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TRIATHLON

Swimmers get ready for the first leg of Comanche Warrior Triathlon held Saturday at Comanche Trail Park. Officials said there was a good turnout of athletes, who swam, bicycled and ran their way around the city park.

HERALD photos/Andreia Medlin



Voter registration continues; remember, ID a 'must' at poll

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Voter registration for the November state constitutional amendment election is ongoing, Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom said. On Nov. 5, Texas voters will

decide the fate of nine proposed amendments, including one that would establish the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas, both designed to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan. Persons interested in registering to vote in the election have until Monday, Oct. 7, to do so, Bloom said. Early voting will be held at the Howard County Courthouse from Oct. 21 to Nov. 1; voters 65 or older may request mail-in

ballots until Oct. 29. This is the first election in which people will be required to produce a photo ID when voting in person. Acceptable forms of photo ID are:

- Texas driver's license.
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (issued by Department of Public Safety).
- Texas personal identification card (issued by DPS).
- Texas concealed handgun license.
- U.S. military ID card containing the person's

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Gasoline prices drop 3.4 cents per gallon

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 3.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.36 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 2.3 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.59/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 27.9 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 5.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has not moved during the last month and stands 22.3 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"Gas price limbo has continued for another week, with average prices across the

United States virtually the same as they were a month ago," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Opening week for football certainly brought more excitement than we've seen at the gas pump lately, but one thing is for sure, with gas prices averaging 22-cents per gallon lower than last year, there's a lot of extra hot dogs and beer that can be consumed instead of being redirected into the tanks of

American motorists.

"While the situation in Syria bears further monitoring, and hurricane season remains on the radar, we've still seen prices continue to hold level. In fact, the cumulative yearly average for a gallon of gas stands at \$3.57 a gallon, compared to one year ago when it was \$3.62 a gallon, so while motorists feel this has been a bad year for gas prices, it hasn't been as painful as 2012," DeHaan said.

Council set to hold hearings on new budget

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council will hold public hearings on the proposed 2013-2014 budget and tax rate when it convenes its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers at 307 E. Fourth St.

City officials are proposing a budget with a \$151,000 deficit which will feature increased salaries for city employees.

"The employee compensation plan we've developed will provide for a 6 percent increase in pay for city em-

ployees across the board," City Manager Todd Darden said in August. "Our hope is this plan will help reduce the turnover rate, help eliminate understaffing and overtime costs and bring the city's pay plan closer to the market."

Other major items in the proposed budget include:

- Construction of the east cell at the existing landfill and work on a new landfill site are expected to cost approximately \$3.4 million.
- Expansion of the road

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Gala to open new season for symphony

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Symphony Association will be hosting a pre-season gala in the Pavilion Room of the Hotel Settles on Thursday, Sept. 19.

Anna Gann and Adrian Calvio will perform.

Admission is \$25 and includes an Italian buffet. Reservations are recommended. To reserve a seat, call 264-7223 before Saturday.

Season tickets will be for sale and are \$60 for adults and \$40 for seniors.

The season opens Sept. 21 with a performance by the internationally famous mezzo-soprano Susan Graham, who grew up in Midland. The second offering of the season

is a performance of the Nutcracker Suite by the Midland Festival Ballet on Dec. 14.

February 22, the orchestra will feature Fei Fei Dong, a finalist in the 2013 Van Cliburn piano competition. Maestro John Giordano will be the guest conductor.

The music of Queen will be on the program March 29, performed by the musical group Jeans n' Classics and the Big Spring High School Meistersingers.

Single tickets for each performance are \$18 and \$13. There is no charge for students 8 to 18. Tickets are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Blum's Jewelers and the Heritage Museum.

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Obituaries

Jimmy F. Fierro



Jimmy F. Fierro, 77, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 14, 1935, in Big Spring to Ricarda and Telesforo Fierro Sr. and was a lifelong resident of the community. He was a surveyor for Howard County for many years and later for Crimm Engineering. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He also served in the United States Army.

He is survived by two nieces, Cynthia Fierro Harvey and husband Dean of Baton Rouge, La., and Sandy Munoz and husband Adolfo of Bastrow; one nephew, Augustin "Gus" Fierro Jr. and wife Sylvia of Big Spring; two great-nephews, Matthew Martinez of San Angelo and Jordan Martinez of San Antonio; and two great-nieces, Elizabeth Grace Harvey of Baton Rouge, La., and Dana Fierro Cortez of Albuquerque, N.M.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by four brothers, Frank Fierro, Charlie Fierro, Telesforo Fierro Jr. and Augustin "Gus" Fierro Sr.; one niece, Martha Martinez; and one nephew, Frankie Fierro.

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

Paid obituary

Barbara Ann Schafer



Barbara Ann Schafer, 77, of Garden City, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013, at her residence after a long battle with COPD. Graveside funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013, at the Garden City Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 21, 1936, in Fort Worth, Texas, and married Charlie Joe Schafer Feb. 14, 1951, in Big Spring, Texas.

She and her family moved from Odessa to Beaumont, Texas, in 1966. After retiring in 1993, she and Charlie moved to Glasscock County, where her husband had property, and built a home there.

Barbara was an avid golfer, she enjoyed a good game of Yahtzee, loved to read, and enjoyed her computer and surfing the Internet for crossword puzzles and good jokes to send to her many friends.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie Schafer; three daughters, Cynthia Sellers, Penny Meissner and Rosemarie Wilson; two granddaughters; five grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and two sisters, Sammie Nicholson and Judy Moreland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Lois Moreland, and step-mother, Ovell Moreland.

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

Paid obituary

Chester Fikes



Chester Fikes, 80, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013, at his home. Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel in Merkel. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Chester was born May 12, 1933, in Merkel to Odie Jasper "O.J." and Margaret "Maggie" (Hudson) Fikes. He was a Baptist. He

worked for El Paso Natural Gas as a plant operator for 35 years. Chester moved from Clyde to Odessa

in 2007 and to Big Spring in 2008. He enjoyed fishing, camping and gardening.

