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Fire 'suspicious,' investigation ongoing

By BILL McCLELLAN

Managing Editor

Suspicious.
That's how Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray has described a Wednesday morning fire that destroyed two homes near the 1000 block of North Bell.

"There has been another



Condray

assault on one of those houses before," Condray said this morning. "Someone tried to set it on fire before. This (Wednesday's) fire is also highly suspicious as to its cause."

Condray said an investiga-

tion is ongoing.

"We want to talk to a couple more people. We haven't been able to locate them yet," he added.

The fire, which may have started in a garage, was reported shortly after midnight Wednesday and high winds quickly pushed flames to an adjacent home and to a near-

by residence. Both homes were occupied, but residents were able to escape the flames safely.

Firefighters worked for more than an hour to get the blaze under control and keep it from spreading further.

"We were able to keep the fire contained to the three structures," Big Spring Fire

Department Chief Craig Ferguson said at the time.

In all, said Ferguson, there were 18 vehicles and 38 city and county personnel fighting the fire.

"One house was destroyed and I'd say the other suffered extensive damage. It's probably not worth repairing," said Condray.

Gas line break sends two to ER; Vols kept busy

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Two men were injured when the backhoe they were operating struck a natural gas line south of Ackerly Thursday morning.

The men, whose identities have not been released, suffered "non-life threatening" injuries caused by gas inhalation, officials said.

Three Howard County Volunteer Fire Department units, along with county deputies and Big Spring fire and emergency medical personnel, were dispatched to the 3000 block of W. County



Sullivan

Road 46 shortly after 11 a.m. Thursday. HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan said the backhoe operator was digging post holes when he inadvertently struck the gas line, operated by West Texas Gas. The operator was overcome by fumes shortly afterward, while his helper also became ill while pulling his co-worker away from the line.

The two men were transported by Big Spring Emergency Medical Service ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. No other injuries were reported.

Fortunately, gas escaping

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Courtesy photo

Internationally known artist Douglas Walton works on a painting during a workshop. The Heritage Museum is hosting "Encounters," a workshop taught by Walton March 17 through 21.

Heritage Museum will host artist workshop March 17-21

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

Staff Writer

It's sold out, but you can come and watch.

The Heritage Museum will be hosting a private workshop by world renowned artist Douglas Walton who, according to his biography, has taught more than 500 workshops in 22 states. He has studied with noted watercolorists Edgar Whitney, Robert E. Wood and Milford Zones.

Internationally, he has held workshops in Guatemala, Canada, China, Great Britain, Greece, India, Bali-Indonesia, Italy, Mexico City, Saltillo, San Miguel de Allende- Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, The Netherlands, Peru, and Tahiti.

"We encourage the public

to come in and watch the artists paint," said Tammy Schrencengost, curator of the museum. "They'll will learn how artists paint and the different steps they go through to create a piece of art."

"Encounter" is the name of this year's workshop and participating artists will be taught new techniques and produce works that will be shown in the museum at the conclusion of the sessions.

"The paintings will be hung as they are completed," Schrencengost said.

The workshop starts Monday and continues through Friday. The paintings will



hang through May 2.

Walton has held his workshops in Big Spring for many years at Displays of Splendor, but due to its closing, has moved to the museum and will be the first of its kind in the building.

"This will be the first workshop we've had," Schrencengost said. "It it works out well, we'll do it again."

Schrencengost said she

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Cassatt in the Basin begins Sunday

Herald Staff Report

The esteemed New York based Cassatt String Quartet will perform its eighth annual mini-residency, "Cassatt in the Basin!" Sunday through Saturday, March 22.

The residency aims to give "Basin" area students the opportunity to study with artist teachers and develop chamber music audiences of the future. The Cassatt String Quartet will offer student quartet coachings, master classes — in which the Cassatt String Quartet

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DAILY PRAYER

Give us strength, dear Lord, to deal with adversity.

Amen

A plane falls from the sky

Planes are not supposed to just disappear. There should be radio transmissions and distress calls, not to mention tweets and videos and real-time reports. We live in the world of too much information, not utter mystery.

How can a plane just disappear? It can't, obviously. We just (as of this writing) haven't been able to find it, which makes its disappearance even more unsettling.

Terrorists? Could it be that we were secretly rooting that those stolen passports would prove a link to an enemy we could see, a familiar sort of terror? Then we could comfort ourselves by saying, "If only they had checked the

Interpol list" — and even more, we could try to feel safe in the knowledge that no one will make that mistake again.

No such luck.

I am sitting in a crowded airport lounge, between the Notre Dame lacrosse team (Who knew how big lacrosse teams are?) and a classical orchestra on tour. The screens that used to show news just show ads these days, which are far cheerier, but when a 777 pulls out from a nearby gate, a man points, and the crowd falls silent as we watch it head for the runway.

Who knows?

I have the numbers down. Flying on a big commercial plane is definitely safer than driving to the airport. Thousands and thousands of flights take off and land, on airlines we've never heard of, and we hear nothing because nothing goes wrong.

Perhaps most miraculously, in

those one-in-a-million moments like this one, the world actually comes together. You wouldn't know that the Cold War had broken out from the cooperation being offered in a search that may turn out to be more misdirected than mysterious. In the midst of the horror, you might even feel some sense that there is hope for the future grounded in the shared humanity we muster in times like this.

Mostly, though, I just feel sad for all those poor people and their families, and painfully reminded of how small and vulnerable we all are.

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SUSAN ESTRICH



Obama apologists should share blame for deportations

From the very beginning, everyone knew there was something morally wrong with it. And yet, many Hispanic community leaders shamefully pretended not to see it and went along with the Obama administration's aggressive immigrant deportation policy.



MIGUEL PEREZ

They were duped into believing that by deporting thousands of sacrificial lambs, President Barack Obama would demonstrate strength on border security and gain a stronger position to persuade some Republicans to pass comprehensive immigration reform through Congress.

Yet now, almost 2 million deportations later, now that immigration reform has been shut out of Congress by Republicans, some prominent Democrats and Latino community leaders are acting as if they are surprised and outraged by Obama's record-breaking deportations. But they should really be sharing the blame for having supported Obama's farce for several years!

