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Excavation work continues on property located to the east of Spring Town Plaza on FM 700. The property is being developed for commercial use, officials said.

Skywarn seminar Thursday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

You too can be part of this area's early warning system. Residents can learn how to spot and report severe weather during a Skywarn class set for 7 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St. The class offers residents a wide variety of information on storm situations and how to handle them. While the class is designed for storm chasers and those participating in the SkyWarn program, it has a lot to offer everyone, officials said. Information on safety during

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Hoops, Dreams and Goals set for March 28

Herald Staff Report

The 10th Annual Hoops Dreams and Goals 2014 competition is set for March 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. "Hoops, Dreams and Goals is our highly anticipated basketball tournament involving our entire Intellectual and Developmental Disability Program in Big Spring and

the rural counties we serve in Texas," said West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW. Hoops, Dreams and Goals kicked off 10 years ago and has not lost any of the enthusiasm from its inaugural season, Smith said. "It's a high-energy event we use to kick off our spring and to coincide with March Madness," she said referring to the basketball tournament

taking place across the nation. "It's just so much fun to see everyone come together in a fun environment and compete in a beautiful arena," Smith said. Ten teams representing 43 counties will compete in a day of basketball tournament action beginning at 8:30 a.m., when the teams enter the Coliseum led by the Big Spring High School drum

line. Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan will offer opening remarks and introduce honored guests. The late former Mayor Russ McEwen will be remembered during opening ceremonies for being an early supporter of Hoops, Dreams and Goals during its inaugural year and for appearing at every event through 2012. The teams will tip off at 9 a.m. and will follow bracket

play. Teams participating in are Big Spring Heat, Sweetwater Red Rattlers, Ballinger Longhorns, Snyder Wildkatz, Seminole Pink Panthers, Monahans/Pecos Warriors, Midland Panthers, Odessa Tigers, Abilene Chili Peppers and the San Angelo Bobcats. Throughout the day, cheer squads from each team will perform during halftime for

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President's promise on deportations carries risks

By **JIM KUHNHENN**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's new promise to seek ways to ease his administration's rate of deportations aims to mollify angry immigrant advocates but carries risks for a White House that has insisted it has little recourse. In asking Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson to review enforcement practices, Obama could undo already fragile congressional efforts to overhaul immigration laws. And he still could fall short of satisfying the demands of pro-immigrant groups that have been increasing pressure on him to dramatically reverse the administration's record of deportations. The White House announced Thursday that Obama had directed Johnson, who was sworn in three months ago, to see how the department "can conduct enforcement

more humanely within the confines of the law." Then the president summoned 17 labor and immigration leaders to the White House Friday afternoon for what some participants described as a spirited discussion of his deportations policies and the strategy for enacting a comprehensive congressional overhaul of immigration laws. "The president displayed a great deal of sympathy for the families affected by the deportation machinery," Frank Sharry, executive director of America's Voice, said after the nearly two-hour session. "There was less agreement on when and what should be done about it by the president." Participants emerged from the meeting unified in their call for House Republicans to act on immigration legislation. Privately, some said Obama voiced frustration during the meeting with the criticism

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Gasoline prices continue climb

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 3.0 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.27 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 2.6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.50 a gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com. Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 25.4 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 9.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 15.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 15.1 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago. "The national average has unsurprisingly continued its march higher, and for the sixth consecutive week, motorists have faced rising gasoline prices," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "While the rate that gasoline prices may slow nationally this week, I don't yet believe we've seen the peak in prices. "Refineries are in the middle of one of their two major yearly maintenance seasons, which means as refineries wrap up their work in April, we could see restarting issues, which could bring the spikes in gasoline prices we're nearly accustomed to seeing every spring," DeHaan added.