Survivors include his daughter, Patricia Holt and husband Gary of Big Spring; two sons, Gary Fikes and wife Ginger of Abilene, and Kevin Fikes and wife Donna of Odessa; seven grandchildren, Chris Holt, Dr. Daniel Holt, Matt Holt, Grant Fikes, Lyndsee Tyler, Victoria Fikes and Trevor Fikes; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th Big Spring, TX 79720.

You may view and sign the online guestbook at www.starbuckfuneralhome.com

Police/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- GENEAN M. LARO, 52, Tucson, Ariz., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLIFFORD LYNN WOODS, 36, 1907 N. Monticello, was arrested on warrants for disorderly conduct/language and failure to appear.
- MANON MARIE RAJBHANDARI, 35, 1907 N. Monticello, was arrested on warrants for expired registration (two counts) and failure to appear.
- PEDRO TREVINO JR., 35, 2611 Neill Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 10000 block of Old Colorado City Highway.
- FORGERY was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 300 block of E. Sixth.

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 3000 block of N. Highway 87. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- FALSE CALL was reported in the 700 block of Scurry.
- SMOKE SCARE was reported in the 2500 block of Larry.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Main. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of E. Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- The Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10 a.m. at Crispy's Cafe, 1904 S. Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Sissy Jones at (432) 213-4452 or 2309 Lynn Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

- The Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, in partnership with Alon USA, is holding a \$300 gasoline voucher fund-raiser. Tickets can be obtained from any Lions Club member or by calling 432-263-4295. Proceeds will go toward Lions Club programs including eye exams for students, vision screenings and scholarships.

- Big Spring High School Student Council is encouraging local businesses to decorate their window fronts for homecoming. The theme is "The Future is Bright for Big Spring Steers." Home coming is Friday, Sept. 13 and area businesses, groups and individuals are invited to also participate in the parade, which will be held at 4:30 p.m. at 11th and Donely. Lineup will be held at 4 p.m. To participate in the parade or for more information, call Haley Lefever at 432-264-3641, ext. 1469.

- Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christmas for the Troops

project is needing addresses for deployed military personnel. All addresses can be mailed to AAMH 1606 East Third, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or emailed to adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net Let's make sure that every Howard County hero and all of their buddies receive a little bit of home for the holidays.

- The Chalet is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster

parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

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

- You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

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

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

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

The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem.

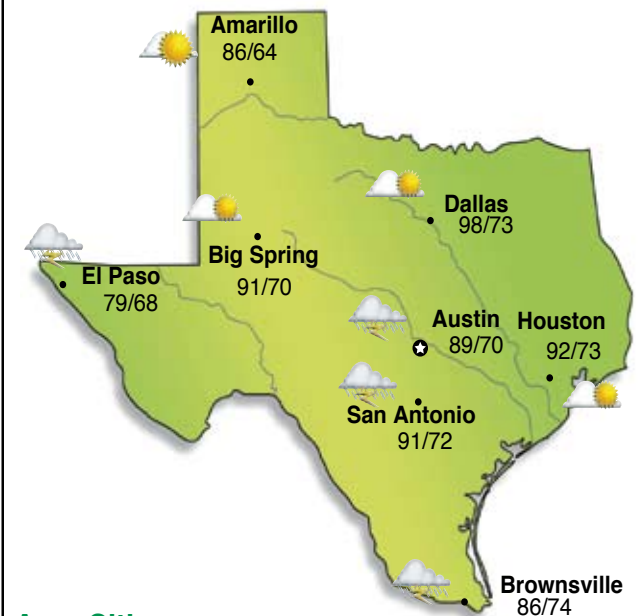
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 9/10	Wed 9/11	Thu 9/12
91/70	93/68	95/67
Partly cloudy. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 91F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:27 AM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM
Sunset: 7:58 PM	Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunset: 7:56 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	68	pt sunny	Kingsville	90	74	t-storm
Amarillo	86	64	mst sunny	Livingston	95	69	pt sunny
Austin	89	70	t-storm	Longview	97	71	pt sunny
Beaumont	94	72	pt sunny	Lubbock	86	65	pt sunny
Brownsville	86	74	t-storm	Lufkin	96	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	91	69	pt sunny	Midland	89	71	t-storm
Corpus Christi	88	77	t-storm	Raymondville	89	73	t-storm
Corsicana	97	71	pt sunny	Rosenberg	92	72	t-storm
Dallas	98	73	pt sunny	San Antonio	91	72	t-storm
Del Rio	90	74	t-storm	San Marcos	90	71	t-storm
El Paso	79	68	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	97	72	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	87	68	t-storm	Sweetwater	88	68	pt sunny
Gainesville	95	70	pt sunny	Tyler	98	71	pt sunny
Greenville	97	70	pt sunny	Weatherford	95	70	pt sunny
Houston	92	73	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	95	67	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	66	pt sunny	Minneapolis	82	63	rain
Boston	80	70	windy	New York	85	74	pt sunny
Chicago	97	72	mst sunny	Phoenix	87	74	t-storm
Dallas	98	73	pt sunny	San Francisco	79	62	pt sunny
Denver	65	57	t-storm	Seattle	78	59	pt sunny
Houston	92	73	pt sunny	St. Louis	98	74	mst sunny
Los Angeles	84	64	mst sunny	Washington, DC	94	75	pt sunny
Miami	87	78	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 9/10	Wed 9/11	Thu 9/12
9	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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HERALD photos/Andreia Medlin

Above, swimmers entering the Comanche Warrior Triathlon gather near the bank at Comanche Trail Park Lake on Saturday. Below, these men were among those competing in the one-day event.



Race is on to hire, train 'Obamacare' guides

CHICAGO (AP) — With the program known as "Obamacare" only weeks away from its key launch date, hectic preparations are in motion in communities across the country to deal with one of its major practical challenges: hiring and training a small army of instant experts who can explain the intricacies of health insurance to people who've never had it.

More than 100 nonprofits and related organizations, which specialize in everything from running soup kitchens to organizing farm workers, have been recruited by the federal government to sign up "navigators" to help the 30 million uninsured people who can now gain coverage.

