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*Voter info:*  
**Feb. 3 last day to register**

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

With state and municipal elections only a few months away, officials are urging Howard County residents to make sure they are properly registered to vote.

Saundra Bloom, elections administrator for Howard County, said new voter registration cards were recently mailed, but people need to check to make sure the information is up to date.

"We mailed out new certificates in December," she said. "If you did not get your new certificate, you need to call our office to see if your registration is current."

Bloom added people need to mail back their cards as soon as possible if it includes incorrect information.

"We have mailed out letters with an address confirmation card to those voters whose cards were returned, because they are not forwardable. It is important that you mail back the card ... if you have moved within the county," she said. "If you have moved within the county, there is a possibility you may not be able to vote in some races because your precinct may have changed."

February 3 is the final day to register to vote or make a change of address before the March 3 primary election, Bloom noted.

For more information, contact the elections administrator's office at 432-264-2273.



**Brianne Van Pelt and Tran Trung were chopping onions and trying not to cry early Saturday during the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 12<sup>th</sup> annual chili cookoff benefiting West Texas Centers Children In Need.**

## Woman taken off life support

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**  
 Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — A public battle over the fate of a brain-dead, pregnant Texas woman and her fetus ended quietly and privately as she was taken off life support and her family began preparing for her burial.

John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth complied Sunday with a judge's order to pull any life-sustaining treatment from Marlise Munoz, who was declared brain-dead

in November, but kept on machines for the sake of her fetus.

Munoz was removed from the machines shortly afterward and allowed to die. The fetus, which was at 23 weeks' gestation, was not delivered.

The hospital's decision brought an apparent end to a case that inspired debates about abortion and end-of-life decisions, as well as whether a pregnant woman who is considered legally and medically dead should be kept on life support for the sake of a

fetus, per Texas law. Anti-abortion activists attended Friday's court hearing and spoke out in favor of trying to deliver the fetus.

Whether the Munoz case leads Texas to change the law remains unclear. In recent years, the Legislature has enacted several new anti-abortion restrictions, including setting the legal guideline for when a fetus can feel pain at 20 weeks — a milestone Marlise Munoz's fetus

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## BSHS debaters take top two spots at district meet

*Qualify for UIL state meet in Austin*

Special to the Herald

For the 10th time in 11 years, the Big Spring High School Speech & Debate team brought home the gold at the District 4-3A Cross-Examination District Meet.

The team of sophomore Amber Monks and senior Aron Rios rode a perfect record on the day to bring home first place.

"I feel really good about winning," Rios said "especially since I finished one place out of getting a state qualification last year."

Monks and Rios will be joined at state by senior Belle Gulliroy and sophomore Kelli Ruth. Gulliroy and Ruth earned the trip via their second-place finish at the district meet.

"When I learned that we beat Snyder in the semi-finals, I was so excited." Ruth stated "Especially considering that one of their team members was in the top 16 at the CX state tournament last year. It's ex-

**"This shows the dedication of these students. They are willing to work all year at this event only to sacrifice a part of their spring break to represent Big Spring High School."**

Clint Adams  
 BSHS debate coach

tra nice considering this is my first year to do this."

The UIL State Cross-Examination Meet is held on the campus of the University of Texas during that campus' spring break.

"This shows the dedication of these students," BSHS debate coach Clint Adams said "They are willing to work all year at this event only to sacrifice a part of their spring break to represent Big Spring High School."

## Crews quell landfill fire

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Area firefighters battled a blaze at the city landfill Sunday which left large plumes of black smoke rising from the site.

Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said firefighters fought the fire for several hours after receiving the call at 11:45 a.m. They remained on scene until 10:30 p.m.

Sullivan said dry, windy conditions and abundance of combustible fuel helped feed the fire.

"The whole fire was probably 300 feet long, and it was going downhill," Sullivan said. "It took a lot of time to knock the fire down and the city crews time to get their equipment to put dirt on top of it. It was just a long, drawn-out ordeal."

Sullivan said he was unsure what ignited the fire.

"Last Friday, they had some small fires at the top of the landfill that were extinguished by covering them up by dirt, but I don't know what

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Sullivan

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# Obituaries

## O. V. 'Van' Glaze

O. V. "Van" Glaze, 91, of Stanton died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014, in a Midland hospital. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

He was born Jan. 22, 1923, in Rowden, Texas and married Lucille "Lucy" Varner June 7, 1942, in Lamesa, Texas. She preceded him in death Nov. 23, 2012.

Van lived most of his life in Martin County. He served in the United States Army during World War II as a surgical technician. He farmed in the Tarzan community for many years and also owned and operated Glaco Oil and Gas in Tarzan and Stan-

ton for many years.

He was a member of the Church of Christ where he had served as a teacher, song leader, deacon and elder.

He is survived by one son, O. V. "Vanny" Glaze, Jr. and wife, Mary Ann of Tarzan; two daughters, Mary Etta Oaks and husband, Burton Jr. of Flower Grove and Leatrice Adams and husband, Michael of Stanton; nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Vera Glaze; a daughter, Cindy Lafon Glaze; and two brothers, H. C. Glaze and Bruce Lee Glaze.

