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## BSHS 2nd at district meet

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Big Spring High School's academic team fell just short of earning a second straight District 4-3A title, placing second to Abilene Wylie High School in Tuesday's University Interscholastic League meet at BSHS.  
 Wylie scored 541 points to handily win the meet, while Big Spring was second with

  
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350.5 points. Snyder High School finished third with 220 points, followed by Monahans, Greenwood and Sweetwater.  
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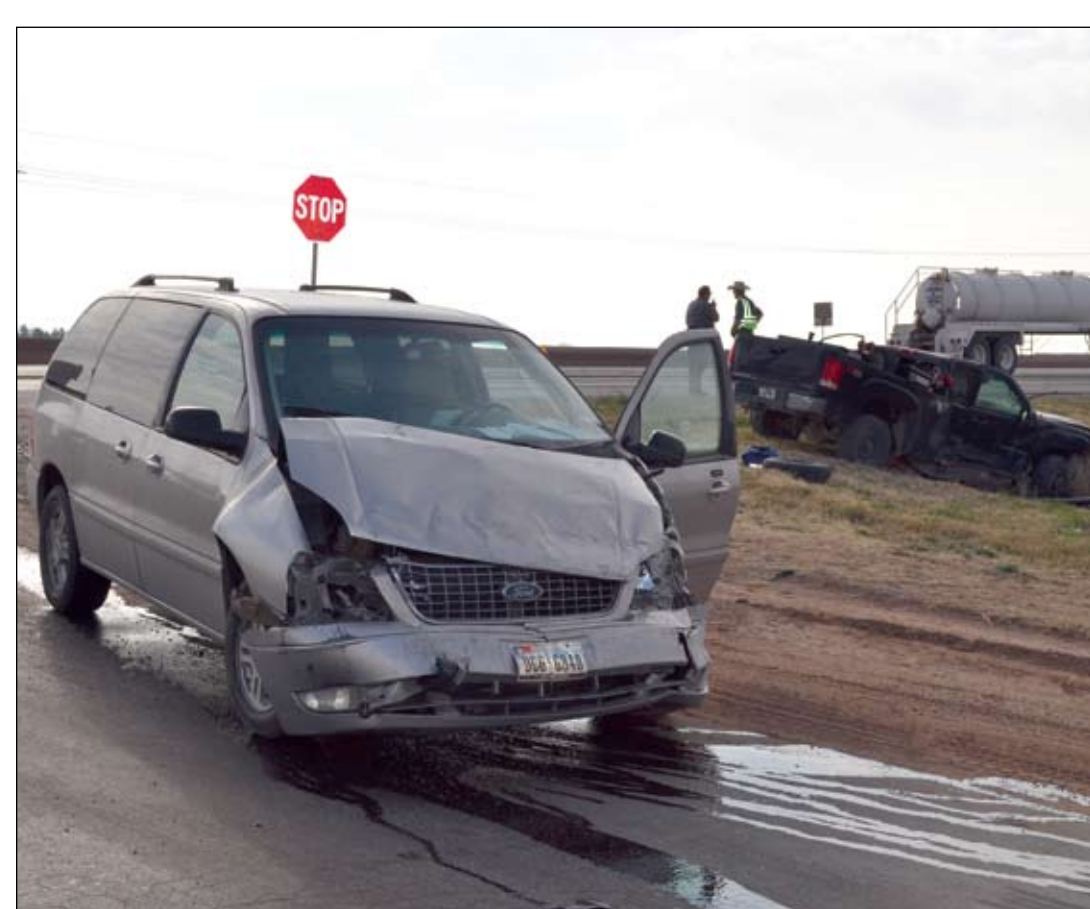
champs, but Wylie is always going to be tough." While BSHS fell short in the competition for overall team honors, several students earned spots in the upcoming Region I-3A UIL meet, which will be held April 18-19 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Students who placed in the top three of each event qualified for the regional meet.  
 Big Spring's speech squad earned its 10<sup>th</sup> team district title under Adams' tutelage. Leading the way was Ethan Morelion and Chelsey Parker, who finished 1-2 in persuasive speaking; Shiloh Creswell, who won in informative speaking; Bell Guillory, tops in poetry interpretation; and Luis Casillas, who placed first in prose interpretation.  
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## Stuff to do

**Today**  
**MEET & GREET** — A meet and greet for new healthcare personnel at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Medical Center will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hotel Settles. No charge.  
**VETERANS PROGRAM** — Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program, hosted by the West Texas VA Health Care System, 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. Meal is free to veterans and a guest and \$20 to the general public.  
**SPEAKER SERIES** — Dr. Temple Grandin, highly acclaimed for her award-winning research and extensive work on the design of handling facilities for the cattle industry, will be the featured speaker in the Howard College Foundation Speaker System, set for 7 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the college campus. Admission is free.

## Veterans plan eggceptional hunt & picnic

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Time to get hopping. A stampede of the nicest kind will be held Friday when Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas Veterans Home hosts its annual Easter egg hunt on the south side of the complex. Hundreds of children ranging from toddlers to 12-year-olds are expected to scramble for gift-filled eggs on the grounds of the veterans home, located at 1809 N. Highway 87. The actual egg hunt portion of the festivities will be held at 11:30 a.m., although activities are planned from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., said Kelly Carstensen. This is the 10th year for the facility to host an Easter egg hunt, she added.  
 Children will be divided into three age groups — infants to 2; 3 to 6; and 7 to 12.  
 Carstensen said LLS residents, staff and volunteers have have worked weeks



**HERALD photo / Thomas Jenkins**  
**Emergency personnel responded to this traffic accident today at approximately 9:30 a.m. after a full-size pickup and this silver minivan collided near the intersection of Moore School Road and N. U.S. Highway 87. While both vehicles suffered extensive damage. Amazingly, both drivers were able to walk away from the wreck. According to witnesses at the scene, the minivan was traveling south on U.S. 87 when the pickup entered the intersection. Airbags on the minivan deployed and both drivers were wearing their seat belts at the time of the accident.**

## Friday

**EASTER EGG HUNT** — Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home 10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Easter egg hunting for kids 2-12 (three age groups) will be held at 11:30 a.m. Free to the public, the event will feature food, drinks, games and more.

## Saturday

**EASTER EGG HUNT** — First Church of the Nazarene will hold its annual free Easter egg hunt beginning at 11 a.m. at the Old Settler's Pavilion. In addition to the "hunt," those attending will be treated to hot dogs, drinks and children's games.  
**SYMPHONY PERFORMANCE** — Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will feature the music of ABBA during an 8 o'clock performance at the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$8 for students, available at the Heritage Museum, Blum's Jewelers and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Sunday

**EASTER SUNDAY.** Attend the church of your choice or celebrate in your own way.

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## Got Cline Shale shock? Public hearing to help

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 The Cline Shale formation. It's certainly on the tip of every tongue in the West Texas area, as local officials and residents continue to play up or down the expected effects of what the U.S. Geological Survey is saying could be largest oil-related discovery in the Permian Basin in the last 50 years.  
 The shale formation — which includes organic-rich shale, with a total organic content (TOC) estimated at 1 percent to 8 percent, according to experts

— sits beneath Fisher, Nolan, Sterling, Coke, Glasscock, Tom Green, Howard, Mitchell, Borden and Scurry counties. According to geologists, the formation runs about 140 miles north to south and about 70 miles wide through Howard, Glasscock, Reagan and Sterling counties.  
 As oil companies scurry to tap into the formation, the impact of their operations — which will likely include fractured vertical wells expected to consume

millions of gallons of water — is something local city and county governments are trying to process, according to Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.  
 "It's certainly something everyone has been talking about. However, it can be really tough for officials and residents to get real information on what the discovery could and will mean for the Howard County area," Wegman said.  
 Enter the Eagle Ford Consortium, a group made up of officials and




Wegman

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## Obituaries

### James Houston Barclay Sr.



James Houston Barclay Sr., 89, of Reno, Nev., died Thursday, March 21, 2013, in a Reno, Nev., nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas, with Derrick Looney officiating.

Jim was born Sept. 12, 1923, in San Augustine, Texas, to Willie and Julia (Grunning) Barclay. He proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II. Jim was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was aboard the USS Utah and made it to shore before the ship sank.

He continued his service aboard the USS Honolulu, which was awarded several unit commendations for heroism in the Pacific Theater. He was a master of hyperbole, for many of his stories seemed larger than life and will live in our hearts forever. He was a Jack-of-all-trades and is best described as having the wit of Mark Twain and the presence of John Wayne.

He married Mae Nell Cave, a Big Spring native, May 19, 1990, in Granbury and they made their home in Brownwood. She preceded him in death March 8, 2006.