Many of the groups have little expertise in health insurance. And the timeline for training the workers is tight. According to the new health law, people can begin shopping among the new policies on Oct. 1. The enrollment period lasts six months. Coverage begins in January.

"I think there's a lot of concern about whether, with all these state requirements, they are going to be ready to go," said Katie Keith, a former research professor at Georgetown University, who has been tracking the health care

legislation. "You want people out there educating consumers."

Deploying the guides for the uninsured is one of the first hurdles for the new health system as it transitions from an abstract political debate in Washington to a real-life process in communities. It is one of the steps government officials are concerned about as critics warn that the Affordable Care Act could become a "train wreck."

The guides will be sent to community events with laptops to help people sign up for insurance online. They will work at food banks, shelters, churches and free clinics where the uninsured are likely to be.

The short time available for training raises questions about how prepared the workers will be to answer people's questions about the different policies and government subsidies available.

The work will be more difficult than what most other temporary employees, such as census workers, do. The navigators must listen to a family's real-world story, assess its income, and figure out eligibility for the Medicaid program, which provides health care for the poor, or for new tax credits, each with its own complicated rules.

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seal coat program from the budgeted \$250,000 to \$500,000, with approximately eight to 10 miles of roadway expected to be coated. This is an increase from the four miles originally planned for.

- Water and sewer line replacement is estimated at \$1.45 million, which includes a recent

grant won by the city in the amount of \$350,000.

- Expanded replacement of sanitation containers, including \$130,000 in expenditures.
- Demolition and removal of the north side water tower.
- Upgrades for the Municipal Auditorium, including improvements to sound, lighting and curtains.
- Replacement of municipal equipment, in-

cluding eight police cars, two sanitation trucks and mowing equipment.

- Upgrades to the playground equipment for the north side community park.

The new tax rate — 85.664 cents per \$100 property valuation — represents about a tenth of a cent increase over the expiring rate.

Council is expected to pass first reading of an ordinance approving

the new budget during Tuesday meeting. The budget and tax rate will both be formally adopted later this month.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- An ordinance renaming Northside Park after long-time Boys Club manager Bert Andries.
- An ordinance granting a partial residence homestead exemption for tax year 2013 and granting a partial residence homestead ex-

emption to any individual who is disabled or age 65 or older.

- An ordinance authorizing an additional 20 percent penalty to help defray costs of collecting delinquent taxes.

- Ordinances setting the salary schedule for classified positions within the city police department and the pay scale for the city fire department.

- An agreement with Heritage Museum for

historical preservation and restoration projects; also, an agreement with the museum for the general operation of the historical Potton House will be considered.

- An industrial agreement between the city and Sid Richardson Ltd.

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VOTE

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photograph.

- U.S. citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph.
- U.S. passport.

With the exception of the citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented at the polling place, Bloom said.

For more information on photo ID requirements (including exemptions), visit www.votetexas.gov

Information on how to obtain an election ID certificate if you do not have another form can be found at www.dps.texas.gov.

- Proposed amendments on this year's ballot include:
- Proposition 1 — This would authorize the state legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of a residence of the surviving spouse of a U.S. military member who is killed in action.
 - Proposition 2 — This

would eliminate an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which are operational.

- Proposition 3 — This would allow cities and counties and other political subdivisions in the state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from property tax because of their location this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption.

- Proposition 4 — This would authorize the state legislature to provide for an exemption from property taxation of part of the market value of a residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially

disabled veteran, if the residence was donated to the veteran by a charitable organization.

- Proposition 5 — This would allow the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan.

- Proposition 6 — This provides for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas.

- Proposition 7 — This authorizes a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy in its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.

- Proposition 8 — This repeals Section 7, article IX of the state constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.

- Proposition 9 — This would expand the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judi-

cial Conduct.

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3	4	6	7	1	5	2	8	9
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State briefs

Strange tunnel opens under Lubbock yard

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A strange tunnel has been found under the yard of a home and Texas Tech University historians will try to figure out the function of the space.

The homeowner wasn't sure what happened Sept. 2 when his sprinkler disappeared as the lawn was being watered, KCBD-TV reports.

Lee Smithwick says a hole about 3-feet across formed in the lawn. The sprinkler ended up in the tunnel that collapsed.

"They thought it was a cesspool or something along those lines and then they thought it was a root cellar, but it turns out it was actually a tunnel," Smithwick said.

Officials with the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University were summoned.

"Well, it was a hole in the ground. It looks like I had seen sinkholes before and it was a sinkhole but when I got a little closer, we noticed there were beams in it," said Scott White, center curator. "It was a complete surprise and has kind of been an

interesting mystery."

Officials believe the tunnel was built after 1909 because railroad ties were used in the construction. That's also when a railroad line arrived in Lubbock from Plainview.

Eventually the city and the homeowner will likely fill the tunnel for safety reasons, according to KCDB.

Texas school reopens after deadly knife fight

SPRING, Texas (AP) — Children have returned to classes amid tighter security following a knife fight at a Houston-area school that left one student dead and three hurt.

Metal detectors were in place Monday at Spring High School in Spring, about 20 miles north of Houston.

The campus was closed since last Wednesday's attack left 17-year-old Joshua Devon Broussard dead. Harris County sheriff's deputies arrested 17-year-old Luis Alonzo Alfaro, who was being held Monday on a murder charge with bond set at \$140,000.

Investigators blame gang rivalry for the fight in a corridor. Principal Donna Ullrich has announced six meetings are planned with parents to discuss school safety and security.

A service Sunday night for Broussard was disrupted when shots were fired outside Spring Baptist Church. No injuries were reported and nobody was arrested.

Heavy rain floods parts of Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Heavy rain has drenched parts of South Texas that are still recovering from droughts, flooding some streets with enough water for boating as the storms endured into Monday.

Areas of Corpus Christi received up to 4 inches of rain Sunday, said Jason Runyen, a National Weather Service forecaster in Corpus Christi. Isolated showers continued with a good chance of rain for several days, Runyen said Monday.