The family suggests memorials to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, NM 88130.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Earline Davidson

Earline Davidson, 96, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014 in Colorado City. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Addie Oliver

Addie Oliver, 87, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Wanda Rudinger

Wanda Rudinger, 58, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014 in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Eddie Dwayne White

Eddie Dwayne White, 45, of Big Spring, died Friday Jan. 24, 2014 at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 35, of 1009 E. 21<sup>st</sup>, was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, safety belt drove without being secured, failure to appear (two counts) and driving while license invalid.
- JESSE AGUILAR, 36, of 1020 Bluebonnet Avenue, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- MYKAL SAAD BIRMINGHAM, 29, of 2616 Chantute Drive, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- DANIEL GARCIA, 29, of 2228 Valley View Boulevard No. 307, San Angelo, Texas, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- FIDEL MARTINEZ JR., 38, of 603 NE 8<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of a dangerous drug.
- MYRELL SIMPSON JR., 40, of 4213 Hamilton St., was arrested on charges of disregarding a red light, failure to control sped, driving while license suspended/invalid, previous conviction, and accident involving damage to a vehicle, less than \$200 (two counts).
- TRACY LEE PATTERSON, 51, of 3801 Country Rd 2, was arrested on warrants from another agency.
- SHAWN PHILLIP PRYOR, 45, of 728 Dallas St., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1300 block of W. Fourth St.
- THEFT was reported in the County Road 501 and 1800 block of N Highway 87.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Third Street and Gregg.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.
- LORI ANN TERRELL, 48, was booked by the BSPD on a Parker County warrant for theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- CHARLES FRANK SLOVAK, 54, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

• LELAN DAWSON EWELL SR., 52, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction and on warrants for illegal/unsafe backing and failure to appear.

• REBECCA NICOLE OLGUIN, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500; and on warrants for disorderly conduct (fighting) and disorderly conduct (vulgar language).

• STEPHANIE CHAVERA, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500 and possession.

• MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and warrants for no seat belt-driver, violate promise to appear, driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

• TRACY LEE PATTERSON, 51, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for theft and failure to appear.

• MYKAL SAAD BIRMINGHAM, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a Dallas County warrant for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

• DANIEL GARCIA, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JESSIE AGUILAR, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• FIDEL MARTINEZ JR., 38, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of a dangerous drug.

• TINA RUTH SAUCEDO, 44, was booked by the DPSM on warrants for divert CS for personal (two counts).

• MYRELL SIMPSON JR., 40, was booked by the BSPD, on charges of failure to control speed, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, suspension; and accident involving damages to a vehicle, less than or equal to \$200 (two counts).

• SHAWN PHILLIP PRYER, 45, was booked by the HCSO on a Cherokee County warrant for non payment of children support.

• FELIX SERRANO GARCIA, 29, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• SHANE SKAGGS, 48, was booked by the BSPD, on a charge of public intoxication.

• ANTHONY JOSPEH YANEZ, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age and warrants for no driver's license, failure to appear, speeding 45 miles in a 30 miles per hour zone and violate promise to appear.

• FAUSTINO LOPEZ GONZALES JR., 41, was

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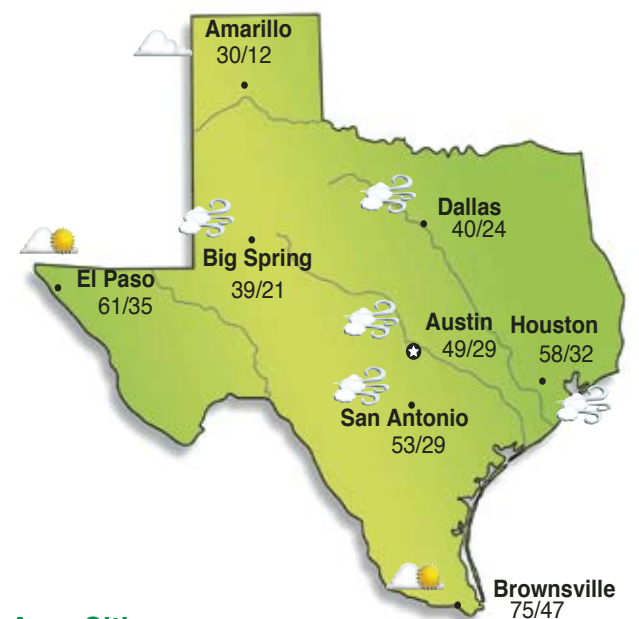
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 1/28	Wed 1/29	Thu 1/30	Fri 1/31	Sat 2/1
<b>39/21</b> Partly cloudy skies with gusty winds. High 39F. Winds NE at 25 to 35 mph.	<b>40/20</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 20s.	<b>55/33</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>78/41</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s.	<b>77/41</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 6:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 6:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:19 PM



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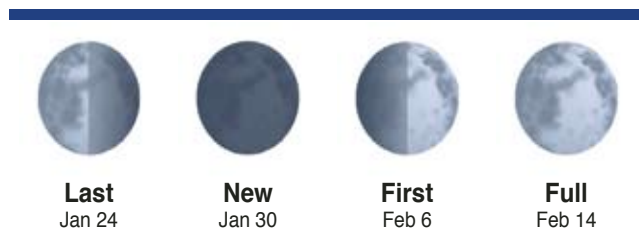
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	38	21	windy	Kingsville	70	39	windy
Amarillo	30	12	cloudy	Livingston	53	27	windy
Austin	49	29	windy	Longview	44	27	windy
Beaumont	57	29	windy	Lubbock	36	14	windy
Brownsville	75	47	pt sunny	Lufkin	51	28	windy
Brownwood	41	24	windy	Midland	39	22	windy
Corpus Christi	65	38	windy	Raymondville	73	42	pt sunny
Corsicana	40	24	windy	Rosenberg	58	32	windy
Dallas	40	24	windy	San Antonio	53	29	windy
Del Rio	61	36	windy	San Marcos	51	30	windy
El Paso	61	35	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	39	24	windy
Fort Stockton	43	27	windy	Sweetwater	38	21	windy
Gainesville	35	18	windy	Tyler	44	27	windy
Greenville	37	21	windy	Weatherford	38	20	windy
Houston	58	32	windy	Wichita Falls	35	18	windy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	50	22	pt sunny	Minneapolis	-9	-20	windy
Boston	43	11	mixed	New York	38	13	rain
Chicago	-2	-18	windy	Phoenix	72	44	pt sunny
Dallas	40	24	windy	San Francisco	65	52	pt sunny
Denver	24	12	sn shower	Seattle	47	40	cloudy
Houston	58	32	windy	St. Louis	15	5	windy
Los Angeles	70	49	mst sunny	Washington, DC	39	12	rain
Miami	83	64	sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Tue 1/28	Wed 1/29	Thu 1/30	Fri 1/31	Sat 2/1
4	4	4	5	5
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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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# News in brief

## AP-GfK Poll: Negative views of health rollout ease as more sign up; consumers still skeptical

WASHINGTON (AP) — Memo to the White House: The website may be fixed, but President Barack Obama's new health insurance markets have yet to win over most consumers.