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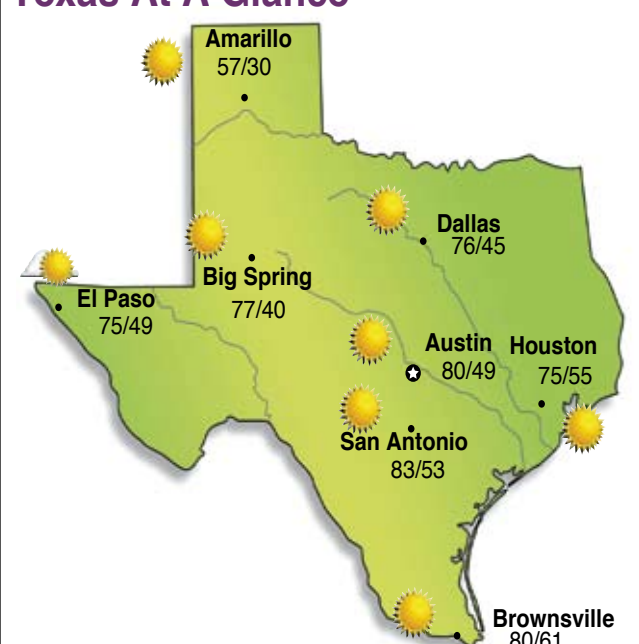
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 3/18	Wed 3/19	Thu 3/20	Fri 3/21	Sat 3/22
77/40 A mainly sunny sky. High 77F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph.	69/42 More clouds than sun. High in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	81/51 Plenty of sun. High in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	89/45 Considerable cloudiness. High in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 40s.	74/45 Times of sun and clouds. High in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	41	sunny	Kingsville	84	59	sunny
Amarillo	57	30	sunny	Livingston	76	48	sunny
Austin	80	49	sunny	Longview	74	45	windy
Beaumont	71	53	sunny	Lubbock	69	31	sunny
Brownsville	80	61	sunny	Lufkin	77	49	sunny
Brownwood	83	44	sunny	Midland	77	43	sunny
Corpus Christi	78	60	sunny	Raymondville	82	58	sunny
Corsicana	75	43	mst sunny	Rosenberg	75	55	sunny
Dallas	76	45	sunny	San Antonio	83	53	sunny
Del Rio	87	55	sunny	San Marcos	81	50	sunny
El Paso	75	49	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	74	44	windy
Fort Stockton	79	45	sunny	Sweetwater	78	40	sunny
Gainesville	73	40	sunny	Tyler	75	45	windy
Greenville	73	41	windy	Weatherford	77	41	sunny
Houston	75	55	sunny	Wichita Falls	73	38	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	56	45	cloudy	Minneapolis	40	28	mixed
Boston	36	26	sunny	New York	41	33	sunny
Chicago	53	44	pt sunny	Phoenix	83	55	windy
Dallas	76	45	sunny	San Francisco	65	50	sunny
Denver	44	25	windy	Seattle	49	39	pt sunny
Houston	75	55	sunny	St. Louis	66	40	windy
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J.D. Rowland



J.D. Rowland, 96, of Big Spring, departed this life to his heavenly home on Friday, March 14, 2014, in a local nursing home. Private graveside services were held last Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park. The service was officiated by Dr. Randy Cotton of Trinity Baptist Church.

J.D. was born Dec. 30, 1917 in Granbury, Texas. He was married to Albena "Bea" Demicho July 31, 1937 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Feb. 19, 1997. He later married Evelyn Diggs and began his life with her and her family. Evelyn preceded him in death May 22, 2009. He is also preceded in death by one son, Ronnie Rowland; one daughter, Bonnie Walker; one granddaughter, Cheryl Mason; his parents, Murphy and Cardila (Hayworth) Rowland; two brothers; and five sisters.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and a member of Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340, AF & AM. He owned Rowland Body Shop for many years. In the early years he played the fiddle with several area musical bands and at a number of functions at the Settles Hotel. He also enjoyed playing his fiddle in church to accompany church and gospel music.

In his later years, J.D. and his wife Bea sold their home in Big Spring, purchased an Airstream trailer and traveled the country. There are special memories from their children of their parent's stories about making new friends and J.D. playing the fiddle with other musicians as they traveled.

He is survived by one son, Joe Dan Rowland and wife, Carla of Horseshoe Bay, Texas; one daughter, Kay Myers and husband, John of Big Spring; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

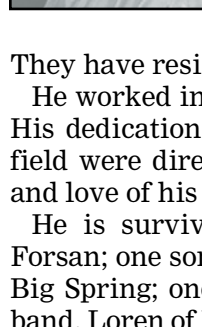
The family extends special gratitude to Mary Loya who toiled and cared alongside daughter Kay for J.D.'s needs in his last years. Also a special thanks to Crossroads Hospice who cared for many of his medical needs.