A tropical depression that started Friday in the Bay of Campeche and affected the state's Coastal Bend dissipated Saturday, said Doug Vogelsang, another weather service forecaster.

"We are experiencing what we call tropical moisture associated with tropical waves moving along the coast," Vogelsang said.

Some Texas A&M-Corpus Christi students took to kayaks Sunday in flooded parking lots outside student housing complexes, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times (<http://bit.ly/17KSrBv>) reported.

AEP Texas suffered about 4,400 outages in the Corpus Christi area but most power was restored by Sunday night, utility spokesman Andy Heines said Monday.

The Corpus Christi area remains in an extreme drought despite the weekend rain, Runyen said Monday.

"Unfortunately a lot of it hasn't fallen upstream of our reservoirs," he said. "We'll take any rain we can get, though."

September is typically Corpus Christi's wettest month, averaging about 5 inches of rain.

Car found, Dallas sexual assault suspect at large

DALLAS (AP) — Police have located a car belonging to a crime watch volunteer charged in one of nine sexual assaults in South Dallas.

Dallas police say the search continues Monday for 38-year-old Van

Something odd

Cat survives 11-story fall at Alaska apartment

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — A house cat in Alaska learned the hard way not to chase mosquitoes after following one out a window and falling 11 stories.

The 2-year-old cat, named Wasabi, survived but suffered a fractured leg and broken bones.

The Juneau Empire reports (<http://bit.ly/155gwT4>) the cat was chasing the mosquito Monday in her owners' apartment in Juneau, about two blocks from the state Capitol.

The mosquito escaped out a window, and Wasabi went after it. Stephanie Gustafson says her mother watched the female cat fall.

Wasabi landed in a parking lot, and Gustafson found her huddled nearby, bloody and wet from rain.

The cat underwent an operation, and has pins and wires holding together her fractured leg and broken bones in a joint. She also is sporting a pink cast.

Gustafson says Wasabi is expected to heal in about six weeks.

How to bring a gator hunter to tears: propose

CANTON, Miss. (AP) — How do you bring an alligator hunter to tears? Drop down on one knee and ask her, "Will you marry me?"

Jimmy Greer of Madison proposed to Elizabeth Ratcliffe of Canton during preparations for her family's annual alligator hunt. Titan, their dog, helped. Around Titan's neck was a sign reading, "Will You Marry My Daddy?"

"I started crying. I was shocked," Ratcliffe told The Clarion-Ledger (<http://on.thec-l.com/17iBldn>).

She said the two had been discussing marriage, but she thought he might propose on the opening weekend of archery season.

"That's what we do, we hunt," Ratcliffe said. "I figured that was the only time when both of the families would be there

Gator hunts are her family's thing, though Greer has been joining them for about five years.

His parents were at Ratcliffe's parents' house to take photos of the proposal. So, as Ratcliffe and her mother and sister were making sandwiches and getting things together for the hunt, Greer and her father took a brief break from prepping the boat and loading gear.

Ratcliffe's father told everyone to come outside, then told his daughter to close her eyes and take his hand. She didn't know what was going on. "I thought, 'Maybe he'd gotten me a new car or a new bow,'" Ratcliffe said.

When the two stopped, her father told her to open her eyes on the count of three. She opened them to see Greer, his parents and the decorated dog.

The wedding will be in October, Ratcliffe said. "We want to go on a bow hunt for our honeymoon."

Dralan Dixon, who faces an aggravated sexual assault warrant. His abandoned car was located Sunday in a parking lot in nearby Garland.

Police on Saturday announced DNA results from at least one of the sexual assaults since June matches Dixon.

Nine women so far have been attacked by what investigators believe may be the same rapist.

The president of the Mill City Community Association, Alendra Lyons, says Dixon since January has been part of the neighborhood group's crime watch.

A \$15,000 reward has been offered for information leading to arrests and an indictment in the attacks near Fair Park.


New head of embattled ISD starts Monday

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A new education era has begun for a West Texas school district after a testing scandal to bypass federal accountability rules sent an administrator to prison.

Attorney Juan Eduardo Cabrera Jr. on Monday begins as superintendent of the El Paso Independent School District.

The El Paso ISD board of managers last week approved a contract with Cabrera. He previously was chief legal adviser and an executive cabinet member at the Eanes (EEN-es) Independent School District in the Austin area.

El Paso schools haven't had a permanent superintendent since Lorenzo Garcia was suspended in late 2011.



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 6 4 3
♥ A 8 6
♦ K 5
♣ Q 8 7 6

WEST
♠ —
♥ J 10 9
♦ A Q J 10 8
♣ A K J 5 4

EAST
♠ 7 5 2
♥ 7 5 3 2
♦ 6 4
♣ 10 9 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 10 8
♥ K Q 4
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ —

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♦ Pass Pass 3 ♦
3 ♣ Dble Pass 3 ♠
Pass 4 ♥ Pass 4 ♥
Pass 5 ♥ Pass 6 ♠

Opening lead king of clubs.

This remarkable deal was played many years ago by all-time Italian great Pietro Forquet. He got to six spades as shown, and West led the king of clubs.

Had the trumps been divided 2-1, Forquet would have made the slam easily. He would simply have drawn trumps, led a diamond toward dummy's K-x and eventually trumped two diamonds in dummy.

But after Forquet ruffed the king of clubs with the ten of spades and

cached the ace of trumps, he realized that since East was marked by the bidding with shortness in diamonds, he would not be able to successfully ruff two diamonds in dummy. So he stopped playing trumps and instead led a diamond toward dummy's K-x at trick three.

West went up with the ace and returned a diamond to dummy's king, whereupon Forquet ruffed a club with the jack and cashed the king of trumps and A-K-Q of hearts to produce this position:

North
♠ 9 6
♥ Q 8

West
♦ Q J
♣ A J

East
♥ 7
♦ 7
♣ 10 9

South
♠ Q 8
♦ 9 7

Forquet next led the eight of spades, placing West in a hopeless position whether he discarded a diamond or a club.