Negative perceptions of the health care rollout have eased, a new Associated Press-GfK poll finds. But overall, two-thirds of Americans say things still aren't going well.

Of those who've tried to sign up, or who live with someone who has, 71 percent have encountered problems. But the share reporting success jumped to 40 percent from a meager 24 percent in December.

"Everything is not perfect; it takes time to work out the glitches," said Carol Lyles, a homecare provider from Los Angeles who was able to get coverage as a result of the law. "If done right, I believe it will provide the services that are needed."

The poll comes with about 60 days left in open enrollment season. The administration is playing catch-up to meet its goal of signing up 7 million people in new insurance exchanges that offer subsidized private coverage to middle-class households. So far, the markets have attracted an older crowd that tends to be more costly to cover. Younger people in the coveted 18-34 age group are still mainly on the sidelines.

## Syria opposition claims no progress on Syria aid convoy, prisoners' release

GENEVA (AP) — Syria's opposition says there has been no progress on aid convoys reaching a besieged city in central Syria and the release of prisoners from government jails. Opposition spokesman Monzer Ak-

bik says talks on a political transition in Syria are beginning Monday regardless. "We will start talking about a new Syria," he told reporters in Geneva as the government and opposition delegation sat down again with a U.N. mediator for talks.

A tentative agreement was reached Sunday to let women and children leave a blockaded part of the old city of Homs. But Akbik described it Monday as a "moral outrage" and said people trapped in the city should receive aid inside their city and then have the freedom to leave or stay.

## The winter abides: Midwest, Ohio Valley up for another round of below-zero temps

CHICAGO (AP) — Another winter day, another below-zero high temperature for many parts of the Midwest — at least, it seems that way. The deep chill has returned, bringing with it wind chills ranging from the negative teens to 40s, school cancellations and sighs of resignation from residents who are weary of bundling up.

A persistent weather pattern that's driving Arctic air south will drop temperatures for about 2½ days, starting overnight Sunday. Actual temperatures will range from the teens in northern Kentucky to double-digits below zero in Minnesota, but wind chills will be even colder — minus 43 in Minneapolis, minus 23 in Chicago, minus 18 in Dayton, Ohio, minus 14 in Kansas City, Mo., and minus 3 in Louisville, Ky.

"I'm sick of it," Chicago resident Matt Ryan, 19, said Sunday on his way to his family's home in the suburb of Oak Park.

"I came home to steal a scarf from my parents," he said. Ryan's plan for Monday, when the high is forecast to be a mere minus 4 degrees and the

wind chills could dip to 40 below: Dress in layers, carry hand warmers and wear long underwear.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Scott Blair stopped short of calling the latest round of cold part of the polar vortex, a system of winds that circulate around the North Pole.

## After weekend shooting, Maryland mall set for reopening with memorials

COLUMBIA, Md. (AP) — The mall where a Maryland teenager gunned down two people before killing himself was set for a somber reopening Monday under increased security as police worked to figure out why the shooting took place and whether the gunman knew either victim.

Investigators found a journal belonging to Darion Marcus Aguilar, 19, but they would only say that it "expressed general unhappiness." The contents, however, were enough for an officer looking into the disappearance of Aguilar on the day of the shooting to worry about the teen's safety.

Police said Aguilar took a taxi to the Mall in Columbia in suburban Baltimore on Saturday morning and entered the building near Zumiez, a shop that sells skateboarding gear. He went downstairs to a food court directly below the store, then returned less than an hour later, dumped the backpack in a dressing room and started shooting.

Shoppers fled in a panic or barricaded themselves behind closed doors. When police arrived, they found three people dead — two store employees and Aguilar.

The shooting baffled investigators and acquaintances of Aguilar, a quiet, skinny teenager who graduated from high school less than a year ago and had no previous run-ins with law enforcement.

# POLICE

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booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- GARY LEE SCOTT, 63, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding 62 miles per hour in a 45 miles per hour zone and driving while license invalid.

- CHRISTOPHER SHANE ROSS, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block of N. Goliad. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3700 block of Caroline. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- PUBLIC SERVICE was reported in the 2500 block of Greg.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported on Highway 87 and East Fourth. No transport.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th. No transport.

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

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA CALL was reported in the area of Wood and State. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRASH FIRE was reported in the 4100 block of E. FM 700. Fire was extinguished.

# WOMAN

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passed about three weeks ago.

Munoz's husband, Erick Munoz, sued the hospital because it would not remove life support as he said his wife would have wanted in such a situation. The couple, both paramedics, was familiar with end-of-life issues, and Erick Munoz said his wife had told him she would not want to be kept alive under such circumstances.

But the hospital refused his request, citing Texas law that says life-sustaining treatment cannot be withdrawn

from a pregnant patient, regardless of her end-of-life wishes.

Judge R.H. Wallace Jr. sided Friday with Erick Munoz, saying in his order: "Mrs. Munoz is dead."

Erick Munoz found his wife unconscious in their Haltom City home on Nov. 26, possibly due to a blood clot. Doctors soon determined that she was brain-dead, which meant she was both medically and legally dead by law, but kept her on machines to keep her organs functioning for the sake of the fetus.

Shortly after the hospital announced its decision not to fight the judge's order, his attorneys announced that she

had been disconnected from life support about 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

"May Marlise Munoz finally rest in peace, and her family find the strength to complete what has been an unbearably long and arduous journey," they said in a statement.

Munoz told The Associated Press this month that he wanted to move forward with caring for the couple's infant son and relatives stricken by the tragedy.