The family suggests memorials be made to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund in memory of J.D. Rowland, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1448.

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

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Jerry Emerson Garrett



Jerry Emerson Garrett, 78, of Forsan, Texas, was born Sept. 15, 1935, to Emerson and Doris Garrett in Prescott, Ark. He went home to be with the Lord March 15, 2014, after a brief illness.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Jerry married Marie Free Aug. 2, 1958, in Colorado City, Texas. They have resided in Forsan for the past 54 years.

He worked in the oilfield for more than 50 years. His dedication, work ethic, and loyalty to the oil field were directly tied to his dedication, loyalty, and love of his family.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Garrett of Forsan; one son, Kelly Garrett and wife, Shelley of Big Spring; one daughter, Cindy Wilson and husband, Loren of Forsan; two brothers, Willie Garrett and wife, Mildred, and Mack Garrett all of Colorado City; four sisters, Jo Nell Pilkington, Rachael Winn and Carolyn Maberry, all of Colorado City, and June Hickson and husband, Harlin of Loraine, Texas; one sister-in-law, Maria Garrett of Hobbs, N.M.; four grandchildren, Kyle Hale, Brea Wilson, Morgan Garrett and Erica Garrett; and 2 great-grandchildren, Reese Hale and Jazzy Hale.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emerson and Doris Garrett, and one brother, Tom Garrett.

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

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Obituaries

Nora Valles Luevano



Nora Valles Luevano, 55, of Big Spring, died Friday, March 14, 2014, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 6 p.m., Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel.

She was born Oct. 8, 1958, in Big Spring, and was a lifetime resident, except for about 20 years that she lived in Dallas, Texas.

While in Dallas, she worked for The Internal Revenue Service. She was a member of Life Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Christin Martinez and her husband Isaac of Dallas; one son, Robert Luevano and his wife, Brandy of Dallas; seven grandchildren; mother, Anita Valles of Big Spring; two sisters, Lita Salazar and her husband Henry of Big Spring, and Cruz Rodriguez and her husband Ron of Florida; two brothers, Lito Valles and his wife Velma and Raul Valles and his wife Delia, all of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Zeke Valles.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to a fund set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help with expenses.

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

Gregorio "George" Martinez

Gregorio "George" Martinez, 81, of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 15, 2014, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- MICHAEL ANTHONY CASTRO, 24, of 704 E. 4th St., was arrested on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- BREANNE M. COUCOULES, 23, of 500 Button Wood Ave., Maple Shade, N.J., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL GONZALES JR., 37, of 2201 Runnels, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct-language.
- ROBERT M. COUCOULES, 22, of 500 Button Wood Ave., Maple Shade, N.J., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAVID RIVERA JR., 28, of 1404 E. 14th, was arrested on warrants for speeding and from another agency.
- VINCENT EDWARD MCVEA, 43, of 2510 Dow, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- COREY PRESTON HOFFPAUIR, 37, of 1100 Sycamore, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- HENRY TREVINO FRANCO JR., 22, of 3312 Auburn Avenue, was arrested on a warrant for interference with emergency telephone call.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon St., in the 150 block of Tucson, the 1200 block of Johnson St., and in the 1600 block of Owens St.

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OBAMA

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some of them have directed at him, including calling him "deporter in chief."

Republican House Speaker John Boehner's office pointedly warned that fixes to the immigration system should be carried out by Congress, not by the president on his own.

The Democratic-controlled Senate last year passed a comprehensive bill that would enhance border security and provide a path to citizenship for many of the 11 million immigrants who entered the country illegally or overstayed their visas. But the Republican-held House has delayed action and favors a more piecemeal approach.

"There's no doubt we have an immigration system that is failing families and our economy, but until it is reformed through the democratic process, the president is obligated to enforce the laws we have," Boehner spokesman Brendan Buck said Friday. "Failing to do so would damage — perhaps beyond repair — our ability to build the trust necessary to enact real immigration reform."

But immigrant advocates insisted Obama needs to act promptly and broadly to reduce deportations, which have reached nearly 2 million during his presidency.

The White House has pointed to the high level of deportations as evidence that Obama is paying heed to border security, a Republican priority.