Survivors include one son, Jim Barclay Jr. and wife Tracy and one grandson, Scott Barclay, all of Reno, Nev.; Jim Jr.'s mother, Marie Crowley of Harbor City, Calif.; two brothers, Bernard Barclay and Bobby Barclay, both of San Augustine, Texas; two sisters, Susie Martin of LaRue and Julia Darby of Humble; one daughter-in-law, Carolyn Tunnell of Olden; one stepgranddaughter, Dedra Fillman of Cedar Hill; one stepgrandson, Dane Stovall of Grand Prairie; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Mae Nell Barclay, Jim was preceded in death by a former wife, Loraine Patterson; four brothers, Ed Barclay, Hal Barclay, Dick Barclay and Hulan Barclay; and three sisters, Willie Fay Fortenberry, Marie Barclay and Lois Lee Barclay.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

### Mary Rios

Mary Rios, 43, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

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

- ALEX SANCHEZ, 26, of 809 S. Aylesford, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for hindering officers discharging official duties.
- MICHAEL DEWAYNE NORRIS, 39, of 3500 W. Interstate Highway 20 Apt. 14, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- DEBRA ANDERSON, 53, of Abilene, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- JANIE GALAVIZ, 41, of 3620 Calvin, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 3500 block of W. Highway 80.  
In the 100 block of ValVerde Road.  
In the 4100 block of Parkway Road.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• TRICIA DIANE CASTILLO, 37, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for criminal mischief — more than \$1,500 less than

\$20,000 and a TDCJ State Jail Division warrant — probated to five years.

• DEBRA ANDERSON, 53, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a Taylor County warrant for larceny.

• BILLY CRAIG HEAP, 62, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a McCullough County warrant for driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.

• KELLY MARIE PHILLIPS, 51, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond — possession of a controlled substance.

• ALEX SANCHEZ, 27, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for hindering officers discharging official duties.

• JANIE GALAVIZ, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 48, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• CARL EUGENE MERWORTH, 51, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• CALVIN JACOB LAWSON, 29, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Take Note

• Family Medical Center and Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting a meet and greet at Hotel Settles in the Cosden Room from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. today. The community is invited to come meet four new providers: Sheri Nichols, FNP; Jody Roberts, FNP; General Surgeon Dr. Eric Koch; and Internal Medicine Dr. Krishn Mohan. Refreshments will be provided and the event is free.

• The County Fair Board is looking for volunteers to cross stitch a square for the Howard County Fair Quilt. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for information or drop by the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry to pick up a square.

• The Prom Closet, located at Christy's Salon, 100 E. Third, is making recycled prom dresses available to young ladies who might otherwise not be able to afford one. The closet is open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or you may call contact Christian Fair at 432-816-3537 to make an appointment or for more information.

• March 30, 1973, all U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. March 8, 2011, the United States Senate declared March 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." The West Texas VA Health Care System is proud to host the 2013 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program. The program will be held at 6 p.m. today at the Big Spring Country Club, 2401 Driver Road. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Office of Community Relations at the West Texas VA Health Care System, 432-264-4824.

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

## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 3/29	Sat 3/30	Sun 3/31
<b>84/55</b> Mostly cloudy. A stray severe thunderstorm is possible. High 84F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	<b>90/55</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>85/56</b> Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:38 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:04 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:36 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:05 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:35 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:05 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	78	57	cloudy	Kingsville	83	66	pt sunny
Amarillo	76	50	cloudy	Livingston	78	57	pt sunny
Austin	78	61	cloudy	Longview	75	59	pt sunny
Beaumont	75	59	pt sunny	Lubbock	82	49	pt sunny
Brownsville	81	67	pt sunny	Lufkin	79	59	pt sunny
Brownwood	80	60	cloudy	Midland	85	58	cloudy
Corpus Christi	78	66	pt sunny	Raymondville	82	65	pt sunny
Corsicana	75	59	pt sunny	Rosenberg	79	61	pt sunny
Dallas	76	61	cloudy	San Antonio	80	61	cloudy
Del Rio	82	64	cloudy	San Marcos	79	61	cloudy
El Paso	82	54	pt sunny	San Marcos	79	61	cloudy
Fort Stockton	85	55	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	73	60	pt sunny
Gainesville	72	56	cloudy	Sweetwater	80	57	cloudy
Greenville	73	58	pt sunny	Tyler	75	60	pt sunny
Houston	78	62	pt sunny	Weatherford	75	57	cloudy
				Wichita Falls	77	56	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	47	pt sunny	Minneapolis	52	39	sunny
Boston	53	35	mst sunny	New York	53	37	mst sunny
Chicago	51	32	sunny	Phoenix	84	58	sunny
Dallas	76	61	cloudy	San Francisco	68	53	pt sunny
Denver	64	42	pt sunny	Seattle	64	45	pt sunny
Houston	78	62	pt sunny	St. Louis	56	45	rain
Los Angeles	73	55	pt sunny	Washington, DC	58	38	mst sunny
Miami	76	60	mst sunny				

### Moon Phases



• Healthy Woman's April event will be "Let's Talk about Feet" following the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Healthy Fair on April 13. Dr. Robert Hayes will be presenting at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. The event is free to the public. Call to reserve your seat at 432-268-4842.

• Big Spring residents, past and present, are invited to a reunion picnic on the third weekend in April. On April 19, early arrivals will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion for a brown bag lunch and visiting. Around 6 p.m., participants will meet at the Wagon Wheel for burgers and more visitation. Saturday, the 20th, the reunion will move to the Eagles Lodge from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Entry fee to the Eagles Lodge event will be a single (more if you wish) non-perishable canned good. Proceeds to be donated to a local food bank and/or folks needing assistance. A silent auction will be going on at the lodge with donated items, proceeds to fund the group's events and assistance fund. There will be some snacks available at the lodge. However, those attending are responsible for their own meals. Bring it or come and go. It is after all a picnic.

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HUNT

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to prepare approximately 35,000 eggs for the youngsters to track down. Despite that number, the egg hunt is expected to last mere minutes, so parents are urged to get their children in position

early so they don't miss out, she noted.

Children also need to be on the lookout for special eggs which can be redeemed for door prizes.

Aside from the egg hunt other activities are planned. As in past years, LLS staffers will serve free hot dogs, chips, popcorn and soft drinks,

while Blue Bell has donated ice cream. In addition, the Big Spring Fire Department will have an engine truck on display for the children to explore and the Easter Bunny also is expected to make an appearance.

Carstensen said preparing for the event takes a lot of man-hours for all involved,

but it is a task the vets home is happy to perform.

"This is a way for us to give back to the community," she said. "Big Spring helps us throughout the year, so this is a way we can give back to the members of the community."

She did add a word of warning, however — the employee

parking lot at LLS will be closed to vehicular traffic, meaning visitors will need to park in the field south of the facility.

For more information, contact Carstensen or Viola Baraza at 268-8387.

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In addition, Big Spring qualified two cross-examination debate teams for the regional meet, while Morelion placed third in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

In journalism, Ricky Shubert earned a gold medal in both news writing and headline writing, while Katelyn Igneczi placed second in both news writing and feature writing and Nick Taylor was third in headline writing. In journalism team competition, Big Spring finished second to Wylie.

"I'm always impressed by what they can do," BSHS Journalism Teacher Samantha Berry said of her students. "Their professionalism and commitment ... is what a teacher hopes for and I'm exciting to see what they can do at regionals."

Big Spring's other individual regional qualifiers were Connor Furqueron, who won quadruple gold in ready writing, biology, science and physics; Carson Reibe, who placed third in accounting; and Brianna Kight, who was third in social studies.

BSHS also earned regional spots in science, social studies literary criticism, accounting, calculator application and number sense team competition.