Larry Thompson, a state's attorney who argued on behalf of the hospital Friday, said the hospital was trying to protect the rights of the fetus as it believed Texas law instructed it to do. The hospital's attorneys cited a section of the Texas Ad-

vance Directives Act that reads: "A person may not withdraw or withhold life-sustaining treatment under this subchapter from a pregnant patient."

"There is a life involved, and the life is the unborn child," Thompson told the judge.

Legal experts told the AP that the hospital was misreading the Texas Advance Directives Act and that the law isn't an absolute command to keep a pregnant woman on life support.

The case has been noted by Republican Texas Gov. Rick Perry and the two leading candidates running to replace him, but none of them has called for any new laws yet or action as a result of the case.

Republican Attorney

General Greg Abbott, through a spokesman, said the case was a "heartbreaking tragedy" and that "Texas strives to protect both families and human life, and we will continue to work toward that end."

Texas Sen. Wendy Davis, a Democrat from Fort Worth, said through a spokeswoman that any decision like this "should be made by Mrs. Munoz's family, in consultation with her doctors."

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## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Eddie Dwayne White, 45, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dorothy Mildred Bloom, 67, died Thursday. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. today at Spring Creek Fellowship.

Wanda Rudinger, 58, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Addie Oliver, 87, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Earline Davidson, 96, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# FIRE

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happened yet to reignite the fire," Sullivan said.

Fire crews used water on the city rubbish, brush and grass to help slow down the blaze.

"Our biggest concern was embers moving off into the bigger fields down into the flats where there is so much volume that would have lit off," Sullivan said. "We used the heavy equipment down there in the Beals Creek area and through there."

The landfill fire was one of several blazes firefighters responded to Sunday.

Crossroads residents

woke up to high winds today that began in the early morning. Caution should be used today as the high winds will greatly increase fire conditions around the area.

"Please do not burn at all," Sullivan said. "Right now, and all way through April and May until we start seeing some green in the area, everyone needs to be really diligent about preventing these fires from happening because they are going to be wind-driven, and it's not going to be pretty."

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspring-herald.com or by e-mail at 263-7331, ext. 234

## Sudoku Answer on Page 9

# 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.

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8	9		3					2

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, North having opened the bidding with one diamond, which your partner doubled. North leads the queen of hearts. How would you play the hand? (Assume the trumps are divided 2-2 or 3-1.)

WEST EAST  
 ♠AKJ106 ♠Q953  
 ♥852 ♥AK7  
 ♦K9 ♦642  
 ♣Q72 ♣AJ3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the queen of clubs. How would you play the hand?

WEST EAST  
 ♠8 ♠AQ653  
 ♥KQ98 ♥AJ104  
 ♦AK42 ♦753  
 ♣A763 ♣4

The purpose is to prevent South from later gaining the lead with a heart for a killing diamond return through your king.

Let's say North continues with a heart to dummy's king. You draw trumps, lead a low club to the jack, cash the ace of hearts and then play the ace and another club. North presumably wins with the king but must then return a diamond or yield a ruff-and-discard, handing you the contract.

2. Your best chance for 12 tricks lies in a crossruff. However, after winning the first club, you should prepare the groundwork for the crossruff by first cashing the A-K of diamonds. Though there is a slight possibility that the first or second diamond will be ruffed, that presents far less of a risk than any other method of play.

You next play a spade to the ace and ruff a spade. It is important to ruff a spade in your hand before ruffing a club in dummy. (If you think it makes no difference, try ruffing a club first. You are then apt to finish with just 11 tricks instead of 12!)

Now ruff your clubs and spades in alternating order, scoring eight trump tricks, a spade, a club and two diamonds in all.

Tomorrow: Triumph of mind over matter.  
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# HC men, women to face Western Texas

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College men's and women's basketball teams will return to action this evening when they take to the Harold Davis Court at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to face off with rival Western Texas College.

Make no mistake about it, both the Hawks and Lady Hawks find themselves in dire need of victories.

The Hawks enter tonight's showdown with Western Texas needing a win to main-

tain a stranglehold on second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. The Howard College men, thanks to a stunning loss to New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs last Thursday, enter tonight's showdown in a tie with WTC for second. Both teams are 5-2 in WJCAC action, and trail conference-leading South Plains by two games.

"We need to come out and defend our home court," said Hawks' head coach Scott Raines.

Western Texas and Howard

WJCAC Standings					
Women			Men		
Team	Conf.	Overall	Team	Conf.	Overall
Odessa	5-0	15-4	South Plains	7-0	20-1
NMJC	5-1	14-5	Howard	5-2	17-4
Frank Phillips	4-2	17-3	W. Texas	5-2	17-4
So. Plains	4-2	10-9	Odessa	4-2	16-3
Midland	2-4	12-9	NMJC	4-3	16-4
Clarendon	1-4	10-9	Frank Phillips	2-4	12-8
Howard	1-5	10-11	Midland	2-5	10-10
W. Texas	1-5	5-11	NMMI	1-6	11-8
			Clarendon	0-6	5-14

College are both 17-4 for the season.

The Howard College women are in need of a victory for a

far different reason - pride. A win over would help the Lady Hawks escape the WJCAC basement, a spot they share

with Western Texas at the moment. The two teams come into tonight with identical 1-5 records in WJCAC action.

A victory would also be huge for the HC women in other ways. A victory would enable the Lady Hawks to snap a three-game losing streak, and reach .500 for the season.

The Lady Hawks come into tonight's game at 10-11 overall.

The Western Texas women are 5-11 overall.

The Howard College women are scheduled to lead off tonight's action at 5:45 p.m.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

## Swinging away ...

Big Spring's Valerie Ross drives a pitch over the fence for a home run in the first inning of the Lady Steers' exhibition game against former BSHS stars at the Lady Steers Softball Complex on Saturday. In all, more than 20 former BSHS softball players helped this year's squad begin preparations for the upcoming season by participating in the event.