In testimony before Congress last week, Johnson said the deportations meet Immigration and Customs Enforcement priorities by focusing on criminals or suspicious individuals who could pose national security and public safety threats. But he also acknowledged that a large number of immigrants arrested and turned back at the border are also counted as deportations even though previous admin-

istrations have not.

Still, pro-immigration groups say deportations have broken up families and forced otherwise law-abiding foreigners out of the country.

Sharry said his message to the president was: "Go bold, go big, go now."

"The president has the ability to step into the vacuum created by the House Republican inaction to protect millions of people who are low priority, use his executive authority in an expansive way," he said.

In the face of such pressure, including public heckling, Obama has time and again insisted that he must follow the law and the only way to reduce deportations is through legislation passed by Congress.

White House officials on Friday downplayed the ability of the administration to take unilateral steps that would significantly reduce deportations, and some conceded that the results of the review were not likely to satisfy all advocacy groups.

Still, White House spokesman Jay Carney fine-tuned Obama's past declarations that any executive action was out of the question, leaving the door open for Obama to take some unilateral steps.

"The president understands and is concerned about the pain caused by separations that have come about through deportation, but he also understands and has made clear that there's no comprehensive fix here that he can himself enact," he said.

Following the meeting, the White House said Johnson, who attended the session in the White House's Roosevelt Room, committed "to ensure our immigration laws are enforced effectively, sensibly, and in line with our nation's traditions as a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants."

It was unclear what steps the Obama administration would take. It has already acted on its own to keep young people who were brought to the United States illegally from being deported, and the

Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency issued a memorandum in 2011 setting priorities for deportation that put an emphasis on persons suspected of terrorism, convicted of crimes or having participated in gang activities. Immigrant advocates say that guidance has been followed sporadically.

"I would take a look at why that memorandum has not worked as intended," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., a leading voice in the immigration overhaul effort in the House and one of several lawmakers who wrote to Obama asking him to review his administration's deportation policies.

"The president doesn't have limitless authority in this arena," she said. "But he has more authority than he has yet used."

Asked if simply applying the 2011 guidelines more uniformly would satisfy critics of Obama's deportation policies, Sharry said: "The answer is no. The fact is you have many immigrant-led groups that are calling for immediate suspension of deportations."

The National Immigration Law Center has called on the administration to make sure the 2011 guidelines are followed and has further proposed that agents who do not follow the policies be held accountable. It also calls for strict application of an Immigration and Customs Enforcement directive from last August that called for using discretion in the deportation of parents or primary caretakers of minors or of children who are U.S. citizens or legal residents.

That is far from a universal view on Capitol Hill.

"It is astonishing that the president would order an 'enforcement review' not for the purposes of repairing enforcement but weakening it further," said Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., a leading opponent of legislation that would allow immigrants in the U.S. illegally to stay. "This latest action further demonstrates that the administration cannot be trusted to enforce any immigration plan from Congress."

Take Note

- Relocation Rescue, a non-profit animal rescue, is holding a "Paint Your Pet" fundraiser event 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at the Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry. We supply all the materials needed for participants to paint a picture of their pets while enjoying a silent auction, wine and cheese, hors d'oeuvres, and a whole lot of fun. For more information call the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

- American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry is Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80 from 1 a.m. to 2 p.m. Delivery is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plates are \$10 each and carry-out is available. Call 263-2084. Everyone welcome!

- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol, or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person. March 14, "Prowlers;" March 21, "Prowlers," March 28 "Midnight Express."

- Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for fall 2014. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club website at www.westexags.com

- Howard County Fair Association is in need of volunteers to cross stitch squares for the Howard County Fair quilt to be raffled at the fair. Theme this year is "Hummingbirds." Patterns are from easy to more difficult, so you do not have to be an expert. Squares may be picked up at the Heritage Museum front desk Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Healthy Woman and American Cancer Society present "Be a Superhero" on April 16. A Lunch n Learn will take place at 11:30 a.m. and the Healthy Woman event - snacks provided - will be at 5:30 p.m.

Both events will be held in the Senior Circle Room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. ACS Relay For Life Specialist Manny Negron.

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their own trophy.