Here are results from Thursday's District 4-3A Academic meet:

- Individual results
- Accounting — 1. Payton Gray, Snyder; 2. Justin Clifton, Snyder; 3. Carson Reibe, Big Spring; 4. Madison Shaw, Snyder; 5. Kelsey Doege, Monahans; 6. Sarah Reyes, Big Spring.
  - Calculator applications — 1. Kirsten McDonough, Wylie; 2. Caleb Perkins, Wylie; 3. Kunal Shah, Wylie; 4. James Wall, Wylie; 5. Kie Jones, Big Spring; 6. Garret Miller, Big Spring.
  - Current Issues — 1. Jake Gamble, Wylie; 2. Payton Gray, Snyder; 3. Mason Andrews, Sweetwater; 4. Andrew Hendicks, Monahans; 5. John Dickenson, Wylie; 6. Shiloh Creswell, Big Spring.
  - Computer applications — 1. Sean Clem, Wylie; 2. Rachel Brawka, Wylie; 3. Abbie Spruill, Monahans; 4. Erin Gutierrez, Wylie; 5. Seline Sanchez, Monahans; 6. Taylor Hollo-

- way, Big Spring.
- Computer science — 1. Justin Clifton, Snyder; 2. Kelsey Doege, Wylie; 3. Kodee Simpson, Snyder; 4. Darren Escobedo, Snyder; 5. Noah Young, Wylie; 6. Nathan Von roeder, Snyder.
- Editorial writing — 1. Brittany Smyser, Wylie; 2. Kelsey Doege, Monahans; 3. Nick Taylor, Big Spring; 4. Laura Ellis, Wylie; 5. Allison Winslett, Sweetwater; 6. Ricky Shubert, Big Spring.
- Feature writing — 1. Amanda Johnson, Wylie; 2. Katelyn Igneczi, Big Spring; 3. Alina Hernandez, Snyder; 4. Mary Dolan, Wylie; 5. Bailey Turner, Wylie; 6. Abbie Spruill, Monahans.
- Headline writing — 1. Ricky Shubert, Big Spring; 2. Abbie Spruill, Monahans; 3. Cody Craft, Greenwood; 4. Brittany Smyser, Wylie; 5. Dezzray Salgado, Monahans; 6. Shyanne Cardenas, Greenwood.
- Informative speaking — 1. Shiloh Creswell, Big Spring; 2. Andrew Dobry, Wylie; 3. Rhea Shahane, Wylie; 4. Anthony James, Snyder; 5. Aron Rios, Big Spring; 6. Max Westlund, Snyder.
- Lincoln Douglas debate — 1. Andrew Dob-

- ry, Wylie; 2. Shiv Bhakta, Snyder; 3. Ethan Morelion, Big Spring; 4. Chelsey Parker, Big Spring.
- Literary criticism — 1. Marvin Flores, Greenwood; 2. Kevin Campbell, Greenwood; 3. Meg Perkins, Wylie; 4. Connor Brockman, Greenwood; 5. Amanda Brandenburg, Monahans; 6. Elena Clark, Big Spring.
- Number sense — 1. Caleb Perkins, Wylie; 2. Kirsten McDonough, Wylie; 3. Rhea Shahane, Wylie; 4. Caden Ellis, Wylie; 5. Nathan Jimenez, Big Spring; 6. Charles Anderson, Big Spring.
- News writing — 1. Ricky Shubert, Big Spring; 2. Katelyn Igneczi, Big Spring; 3. Maddie Hathorn, Wylie; 4. Laura Ellis, Wylie; 5. Abbie Spruill, Monahans; 6. Taylor McPherson, Sweetwater.
- Persuasive speaking — 1. Ethan Morelion, Big Spring; 2. Chelsey Parker, Big Spring; 3. Shiv Bhakta, Snyder; 4. Chloe Stirling, Wylie; 5. Asia Hansen, Wylie; 6. Jake Villanueva, Snyder.
- Poetry interpretation — 1. Bell Guillory, Big Spring; 2. Kirsten Burnett, Wylie; 3. Aimee Jacsion, Wylie; 4. Kyra

- Jones, Greenwood; 5. Roselia Jaimes, Snyder; 6. Sage Good, Greenwood.
- Prose interpretation — 1. Luis Casillas, Big Spring; 2. John Dolan, Wylie; 3. Emily Schulz, Wylie; 4. Hannah Herring, Snyder; 5. Maddie Moreno, Snyder; 6. Austin Rains, Wylie.
- Ready writing — 1. Connor Furqueron, Big Spring; 2. Victoria Bliznak, Wylie; 3. Connor Brockman, Greenwood; 4. Brianna Kight, Big Spring; 5. Max Westlund, Snyder; 6. Raegan Byington, Wylie.
- Biology — 1. Connor Furqueron, Big Spring.
- Chemistry — 1. Andrew Boone, Wylie; 2. Amanda Bell, Greenwood.
- Science — Connor Furqueron, Big Spring; 2. Andrew Boone, Wylie; 3. Kirsten McDonough, Wylie; 4. Ethan Mones, Wylie; 5. Brianna Kight, Big Spring and Amanda Bell, Greenwood.
- Physics — 1. Connor Furqueron, Big Spring.
- Social studies — 1. Coffey McCurdy, Wylie; 2. Rachel Brawka, Wylie; 3. Brianna Kight, Big Spring; 4. Korbin Ansell, Wylie; 5. Nathan Scevers, Wylie; 6. Eddie Tavarez, Monahans.
- Spelling and vocabulary — 1. Russell Dick-

- erson, Wylie; 2. Noor Al-Sayyad, Wylie; 3. Rebecca Chacon, Snyder; 4. Mae Dolan, Wylie; 5. Taylor Brumley, Snyder; 6. Brittane Schaake, Wylie.
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  - Current issues — 1. Wylie; 2. Monahans.
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  - Journalism — 1. Wylie; 2. Big Spring.
  - Literary criticism — 1. Greenwood; 2. Big Spring; 3. Monahans.
  - Number sense — 1. Wylie; 2. Big Spring.
  - One act play — 1. Wylie; 2. Monahans; 3. Greenwood; 4. Snyder; 5. Big Spring and Sweetwater.
  - Science — 1. Big Spring; 2. Wylie.
  - Social studies — 1. Wylie; 2. Big Spring.
  - Spelling and vocabulary — 1. Wylie; 2. Snyder.
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business owners living in the 20-county, South Texas area where the Eagle Ford Shale formation is currently being cultivated.

"Most everyone has heard of the current oil and gas boom going on in North Dakota with the Bakken Shale," Wegman said. "That boom is approximately five years ahead of the Cline Shale discovery. The Eagle Ford Shale formation is about two years ahead of where we are."

"The Eagle Ford Consortium was started to help foster lines of communication between the oil companies in the area and the government bodies, such as cities, counties and school districts. They also delve into the effects the discovery has had on the local cities and counties, which is very valuable information for us as we try to figure out what to expect."

Members of the consortium will be in Big Spring at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at the Dora Roberts Community Center for a presentation on what effects counties can expect from the Cline Shale exploration, according to Wegman.

"We'll have a presentation regarding the basics of the Cline Shale formation, which will delve into what it is and where it's located," Wegman said. "We'll also talk about its potential in comparison to other oil plays around the country and what's currently planned to develop the play, including what types of businesses will move into our communities to support that development."

"Following that presentation, Jeff Labenz-Hough, an architect and one of the leaders of the Eagle Ford Consortium, will talk about the opportunities and challenges associated with the rapid development of a major oil play to

our community and region."

Following Labenz-Hough's presentation, consortium members Paula Sydel and Jimmie Lopez will talk about the lessons the small businesses and cities have learned through the Eagle Ford Shale exploration, according to Wegman.

"Right now, most people in the Permian Basin are wondering how the Cline Shale will affect them and their cities," Wegman said. "By looking at what the Eagle Ford Consortium has experienced and gone through, we can try to get an idea of what's to come. It can also help us figure out

what we can be doing to ready ourselves for it in the meantime."

Early estimates for the Cline Shale formation — based on Oklahoma City-based Devon Energy's exploration in the area — put the estimated recoverable reserves at 30 billion barrels of oil. By comparison, the U.S. Geological Survey estimates the Eagle Ford

holds up to 7 billion to 10 billion in recoverable reserves, while the Bakken Shale could hold as much as 4.3 billion barrels of recoverable oil.

For more information on the meeting, contact Wegman at 432-264-6032.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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# Cuts made to border security, immigrant detention

PHOENIX (AP) — Marco Antonio Durazo had been awaiting deportation from an Arizona detention center for six months when an officer came to get him from his cell.

"Obama doesn't have any money," the officer said.

"We found it very funny," Durazo said, but it wasn't a joke.

Soon, he was free along with hundreds of other illegal immigrants who were released by the Obama administration because of budget pressures. Officials have also scaled back border agent hours, drug patrols and staffing at border crossings — all during the peak illegal border-crossing season.

While prompted by the nation's money woes, the changes also come amid the nation's shifting immigration policy after years of mass arrests and deportations and billions spent on border security.

The long-term impact of that change has yet to be seen. The Border Patrol said January and February numbers showed a nearly 10 percent increase in apprehensions along the Mexico border for the first two months of the year, compared with 2012.

There could be several factors for the rise, including immigrants motivated by an improving U.S. economy or those anticipating congressional action that could create a path to citizenship.

The cuts come as lawmakers are struggling to work out a comprehensive immigration reform package whose success may ultimately be tied to questions of border security.