Courtesy photo/Desi Richter

The Big Spring High School boys' and girls' swim teams competed in the District 4-4A Swim Meet this past weekend in Lubbock. The BSHS boys' will have two relay teams advancing to the regional meet in two weeks.

# BS sends 2 to regional swim meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers swim team added to their impressive resume this past weekend with a solid outing at the District 4-4A meet. The team qualified two relay teams for the upcoming Region I Swimming and Diving Championships.

The Big Spring boys' and girls' teams both did well at the district meet, which was held at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center in Lubbock. The Steers placed seventh in the boys' team standings, while the Lady Steers were eighth in the girls'.

Myles Jones, Trinidad Ramirez and seniors Nathan Jimenez and Izzak Zamora highlighted the Steers' efforts at the district meet. The foursome qualified for the regional meet in both the 200-yard Medley and the 400-yard Freestyle Relay events. The regional meet will be held in two weeks in Andrews.

In the 200-yard Medley, Jones, Ramirez, Jimenez and Zamora finished sixth with a time of 2 minutes, 3.12 seconds. They also placed sixth in the 400 Freestyle Relay with a mark of 4:06.68.

The top six finishers in each event at the district meet advance to the regional meet.

Jimenez barely missed qualifying in the boys' 100-meter backstroke. He placed seventh overall with a time of 1:08.02.

The BSHS 200-meter Freestyle Relay squad

## DISTRICT 4-4A

### SWIM MEET Final Results Girls

Team	Pts
1. Lubbock	232.5
2. Monterey	97.5
3. Andrews	68
4. Monahan	60
5. Seminole	34
6. Pecos	32
7. Ft. Stockton	19
8. Big Spring	6

### Boys

Team	Pts
1. Lubbock	199
2. Andrews	111
3. Monahan	83
4. Pecos	57
5. Monterey	43
6. Ft. Stockton	28
7. Big Spring	28
8. Seminole	8
9. Estacado	4

placed eighth with a time of 2:03.73. The team was comprised of Jimenez, Zamora, Oscar Alvarado and Daniel Jimenez.

Myles Jones was eighth in the boys' 200-meter Freestyle race, while Trinidad Ramirez was eighth in the 1-meter diving competition.

The BSHS girls finished eighth in the 200-yard Medley, 200-yard Freestyle Relay and the 400-meter Freestyle Relay races. The 200-meter medley team was made up of Faith Roberson, Alma Pina, Karissa Kinard and Karina Alvarado. The 200-yard freestyle relay team consisted of Roberson, Kinard, Miriam Bruer and Pina, while the 400-yard freestyle team was comprised of Roberson, Kinard, Lupita Ramirez and Angelica Delgado.

# Free throws lift Buffs to victory

The Forsan Buffaloes hit on 23 of their 25 attempts from the free throw line on Friday and used that to reel off a 64-50 win over Sundown in District 6-A, Division I, action.

With the win, the Buffaloes ran their season record to 13-6. More importantly, however, they improved to 3-2 in district play.

Kade Fannin enjoyed a huge night for the Buffaloes on offense. One of three FHS players to score into double figures, he led all scorers with 27 points. He also collected a team-high nine rebounds and three steals.

Forsan dominated Sundown from the start. The Buffaloes opened the game with a staggering 20-5 run in the

first quarter and never looked back.

Tyler Evans and Matthew Mims also played well for the Buffaloes. Evans finished the game with 14 points, while Mims added 11. J.T. Breyman and Clayton Galloway added six apiece.

Forsan will return to action on Tuesday when they host Plains.

## 'Cats cruise past O'Donnell

The Grady Wildcats hit a season-high 12 three-point shots on Friday and sprinted to a 70-52 win over O'Donnell.

Beau Lucas led the long-range assault with four treys. He finished with 21 points.

E.J. Rodriguez added three three-pointers.



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Coahoma's Savannah Neff throws up a three-point shot during the Bulldogettes' game against Lamesa on Friday.

# Lamesa hands CHS girls 51-30 setback

The Lamesa Lady Tors used a stingy defense in the second and third quarters on Friday and cruised to a 51-30 victory over the Bulldogettes in a District 4-2A matchup.

"Lamesa is a very athletic team and should be given

credit for putting the pressure on us and using their speed and athletic ability to control the tempo of the game," said CHS head coach Paul Hartman.

Coahoma, now 10-13 overall and 1-6 in district, will play Stanton on Tuesday.

# LL baseball sign-up dates are scheduled

Big Spring Little League will have sign ups on Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Spring City Plaza, formally the Big Spring Mall. Registration will also be held on Feb. 17-21

from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration is open to youths, ages 4-16.