I remember how the increased deportations were originally sold to Latinos as a necessary evil, how many Hispanic community activists who trusted the president went out to warn undocumented immigrants that things would get worse before they got better. I remember how Obama administration officials let it be known that their raids, border re-enforcements and deportations were meant to convince Republicans, who insisted on border security first, to agree on a comprehensive immigration reform plan.

But that was years ago. For quite a long time, it has been obvious that there aren't enough sacrificial lambs to satisfy the xenophobes who are driving the Republican Party. This was noted in this column almost three years ago!

"It has become obvious that no amount of immigration enforcement would be enough to satisfy the thirst for deportations that drives the conservative (and

most influential) wing of the Republican Party," I wrote in April of 2011. "Regardless of how many fences Obama tries to build or how many immigrant families he separates, conservative extremists will keep moving the goalpost to the right, until they deport even Obama!"

And yet Obama kept deporting immigrants at a record-breaking pace, with many co-opted Hispanic Democrats quietly acquiescing. Last year, a study found that Obama spent more on immigration enforcement than on all other federal law enforcement agencies combined. The nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute reported that while the FBI, Secret Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Marshal Service and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, cost a total of \$14.4 billion in fiscal 2012, immigration enforcement cost \$18 billion.

But amazingly, it wasn't until all the doors were finally shut on immigration reform that some Hispanic politicians and civil rights activists finally began to speak out bluntly against the president — and only in the past few weeks.

Perhaps the one who got most attention was Janet Murguia, the president of the National Council of La Raza, who called Obama the "deporter-in-chief." It was cute.

But why did it take her so long to come to this conclusion?

Other prominent civil rights leaders and elected officials recently have been calling on Obama to use his executive powers to stop deporting undocumented immigrants who have no criminal record, just as he did when he stopped the deportation of the young undocumented immigrants known as "Dreamers."

And although Obama continues to deny he has the authority to do this, they remember he also had denied having the authority to help the Dreamers — until he did it.

"We respectfully disagree with the president on his ability to stop unnecessary deportations," Murguia told some 800 Latino activists at a La Raza dinner March 4 in Washington, D.C. "He can stop tearing families

apart. He can stop throwing community and businesses into chaos. He can stop turning a blind eye to the harm being done. He does have the power to stop this. Failure to act will be a shameful legacy for his presidency."

Unfortunately, Obama is not the only one who has been "turning a blind eye." The problem lies with our own national Hispanic leadership, which is too often co-opted by the Democratic Party. The problem lies with a president who only used his executive powers to help the Dreamers when he needed the Latino vote to secure his re-election. And the worst part of the problem is that Democrats can continue to take Latino voters for granted. After all, what are we going to do, vote for a Republican whose immigration policies are likely to be much more draconian than Obama's?

Nevertheless, in the Hispanic community, people are asking why Obama continues running immigration policies that appear to be more conservative than even those of his Republican predecessors.

Since his strategy of increasing deportations to appease Republicans clearly didn't work, people want to know when the president will stop using immigrants as sacrificial lambs. If he believes undocumented immigrants deserve compassion and some sort of amnesty, why doesn't he begin using his executive powers to ease their pain? What happened to the "Si Se Puede"/"Yes We Can" president?

Of course, if Obama were to suddenly stop deporting non-criminal undocumented immigrants, conservative extremists surely would accuse him of failing to enforce U.S. law and granting "backdoor amnesty." And unfortunately, Obama seems to fear them more than the criticism now coming from the co-opted Democrats and Latino leaders who now are looking like fools for "turning a blind eye" to his deportations.

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Church News

Lenton Luncheon Series

The Big Spring ecumenical Lenten Luncheon Series began March 12 and features clergy from five local congregations.

The community luncheons will happen weekly on Wednesdays through April 9, starting at noon. Donations to cover the cost of the meals are appreciated. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

March 19, the luncheon will happen at First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, and will feature as speaker the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church.

March 26, the luncheon will happen at First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, and will feature the Rev. Lester Brown from Baker's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

April 2, the luncheon will happen at First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, and will feature the Rev. Cal Calendar, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene.

April 9, the final luncheon in the series will happen at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 1007 Hearn Street, and will feature the Rev. Carroll Kohl, retired Lutheran pastor (Missouri Synod).

Come experience the season of Lent through a simple meal, an inspirational message and ecumenical fellowship with other Christians.

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Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number

is 264-7818. Our website is <http://www.aicbig-spring.org>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school to follow at 10:15 a.m.

Bobby Roever will present the readings this week.

Our Wednesday night bible study is titled "I am Second" by e3 Partners. Class begins at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited. Mid-Week classes are in session for the youth. A light meal is served from 5:30 to 6:30.

We are having Lenten services at 6 p.m. that began March 9, and every Sunday evening for the next four

weeks. This Sunday evening, the topic is "The King Denied." Easter Sunday, we will have an Easter Sunrise

Service at 8 a.m. followed by a "Free-Will" Pancake Breakfast and then the Easter Celebration Service at

10. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We will be having a children's Easter egg-stravaganza on Saturday, April 19 from 1-3 p.m.

Lots of fun, games and an Easter egg hunt (primary school ages). Everyone is invited.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to

106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

Our motto is "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives."

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we have a guest speaker, Brandon Gartman. Brandon is a student at South-

western Baptist Theological Seminary. This will be his second time bringing a message to us, and we are all very excited to hear what God has laid upon his heart.

On Wednesday evenings, we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament. Sunday evenings, we are in a DVD study called "The Story." It is comprised of a video segment and study guide, and speaks of how the Bible in all its parts tells God's story. We also frequently have Bible study groups in individual homes, such as the Daniel Plan, which is currently in session Monday evenings.

We are currently in the planning stages for a revival mutually held with Baker's Chapel AME Church in Big Spring. Dates and details will follow soon.

Our men's breakfast will be at 9 a.m. at the Four Sands Café on March 22.

Youth activities on Wednesday evenings include a meal at 5:30 and classes for all ages beginning at 6. We have Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends, and CHAOS (Christ Has All Our Answers) Youth.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6. Wednesday services begin at 6.

Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Join us for worship services Sunday morning at 10:50. Bring your smart phone, iPad, or Kindle Fire and interact with the sermon through You Version as Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the series titled "Final Words" based on what Christ said while on the cross. This week's message is titled "Behold Your Mother" drawn from John 19:26-27, which is the account in which Jesus affirms Himself as the one and only Savior for every person throughout eternity, including His earthly mother, Mary.

Sunday school classes for all age groups and life stages begin at 9:30. Greeters at each door will gladly assist you in finding your class and show you where to get a cup of coffee. We look forward to meeting you!

Evening worship service begins at 6, and the message is titled "Refusing to Settle for Less" from Exodus 20:4-6. Join us as we praise God and reflect on this passage that emphasizes that Jehovah God, and nothing or no one else, is worthy of our worship.

AWANA will not meet Sunday because of spring break, but resumes March 23.

Women's Bible study groups resume Monday March 17 at 9:30, and Wednesday March 19 at 5:30. Come and be blessed as we participate in the study "Brave" by Angela Thomas.

Our Mother's Day Out program resumes Tuesday March 18. For information about openings for your child, contact Tracy Boeker at tboeker90@gmail.com or 267-8223.

Wednesday evening activities begin with a meal served from 5-6 in the Family Life Center, followed by adult Bible study, adult choir practice, children's mission classes, and Saturate Youth group. Join us for a baked potato bar March 19.

Do you have questions about God and what the true meaning of the cross is?

Stop by the church or call 267-8223 and someone will be happy to listen, pray with you, and talk with you about Jesus Christ who rose from the dead and lives today. FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There

The great pancake flap

March 4, 2014 -- What a day! My schedule was to have started with an 8 a.m. ministry-training conference in a large city where my husband, Dwayne, and I had spent the night. However, an unexpected ice storm caused a delay in the starting time of the conference. But even with an hour and a half of "thaw" time, I still managed to arrive late at the church where the conference was being held.

The problem with my arrival time was not the weather. It was my own knack for disabling technology devices. Not trusting my husband's GPS system, I had printed out an erroneous map of the five-minute jaunt from our hotel to my conference site before we left home. The unfortunate mishap forced me to resort to the old-fashioned technique of stopping and asking for directions. Fortunately, a kind lady in a convenience store came to my rescue.

At the end of the day, I followed a string of cars from the church parking lot back to our mutual hotel. But to my dismay, I found myself in a caravan of cars with no place to park at the hotel. We all circled around the parking lot until one by one we found places to abandon our cars for the night.

Inside the hotel, Dwayne and I decided just to walk across the parking lot in the freezing weather to an IHOP for dinner rather than lose our parking place. We could tell that there was no parking at the restaurant either. As we made our way through clusters of teenagers and families with young children gathered on the sidewalks, we noticed a large banner proclaiming National Pancake Day.

Later, we were to learn that the restaurant chain was giving away free short stacks of buttermilk pancakes as a philanthropic event. Customers were encouraged to make donations to the Children's Miracle Network or other local charities.

As I reflected on the variety of people waiting outside in the cold weather for their free pancakes, I wondered why they were there. For some, it was a social event. Others seemed to have needed the free food. Yet others may have come to support the charitable effort. I concluded, however, that for many the event wasn't really about pancakes. It was about getting something for nothing.

In the Scripture, the apostle Paul tells us about a gift even greater than free pancakes. He writes, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23 NASB).

What must God think when He sees multitudes of people standing out in the cold for a short stack of free pancakes, yet rejecting His free gift of eternal life?

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is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

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BONNIE
WHEAT

Consider the birds and take heed to their song

The birds are the first to wake each morning. I have listened in the predawn dark

for the first twitter from the trees. Like sentinels they watch for the first faint glow in the east, and, long before the sun rises, they start their sunrise celebration. Sometimes I think they are surprised each morning when a new day dawns. Their excitement seems to echo Zecharias' emotions when he announced the birth of Jesus saying, "The sunrise from on high will visit us!" (Luke 1:78). I especially like the cardinal. I have watched these brilliant red birds perched high on bare limbs in the Minnesota winter, their ricochet notes shattering the snow covered



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stillness on a subzero morning. I have listened to the same unmistakable notes and spotted their bright red coat amid thick green oaks in the sweltering heat of a Texas summer.

The mockingbird is always dressed in his gray tuxedo for some special occasion, white tipped wings flashing when he flies like formal cuffs in full dress. Unlike the cardinal, the mockingbird never ventures into northern winters. He much prefers Texas summers where he can perch on his stage in the live oaks and sing his stolen songs.

I remember waking, when I was a boy, to the rasp of blue jays at play in the pecan trees outside my window. They rasp now as they did then, and every time I hear them I am carried back across the decades to my youth.

When we lived in Minnesota, I watched chickadees on winter afternoons fluttering in

the snow on our windowsill searching for seed. And I often sat on our deck in Rochester, Minnesota and listening to squadrons of Canadian geese flying low overhead, so low that I could hear the wind in their wings.

Jesus apparently watched the birds and took pleasure in them. He referred to them to help us understand God's love and care for us. He said, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Again, He said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Sometimes we find ourselves thrown into difficult circumstances.

Like the scorching Texas heat or the frigid Minnesota winter, every element seems to be set against us and we have difficulty seeing our way forward. At such times we are prone to wonder if God has forgotten us. We are prone to discouragement, doubt and worry about our future. Failing health, unemployment, broken promises and broken relationships conspire to steal away our confidence, our hope and our faith. At such times we need to consider the birds.

We are not forgotten. He who cares for the birds of the air will doubtless care for us. We are of great worth to God. Listen to the birds and take heed to their song.

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News in brief

India expands search for missing jet as hunt shifts west to Indian Ocean

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The international search for the missing Malaysian jetliner expanded westward Friday toward the Indian Ocean amid signs the aircraft may have flown on for hours after its last contact with air-traffic control nearly a week ago.

A U.S. official told The Associated Press that the Malaysia Airlines plane sent signals to a satellite for four hours after the aircraft went missing early last Saturday, raising the possibility the jet carrying 239 people could have flown far from the current search areas. It also increased speculation that whatever happened to the plane was a deliberate act.