If West parted with a diamond, Forquet would play the trump six from dummy and then ruff a diamond to establish his nine. If West discarded a club instead, Forquet would overtake the spade eight with dummy's nine and ruff the eight of clubs to establish dummy's queen. Either way, the slam was home.

Tomorrow: Luck versus skill.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

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			8		2			
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Larcenous Cowboys edge New York

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Barry Church remembers Dallas coach Jason Garrett talking to the Cowboys on the first day of training camp.

The Cowboys' safety and his teammates showed they were listening in the season opener — and showed off their new defensive scheme, too.

Brandon Carr returned an interception 49 yards for the clinching touchdown, Church had another defensive score on a fumble, and the Cowboys beat the New York Giants for the first time at their fancy \$1.2 billion stadium with six takeaways in a 36-31 victory Sunday night.

Coach Garrett showed us the first day of training camp what the percentages were," said Church, who scooped a loose ball and ran 27 yards to the end zone in the third quarter. "If we could get turnovers, our chances of winning were greater."

Dallas needed all six, though, because Manning threw for 450 yards and four touchdowns, including three to Victor Cruz. The Giants had the ball and were down just 30-24 in the final 2 minutes when Manning's pass went off the hand of running back De'Rel Scott into Carr's arms.

The cornerback beat Manning down the sideline with 1:50 left on the last of Manning's three interceptions.

Here are five things that have helped Manning to 4-1 for his career in Dallas owner Jerry Jones' showplace:

1. IT'S A SCHEME AND AN ATTITUDE: The Cowboys had only 16 turnovers all last year, switched to a four-man front with new defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin and swore all preseason that taking the ball away was the foremost thing on their minds. They proved it

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Dallas tight end Jason Witten (82) catches a pass over two defenders during the Cowboys' 36-31 victory against New York Sunday evening.

AP photo

UT fires defensive coordinator after embarrassing blowout loss

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas fired defensive coordinator Manny Diaz on Sunday, less than 24 hours after one of the worst defensive performances in the history of the program.

Longhorns coach Mack Brown announced that former Longhorns defensive coach Greg Robinson will take over the job.

"Our performance on

defense last night was unacceptable, and we need to change that," Brown said.

BYU ran for 550 yards, the most ever allowed by Texas, in a 40-21 victory against the Longhorns on Saturday night, putting a potential breakthrough season on the brink of another big disappointment if their defensive problems. Texas (1-1) plays No. 25 Mississippi (2-0) at home

on Saturday.

Brown hired Diaz after Texas finished 5-7 in 2010 and defensive coordinator Will Muschamp left to be the head coach at Florida. The hire was a surprise considering Diaz had been defensive coordinator just one season at Mississippi State, but Brown called him a bringer in coaching who brought energy and new ideas to his struggling program.

Aside from a blowout loss to Oklahoma, Diaz's first season was a success as Texas matured into the best defense in the Big 12. But the unit regressed into the one of the worst in program history in 2012. As the season wore on, players complained that teammates weren't lining up correctly or playing hard every game.

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Rios, Andrus lead Rangers over Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Texas Rangers needed a reason to feel good about themselves on getaway day before starting a pivotal six-game homestand that includes a series against the team they're fighting for the AL West title.

They got it from a bullpen that ate up 5 2-3 innings and prevented a three-game sweep by the Los Angeles Angels, a team they will face in a four-game series that wraps up the regular season schedule.

Alex Rios homered in the first and drove in the go-ahead run with a blood double in the seventh, Elvis Andrus also had two RBIs, and the Rangers hung on for a 4-3 victory Sunday. They remained 1 1-2 games out of first place, as Oakland beat Houston 7-2.

"It was a very big win. We needed it bad," manager Ron Washington said. "We took the lead, but we didn't give in. We just kept fighting and were able to make some good things happen. It's only one win, but it was huge."

Angels rookie Buddy Boshers walked Leony's Martin with one out in the seventh and Ian Kinsler greeted Michael Kohn (1-2) with a ground-rule double into the left field corner.

Andrus followed with a looper into right-center and was robbed of a hit on a diving catch by right fielder Kole Calhoun, but Martin scored the tying run on the sacrifice fly.

"You've got to find a way to win games, and sometimes it's going to be with bloopers," Andrus said. "It was a tremendous play by Martin, to be able to read that flyball and the fielder at the same time and then tag up."

Center fielder Mike Trout then attempted a diving catch on another Texas leaguer by Rios in left-center, but missed it as Kinsler scored.

"You could call it a break," Washington said. "Sometimes in a game, you need breaks. But you make your breaks by making contact. And when you make contact, things can happen."

Alexi Ogando (6-4) got the victory with 1 1-3 scoreless innings.

Neal Cotts gave up a leadoff double in the eighth to Calhoun, who advanced on Mark Trumbo's groundout and was stranded when Tanner Scheppers struck out Hank Conger with the infield in and retired Grant Green on a flyball to center.

Joe Nathan, the seventh Rangers pitcher, got three outs in the ninth for his 39th save in 41 attempts and helped them avoid what would have been the Angels' first three-game sweep against them since September 2009.

Kingsbury likes what he sees from Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury saw improvement from his freshman quarterback since his first start a week ago.

Baker Mayfield threw for three touchdowns and 367 yards — all in the first half — and Kenny Williams rushed for two more scores as Texas Tech beat Stephen F. Austin 61-13 on Saturday night.

Mayfield recovered two of his own fumbles last week and had a couple of passes nearly intercepted.

Leading up to the game against the Lumberjacks Kingsbury stressed ball security.

"I thought he did a better job not forcing throws," Kingsbury said. "Couple drops that would have helped but for the most part a much better job protecting the ball. Ball wasn't bouncing around everywhere, and not trying to force into tight windows."

Mayfield, a walk-on freshman, threw TD passes of 42, 25 and 60 yards. He

completed 21 of 30 passes.

His favorite receiver, Jace Amaro, finished with eight catches for 142 yards and a touchdown. The catches were a career-high.