On Wednesday, Sen. John McCain led a bipartisan group of senators on a tour of the border, and they said they were close to a deal but continued to tie it to keeping immigration in check. They promised more details next week, but McCain said that there's "no doubt" in his mind that the border is less secure because of the budget cuts.

The release of more than 2,200 immigrants like Durazo drew headlines this month as the government prepared for looming cuts that began in March. In February, the government let go of hundreds of immigrants from detention centers in states including Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia and Texas. The administration planned to let roughly 3,000 more go in March, according to an internal government budget document reviewed by the AP and later released by the House Judiciary Committee.

The moves were an attempt by Immigration and Customs Enforcement to get its detainee population in line with what it could afford. The released immigrants still face deportation but will not be held while awaiting their court dates.

Some in Congress said ICE should have explained beforehand that there wasn't enough money to keep everyone in detention.

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The immigrants and their lawyers say they were released with little notice or instruction beyond being told to check in periodically.

In many cases, the immigrants were dropped off in the middle of the night at bus stations or airports in metropolitan centers without money to finish their journey home. In Florida, some were released from a facility bordering rural swamp land outside Miami.

Critics argue the plan allowed the release of thousands of criminals without regard to public safety, but officials say almost all the detainees were characterized as low risk. ICE Director John

Morton told a congressional panel that 10 of the 2,228 people were the highest level of offender.

"In reducing detention levels, we took careful steps to ensure that national security and public safety were not compromised," he told a congressional hearing.

Meanwhile, the Obama administration, in the midst of trying to get immigration overhauled, switched from daily declarations that the border was secure to warning of the increasingly dire consequences of cutting \$754 million from Customs and Border Protection's \$12 billion budget.

In the first week of the cuts, some agents in South Texas reported a spike in arrests of immigrants who said smugglers told them they would be briefly detained and then released. The agents' union quickly spread word of a "tidal wave" of immigrants taking advantage of the situation.

Several immigrants interviewed at a migrant shelter in Reynosa, Mexico, across the border from McAllen, Texas, said they had not heard anything suggesting now was a particularly good time to cross. Instead, several said they were returning home because the drug cartel that controlled river crossings made it too expensive and dangerous.

"Here, they say you can't

cross the river right now because there are a lot of kidnappings. They're killing a lot of people," said Josue Manuel Vazquez, who added that he escaped kidnappers who held him for five days as they tried to extort \$4,500 from his daughter, a legal U.S. resident.

Some contend the budget cuts are relatively small when put in the broader context of the huge build-up of border security over the past decade.

According to the Government Accountability Office, the Department of Homeland Security assigned about 28,100 people in 2004 to patrol land borders and inspect travelers at all ports of entry at a cost of about \$5.9 billion. By the end of 2011, those figures were 41,400 employees at a cost of \$11.8 billion.

"The scale of (automatic budget cuts) is minuscule compared to the vast build-up," said Geoff Boyce, spokesman for No More Deaths, an immigration advocacy group in Tucson, Ariz.

The effects of the cuts are being seen in border cities and among agents. Customs and Border Protection reduced overtime for its officers at ports of entry. In San Diego and other crossing points, that translated to fewer lanes open at land crossings and longer waits for people and trucks carrying produce and other goods from Mexico.

## State, regional briefs

### Senate education panel OKs 'parent-trigger' bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Senate Education Committee has referred to the full Senate a modified version of a bill that would make it easier for parents to urge school boards to close failing schools — or convert them into charters.

Currently, schools rated "Academically Unacceptable" for three straight years can be reorganized by state officials.

If the school doesn't improve for two more years after that, a majority of parents can petition the school board seeking closure or conversion to a charter.

Senate Bill 1263 sought to let parents seek school board action after just two years of unacceptable ratings. But an amended version approved by the committee Thursday made it three years.

The new bill also says petitions against failing schools must be truly grassroots and not influenced by charter operators.

### Man accused of selling bogus newspaper ads

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A 61-year-old Minden man faces charges in at least six parishes and one Texas county in connection with an alleged scam that involved selling bogus newspaper ads.

Caddo Parish Sheriff Steve Prator says David Edward Dix is accused of going into several Caddo businesses and stating that he works for a local newspaper.

Prator says Dix sold ads and told the businesses their ads would appear in the June edition of the paper. When the ads did not appear, the businesses contacted the paper and discovered Dix never had worked for it.

Dix was booked into Caddo Correctional Center

this week on two counts of theft and one count of forgery.

Dix is also wanted in Bossier, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson and Bienville parishes and Harrison County, Texas.

### Couple arrested for thefts totaling \$165,000

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Louisiana State Police have arrested a Lake Charles couple for stealing \$165,000 worth of cars, trailers and farm equipment in Louisiana and Texas.

Troopers tell the American Press (<http://bit.ly/cseYHv>) 49-year-old Katherine Larocca and 51-year-old Ronnie Larocca were arrested Tuesday after a nearly 1 1/2-year investigation.

In October 2011, police say detectives received information about stolen property from a LoJack asset tracking system. Earlier this month, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Louisiana obtained a grand jury indictment.

Each was charged with one count of criminal conspiracy and three counts of sale or receipt of a stolen vehicle.

It was unclear whether the Laroccas have attorneys.

### Police dogs help catch Houston-area jail escapee

CONROE, Texas (AP) — A Houston-area bank robbery suspect who fled jail more than a week ago has been caught after police dogs tracked him into some woods.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office says Britt Privatte was captured Thursday in north Harris County and a dozen people face charges.

Lt. Dan Norris says Privatte was seen walking from a hotel. Police dogs found Privatte into a tree,

he jumped and ran but was caught. Privatte was treated for a dog bite before being returned to the lockup in Conroe.

Norris says 11 inmates are charged with hindering apprehension in the March 17 escape from a jail recreation area. A person from Cleveland, about 25 miles east of Conroe, faces evidence tampering charges.

Privatte was jailed on aggravated robbery charges following a January bank holdup.

### Drugs suspected in Austin apartment explosion

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Propane tanks have been found inside a Central Texas apartment that exploded and burned two occupants in what police call a drug-related blast.

Austin police detained a third person at the scene of Wednesday's explosion.

Investigators say a man and a woman suffered serious burns over 20 percent of their bodies and have been transported to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. Names of the hospitalized pair haven't been released.

Further details on the uninjured third person and any possible charges weren't immediately available.

Austin police Lt. Norris McKenzie says it appears the apartment occupants were "cooking" marijuana to extract psychoactive ingredients. The explosion caused about \$85,000 in damage to the second-floor unit.

### DPS: Texas' greatest crime threat from cartels

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State public safety officials say Mexican cartels pose the single greatest organized crime threat to Texas.

The Texas Department of Public Safety announced this week findings from this year's Public Safety Threat Overview.

The review says identifies Mexican cartels and prison gangs — many of which work with cartels — as the two biggest organized threats to the state. According to the report, the majority of crimes involving cartel members go unreported. DPS says it believes six major Mexican cartels, including Los Zetas and the Gulf Cartel, are currently operating in the state.

Texas also faces threats from international terrorism, natural disasters and motor vehicle crashes.

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# News in brief

## South African presidency says Nelson Mandela was admitted to hospital with lung infection

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Nelson Mandela, the anti-apartheid leader who became South Africa's first black president, has been admitted to a hospital with a recurring lung infection, South Africa said Thursday.

Mandela, 94, has become increasingly frail in recent years and has been hospitalized several times since last year, mostly recently earlier this month when he received what a presidential spokesman described as a "successful" medical test.

Mandela was admitted to a hospital just before midnight Wednesday "due to the recurrence of his lung infection," the office of President Jacob Zuma said in a statement.

"Doctors are attending to him, ensuring that he has the best possible expert medical treatment and comfort," the statement said. It appealed "for understanding and privacy in order to allow space to the doctors to do their work."

Zuma wished Mandela a speedy recovery, referring to him affectionately by his clan name, "Madi-ba."

## Cyprus prepares to open its banks for first time in more than a week; capital controls apply

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Bank employees and financial authorities in Cyprus are preparing banks to reopen after being shut for more than a week due to the country's acute financial crisis.

Strict restrictions have been set on financial transactions once the banks open for six hours at noon (1000 GMT). The maximum cash withdrawal limit has been set at 300 euros (\$383) per day and no checks will be cashed. Travelers leaving the country can only take up to 1,000 euros, or the equivalent in foreign currency, with them in cash.

Banks have been closed since March 16 as politicians scrambled to come up with a plan to raise enough funds for Cyprus to qualify for 10 billion euros (\$12.9 billion) in bailout loans for its stricken banking sector.

## However Supreme Court rules, sharp divisions over gay marriage will persist across U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — However the Supreme Court

rules after its landmark hearings on same-sex marriage, the issue seems certain to divide Americans and states for many years to come.