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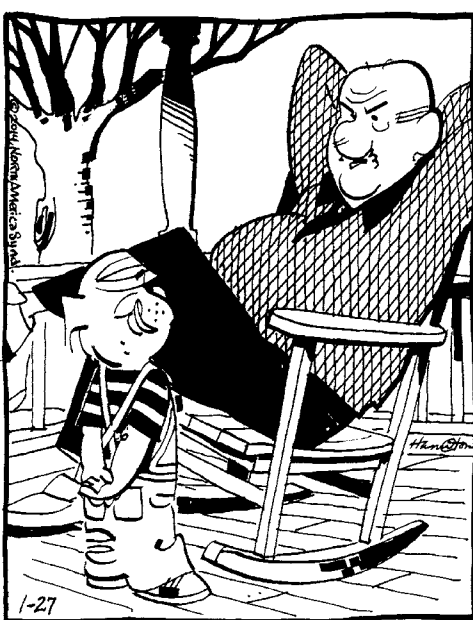
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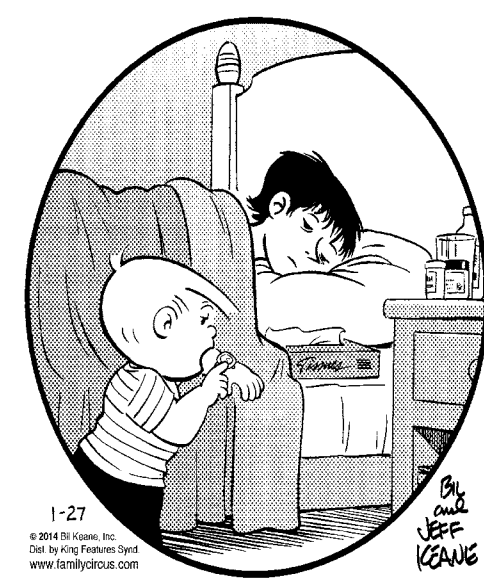
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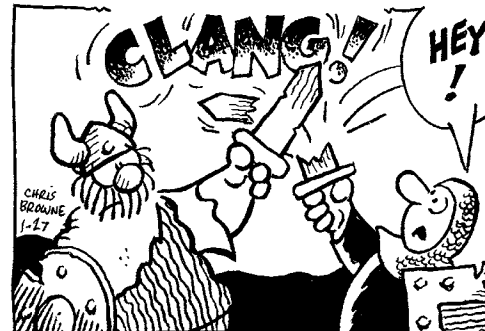
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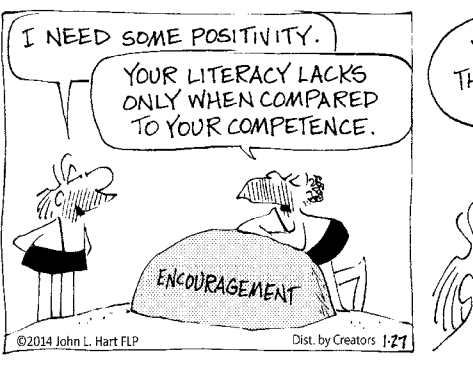
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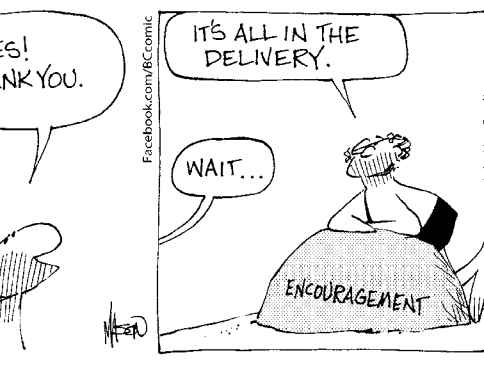
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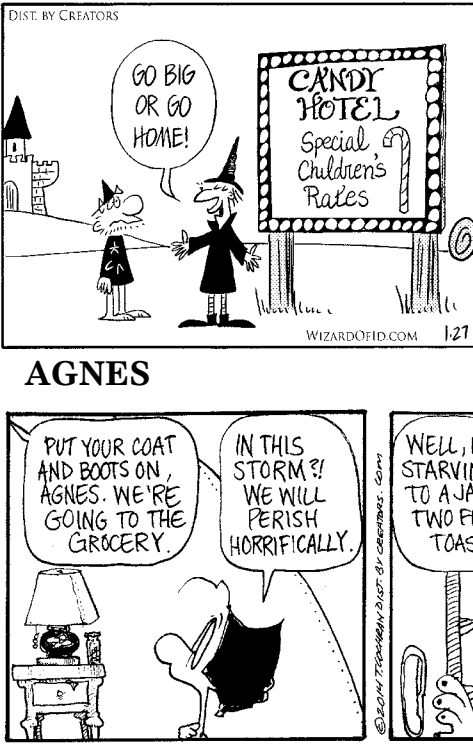
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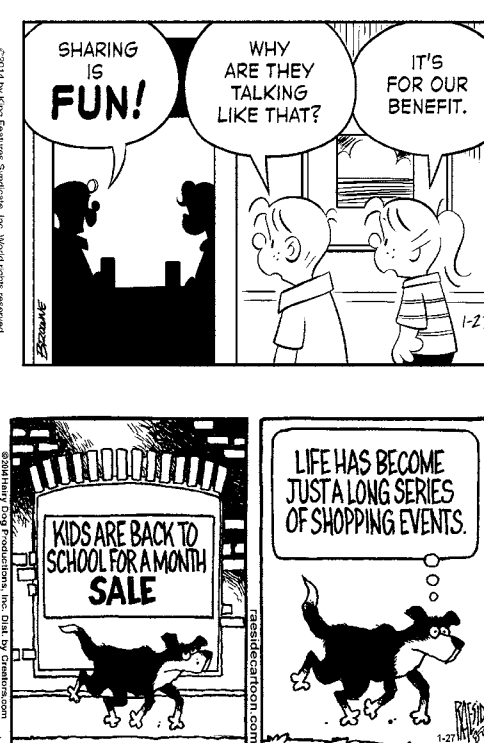
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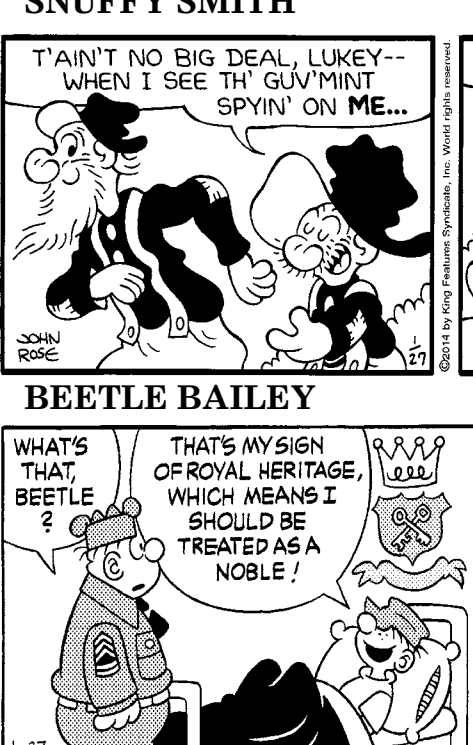
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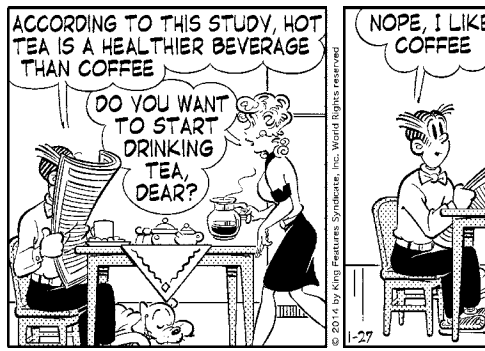
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# Sochi set to welcome the world amid storm clouds