Good game aside, Amaro knows the win puts the Red Raiders in a good place for their upcoming game against No. 24 TCU Thursday night.

"I think we have a lot of momentum going into this game," he said. "I think the quick turnaround is really going to keep this

momentum alive."

Williams' scores of 1 and 18 yards came in the first quarter.

Stephen F. Austin (0-2) couldn't keep up with the prolific offense of the Red Raiders (2-0). The closest the Lumberjacks were was 14-7 after 75-yard pass from wide receiver Tyler Boyd to Mike Brooks, who scampered untouched along the sideline for the score.

The start of the game

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A contestant in the Comanche Warrior Triathlon prepares to begin the cycling portion of the event of the competition, which was held Saturday morning at Comanche Trail Park.



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Mercury Changes Suit

The winged messenger of the gods lends his eloquence to the realm of Libra for the next three weeks. This is the second sign Mercury will visit this month, and much commerce will occur under this friendly influence. It's easy to work together, finding out one another's needs and wants and accommodating them to the best of our abilities. ARIES (March 21-April



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19). You love life, and life loves you right back. But you may want to have a talk with life and explain the particular ways in which you like to receive love, because life has some mistaken notions regarding your taste.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The proud man will take less than he needs. Maybe that seems foolish to less dignified types, but such stoicism shows the world a breadth of spirit that will make great things possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you know what you're doing, you will only need a few tools to do today's work well. If you don't know what you're doing, you can avoid overspending on tools by asking an expert.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). With whom you spend time matters to you. Social influences will change your mood, if not your destiny. That's why you'd rather skip lunch than eat it with someone you don't enjoy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Go for the easy jobs first. Rack up a few wins to build your confidence. People will investigate what you're up to. If they see you winning, they will have the sense that you're a winner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Staying positive is as good for your health as it is for your social life. It

Tomorrow's Horoscope

doesn't make you happy to know that many in the world are suffering, but it does help you to appreciate what you have.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Focus on one thing, not many things. Doing one thing will bring pleasure; whereas, splitting your time between many tasks will make you feel as though you're not getting anything done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People value things that they put effort into. That's why you are better off asking for other people's help and contribution than you would be serving up the things you believe they want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If the one in charge seems to have no idea what to do next, it's a troubling feeling. What's needed is a strong leader with a vision. You'd rather break out on your own than waffle in a situation that's going nowhere.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Life will feel like a swing: There's momentum but a limited range of motion. You move forward only to be brought back to where you started, but that's more fun than hanging in the middle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Go ahead and

spend some money on making yourself look and feel better. It only makes sense that if you invest in yourself you'll value yourself more.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Making it too easy for people will not only inspire them to be lazy, but they won't have as much fun. Instead of performing to please people, create a vacuum. Ask them to make an effort, and then wait expectantly.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 9). You work tirelessly to achieve your heart's desire. The important thing to remember is to be persistent in one direction. If you keep changing your mind, you'll waste time. This month brings a relationship commitment. Money in October and May is best reinvested. June is for whimsy and indulgence. Aries and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 4, 11, 20 and 15.

NUMEROLOGY: You can find today's numerology by adding up each number in today's date: 0+9+0+9+2+0+1+3 = 24. Then add the 2+4 for a final outcome of 6. For an explanation of "six" days, visit the column archives and check out August 28, 2013.

Over the past two

weeks, we have explored the numerology for 1-9 days, with the exception of 3 and 5. Now let's fill in the blanks starting with "three" days.

"Three" days are for joining with others, especially in conversation and commerce. Information and necessities will be exchanged on "three" days. They are busy and infused with the optimistic notion that progress is being made. However, do not try to forward any agenda on "three" days without being sure that you've connected with another person first. "Three" days are social. They are days to find common ground, build rapport and schmooze.

If you were born on a "three" day, you were born with the gift of charm. You know how to make people feel comfortable, and they relate to you with ease. You're a leader in fun, and people gravitate toward you. Your popularity often helps you in business.

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5 :PM	News	Casa	Two Men	Men's Final.	Noticias	News	Seinfeld	Uri Harel	Charlie Rose	King	Fast N' Loud		Cops	Castle	106 & Park:	Good	SportsCenter	down
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8 :PM	Wheel	Indomable	Big Bang		Wheel	Newsweek	Seinfeld	McGee	Hour	Rules		Movie: The	Cops	Castle	Jason's Lyric	Austin	World Series	Eagles at
9 :PM	Shark Tank	Porque el	Bones	How I Met	Dama y	Million	Fam. Guy	Upd	Antiques	Hart of Dixie	To Be An-	Cops	Castle	(DVS)	Movie: Prec-	Phineas	Baseball	(15) NFL
10 :PM	Mistresses	La Tempes-	(DVS)	Two Men	Marido en	Second	Fam. Guy	Discovery	Roadshow	Breaking	Fast N' Loud	Cops	Castle		Movie: Camp	Good	Tonight	Houston
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12 :PM	Impacto	Arzenio Hall	How I Met	Letterman	Noticias	News	Conan	House	Charlie Rose	Rules	Fast N' Loud	Movie: The	Cops	CSI: NY	Wendy Wil-	Good	Olbermann	Chargers.
1 :AM	Extra	Zacatillo, un	Raymond	De'siones	De'siones	Jay Leno	Office	Mani		70s		Movie: The	Cops	CSI: NY	Good	SportCtr	Baseball	
2 :AM	Paid	Conducta	TMZ	Insider	Paid	News	Office	1st Fruits		Browns	Fast N' Loud	Movie: Jason's	Jail	Perception	Shake It	ANT Farm	Tonight	SportsCenter
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Sept. 9, the 252nd day of 2013. There are 113 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On September 9, 1513, English forces defeated Scottish invaders in the Battle of Flodden Field; more than 15,000 men were believed killed, including the King of Scots, James IV.
- On this date: In 1543, Mary Stuart was crowned Queen of Scots at Stirling Castle, nine months after she was born.
- In 1776, the second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."
- In 1850, California became the 31st state of the union.
- In 1919, some 1,100 members of Boston's 1,500-man police force went on strike. (The strike was broken by Massachusetts Gov. Calvin Coolidge with replacement officers.)
- In 1926, the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) was incorporated by the Radio Corp. of America.
- In 1932, the steamboat Observation exploded in New York's East River, killing 72 people.
- In 1943, Allied forces landed at Salerno and Taranto during World War II.
- In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first civil rights bill to pass Congress since Reconstruction.
- In 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, N.Y., beginning a siege that ended up claiming 43 lives.
- In 1976, Communist Chinese leader Mao Zedong died in Beijing at age 82.
- In 1986, Frank Reed, director of a private school in Lebanon, was taken hostage; he was released 44 months later.
- In 1997, Sinn Fein (shin fayn), the IRA's political ally, formally renounced violence as it took its place in talks on Northern Ireland's future. Actor Burgess Meredith died in Malibu, Calif., at age 89.
- Today's Birthdays: Actress Sylvia Miles is 79. Actor Topol is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Simmons is 71. Singer Inez Foxx is 71. Singer Dee Dee Sharp is 68. Rock singer-musician Doug Ingle is 67. Country singer Freddy Weller is 66. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Joe Theismann is 64. Rock musician John McFee (The Doobie Brothers) is 63. Actor Tom Wopat is 62. Actress Angela Cartwright is 61. Musician-producer Dave Stewart is 61. Actor Hugh Grant is 53. Actor-comedian Charles Esten (formerly Chip) is 48. Actress Constance Marie is 48. Actor David Bennent is 47. Actor Adam Sandler (Black Lab) is 45. Model Rachel Hunter is 44. Actor Eric Stonestreet is 42.