In oral arguments Tuesday and Wednesday on two cases involving gay couples' rights, the justices left open multiple options for rulings that are expected in June.

But they signaled there was no prospect of imposing a 50-state solution at this stage. With nine states now allowing same-sex marriages and other states banning them via statutes or constitutional amendments, that means a longer spell with a patchwork marriage-rights map — and no early end to bruising state-by-state battles in the courts, in the legislatures and at the ballot box.

A decade ago, opponents of same-sex marriage were lobbying for a nationwide ban on gay nuptials. They now seem resigned to the reality of a divided nation in which the debate will continue to splinter families, church congregations and communities.

"It's a lot more healthy than shutting off an intense debate at the very moment of its greatest intensity," said John Eastman, chairman of the National Organization for Marriage and a law professor at Chapman University in Orange, Calif.

By contrast, supporters of same-sex marriage believe a nationwide victory is inevitable, though perhaps not imminent.

Many of them see merit in continuing an incremental hearts-and-minds campaign, given that many opinion polls now show a majority of Americans supporting their cause.

## German guest worker program offers lessons for U.S. as it ponders immigration reform

BERLIN (AP) — In gritty backstreets of Berlin, housewives wearing head scarves shop for lamb and grape leaves. Old men pass the time in cafes sipping coffee, chatting in Turkish and reading Turkish newspapers.

More than three million people of Turkish origin live in Germany — the legacy of West Germany's Cold War-era program to recruit temporary foreign labor during the boom years of the 1950s and 1960s when the country rebuilt after World War II.

What started as a temporary program has changed the fabric of German urban life — from mosques on street corners to countless shops selling widely popular Doener kebab fast food sandwiches.

Germany's experience with "guest workers" offers lessons for the United States as it debates immigration reform, including whether to provide a

path to citizenship for unskilled foreign laborers, or whether there should be additional temporary-only visas for such workers. President Barack Obama has urged Congress to begin debate in April after lawmakers return from a two-week recess.

Decades after Germany's formal guest worker program ended in the early 1970s, the country is still wrestling with ways to integrate Turks — the second biggest group among the estimated 15 million-strong immigrant community after ethnic Germans who moved from the former Soviet Union and for Soviet bloc countries — into German society.

## Afghan villagers flee their homes, blame U.S. drones as targeted killings of militants rise

KHALIS FAMILY VILLAGE, Afghanistan (AP) — Barely able to walk even with a cane, Ghulam Rasool says he padlocked his front door, handed over the keys and his three cows to a neighbor and fled his mountain home in the middle of the night to escape relentless airstrikes from U.S. drones targeting militants in this remote corner of Afghanistan.

Rasool and other Afghan villagers have their own name for Predator drones. They call them benghai, which in the Pashto language means the "buzzing of flies." When they explain the noise, they scrunch their faces and try to make a sound that resembles an army of flies.

"They are evil things that fly so high you don't see them but all the time you hear them," said Rasool, whose body is stooped and shrunken with age and his voice barely louder than a whisper. "Night and day we hear this sound and then the bombardment starts."

The U.S. military is increasingly relying on drone strikes inside Afghanistan, where the number of weapons fired from unmanned aerial aircraft soared from 294 in 2011 to 506 last year. With international combat forces set to withdraw by the end of next year, such attacks are now used more for targeted killings and less for supporting ground troops.

It's unclear whether Predator drone strikes will continue after 2014 in Afghanistan, where the government has complained bitterly about civilian casualties.

The strikes sometimes accidentally kill civilians while forcing others to abandon their hometowns in fear, feeding widespread anti-American sentiment.

# Gun control backers struggle to win votes

WASHINGTON (AP) — It would seem a lobbyist's dream: rounding up votes for a proposal backed by more than 8 in 10 people in polls. Yet, gun control supporters are struggling to win over moderate Democrats in their drive to push expanded background checks for firearms purchasers through the Senate next month.

Backed by a \$12 million TV advertising campaign financed by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, gun control groups scheduled rallies around the country Thursday aimed at pressuring senators to back the effort. President Barack Obama was meeting with gun violence victims.

Moderate Senate Democrats like Mark Pryor of Arkansas and Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota are shunning Bloomberg as meddling outsider while stressing their allegiance to their own voters' views and to gun rights. While saying they are keeping an open mind and that they support keeping guns from criminals and people with mental disorders, many Demo-

crats are avoiding specific commitments they might regret later.

"I do not need someone from New York City to tell me how to handle crime in our state. I know that we can go after and prosecute criminals without the need to infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding North Dakotans," Heitkamp said this week, citing the right to bear arms.

Heitkamp does not face re-election next year, but Pryor and five other Senate Democrats from Republican-leaning or closely divided states do. All six, from Southern and Western states, will face voters whose deep attachment to guns is unshakeable — not to mention opposition from the still-potent National Rifle Association, should they vote for restrictions the NRA opposes.

"We have a politically savvy and a loyal voting bloc, and the politicians know that," said Andrew Arulanandam, spokesman for the NRA, which claims nearly 5 million paying members.

The heart of the Senate gun bill will be expanded

requirements for federal background checks for gun buyers, the remaining primary proposal pushed by Obama and many Democrats since 20 first-graders and six women were shot to death in December at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn. Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada has said there aren't enough votes to approve a ban on assault weapons, while prospects are uncertain for a prohibition on large-capacity ammunition magazines.

Today, the background checks apply only to sales by the nation's roughly 55,000 federally licensed gun dealers. Not covered are private transactions like those at gun shows and online. The Senate measure is still evolving as Sens. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Mark Kirk, R-Ill., use Congress' two-week recess to negotiate for additional support in both parties.

Expanding background checks to include gun show sales got 84 percent support in an Associated Press-GfK poll earlier this year. Near-universal back-

ground checks have received similar in other national polls.

Polls in some Southern states have been comparable. March surveys by the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute found more than 9 in 10 people in Florida and Virginia backing expanded background checks, the same margin found by an Elon University Poll in North Carolina in February.

Analysts say people support more background checks because they consider it an extension of the existing system. That doesn't translate to unvarnished support from lawmakers, in part because the small but vocal minorities who oppose broader background checks and other gun restrictions tend to be driven voters that politicians are reluctant to alienate.

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### SWCID Rattlers hoops squads to play in Penn. for title



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Both the men and women basketball teams at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf have qualified for the United States of America Deaf Basketball national tourney in King of Prussia, Penn. beginning Wednesday. Both teams earned a bid to the championship after they each placed second at the SouthWest Basketball Association for the Deaf tourney in Oklahoma City earlier in this month.

#### Special to the Herald

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) Rattler men and women basketball teams are headed to the United States of America Deaf Basketball (USADB) national tournament in King of Prussia, Penn. April 3-6, 2013.

Both teams qualified for the tournament after each squad earned second place finishes in the SouthWest Basketball Association of the Deaf (SWBAD) tournament held in Oklahoma City, OK in March.

"We are so proud of our student athletes at SWCID," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President. "Our competitive basketball program is very young and these athletes have worked so hard to reach this milestone. It is exciting to see them succeed at this level."

USADB is host to an annual national men's and women's basketball tournament that draws 28

teams and thousands of spectators from 8 different regions. They also develop and train the United States men's and women's national teams that represent USADB at international competitions and develop programs that represent boys and girls elite camps and high school all-star competitions.

"It is a great honor to be able to represent SWCID and Howard College at this national tournament," said Kevin Bohlin, Rattler head coach. "We are ready and our teams are prepared to compete at their highest level and make our families and community proud."

In addition to the invitation to the national tournament, the Rattler teams and several student athletes were recognized at the regional tournament for special accomplishments including:

#### SWCID Lady Rattlers:

- Region Runner-Up 2013; Team Sportsmanship Award

- Mariah Rogers: Most 3-point shots
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#### SWCID Rattlers:

- Region Runner-Up 2013
- Coach of the Tournament: Kevin L. Bohlin, head coach
- Jarron Barker-Tillis: Most 3-point shots
- Christopher Gaddy: Most rebounds
- Dustin Tipton: Most assists
- Men's All-Stars: Jarron Barker-Tillis and Christopher Gaddy
- The tournament will be held at the Competitive Edge Sports Gym.
- The Rattlers and Lady Rattlers will be leaving at midnight April 1st to start their cross-country journey.

## Area sports briefs Spurs escape with win over Denver

### Pony League registration slated for April 6

Pony League sign-ups will be held Saturday, April 6 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex in Big Spring. Ages 13-16 are welcome. Cost will be \$80 per child and a birth certificate must be shown at time of registration.

For more information, contact Bryan Kligora at 816-2582.