"When we first planned Hoops, Dreams and Goals we realized that not everyone wanted to compete on the court as a basketball player," Smith said. "So, we

planned competitions among cheer squads and dance teams.

"Not only have our athletes been practicing, but so have our cheer squads."

Each team also competes for the coveted Spirit Stick, Smith said. "This is a very intense competition. Our judges watch the teams

and their fans and their cheerleaders throughout the day and judge them on their level of spirit even when they are watching the other teams play."

Lunch is served to all participants, and nutritious snacks are available throughout the day. A first aid station also is made available to

the athletes.

The event is free and open to the public. More than 1,000 people are expected to attend.

"Everyone who has attended in the past has told me that it's their favorite event of the year," Smith said. "Everyone who leaves does so with a huge smile on his or her face. The en-

ergy is infectious and along with all the music and cheering, it's just a fun day even for those people who don't know anyone competing."

The event is sponsored by West Texas Centers, Howard College, The Arc of Howard County, Alon USA, Prescription Services Inc., KBST, Sonic, First Financial

Bank of Sweetwater, The Kent Companies, Cowboys Steakhouse, KBYG, Atmos Energy, and Gallagher.

For more information, call Amy Vidal at 432-263-0007.

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storms and bad weather that the average person can use to protect them-

selves and their family will be covered.

Safety will be the main focus of the class. It will cover super-cell thunderstorms and the type of weather that can arise out of them. Orga-

nizers said they want their spotters prepared.

The course will cover the most common severe weather situations for Howard County and the surrounding areas in hopes of preparing

residents for the worst case scenario.

There is no charge for the classes and the public is welcome to attend. Participants are encouraged to bring a pad and paper to take notes.

For more information, contact Big Spring Police Lt. Brian Gordon at (432) 264-2561.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

POLICE

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- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80 and the 3600 block of Highway 87.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of West I-20.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

- RANDY ORLANDO RAMOS was booked by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.

- DAVID LAWRENCE GLASS was booked by HCSO on charges of terroristic threat causing fear of imminent serious bodily injury and fail to identify giving false/fictitious information.

- JAVIER REYNA was booked by HCSO on a charge of indecent exposure.

- SONYA MICHELLE DRAKE was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- NATHAN CARL DEAN GARRARD was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check.

- EZRAYAH GEDAYAH HAWKINS was booked by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance less than or equal to 2 ounces.

- ANTHONY ROBERT SANCHEZ JR. was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- CHRISTOPHER

ADAM SCHREIBER was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 and tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair.

- MICHAEL ANTHONY CASTRO was booked by BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.

- DANEIL GONZALEZ JR. was booked by BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct.

- DAVID RIVERA JR. was booked by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping, fail to appear and (capias) speeding 43 miles per hour in a 30 mile per hour zone.

- ROBERT MICHAEL COUCOULES was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- BREANNE COUCOULES was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- HENRY TREVINO FRANCO JR. was booked by HCSP on a motion to revoke probation for interference with emergency call.

- VINCENT EDWARD MCVEA was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- COREY PRESTON HOFFPAUIR was

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WSU is top seed in brutal Midwest Region

Wichita State's reward for a perfect regular season is a loaded Midwest Region, where the top-seeded Shockers will be joined by fellow Final Four participants Michigan and Louisville from a year ago and two of the titans of college hoops.

Now that's something for the Shockers to be angry about.

Coach Gregg Marshall's team landed the first No. 1 seed in school history on Sunday night and will begin play Friday in St. Louis,

where they ran their record to 34-0 by winning the Missouri Valley tournament title last weekend. The Shockers will open against the winner of a First Four game between Big West champion Cal Poly and SWAC champion Texas Southern.

Also inhabiting the Midwest are the second-seeded Wolverines and fourth-seeded Cardinals, who played each other in last year's title game won by Louisville. Then there's No. 3 seed Duke and No. 8 seed Kentucky, two programs

with March pedigrees that match up with anybody.

Not much of a prize for Wichita State, the first school to reach the NCAA tournament with a perfect record since UNLV in 1991. In fact, the minefield might just give the Shockers a good reason to keep "playing angry," that mantra they've adopted over the past couple of years.

"I feel like I have something to prove, and my teammates have something to prove," Shockers star Cleanthony Early said. "And when you

will be facing programs that people think you can't beat, those are the types of challenges you need to prove yourself."