Answer to previous puzzle

AUGUSTA	PUMICE
SCEPTERS	APATHY
ALACARTE	TISSUE
PAR	ISMENE
DREAMON	ANN
ELWES	JESTER
RYES	GOD
INSIDER	JACCUSE
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- 1 Dilutes
- 6 Minor quarrel
- 10 Desertlike
- 14 Postgame summary
- 15 Whitish gemstone
- 16 Bowl-shaped rooftop
- 17 San Antonio tourist attraction
- 18 Burrowing critter
- 19 Open-handed smack
- 20 Christmas tree remnants
- 23 Conceit
- 24 Car-tank filler
- 25 Place to hang garments
- 27 Paragraph formatting function
- 31 Inexpensive
- 33 Right now, in a memo
- 34 Skin cream ingredient
- 36 Take care of
- 40 Novelist's storyline
- 43 Leg joints
- 44 Make over
- 45 In addition
- 46 Sold for face value, as bonds
- 48 Mouth, slangily
- 50 Person who barters
- 53 Barnyard cackler
- 54 Fishing pole
- 55 They flatten pie dough
- 62 Much-admired person
- 64 Cozy corner
- 65 Cushy school course

DOWN

- 1 Mouse-catching device
- 2 Prefix for port or pad
- 3 "___ hardly wait!"
- 4 Birth-certificate entry
- 5 Absorbent counter cleaner
- 6 Big books
- 7 Modern music player
- 8 Harvest season
- 9 Sheep's coat
- 10 TV commercials, e.g.
- 11 Parts for an actor
- 12 Mirror reflection
- 13 Train station
- 21 Continuously
- 22 Drastically
- 26 Musical dramas
- 27 Armored combat vehicle
- 28 Wise ___ owl
- 29 Undecorated
- 30 Mayo or butter
- 31 Blanket or quilt
- 32 Follow the advice of
- 35 Former Italian money
- 37 Snakelike fishes
- 38 Use a
- 39 Aroma
- 41 September
- 42 Arcade coin
- 47 "Right now!"
- 49 Consume, as food
- 50 Vacation excursions
- 51 Bronco-riding event
- 52 Decorate
- 53 Walked in the woods
- 56 Take a glance
- 57 Traditional folk tales
- 58 Sheet of glass
- 59 "The doctor ___"
- 60 Arg Apple cops' org.
- 61 Talk back to
- 63 Haul with great effort

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Texas hid some of those problems with a 9-4 finish and a bowl victory and Brown shrugged off questions if Diaz would be replaced. But after the loss to BYU, Diaz's tenure was being measured in minutes.

Television cameras during the game showed Brown huddled with Diaz and defensive backs coach Duane Akina seemingly pleading with them to find a way to stop BYU's marauding rushing attack.

Brown refused to say in his postgame news conference if he planned to keep Diaz on the job, and by Sunday afternoon announced that he will be reassigned within the athletic department.

Brown knew he was taking a chance on Diaz when he hired him. Diaz, who once worked at ESPN and thought he wanted a career in sports journalism, was inspired to pursue coaching after helping cover a Bill Parcells news conference.

Diaz's career took him from graduate assistant role at Florida State to North Carolina State

and Middle Tennessee. He was defensive coordinator at Middle Tennessee for four seasons before taking the same job at Mississippi State. Diaz hadn't applied for the Texas job until Brown called him.

In Robinson, Brown gets a coordinator with NFL experience who has rescued the Texas defense before.

Robinson spent one season with Texas in 2004, helping guide the Longhorns to an 11-1 finish and a Rose Bowl victory over Michigan and was notable for his fiery personality on the sideline. Robinson left Texas to be the head coach at Syracuse, where he spent four dreadful seasons, going 10-37. He served as Michigan's defensive coordinator under Rich Rodriguez in 2009 and '10, and then returned to Texas in July as a football analyst.

"He knows this place, did a terrific job in leading our defense before, and I'm excited to have him back on the field," Brown said.

Robinson also spent 14 years in the NFL, most notably as defensive coordinator when the Denver Broncos won consecutive Super Bowls in 1997-1998.

Nadal, Djokovic meet again for Open title

NEW YORK (AP) — The stakes are always high, the encounters always memorable.

Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic have built the best rivalry in tennis on a mountain of big-time matches, the likes of which they'll play Monday in the U.S. Open final.