### Big Spring Country Club to host Cancer Scramble

A tournament benefitting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at the Big Spring Country Club beginning Saturday, April 27 and continuing through Sunday, April 28.

It will be a four-person scramble format.

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Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. First through third place will receive BSCC Golf

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Sponsors for this year's tournament include: Partee Drilling, Jeannie Rutledge Realty, Byron Harris, HEB and Stellar Automation.

### Guys & Girls Scramble set for May

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a Guys & Girls Scramble from Saturday, May 4 through Sunday, May 5.

There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both days.

Lunch will be served Saturday and appetizers will be served at the conclusion of the event Sunday.

Field will be flighted according to first round scores, while the number of flights will be determined by entry.

Entry fee is \$150 per team plus cart fees.

For more information, contact the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich treats the stretch run of the regular season like a series of final exams for his team.

The Spurs passed their latest — just barely.

Tim Duncan had 23 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks and the San Antonio Spurs escaped with a 100-99 win over Denver on Wednesday

night when Nuggets veteran guard Andre Miller missed a short jumper at the buzzer.

"The schedule that we have is something that should be embraced and considered a great opportunity," Popovich said, "because it's like taking a final exam every day or most days. To get ready for the playoffs, understanding the physicality, aggressiveness and

competitiveness that's necessary night after night in the playoffs."

Denver dished out a heavy dose of that playoff intensity.

Danny Green added 20 points and Tony Parker had 18 points and 11 assists for the Spurs, who remained 1 1/2 games ahead of Oklahoma City in the race for the top spot in the Western Conference. Kawhi Leon-

ard had 11 points and Tiago Splitter 10.

JaVale McGee had 21 points and 11 rebounds, Wilson Chandler scored 15 points and Miller 14 for the Nuggets, whose reserves outscored their Spurs counterparts 59-18. Kenneth Faried and Danilo Gallinari added 12 points apiece and Andre Iguodala had

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### Penske: Time to move on from Logano-Hamlin dust-up

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Roger Penske said Wednesday that Joey Logano and Denny Hamlin have exchanged text messages since their final-lap crash at Fontana last weekend that left Hamlin hospitalized with a fractured vertebra.

Penske said he's also sent text messages to Hamlin, who is expected to miss at least six weeks. Penske and Logano, one of his drivers, were playing in the pro-am leading up to the PGA Tour's Houston

Open. Logano twice turned down interview requests.

Hamlin acknowledged he exchanged text messages with Logano.

"It didn't go well," Hamlin told The Associated Press. "The conversation was both short and unproductive."

Hamlin was examined Tuesday by Dr. Jerry Petty of Carolina Neurosurgery and Spine Associates, who determined he won't need back surgery.

"I've texted back and forth

with him and said that we're thinking about him," Penske said. "Obviously, we're hoping for a speedy recovery. It's never good to have a driver out for a period of time."

He didn't know what Logano and Hamlin said to one another in their text messages. The former Gibbs Racing teammates had a prickly relationship long before Sunday's wreck. Logano replaced

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**Full Moon Fallout**

On the other side of the full Libra moon, loved ones need to support one another. Thinking about the mistakes and flaws of those close to us won't help. Disapproval is like a train: One disparaging thought is connected to the next and the next. We'd all do well to put a caboose on it and find another line of thinking.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). An increase in income usually means an increase in

responsibilities, but not always. Sometimes it actually means that people are starting to understand the value that was there all along.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're not one to phone it in. You give either your best or nothing at all. Of course, you want to work smart instead of hard, but most times the work you do is both. Today will represent most times.



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**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). We are all different. If that doesn't seem to be the case — if the people you know are blending together in sameness — then try to make every person you know comfortable enough to bring their true self to the picture.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). People relate to you because of who you are. It's not so much what you say or how you say it as it is where you're coming from and what you want to do with that.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). In the wake of the full moon, this is a fine time to do a personal inventory. While you're at it, make sure the things you give your attention to are really worth your time and effort.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel protective of the ones you love. You can't help that. It's a wonderful quality you possess, and they will be flattered and impressed if they ever get to see it in action — and they might tonight!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe it's not an entirely enlightened thought, but loving and helping yourself can sometimes feel like a chore. In that case, give up the self-help efforts, and just do what feels natural.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). And how about that person who is exactly the way you want them to be? Can you imagine anything more boring?

When you get the wrench thrown into your social works, consider it a blessing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Did you sleep through your alarm clock, or did you turn it off and claim to have slept through it? These things are to be expected on the day after a raucous full moon.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The boomerang effect is happening big-time today in regards to your social impulses. The things you want to tell another person are very likely the things you should really be telling yourself.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Wanting things to be different could be the start of a beautiful new world. Or it could be a waste of time and energy. It all depends on your style of wanting. Want, and then act. Don't want and dwell.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The intricacies and complications of how things work threaten to bog down your progress. Honestly, who needs it? Accept "tha" they work, and go from there.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 28). New influences change your thinking this year. You may lose your grip on

things that you thought you were absolutely positive about and love the experience of sliding into a different mindset. Special relationships make the process a blast. You'll learn a new route to moneymaking in June. Travel in August. Leo and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 24, 33, 38 and 14.

**FULL MOON AFTER-PARTY:** Full moons can be like mini-versions of New Year's Eve. This is true even if they land smack-dab in the middle of the week. If you're like the millions of people who would rather stay home on New Year's Eve, last night may have looked like so many other nights this month. And yet, don't you feel something has shifted? The Libra full moon inspires us to let go of what keeps us from experiencing love. If you didn't let go of it last night, don't despair. Maybe you loosened your grip a bit. It's a process. Unless you're enlightened, there always will be obstacles to love. Recognizing them is the first step to letting your heart go soft and opening it up to the people who will make life full — of joy, pain, beauty and craziness. Today brings a

pause for the contemplation of recent events. The moon is still in Libra until this evening, and relationships are the matter renting the largest chunk of real estate in our heads. You may find yourself preoccupied with thoughts about a person in your life. If you're pondering the ways this person gets on your nerves, makes you mad and disappoints you, then chances are you two are pretty close. You wouldn't care if you didn't love this person so much.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Fiery Aries Lady Gaga is a walking press release and a standing fashion statement. The star's marketing genius is neck and neck with her musical mega-talent. Born under a mysterious Scorpio moon, the real Stefani Germanotta is likely a private person with a close and small inner circle. With her Mercury and Jupiter in Pisces, she has the stars of someone who lives for art.

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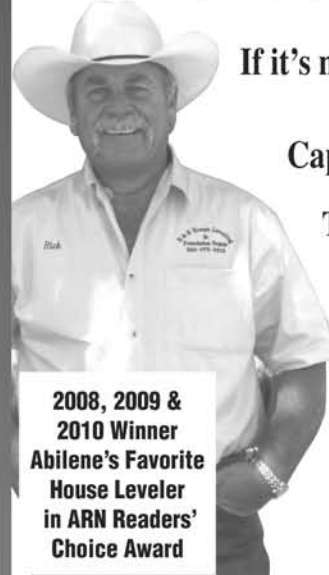
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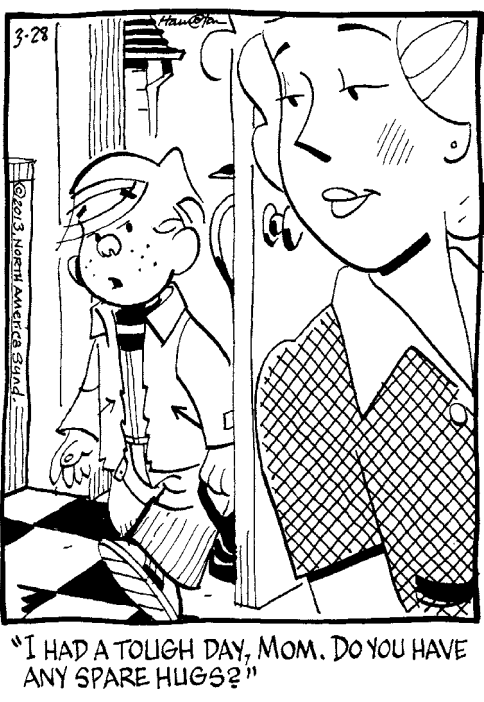
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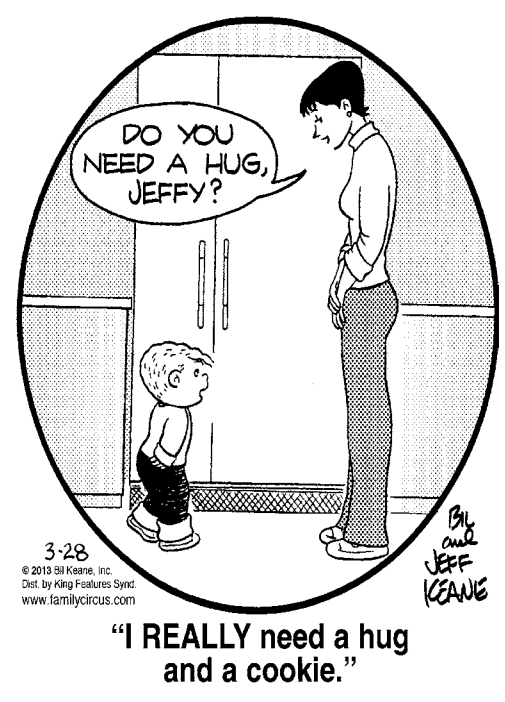