If the Shockers advance, they'll await the winner of Kentucky and No. 9 seed Kansas State, a school that rarely plays them even though they're a few hours' drive from each other.

"When you watch college basketball when you grow up, you think about three programs — you think about Kansas, Duke and Kentucky,"

Kansas State guard Shane Southwell said. "I was fortunate enough to play against Kansas and Duke and now I'm about to play Kentucky. I want to beat them. It'll be a great experience, and they're a really big program and it's something I want to get under my belt."

In other second-round games, Big Ten regular-season champ Michigan will open against No. 15 seed Wofford of the Southern Confer-

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Back in action ...

Big Spring's Matt Yanez runs under a fly ball during the Steers' win over Seminole recently. Big Spring will return to District 4-3A play on Tuesday with a home game against Snyder at Steer Park. The game will get under way at 7 p.m.

Spurs beat Jazz for 10th straight win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Manu Ginobili and the San Antonio Spurs put together a dominant offensive performance on Sunday night.

The final result was a 10-game winning streak and another year with 50 victories.

Ginobili scored 21 points and Tony Parker had 18, leading the Spurs to a 122-104 victory over the Utah Jazz.

San Antonio (50-16) became the first NBA team to reach 50 wins, extending its league record of consecutive seasons with at least 15 victories to 15. Not that it means all that much to the veteran Spurs, who are focused on winning another title.

"I don't really care," coach Gregg Popovich said. "You all have to have things to write about, I guess. It's better than losing 50, I guess. We're thinking about other things and we've just had a great group of guys for a long time. That's reason we've been able to win. Records and that sort of thing,

streaks aren't really on anybody's mind."

The Spurs (50-16) shot a season-high 62.8 percent from the field while improving to 4-0 against the last-place Jazz (22-45) this season.

"You give them the credit," Utah coach Tyrone Corbin said. "They are a great ballclub. They know who they are. They take the right shots. They had 31 assists, so the ball moved around very well. The guys who came off (the bench), they made tough shots. Our guys competed, they are just better at what they do at this stage. You just have to give them a lot of credit."

Derrick Favors had a career-high 28 points for the Jazz, who have lost four straight. Gordon Hayward scored 17 and Trey Burke had 13 points.

Parker also had seven assists and Tim Duncan added 16 points and six rebounds for the Spurs. Along with Ginobili, the team's Big Three combined to shoot 22 for 32.

Lady Steers look to bounce back from loss

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will try and right their ship when they take to the field on Tuesday for their second district game.

The Lady Steers opened District 4-3A on Friday with a tough 8-7 loss to the Abilene Wylie Bulldogs.

With the loss, the Lady Steers fell to 9-7 for the season and to 0-1 in district play.

District 4-3A Softball Standings		
Team	District	Overall
Snyder	1-0	18-4
Wylie	1-0	13-7
Monahans	1-0	12-5
Sweetwater	0-1	9-7
Big Spring	0-1	9-7
Greenwood	0-1	7-11

Big Spring is scheduled to host Snyder at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

The varsity contest is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

Edwards leads Ford sweep at Bristol

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — After two rain delays lasting more than five hours, a slick race track wasn't going to stop Carl Edwards from celebrating his first win of the season.

He pulled his car to the start/finish line at Bristol Motor Speedway, climbed out to his window ledge and prepared for his celebratory backflip.

Then, Edwards had a brief moment of clarity. "Oh, man, I thought, 'This is stupid. I shouldn't do this ... It's awfully glossy. It might be slick,'

he said. "I didn't want to stick it perfectly and have my feet go that way and break my arm on the concrete. That would have been terrible. I was actually really nervous about that."

But on this rain-soaked Sunday night, Edwards was going for the big finish to another long day for NASCAR.

The start was delayed by almost two hours, racing began and the field got to Lap 124 before the sky opened again, and the race was stopped for another 3 hours, 18 min-

utes.

Much like the season-opening Daytona 500, which was stopped by rain for almost six hours, the threat of more bad weather bringing a sudden halt to the race forced the drivers to go hard every single lap.

So when a caution with 77 laps remaining sent most of the field to pit road, Edwards' crew chief, Jimmy Fennig, made the call to leave his driver on the track. The move gave Edwards the lead on the restart with 70 laps remaining.