If the plane had disintegrated during flight or had suffered some other catastrophic failure, all signals — the pings to the satellite, the data messages and the transponder — would be expected to stop at the same time. Experts say a pilot or passengers with technical expertise may have switched off the transponder in the hope of flying undetected.

No theory, however, has been ruled out in one of aviation history's most puzzling mysteries.

The Beijing-bound aircraft last communicated with air traffic base stations east of Malaysia in the South China Sea, which for several days has been the main focus of the search. Planes and ships also have been searching the Strait of Malacca west of Malaysia because of a blip on military radar suggested the plane might have turned in that direction after the last confirmed contact.

AP Exclusive: FBI won't conduct marijuana-license background checks for Washington state

SEATTLE (AP) — The FBI is refusing to run nationwide background checks on people applying to run legal marijuana businesses in Washington state, even though it has conducted similar checks in Colorado — a discrepancy that illustrates the quandary the Justice Department faces as it allows the states to experiment with regulating a drug that's long been illegal under federal law.

Washington state has been asking for nearly a year if the FBI would conduct background checks on its applicants, to no avail. The bureau's refusal raises the possibility that people with troublesome criminal histories could wind up with pot licenses in the state — undermining the department's own priorities in ensuring that states keep a tight rein on the nascent industry.

It's a strange jam for the feds, who announced last summer that they wouldn't sue to prevent Washington and Colorado from regulating marijuana after 75 years of prohibition.

The Obama administration has said it wants the states to make sure pot revenue doesn't go to organized crime and that state marijuana industries don't become a cover for the trafficking of other illegal drugs. At the same time, it might be tough for the FBI to stomach conducting such background checks — essentially helping the states violate federal law.

The Justice Department declined to explain why it isn't conducting the checks in Washington when it has in Colorado.

Stephen Fischer, a spokesman for the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division, referred

an Associated Press inquiry to DOJ headquarters, which would only issue a written statement.

Yielding to immigration advocates, Obama says U.S. will look to make deportations more humane

WASHINGTON (AP) — With prospects for real immigration reform fading, President Barack Obama is yielding to pressure from some of his staunchest allies and looking for ways to act without Congress to ease the suffering caused by deportation.

An Oval Office meeting with three Latino lawmakers brought about a late-night announcement from the White House on Thursday: Obama is directing his homeland security chief, Jeh Johnson, to review America's deportation program, with an eye toward finding more humane ways to enforce the law without contravening it.

It was unexpected, coming from a president who said as recently as last week that when it came to deportations, he's already stretched his presidential powers to the max.

preferring a lasting legislative solution for one of Obama's top priorities, the White House had wanted to avoid this course, knowing that any steps Obama takes that are perceived as overreaching will only give Republicans excuses to avoid dealing with immigration. After all, the GOP has already cast Obama as a president gone wild, citing endless changes to his health care law and his move to allow children brought to the U.S. illegally to stay here.

Hope dwindles in stopping vote to split Ukraine; West prepares sanctions against Russia

LONDON (AP) — With little hope of halting a vote to separate a strategic Ukraine peninsula from the rest of the country, the West is readying to impose harsh sanctions on Russia for what U.S. officials described as Moscow's insistence in undermining the new upstart government in Kiev, and fueling tensions among those who oppose it.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry flew to London on Friday to meet with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in a last-minute bid to stave off a new chapter in the East-West crisis over Ukraine. On Sunday, Ukraine's pro-Russian Crimea region will vote whether to secede, and perhaps join Russia, in anger over new leaders in Kiev who seek to forge stronger economic ties with Europe.

A small group of Ukrainian protesters with posters reading "NATO Save Ukraine" awaited Kerry as he arrived at Downing Street for a meeting with Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron and Foreign Secretary William Hague ahead of his talks with Lavrov.

Cameron underlined the threat of sanctions when he sat down with Kerry, telling him that "we want to see progress as much as you do."

Russian troops on war games near Ukraine as Putin faces tough Western warnings

SIMFEROPOL, Ukraine (AP) — Russia conducted new military maneuvers near its border with Ukraine on Thursday, and President Vladimir Putin said the world shouldn't blame his country for

what he called Ukraine's "internal crisis."

In Crimea, where the public will vote on Sunday whether to break away from Ukraine and become part of Russia, jittery residents lined up at their banks to withdraw cash from their accounts amid uncertainty over the future of the peninsula, which Russian troops now control. Violence engulfed the eastern Donetsk region, where violent clashes between pro-Russia demonstrators and supporters of the Ukrainian government left at least one person dead.

"These people are afraid their bank will collapse and no one wants to lose their money," said resident Tatiana Sivukhina. "Nobody knows what will happen tomorrow."

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov plan to meet in London on Friday in a last-ditch bid to end the international standoff over the Crimean referendum, which Ukraine and the West have rejected as illegitimate.

Working 'with hope,' rescuers continue searching rubble from NYC explosion; at least 8 dead

NEW YORK (AP) — Using sound devices to probe for voices and telescopic cameras to peer into small spaces, workers searching a pile of rubble from a gas explosion in New York City continued to treat it as a rescue operation, holding onto the possibility of finding survivors from a blast that brought down two apartment buildings and killed at least eight people.

"We have to think of survivors and work in that way, with hope," said Fire Department of New York Chief Edward Kilduff.

The search work was slow going, with 40 percent to 50 percent of the debris removed by Thursday evening. Kilduff said a fire was still burning, and the force of the explosion collapsed and pancaked layers of floors. A back wall was still freestanding and posed a collapse hazard.

Workers planned a full day removing debris at the site on Friday, and hoped to make it down to the first floor by Saturday then move on to the basement.

Extent of failings by nuclear missile launch crews masked by strong showing from cooks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Failings last spring by nuclear missile operators at an Air Force base in North Dakota were worse than first reported, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Airmen responsible for missile operations at Minot Air Force Base would have failed their portion of a major inspection in March 2013 but managed a "marginal" rating because their poor marks were blended with the better performance of support staff — like cooks and facilities managers — and they got a boost from the base's highly rated training program. The "marginal" rating, the equivalent of a "D" in school, was reported previously. Now, details of the low performance by the launch officers, or missileers, entrusted with the keys to missiles have been revealed.

"Missileer technical proficiency substandard," one Air Force briefing slide says.