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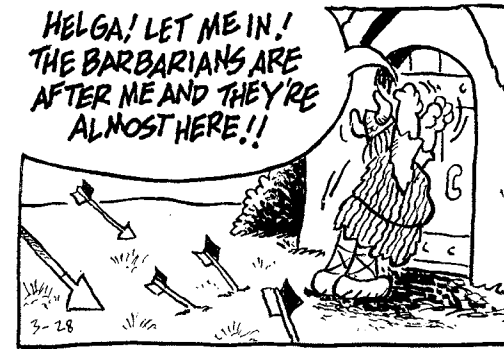
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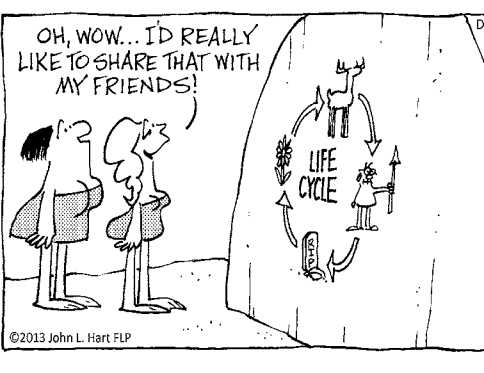
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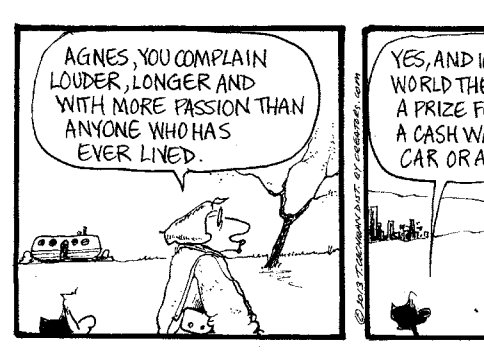
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**This Date In History**

Today is Thursday, March 28, the 87th day of 2013. There are 278 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On March 28, 1939, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa.  
On this date:  
In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Andrew Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.  
In 1854, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia.  
In 1898, the Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.  
In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Ankara were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.  
In 1935, the notorious Nazi propaganda film "Triumph des

Willens" (Triumph of the Will), directed by Leni Riefenstahl, premiered in Berlin with Adolf Hitler present.  
In 1939, the Spanish Civil War effectively ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco.  
In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf, 59, drowned herself near her home in Lewes, East Sussex, England.  
In 1943, composer Sergei Rachmaninoff died in Beverly Hills, Calif.  
In 1963, the Alfred Hitchcock film "The Birds" premiered in New York.  
In 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington D.C. at age 78.  
In 1978, in Stump v. Sparkman, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld, 5-3, the judicial immunity of an Indiana judge against a lawsuit brought by a young woman who'd been ordered sterilized by the judge when she was a teenager.  
In 1990, President George H.W. Bush presented the Congressional Gold Medal to the widow of U.S. Olympic legend Jesse Owens.  
Today's Birthdays: Former White House national security

adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski (ZBIG'-nyef breh-ZHIN'-skee) is 85. Country musician Charlie McCoy is 72. Movie director Mike Newell is 71. Actress Conchata Ferrell is 70. Actor Ken Howard is 69. Actress Dianne Wiest (weest) is 65. Country singer Reba McEntire is 58. Olympic gold medal gymnast Bart Conner is 55. Rapper Salt (Salt-N-Pepa) is 47. Actress Tracey Needham is 46. Actor Max Perlich is 45. Movie director Brett Ratner is 44. Country singer Rodney Atkins is 44. Actor Vince Vaughn is 43. Rapper Mr. Cheeks (Lost Boyz) is 42. Actor Ken L. is 40. Rock musician Dave Keuning is 37. Actress Annie Wersching is 36. Actress Julia Stiles is 32.  
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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**  
1 Really bad  
6 Nimble-fingered  
10 Yak it up  
14 March master  
15 By any chance  
16 Use a stop on  
17 Warm and comfy  
18 Lo-cal  
19 Gobi Desert locale  
20 "When it absolutely, positively..." slogan  
23 Artist Lichtenstein  
24 Go along  
25 Least diluted  
29 NASDAQ-100 stock  
32 Sailor's shout  
33 Drop a line  
34 Well-said  
37 Significant other  
41 Every other hurricane  
42 Pleasant changes  
43 Wee bit  
44 Took steps  
45 ESPN owner  
47 Fire starter  
50 Lawn-repair buy  
51 Cubs, Reds, Mets, etc.  
58 Till stack  
59 Bassoon cousin  
60 Good with tools  
62 Garfield's pal  
63 Ultimatum ender
- DOWN**  
1 Hardwood tree  
2 Sound of a bark  
3 Show anger  
4 Brought into play  
5 Strata  
6 Drag one's feet  
7 It's not good  
8 Big bash  
9 Jurassic Park menace  
10 Pay with plastic  
11 Canadian lout  
12 Licorice flavoring  
13 Needle

**COUNTRY BAND** by Fred Piscop

- Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- 21 Go bad  
22 Less tanned  
25 Brake parts  
26 "This looks bad!"  
27 Vatican's surroundings  
28 Hand- coordination  
29 Rainbow-shaped  
30 Spots on cards  
31 Sch. auxiliary  
33 Prudent  
34 Unsigned, as an article: Abbr.  
35 Sampras of tennis  
36 Serving piece  
38 Rave-review word  
39 Body art, for short  
40 McCourt memoir  
44 Greets the day  
45 Forest female  
46 Some potatoes  
47 Nosy one  
48 Wildlife Fund symbol  
49 Called for a pie, perhaps  
50 Aerodynamic  
52 December tune  
53 Up to it  
54 Forfeit  
55 Irritate big-time  
56 Take apart  
57 Touch up, as text  
61 "May I help you?"

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**Forbes: Yanks worth \$2.3 billion**

NEW YORK (AP) — Forbes estimated the New York Yankees have the highest value in Major League Baseball for the 16th straight year at \$2.3 billion, and the average for an MLB team increased by 23 percent in the last year to \$744 million. The magazine said Wednesday the Yankees' value increased from \$1.85 billion last year. The Los Angeles Dodgers are second in MLB at \$1.62 billion — nearly \$400 million below the price paid for the team last May when a group headed by Mark Walter, Stan Kasten and Magic

Johnson bought the franchise from Frank McCourt. Forbes valued Boston third at \$1.3 billion, followed by the Chicago Cubs (\$1 billion), Philadelphia (\$893 million), the New York Mets (\$811 million), San Francisco (\$786 million), Texas (\$764 million), the Los Angeles Angels (\$718 million) and St. Louis (\$716 million). The bottom five are Tampa Bay (\$451 million), Kansas City (\$457 million), Oakland (\$468 million), Pittsburgh (\$479 million) and Miami (\$520 million).

**PENSKE**

Continued from Page 6  
Tony Stewart at JGR in 2009, and signs of a rift between he and Hamlin surfaced after the Daytona 500, when the two exchanged barbs on Twitter. Before Fontana, the two nearly came to blows at Bristol after Hamlin spun Logano while Logano chased Jeff Gor-

don for a late lead. Logano yelled into Hamlin's car after the race, sparking a brief confrontation between their teams. Then came the wreck in California, and the presumption that Logano had contact with Hamlin as payback. Penske doesn't buy it. "These guys are racing hard, and it's the last lap and it's just the way the cars got together," Penske said. "The way Denny hit the wall was very unfortunate. ... It's never good to have a driver out for a period of time." NASCAR returns to action April 7 at Martinsville Speedway, and Penske said it's time for everyone to "settle down."

Penske said he's never seen NASCAR more competitive, and the increased media scrutiny is making every incident and altercation between drivers more serious than it usually is. "There's a lot of noise about a lot of things that are said at these races," Penske said.