It will be the 37th meeting of their careers — the most times in the Open era that any two men have played.

"When you are involved in these kind of matches," Nadal said, "you feel special."

Nadal will be going for his 13th major title, Djokovic his seventh. Nadal is seeded second, Djokovic first. This will be their third meeting in the last four years in the final in Arthur Ashe Stadium, a stretch interrupted last year when Nadal sat out with a knee injury. Nadal won the first match, in 2010, and Djokovic won the rematch in 2011. Both were

tense four-setters that played a role in the winner being ranked first at year's end.

"It's always the biggest challenge that you can have in our sport now," Djokovic said of playing Nadal. "I mean, he's the ultimate competitor out there. He's fighting for every ball and he's playing probably the best tennis that he ever played on hard courts."

Both players are seeking their second major title of the year: Djokovic won the Australian Open and Nadal won the French.

Nadal leads the overall series 21-15, though Djokovic has an 11-6 edge on hard courts.

Fittingly for a match with these sort of stakes, the U.S. Open has built in a planned day of rest for the men, abandoning the tradition of playing the semifinals and final back-to-back over the weekend. It's a nod to the intensely physical nature of the modern

game and to the desires of the players, who complained loudly about such a quick turnaround at the tail end of the year's final Grand Slam.

"I like to finish the tournaments on Sunday, not on Monday," Nadal said. "But talking about fair, for sure it's a more fair finish on Monday, having one day off between the semifinals and final."

The day off will certainly help Djokovic, who grinded through a 4-hour, 9-minute five-set win over Stanislas Wawrinka in the semifinals, while Nadal dispatched Richard Gasquet in three.

But is it enough rest for the world No. 1, who will keep that ranking regardless of Monday's result?

In July at Wimbledon, Djokovic played 4 hours, 43 minutes in a five-set semifinal win over Juan Martin del Potro, while Andy Murray won his semifinal in four sets.

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was delayed about 45 minutes because of lightning in the area.

The Red Raiders offense, which scored on their first four possessions, struck the balance that Kingsbury has been seeking. Texas Tech finished with 731 total yards, rushing for 237 and passing for

494.

Jakeem Grant put Texas Tech on the scoreboard first when Mayfield found him in the flat on the near sideline and he ran it in from 42 yards.

Amaro, who also didn't play in the second half, pulled in a 25-yard touchdown when Mayfield found him wide open over the middle at about the 15-yard line and he ran it in un-

touched to make it 21-7.

Bradley Marquez, who finished with 94 yards on two receptions, caught a 60-yard TD pass from Mayfield in the second quarter that helped push the lead to 45-7 at the half.

Mayfield adds a dimension to Texas Tech's offense that it hasn't had in more than a decade. He rushed for 66 yards on nine carries.

"Sometimes he has

guys open and likes to throw it and then he takes off with it," Kingsbury said. "But that's just growing pains and it's good that he kept the drives going. Whether with his arm or his feet, if he gets it that's all that matters."

Lumberjacks coach J.C. Harper said he tried to persuade Mayfield to come play at SFA, where he would have had a scholarship.

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from the first snap of the season.

DeMarcus Ware intercepted Manning's first pass, and the Giants turned it over on their first three possessions. The Cowboys didn't take advantage of the early gifts, but built a big enough lead to hold off a New York comeback once the Giants finally stopped turning it over.

It matched the most turnovers for the Giants since 1987, when they had seven against New Orleans. And it was the most Dallas has forced

since 2003.

"Just tells you our system is so much built on attitude," said defensive line coach Rod Marinelli, who was defensive coordinator for Chicago last year when the Bears led the NFL with 44 turnovers.

2. MANNING MYSTIQUE: After the Giants won the first NFL regular-season game at the Cowboys' new stadium in 2009, Manning signed his name on a wall in the visitor's locker room. Manning's had some more signature moments, but now has his first loss in five games there even though he still had a chance to win after the first five turnovers.

The Giants were down 27-10 late in the third quarter before Manning threw the second TD to Cruz. The Giants then

cut it to 30-24 on Cruz's 10-yard TD with 8:54 left.

After an exchange of punts, New York was at its own 17 when Manning converted third-and-5 with a 26-yard pass to Rueben Randle, then came the game-clinching interception right after the 2-minute warning.

"You know there's going to be mistakes and different things to fix every week," Manning said. "You just hope that the mistakes aren't costly ones."

3. ROMO RIBS: Tony Romo missed Dallas' final offensive play of the first half when he was hit in the ribs and had the wind knocked out after being crushed between Mathias Kiwanuka and Justin Trattou after throwing an incomplete. Kyle Orton

came on to finish the half, but Romo was back after halftime.

Romo, who was 36 of 49 for 263 with two touchdowns and one interception, said his ribs affected him, and didn't dismiss the notion that the injury could linger. But he said "no one really cares" if he's hurt and that he wasn't going to worry about X-rays until Monday. Romo played with broken ribs for several games in 2011.

"One tough player, one tough man," Jones said. "He will go out and play in pain and play hurt."

4. GOT TO HOLD ON: David Wilson has to start holding onto the football for the New York Giants. Wilson fumbled twice, one inside the Cowboys 10 on the Giants' first running play of the game and the other returned 27 yards for a touchdown.

As a rookie last season, he fumbled on his second career carry. Asked if Wilson was still his starting running back, Coughlin responded, "I'm not going to answer that now. Give us a little time to work on these things. He's very much in our thoughts — he's got to play."

Still, Coughlin was clear when he called the fumbles "demoralizing to the whole team" and says Wilson won't play unless he can hold onto the ball.

5. WITTEN FINDS END ZONE AGAIN: Witten caught both of Romo's scoring passes, and they were the only offensive touchdowns for the Cowboys. Witten had just three touchdowns last season while setting an NFL record for tight ends with 110 catches. He had eight catches for 70 yards against the Giants and became the third tight end in NFL history with 9,000 yards receiving.

"I had a bunch of catches (last year), but touchdowns were something we worked a lot on," Witten said.

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