CHURCH NEWS

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First Presbyterian Church

The Children's Choir meets at 4:20 p.m. Wednesdays. The Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets in the library at 5:17, and the Chancel Choir meets for practice at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

The children's Sunday school begins a new unit for Lent entitled "Mary of Bethany Anoints Jesus," which began March 9 and continues through Easter, April 20. The children will become familiar with the story of Mary of Bethany, who recognizing and responding to His love, anointed Him with oil. The children will learn about the practices of foot washing, anointing and burial preparation in Jesus' day. Using art, storytelling, science, cookery, games and video, they will explore ways of offering worship to God and consider ways they can care for others.

Liturgist for March is Helen Glass. Ellen Austin is in charge of refreshments for "Take Ten" this Sunday.

Lectionary for the Second Sunday in Lent is Genesis 1 2:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will present "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by Thomas Matthews as the offertory anthem.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for the service, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by The Rev. Holstedt.

First Church of the Nazarene

Many exciting things are happening at First Church of the Nazarene. Check it out:

Rehearsals have begun for our Easter cantata, "Mercy Came Running." Practices will be on Sunday evenings from 5:45-7. There is plenty of time

to come and join us. Contact Amanda Kleeb if you have any questions.

Women's Bible study on Sunday evenings is from 4:30-5:30.

Don't miss out on Tuesday night prayer at 6:30.

M.T.V. is back at 6:30 for the youth on Wednesday nights. Thrive for college and career seeking young adults with Colter Morgan happens Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the commons area. And Prime Time Fellowship is the first Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Looking for a lunch plan? Wednesday at noon bring your lunch for class with Leonard.

You are also welcome to join us for all of our other services and classes:

Sunday service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Sunday morning youth and children's classes at 9

Sunday morning children's church at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday evening youth activities at 6:30

Tuesday night prayer at 6:30 in the Sanctuary

Wednesday evening adult/children/youth classes

at 6:30

Unable to come to church on Sunday morning? Listen into KBST 95.7 at 10 am and you can hear a live broadcast of our service. You can also view streaming footage inside the sanctuary by going to our webpage at www.nazfamily.org.

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Kansas, Iowa St. net wins in Big 12 tourney

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Andrew Wiggins scored 30 points, Wayne Selden Jr. had 14 and No. 10 Kansas pulled away in the final seconds of overtime for a 77-70 victory over Oklahoma State in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament.

Naadir Tharpe made four foul shots in the extra session to seal the victory for the top-seeded Jayhawks (24-8), who

will face fourth-seeded Iowa State in Friday night's semifinals.

The No. 16 Cyclones, behind a big game from Melvin Ejim, beat No. 5 seed Kansas State 91-85.

Phil Forte briefly gave the Cowboys a 70-68 lead with a 3-pointer a minute into overtime, but the Jayhawks scored the final seven points, all but two of them coming at

the foul line.

Le'Bryan Nash scored 19 points to lead the Cowboys (21-12). Forte added 16 points and Marcus Smart finished with 14, though he missed all three of his shots in the extra session.

Both teams had chances to earn the win in regulation.

Wiggins hit a baseline jumper with a minute left to knot it 67, but Cowboys coach

Travis Ford decided against going 2-for-1 on possessions, and Smart missed a 3 with 32 seconds left.

The Jayhawks got the rebound and called timeout with 16 seconds left to set up a play for Wiggins, and he missed a tightly guarded 3 with a few ticks left on the clock. Tarik Black gathered in the rebound and stuck it back, but the basket came af-

ter time had expired.

Black got extended minutes in place of Joel Embiid, the Jayhawks' 7-foot freshman center, who has been ruled out indefinitely because of a fracture in his back. The senior transfer finished with seven points and 12 rebounds, including a couple with the game in the balance.

The Cowboys, who had to See **BIG 12**, Page 14

Eagles pick up Sproles in trade

Chip Kelly got another versatile playmaker for his offense.

The Philadelphia Eagles acquired running back Darren Sproles from the New Orleans Saints for a fifth-round draft pick on Tuesday. The Eagles also agreed on a two-year contract with former Dolphins cornerback Nolan Carroll.

"Darren Sproles is an unbelievable offensive weapon," Kelly said. "He can do it all: run, catch, plus he's a proven winner. And on top of that, he can bring all of those dynamic skills to the return game as well. There is no question we were all excited once we found out we were going to be able to trade for him."

Sproles is coming off one of his least productive seasons. He ranked in the bottom five among punt returners with a 6.7 yards per return average and was third worst among kick returners with an average of 21.3.

Sproles' numbers also went down for the third straight year. He had 71 catches for 604 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 220 yards and two scores.

He joins an up-tempo offense that was quite dynamic in Kelly's first season in Philadelphia. The Eagles set team records for points (442), total net yards (6,676), touchdowns (53), and gross yards passing (4,406). All-Pro running back LeSean McCoy had a franchise-best 1,607 yards rushing and 2,146 yards from scrimmage. Pro Bowl MVP Nick Foles had the third-highest passer rating (119.2) in league history.

Braun resigns as Rice coach

HOUSTON (AP) — Rice coach Ben Braun has resigned after the Owls finished the season 7-23.

Braun says he "thought it was in our program's best interest" that he stepped down. He was 63-128 in six seasons with the Owls.

Athletic director Joe Karlgaard says the school will start the search for his replacement immediately.

Braun's best season with the Owls came when they went 19-16 in 2012. It was the most wins for Rice since the 2004-05 season.

The 60-year-old Braun coached at California before joining the Owls and has a 615-517 record in his 36-year coaching career.

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Tony Claxton photos (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Hunter Hill applies the tag to a Seminole baserunner during the Steers' 3-2 win on Thursday at Steer Park. Big Spring scored twice in the fifth inning to claim the come-from-behind win in their final non-district game. The Steers face Snyder on Tuesday in the District 4-3A opener for both squads.

Hill's steal snaps Steers' losing streak

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

With the Big Spring bats struggling to find scratch out hits, Steers head coach Bobby Smith decided to take another approach to spark his team. He chose to run.