Seven years ago, Vladimir Putin traveled all the way to Guatemala to woo Olympic leaders with his grandiose vision: hosting the Winter Games in Russia's little-known Black Sea summer resort of Sochi.

Putin's personal pitch — delivered partly in English and French — did the trick as Sochi beat out bids from South Korea and Austria for the right to stage the 2014 Games on the so-called "Russian Riviera."

Putin's political influence and Russia's might bowled over the International Olympic Committee on that day.

It was a risky choice then and it shapes up as even riskier now.

With the opening ceremony less than two weeks away, Putin's prestige and his country's reputation are at stake — riding on a \$51 billion mega-project meant to showcase a modern Russia but overshadowed by a barrage of concerns over terrorism, gay rights, human rights, corruption, waste and overspending.

No other Winter Games has faced such an acute terror threat. No other Winter Olympics has been so engulfed in politics. No other recent Olympics has been so

closely associated with one man — Putin, the "captain" of the Sochi team.

Amid a politically charged atmosphere and ominous security climate, can Putin and Russia deliver a safe and successful Olympics? Can Sochi defy the grim predictions and dazzle the world with well-organized games featuring shiny new venues, picturesque mountains and the world's best winter sports athletes?

Lest we forget, the Olympics are also supposed to be about sports and athletes: Alex Ovechkin, Sidney Crosby and other NHL stars competing for their home countries on the hockey rink; snowboard great Shaun White doing new gravity-defying flips and twists; South Korean figure skating queen Yuna Kim performing graceful magic on the ice; American teen sensation Mikaela Shiffrin zipping through the slalom gates.

About 3,000 athletes from more than 80 countries will be competing in 98 medal events. Twelve new events are on the program, with women's ski jumping making its debut after being rejected for inclusion at the 2010 Vancouver Games.

The medals race is likely to be between Norway, the United States, Canada and Germany. The Russians, coming off their worst ever Winter Games in Vancouver, are determined to bounce back on home territory. A gold medal from the Ovechkin-led hockey team would be the ultimate prize for a country that hasn't won

the Olympic title since a "Unified Team" of former Soviet republics triumphed in 1992.

"Olympics are probably the most important thing for Russians," Ovechkin said.

Sochi will also offer up its share of human-interest story lines:

— the return of the Jamaican bobsled team for the first time since 2002, rekindling the feel-good story of 1988 that inspired the film "Cool Runnings."

— track and field stars Lolo Jones and Lauryn Williams switching from the Summer Olympics to Winter Games as members of the U.S. women's bobsled team.

— British-based classical-pop musician Vanessa-Mae trading her violin for a pair of skis to compete for Thailand, her father's native country.

— and, yes, those wild and crazy pants worn by the Norwegian men's curling team — red, white and blue zig-zag patterns this time.

For now, the world's focus remains squarely on the terror danger posed by the Islamic insurgency in the Northern Caucasus. An Islamic militant group in Dagestan claimed responsibility for two suicide bombings that killed 34 people in late December in Volgograd and threatened to attack the games in Sochi.

Russian security officials have been hunting for three potential female suicide bombers, one of whom is believed to be in Sochi itself. The suspects are known as "black widows," women seeking to avenge hus-

bands or male relatives killed in Russia's fight against insurgents in the region.

"We know some of them got through the perimeter," said Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the U.S. House Homeland Security Committee. "What we don't know is how many more black widows are out there. ... How many potential cells could be in Sochi and the Olympic Village?"

Russia is mounting what is believed to be the biggest security operation ever for an Olympics, deploying more than 50,000 police and soldiers to protect the games. The cordon includes naval warships, anti-aircraft batteries and drone aircraft. Two U.S. warships will be in the Black Sea to help if needed.

"We will try to make sure that the security measures taken aren't too intrusive or visible and that they won't put pressure on the athletes, guests and journalists," Putin said.

Sochi's preparations have also been clouded by the Western uproar against a Russian law enacted last year that prohibits gay "propaganda" among minors. Critics and gay activists say the law discriminates against homosexuals and could be used against anyone openly supporting gay rights at the games.

Putin has insisted there will be no discrimination of any kind against any athletes or spectators in Sochi, yet his recent comments linking homosexuality and pedophilia have only inflamed the issue.

The IOC, meanwhile, has reminded athletes to comply with "Rule 50" of the Olympic Charter, which forbids protests or political gestures at Olympic venues.



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## Over the top ...

Coahoma's Alexis Castilaw shoots over the top of a Lamesa defender during the Bulldogettes' game on Friday. Coahoma will face rival Stanton on Tuesday in a key District 4-2A showdown.

## Russian publishes Sochi corruption

SOCHI, Russia (AP) — An interactive website launched Monday by anti-corruption activist Alexei Navalny paints a vivid picture of the suspected cost overruns and conflicts of interest at the Sochi Olympics.

Russia has spent about \$51 billion to deliver the Sochi Olympics, which run Feb. 7-23, making them the most expensive games ever even though as a winter event it hosts many fewer athletes.

Navalny claims that Russia spent twice as much as necessary to build at least 10 of the Olympic venues — including the Bolshoi Ice Palace, the Fisht Stadium for the opening/closing ceremonies and the

speed-skating arena.