**Sudoku Answer on Page 12**

**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.

	6	5				9		
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**SPURS**

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San Antonio's starting five all scored in double figures, averaging 16.4 points, 6.8 rebounds and 2.8 assists to counter Denver's bench and escape with its sixth straight home victory in a game that had 20 lead changes.

"I'm pretty sure the film will show it was a good loss, maybe the best loss of the year," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "We did a lot of great stuff. We had to fight a lot of things and overcome not shooting the ball well. I think we know we can play better but I thought the heart of the game was pretty first class."

Denver outscored San Antonio 24-17 in the fourth quarter, including a 6-3 run in the final two minutes.

Duncan missed an 18-foot jumper with 10.2

seconds left, setting up Miller's driving attempt that bounced off the back of the rim as the buzzer sounded.

Green was able to close on Gallinari, who was forced to give up the ball to Miller behind the 3-point line. Miller drove into the paint on Parker, but was unable to make the off-balance runner.

"I think we gave it a good shot," Karl said. "I've seen Andre make that shot a hundred times, but I'm not disappointed. I would've rather had Gallinari, probably in the attack. We knew they were probably going to switch our stuff. When he hesitated, it took enough time off the clock where Andre didn't have much of anything to do but attack aggressively and get us a good shot."

The Spurs (54-17) pulled within two games of Miami (56-15) in the loss column for the league's best record. The Heat

lost 101-97 at Chicago, snapping their 27-game winning streak.

San Antonio's final 15 games feature matchups against 11 playoff teams, including its next two against the Los Angeles Clippers (Friday) and Miami (Sunday).

"It's a great win to start this homestand here," Duncan said. "We've got some really tough games this part of the schedule down the stretch here. It's going to be tough for us, so we need to win everyone we can get."

San Antonio escaped a minor scare when Parker sprained his right middle finger late in the third quarter, but returned to score four points in the fourth.

"I had no feeling in my finger so I just wanted to make sure it was not

broken," said Parker, who will have X-rays Thursday morning. "They don't think it's broken."

Continuing the momentum they captured late in the first half, the Spurs outscored Denver 32-21 during a third quarter in which they shot 3 for 3 from 3-point range. The Nuggets failed to score any fast-break points in the third and were 9 for 23 in the quarter.

"It was a great test for our defense and for our offense when you play a team like that," Parker said. "They pack it in the paint really good. They stopped my penetrations, Manu's penetrations. So we had to make shots and trust each other. It was a great playoff intensity."

**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**A Guide to Good Bidding**

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

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 5 NT Pass  
7 ♥ Pass 7 ♠

Opening lead — seven of spades.

Players who deride artificial conventions must occasionally bite the bullet and acknowledge that there are times when artificial bidding methods are more effective than hit-or-miss methods.

Consider this deal where North-South got to a laydown grand slam in spades. North opened one notrump, showing a balanced hand of 15 to 17 high-card points. South's two-club

bid was Stayman, an artificial bid asking North to bid a four- or five-card major if he had one, and North showed his hearts.

From South's point of view, the two-heart response was ideal, as there was a bid available that would allow him to find out about the quality of his partner's hearts. Accordingly, South leaped to five notrump!

This was also an artificial bid, the so-called grand slam force, implying that hearts were trump and directing North to bid seven hearts if he held two of the top three trump honors.

North obediently leaped to seven hearts, which South then converted to seven spades in the interests of greater safety. South was concerned that his partner might not have the jack of hearts, in which case seven spades would almost surely be a better contract. As it turned out, seven spades was cold, and seven hearts would have gone down one because of the 4-1 heart division.

There is no doubt that many partnerships, for one reason or another, would fail to reach seven spades. They might instead wind up in six hearts, six spades or seven hearts, all inferior contracts considering that 13 tricks in spades was a virtual certainty.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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# Rangers wrapping up preseason, fall to Angels 6-3

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Angles manager Mike Scioscia is very excited about Ernesto Frieri and the rest of his bullpen.

Frieri pitched a hitless inning in Los Angeles' 6-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday.

On getaway day for the Los Angeles Angels and with most of his starting lineup already on the way to California, manager Mike Scioscia gave several glowing reports of the status of his pitching staff, and in particular, the bullpen after Wednesday's 6-3 in over Texas at Tempe, the Angels' final Cactus League game.

"Ernesto looked the best he's looked all season so that is a good sign," said Scioscia, who refused to name

Frieri as his opening day closer when pressed Wednesday even though Ryan Madson is still coming back from Tommy John surgery.

Frieri finished with a 4-2 record and a 2.32 ERA with 23 saves for the Angels in 2012. He struck out 80 in 54 1-3 innings.

Still, the Angels took a chance on former Philadelphia closer Ryan Madson, who is recovering from elbow reconstruction surgery and has not pitched since the 2011 season, signing him over the offseason.

Scioscia said Madson threw an undisclosed amount of pitches Wednesday at "100 percent" and added that Angels pitching coach Mike Butcher said that "the ball was coming out of his hand fine."

Madson complained of pain in his elbow again early in camp and has been slowed considerably this spring. Scioscia said Wednesday that Madson "was not even close" to pitching in a game and has at least two more weeks of bullpen work ahead of him.

Earlier Wednesday, the Angels claimed right-hander Mark Lowe from the Los Angeles Dodgers off waivers.

Lowe, 29, was released by the Los Angeles Dodgers last week. He holds a career 3.94 ERA in seven seasons and had a 3.43 ERA with Texas last season over 36 games.

"He's got a big arm so we'll see how it plays out," Scioscia said. "If he throws to his capabilities, there's no doubt he can help us in our bullpen."

Scioscia said he would get a longer look at Lowe in the upcoming Free-way Series.

Garrett Richards, who figures to open the season in the bullpen, allowed three hits in 2 1-3 scoreless innings in his fifth appearance and second start.

Jerome Williams took

over for Richards and struck out six in 3 2-3 innings. He allowed two runs and six hits.

"Right now you see that Jerome and Garrett are stretched out," Scioscia said. "I think we feel real good about our starting pitching depth. Right now we'll see where we go from here as we head into the season."

Lance Berkman doubled in a run and Adrian Beltre added an RBI single in a two-run Texas third off Williams.

Texas lashed out 14 hits in the losing effort. Beltre, A.J. Pierzynski and Leonys Martin had two hits apiece.

Left-hander Brad Mills, acquired from the Angels on a waiver claim last Sunday, made his first appearance with the Rangers and his second start overall and fourth spring appearance.

Mills worked four innings and allowed one run and four hits.

"He's got good secondary stuff," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He's got to command that fastball a little better."

# Pistorius allowed to leave S. Africa with conditions

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Oscar Pistorius can leave South Africa to compete in international track meets, a judge ruled on Thursday as he upheld the Olympic athlete's appeal against some of his bail restrictions.

Pistorius' agent told The Associated Press that this year's world championships could be "on the radar."

Judge Bert Bam said Pistorius, who is charged with murder in the Valentine's Day shooting death of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, must travel under certain conditions. His passport will be held by a court while he is in South Africa, and he can only leave the country if he provides an itinerary of his travel plans at least a week before he is due to leave. Pistorius must also hand his travel documents back to the court within 24 hours of returning home.

The ruling in a North Gauteng High Court opens the way for the Paralympic champion, who is facing a life sentence if found guilty of murder, to run in international competitions again.

Pistorius' agent, Peet van Zyl, told the AP soon after the ruling that Pistorius could even run at the world championships in Moscow in August — if he wanted to and if he qualified.

"Based on this (judge's decision), and if he is up for it and qualifies, the

world championships will definitely be on the radar," Van Zyl told the AP by telephone.

The judge's decision was "fair," Van Zyl said, but any return to competition would be up to Pistorius, who hasn't run competitively since September or trained for two months.

"He's going to be the one that determines running and training," the agent said. "It's his call. He's the one under all the pressure for the court case and grieving for Reeva."

Although Pistorius' lawyers said in the appeal hearing that he had no immediate plans to compete, he would likely need to return to track in the future to earn money, they said. Pistorius himself, a double amputee widely known as the Blade Runner for his prosthetic legs, did not attend the court session.

"He has no desire to compete now but it might change and it will change," defense lawyer Barry Roux told the judge in arguing for some of Pistorius' bail restrictions to be eased.

Roux said Pistorius would not try and evade trial if he is allowed to travel internationally, and would eventually need to run again "to earn an income."

"He is not going to run away and hide. He is going nowhere," Roux told the judge in the brown-walled courtroom in the high court, where television cameras and photographers were allowed in to record the proceedings. "Why stop him from traveling under controlled circumstances?" Roux added.

Pistorius says he killed Steenkamp accidentally when he fired shots through a door in his bathroom in the pre-dawn hours, fearing there was an intruder in his house.

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