Hunter Hill scored on a double steal in the bottom of the fifth inning on Thursday afternoon and helped left Big Spring to a 3-2 come-from-behind win over the Seminole Indians at Steer Park. Hill scampered home from third for the game-winning run while Brett Brorman danced between first and second base in a run-down.

With the win, Big Spring snapped its recent six-game losing streak and improved to 10-8 heading into Tuesday's District 4-3A opener against Snyder.

Trailing 2-1 at the start of the home half of the fifth, the Steers got a lift from center fielder Anthony Godwin. He led off the fifth by singling to center.

He raced home with the game-tying run moments later when the Seminole right fielder misplayed a fly ball off the bat of Hill.

Seminole, aided by two questionable interference calls, grabbed a 2-1 lead early in the contest. The Indians scored a run in the second and third innings off BSHS starter Tate Kennedy.

After falling behind 1-0, Seminole played small ball to perfection in the second. The Tribe laid down a bunt, collected a stolen base and then pushed home a run with a fielder's choice to second.

They used an throwing error in the third to tally a run and go up 2-1.

The damage could have been much worse for the Steers. Seminole loaded the bases in the third before Steers' starter Tate Kennedy ended the threat by enticing the Indians' No. 6 batter to pop out to second.

Big Spring, which managed just three hits in the game, took the early lead.

The Steers grabbed a 1-0 lead when Haegan Rodriguez scored on an error.

The BSHS lead might have been even larger in the first if not for a questionable call in the field. After Anthony Godwin had led off the game with an infield single, Hill slapped a grounder to the left side. The SHS shortstop fielded the ball and flipped it to second for the force on Godwin, who attempted to slide under the tag.

The home plate umpire overturned the second base umpire's ruling, claiming Godwin had "popped up" and interfered with the defensive players' attempt to continue the play. The Steers were also suffered a similar play in the sixth. The ruling resulted in outs for Matt Yanez and Matt Beal.

Gary Watkins relieved Kennedy in the top of the fifth. He fanned four of the 10 batters he faced to net the win.

The Steers' district opener with Snyder is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at Steer Park.

Big Spring JV uses 10-run second to rally past Seminole JV, 13-10

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Ethan Rocha and D.J. Juarez each delivered three-run hits in the second inning and helped spur the Big Spring High School junior varsity to a stunning 13-10 come-from-behind win over the Seminole Indians on Thursday at Steer Park.

"We felt like we could come back," said Noah Perez after watching his team fall behind 9-0. "We knew if we could get our sticks going we could score."

Seminole did a lot of scoring to lead off the game. The Indians pushed across nine runs in their first at-bat.

The Steers came roaring back in the bottom of the second. The team sent 14 batters to the plate in the inning.

Isaiah Ontiveros opened the BSHS second by reaching base,

Dylan Marquez punched a single into left. After Riley Henson had walked to load the bases, Rocha drilled a three-run single to center.

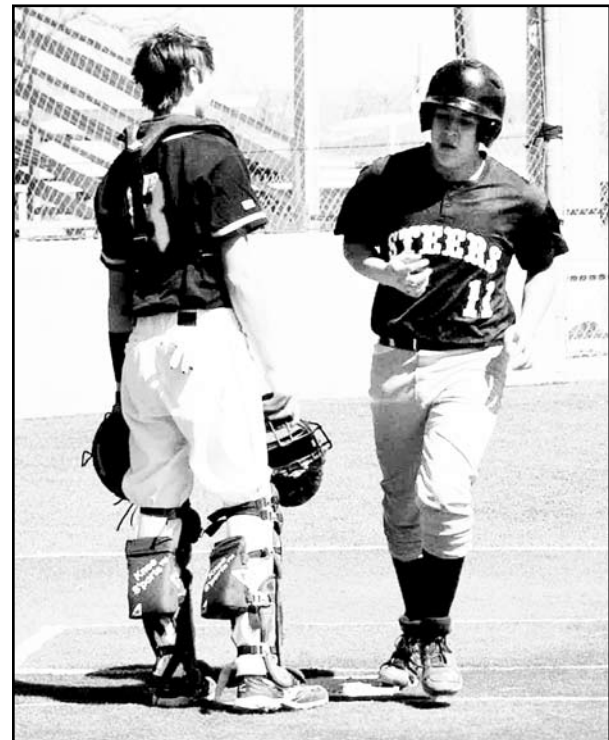
The Steers also collected runs from Garrett Wigington, Bryson Burt, Juarez, Perez and Ryan Armstrong in the frame.

Seminole tallied a run in the top of the third and pulled into a 10-10 deadlock.

Henson ended the Tribe's hopes in the bottom half of the inning. He punched out a 1-out single, advanced to third on an error, and then stole home to give Big Spring an 11-10 cushion.

Big Spring added a pair of unearned runs in the fourth.

Juarez, after being hit hard in the first inning, pitched over in the final six innings to notch the win. He also went 3-for-4 from the plate with four RBI.



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Big Spring's Dylan Marquez trots home with a run during a 10-run second-inning on Thursday at Steer Park against Seminole. The Steers won the game, 13-10.

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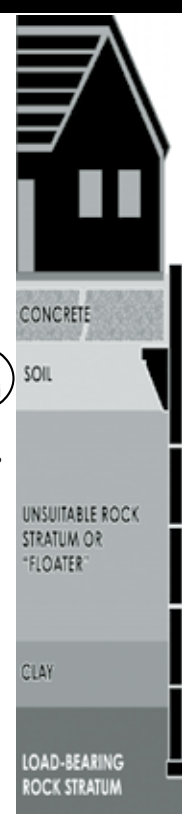
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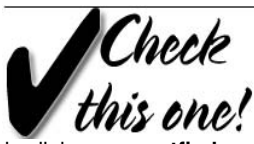


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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury and Mars
Bring on the Breezy



