We didn't turn the ball over," Brooks said, struggling to explain how the team that committed the most turnovers in the NBA last season and the second-most so far this season pulled off the feat.

"I mean, it's only happened a few times in NBA history."

Westbrook had one of the miscues, getting called for traveling in the fourth quarter to

keep Oklahoma City from holding the record outright. Ronnie Brewer had the other on a pass to Nick Collison that went out of bounds.

Otherwise, it was a clean game right down to a 12-0 run to finish it as the Lakers cut an 18-point deficit down to five before going scoreless over the final 6 minutes.

Milwaukee set the turnovers record in a game against Indiana on April 1, 2006, and Cleveland tied it in an overtime game against Portland on March 19, 2009.

"I think we've done a great job of just learning and trying to get better at it each and every game. Not really focusing on it but just making the right decisions," said Westbrook, who had the most turnovers in the league his first two seasons in the NBA.

Bryant scored 30 points after leaving the game briefly in the first quarter with a right elbow injury, and Steve Nash matched his season's best with 20 points as the Lakers went below .500 again after reaching the mark for the first time since December.



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Big Spring center fielder Gunnar Kennedy scoops up a hit during the Steers' game against Lubbock Estacado at Steer Park Tuesday afternoon.

Ohio State downs No. 2 Indiana

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — No. 14 Ohio State crashed No. 2 Indiana's big party plans Tuesday night.

Instead, it wound up celebrating its own resurgence.

The Buckeyes made things tough on Cody Zeller inside, took Indiana's shooters out of their comfort zone and relied on Deshaun Thomas and Aaron Craft to deliver the late knock-out punch in a 67-58 victory. It doesn't any get sweeter than that — even if the Buckeyes don't want to make a big deal out of it.

This wasn't just a victory for Ohio State (22-7, 12-5 Big Ten). It kept at least half of the league's teams in a title chase that will now go down to the final day of the regular season.

Sunday's losses by Wisconsin and Michigan State gave Indiana (25-5, 13-4) a share of its first conference championship in 11 years. A win over the Buckeyes would have given the Hoosiers their first outright Big Ten crown since 1993. They will get another chance Sunday at No. 7 Michigan.

But Thomas and Craft weren't going to let the celebration take place at their expense.

Thomas finished with 18 points and eight rebounds, while Craft added 15 points, four rebounds, four assists and four steals. And they combined for the first nine points in the decisive 11-2 run that forced Indiana to spend the rest of the game playing catch-up.

The win puts Ohio State in the

unenviable position of rooting for Michigan, that dreaded team from up north, to help create a logjam atop America's toughest conference this season.

Getting back to this position wasn't easy. Ohio State heads into Sunday's regular season finale against Illinois with four straight wins and needing a fifth consecutive victory — and the Wolverines' win — just to get a share of the league title.

The Buckeyes had to be every bit as physical as the Hoosiers inside and on defense.

Craft exemplified their tough style when he crashed hard to the court after attempting a layup on a fast break. He still played well enough down the stretch to prevent the Hoosiers from coming back.

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