Allegations of corruption have dogged preparations for the Sochi Games for years, as reported by The Associated Press and others. Navalny's new website — Sochi.FBK.info — combines data gathered during his own investigations along with media reports.

Using colorful graphics, the website makes a wide range of data accessible in English and Russian.

"Athletes are not the only people who compete in Sochi," Navalny, who finished a strong second in Moscow's mayoral election last year, wrote on the website.

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# Denver, Seahawks hit frozen Big Apple

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — Leave it to Peyton Manning to put everything in perspective.

"The Super Bowl is a big deal," the Broncos' record-setting quarterback said Sunday after his team arrived in a frozen Big Apple — well, across the icy Hudson River in New Jersey, actually.

Well, yeah, it's only the biggest sporting event in America, a quasi-national holiday. That's not lost on the four-time NFL MVP and owner of one Super Bowl title.

"I know how hard it is to get here," he added. "I know how much time and sacrifice our team has made in order to have this opportunity to play in this game. We were excited to get on that plane. We were excited getting off that plane, and we are looking forward to being here all week and, hopefully, playing a good game next Sunday."

It will take more than a good game to beat the Seahawks,

of course. Seattle brings the stingiest defense in the league to the Super Bowl. It's a juicy matchup between an unstoppable force led by Manning (55 TD passes, 606 points) and an immovable object (231 points allowed, ranked first in overall and passing defense).

And it's exactly what the Seahawks traveled across the country for: the biggest of all challenges.

"Historically, it can't get any tougher," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "People can't even dream to have a season (like Manning had). It's an extraordinary challenge, and we'll see how this matchup goes. They have to play us, too."

Plus, both teams might have to fight through the elements in the first outdoor Super Bowl in a cold-weather site.

On Sunday, an icy wind made its way through the Meadowlands, cut across the Hudson and into frigid Manhattan. Looks like Mother

Nature is taking seriously the NFL's slogan for this Super Bowl: Best Served Cold.

"Don't let the cold weather get you," is Denver linebacker Wesley Woodyard's mantra. "Once you figure out a point in your mind that you're cold, that's when it gets you. So you just have to block it out and be into the moment."

For the moment, each side is dealing with the distractions that accompany reaching the NFL's super-hyped championship game.

More media, for sure. A glaring spotlight on everything. Spending a week away from home. Practicing in another team's facility: the Seahawks at the Giants' complex across the parking lots from MetLife Stadium, the Broncos at the Jets' place in Florham Park, about 30 minutes from the Meadowlands.

Both coaches, Denver's John Fox and Seattle's Carroll, are concerned about the outdoor practice fields being

frozen or covered with snow. Neither sounded eager about working indoors the entire week.

Just another inconvenience that goes along with the Super Bowl, although the NFL said the outdoor fields will be available for practices.

"Cold, hot, snow, rain, football is challenging," Seahawks All-Pro safety Earl Thomas said. "That's why we've got to stay in it (mentally) for the whole game — the personnel, the matchups. It's not about psyching yourself up, it's about the opportunity. You've got the God-given ability and you want to show it off. It doesn't matter where it is."

Where it is, of course, is where every football player seeks to be in early February. Whether the Super Bowl is played on the Meadowlands tundra, in Death Valley or on Mars, every NFL player wants to be suiting up for it.

"I think in order to be a

championship football team we've got to be weatherproof, and I think our football team played in all different elements this year," Fox said. "I feel comfortable with where we're at as far as the elements, but it's a part of the game. I think tradition-wise, it's been a part of the league and a part of a lot of championships."

Not one regular Seahawks player has been to this stage, giving Denver something of an edge in experience. The Broncos have four: receiver Wes Welker, tight end Jacob Tamme, cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and that quarterback named Peyton.

Manning, of course, is the only current Bronco to have won a ring, with Indianapolis in 2007. He also lost the Super Bowl in 2010 with the Colts.

On Monday, with the long travel out of the way and the introductory news conferences behind them, each team gets down to business.

# Garza, Brewers reach \$50M, 4-year deal

MILWAUKEE (AP) — After committing \$50 million to free agent Matt Garza, the Milwaukee Brewers are feeling much better about their pitching staff.

Garza completed a four-year contract with Milwaukee on Sunday, strengthening the top of the rotation and boosting the Brewers' hopes following a disappointing season. The deal includes an option and

performance bonuses that could make it worth up to \$67 million over five years.

General manager Doug Melvin called Garza an "established, top-of-the-rotation pitcher."

"The thing about signing Matt now, it gives us a lot more depth and, as you know, during a baseball season, you never use five starters," Melvin said. "So, just kind of wait and see

how spring training unfolds, and always having the available depth is important to stay in a 162-game season."

Garza gets \$12.5 million a season, with \$2 million annually deferred without interest. The deferred money is payable in four installments each Dec. 15 starting in 2018.

He can earn an additional \$1 million annually in performance

bonuses: \$500,000 each for 30 starts and 190 innings.

The deal includes a \$13 million option for 2018 that would become guaranteed if he makes 110 starts during the next four years, pitches 155 innings in 2017 and is not on the disabled list at the end of that season. Milwaukee also would get an extra year at a relatively low salary if he has a significant

arm injury.

The 30-year-old righty went 10-6 with a 3.82 ERA last season for the Chicago Cubs and Texas Rangers. He missed most of the first two months while recovering from an injury that affected his side and back.

Garza will join Yovani Gallardo and Kyle Lohse as Milwaukee's top starters. He is 67-67 with a 3.84 ERA in eight

seasons with Minnesota, Tampa Bay, the Cubs and Texas.

Garza was looking forward to pitching — and hitting — in the NL Central again.

"It's fun. I like the Central, I like pitching in the Central," he said during a conference call. "I like swinging the bat in the big parks."

The move also adds depth to Milwaukee's staff.

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