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MATHIS

Relationships get a cosmic touch of grace as Mercury, the minister of communication, forms a harmonious angle to Mars in Libra. This points to a day filled with flirty banter, breezy business transactions and a smooth simpatico between people who have known and loved each other for a long period of time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You want to add to your assets, but at what cost? You are wise to consider the downside of an arrangement, even if you've already made up your mind to go forward with it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Temptations abound, and you'll have trouble keeping your hands out of the cookie jar, especially if said jar is brightly colored and fully stocked. New mantra: Out of sight, out of mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). From your schedule to your hair, it all seems to be falling into place today. At around noon, you'll feel generous and will benefit from acting on those impulses in a big way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Many prefer to live in a predictable world, even if it's a predictably uncomfortable one. You'll be driven to break out of the realm of known cause and effect and experience the unfamiliar.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If your ideas are met with a flat response, don't be too quick to interpret this as a rejection. Maybe they just don't understand. Maybe this isn't your ideal audience. Anyway, it's safe to assume that it's them, not you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've met amazing demands lately. To keep from wearing out, seek serenity. What's good for your mental health will be good for your physical health. Avoid chaos in all forms, including media. Especially media.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are many reasons to take on a project, so don't let the financial aspect of it overshadow the rest. While deciding what to do, try factoring in the financial piece last instead of first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An alluring someone wants you to let your guard down so he or she can get emotionally (and perhaps physically) closer to you. Stay on guard, watch your words, and reveal as little as possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Work has had you speeding along, and you'll enjoy the chance to amble this afternoon. You'll enjoy the freedom to use those uncanny instincts and follow your interests and curiosities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take care of loved ones first. There will be a challenge having to do with commerce or work, but you'll handle it well as long as you haven't used up your problem-solving energy on a conflict within your inner circle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Brief commitments are favored. A short-term cooperative arrangement will be enjoyable; whereas, a long-term tie will soon seem cumbersome, laborious and joyless.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Make your sensitivity work for you. By staying cued in to the subtle changes in demeanor of a customer, colleague or loved one, you will avoid an unpleasant situation in the future.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 14). You're a visionary, working to realize the potential you see in the world. You'll be a student and a collaborator during the first half of this solar cycle, soaking up all the knowledge and experience you can. In August, you'll break out solo, applying what you've learned and adding a twist. Love is best in April, June and October. Gemini and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 29, 2, 14, 32 and 10.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:
ARIES: You'll get practice accepting compliments with grace. **TAURUS:** Even though self-deprecating humor can be disarming, avoid putting yourself down, as it will only make people uncomfortable. **GEMINI:** Surround yourself with happy people, and it will be easy to stay upbeat. **CANCER:** The best people won't be afraid to do what it takes to earn your trust. **LEO:** You'll enjoy the swanky party if you know that there are people there who can further your interests. **VIRGO:** You have fewer vices than your friends, and the vices you do have, you'll

compensate well for. **LIBRA:** There are things you want to keep private, and you're even more attractive when you don't give the mystery away. **SCORPIO:** You have a few surprises up your sleeve, and that's what will keep a loved one coming back. **SAGITTARIUS:** Your instinct will be to keep family out of your private life, and it will serve you well. **CAPRICORN:** You may look socially adventurous to the untrained eye, but you are actually expertly calculating the risks and relying on your skills. **AQUARIUS:** You can wake up the one who doesn't appreciate you by flirting with someone who does. **PISCES:** You are cool and confident on the outside, but dates still scare you. You're not alone!

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:
As Sunday's full moon in Virgo reflects the soulful energy of the Pisces sun, these signs will be inexplicably attracted to each other. Magic moments will have an otherworldly quality. Later they'll look back on this time and wonder whether it was a dream. If they pursue a relationship, they'll help each other in many ways. Pisces will give Virgo new hope. Virgo will offer a practical way to make Pisces' dreams come true.

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6 :PM	Jeopardy!	De Que Te Quiero	Big Bang Big Bang	News News	Caso Cer-rado	News News	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Israel Upd	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H M*A*S*H	Sons of Guns	Cops Cops	Castle (DVS)	Movie			College Basketball	College Basketball
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10 :PM	News	Impacto	Arsenio Hall	News	Noticias	News	Tonight Show	Men-Work	Messiah	World	Movie: Dawn of the Dead, Jake Weber	Police Videos	Save Our Business	Movie	Jessie	Good	NBA	SportsCenter
11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Familia-Suerte	How I Met How I Met	Ferguson	Camelia La Texana	News	King of the Nerds	Best of Light of the Southwest	Hitchcock Hr.	Sons of Guns	Police Videos	(:02) CSI: NY	Movie: Den					
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DENNIS THE MENACE

THIS IS A BIG DAY FOR YOU, DENNIS!

"YEAH! I'VE BEEN WAITING MY WHOLE LIFE!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"Don't worry, Mommy. I wouldn't talk to a wolf even if he wasn't a stranger."

HAGAR

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THAT HANDSOME, DIMPLE-FACED YOUNG FELLOW I MARRIED YEARS AGO?

YOU MEAN HAGAR ISN'T YOUR FIRST HUSBAND?

BC

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR FIRST IN A MAN?

THAT ALL HIS TATTOOS ARE SPELLED CORRECTLY.

WIZARD OF ID

HMM...

TAP TAP

THAT ONE HAS BEEN ON THE SHELF A WHILE

AGNES

AGNES, ARE YOU COMING OVER TO WATCH TV TONIGHT?

AGNES MIGHT HAVE, BUT MOON PUPPY IS HITTING THE BEACH.

LISTEN, UH, MOON PUPPY, IS IT? IT'S FORTY DEGREES, AND THERE IS NO SURF IN OHIO... WE HAVE T.V., AND THAT'S ABOUT IT.

AND WHAT'S WITH THE FULL BODY SPANX? YOU WEIGH FIFTY POUNDS!

IT'S A WET SUIT.

HI AND LOIS

BEDTIME!

I HOPE DAD MAKES YOU GO TO BED WHEN HE WANTS TO WATCH HIS SHOW.

THE OTHER COAST

MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

THIS IS THE MOVIE CRITICS PICNIC CRUISE. SERIOUS TROUBLE... HUGE WAVES... HIGH WINDS...

AREN'T WE GOING TO RESCUE THEM?

NAH, YOU KNOW MOVIE CRITICS. THEY'RE ALWAYS SO NEGATIVE.

SNUFFY SMITH

MORNIN' LI'L GIRL-- GO FETCH YORE MAMA !!

MY MAMA DON'T TALK TO NO DOOR-T-DOOR SALESMAN, MISTER !!

BUT I RECKON SHE'LL TAKE A FREE SAMPLE !!

BETLE BAILEY

YOUR FATHER USED TO WORK 12 HOURS A DAY

THOSE WERE THE OLD DAYS

TWO HOURS BEFORE TEE TIME IS A GOOD DAY'S WORK FOR HIM

BLONDIE

BZZ-Z

WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S A CURFEW TEXT REMINDER FROM MY DAD

This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2014. There are 292 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 14, 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and sentenced him to death. (Both the conviction and death sentence were later overturned, but Ruby died before he could be retried.) On this date: In 1743, a memorial

service was held at Faneuil (FAN'-yul) Hall in Boston honoring Peter Faneuil, who had donated the building bearing his name. In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry. In 1885, the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera "The Mikado" premiered at the Savoy Theatre in London. In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act. In 1923, President Warren G. Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax return, paying a tax of

\$17,990 on his \$75,000 salary. In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation of Czech areas and the separation of Slovakia. In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul (sohl).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Drilling expert: Abbr.
- 4 1986 Peace Nobel
- 10 Whole bunch
- 14 Cattle kin
- 15 Take on
- 16 Likewise
- 17 Yale Bowl rooster
- 18 Start of a quote
- 20 Nurses, perhaps
- 22 Technical sch.
- 23 Auto-insurance coverage
- 24 Most Bahrainis
- 26 Take the initiative
- 27 Middle of quote
- 33 Kind of car
- 34 Be contiguous to
- 35 Apparatus
- 37 ABA member
- 38 Waikiki activity
- 41 Calais confidant
- 42 Sports-car roof
- 44 After-dinner choices
- 45 Playground comeback
- 47 Source of the quote
- 50 MapQuest owner
- 51 Exploits
- 52 Coup group
- 55 Big Ben sound
- 58 Except for
- 61 End of quote
- 64 Rhyming synonym for "flicks"
- 65 Personal advisor
- 66 Whoopi's Oscar role in *Ghost*
- 67 Pierre's here
- 68 Argue a bit

DOWN

- 1 Lab stains
- 2 Big name in surrealism
- 3 Abandons
- 4 Nursery sound
- 5 Old Testament prophet
- 6 *College GameDay* airer
- 7 Dines late
- 8 Throw off, in a way
- 9 Novelist Deighton
- 10 Twitter word starting with "#"
- 11 Ominous alternative
- 12 What "quasi-" means
- 13 Army assignment
- 19 Impress indelibly
- 21 Browse goods
- 25 3/15, for one
- 26 Memo heading
- 27 62 Down boss of the '80s
- 28 Golden-___ corn
- 29 British sitcom, briefly
- 30 Rainer of *The Good Earth*
- 31 Quite orderly
- 32 *Elysium* star
- 33 Mouse hunter
- 36 Capital before Brasilia
- 39 Gas or electric co.
- 40 Muzzles
- 43 Group of expert drivers
- 46 Tussaud et al.
- 48 Noise at Niagara Falls
- 49 Preschooler
- 52 Crying spells
- 53 "___ and away!"
- 54 Romance author Roberts
- 55 George Eliot title character
- 56 General Bradley
- 57 Seward Peninsula city
- 59 Bad habit
- 60 Depart
- 62 Crime syndicate
- 63 *Getting to ___* (book on negotiating)

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Gordon ready for Darlington changes

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Jeff Gordon's grown accustomed to change in NASCAR, especially at Darlington Raceway.

The four-time Sprint Cup series champion has won races at the track "Too Tough To Tame," in March, May, August and September and is ready for Darlington's latest schedule shift when the Southern 500 takes place April 12.

Gordon says things are always changing in stock car racing and

when Darlington holds its race does not matter — as long as he's lined up at the starting line.

Gordon is the series' active leader with seven victories at Darlington, trailing Hall of Famers David Pearson with 10 and the late Dale Earnhardt with nine.

Gordon visited the track Thursday, meeting fans purchasing tickets for next month's event and taking a prize-winner for a pace-car ride around Darlington.

BIG 12

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play a matinee after dispatching Texas Tech on Wednesday night, didn't look as if they were weary in the first half. They actually pulled out to an early lead, silencing a heavily pro-Kansas crowd that had packed inside the Sprint Center.

Kansas responded by taking a 32-23 lead into halftime, and then maintained its advantage early in the second half. But once Black and fellow forward Perry Ellis picked up their fourth fouls, the Cowboys started shredding the Kansas defense by driving the lane.

Kansas State coach Bruce Weber stared at the box score printed on the sheet of paper, a black-and-white rendition of the colorful, back-and-forth game the Wildcats had just finished.

He had a hard time trying to figure out how they had scored 85 points against Iowa State, shot better than 54 percent from the field — and still lost.

"I guess it was an entertaining game," Weber said, finally.

He was right about that.

Melvin Ejim had 24 points and 10 rebounds, Dustin Hogue added 19

points and 10 boards and the No. 16 Cyclones held on for a 91-85 victory in the Big 12 tournament quarterfinals.

Georges Niang added 18 points and Naz Long finished with 14 points for the fourth-seeded Cyclones (24-7), who advanced to play the winner of Kansas-Oklahoma State in Friday's semifinals.

"I mean, we were pretty efficient on offense," Weber said. "We just didn't get enough stops."

SPORTS BRIEFS

CGA to hold scramble

The Chicano Gold Association will be holding a 4-man scramble on March 23 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Sign-ups will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. A shotgun start

will be held at 10 a.m.

A blind draw will be held for teams closest to the pin on all par threes.

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Registration for the tournament will begin at 6:30 p.m. The cost for registering is \$10 per player.

The top three places will receive T-shirts. The three-day

tournament will be played at the Comanche Trail Park field. A schedule of games will be available after all teams have registered.

For more information contact Dominique Gonzales at (432) 935-1124 or Anthony Saracho at (432) 816-4761.

Lady Steers to play Wylie

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will kick off District 4-3A today when they travel to Abilene to face off with the Wylie Lady Bulldogs.

Big Spring heads into the game with a

9-6 record.

BSHS head coach John R. Sparks said freshman Moriah Sarmiento or Ysabel Solis — or possibly both — would likely pitch for the Lady Steers.

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