2014 Big Spring Junior High School Golf Schedule

March 29	Snyder	10 a.m.
Boys at WTC. Girls at Snyder Country Club		
April 5	Frenship	3 p.m.
at Reese GC		
April 12	Seminole	9 a.m.
at Gaines CC		
April 26	Lamesa	10 a.m.
Boys at Lamesa CC. Girls at MGC		
May 5	Big Spring	4 p.m.
at Big Spring Country Club		

Junior High Golf Coach: Bert Otto
Head Golf Coach: Chris Joslin

HC women to face OC on March 21

The Howard College women's softball team will begin its Western Junior College Athletic Conference schedule on Friday, March 21, when they face Odessa College in a doubleheader in Odessa. The games are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The Lady Hawks, who are coming off a length road swing, are also slated to play Odessa College on March 22 at Foundation Field.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Temperate St. Patrick's Day

Get out your shamrocks and green. The feast of St. Patrick's Day is a celebration of all things Irish, including the belief that the Irish possess a certain kind of luck. Good luck or bad? Depends on whom you ask. The Libra moon favors temperance and balance in all things. Offset work with fun, camaraderie with independence, alcohol with food.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The meeting seems to go as intended, and yet you won't know for sure until all agree to take things to the next level. Find out the meaningful information that will move things along.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Be extra careful not to make assumptions about the people you meet. When you decide that you already know

where someone is coming from, you cut short your chance for making a true connection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll express yourself with class. You'll voice your praise in public, your criticism in private. And if you think you're going to have a disagreement, do so beyond the ears of outside witnesses.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your day will go much better if you take some time to yourself before diving into the bustle. You'll quietly set your intentions, and what follows will assume a structure based on that assertion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Nothing is bliss all of the time. That is precisely why it's so important to recognize, celebrate and revel in the bliss while it's happening. You'll get the chance to do this today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are things going on around you that you do not agree with, and yet it serves you well to be aware and accepting of all that is. There is nothing to be gained from

denial.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Cheerleading works for others on your team, but right now you don't need the distraction of outside forces to spur you on. The challenge itself is motivation enough to do your best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just when you think you know what you want your life to look like, you discover you weren't being specific enough. Luckily, today affords a seemingly endless amount of do-overs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Humorless types will take you seriously, so be careful what you ask for. All of the attention on your requests will have you wondering whether you should ask for something more or different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You never intended to manage a project on your own, and yet today you may seem to be the only one who understands what it will take to get to the next phase. Tomorrow, new helpers will arrive to assist.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The question is: How do you measure whether or not you're getting closer to your goal? You get to set the rules in this regard, and they don't have to be the same ones that others use to determine progress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you start experimenting too soon into a process, you won't know what really works. For now, stay the course. Your sacrifices are not in vain. This is what it takes to ingratiate the forces of transformation into your life.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 17). You're a deep person, and this year highlights multiple facets of your personality. You'll think about philosophy, religion and politics and discuss ideas with a select few. You're wise to match your discourse to the people and environments that will most support or gain from it. Windfall months: April, June and October. Libra and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 29, 35, 28 and 25.

MOLEOMANCY SPECIAL: In reply to a

question last week about the meaning of birthmarks, we looked into different types of marks and their placement. Working our way down the body, we've touched on how to read moles from the head to the mouth. Shall we continue?

--Chin: Moles on or around the chin signify matters of pride and a need for self-protection. Possessors of these moles will learn lessons to hone the distinction between healthy pride, which comes from self-esteem, dignity and integrity, and unhealthy pride, which comes from overblown ego, insecurity and arrogance.

--Neck, Front: This mole signifies karma around the area of self-expression. The journey is one of overcoming suppression and growing to a place of being able to live out loud.

--Neck, Side: There is karma around the area of control. The journey is one of fighting or doing whatever it takes to become independent and free of oppressive forces.

--Neck, Back: There is

karma around the area self-possession. This points to a struggle with legacy, either favorable or unfavorable, but the journey has to do with either rising to the occasion of a family of high achievers or nobility, or breaking out of an undesirable family pattern.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Hollywood is known for the kind of sneaky glamour tricks that fool the camera and the audience at large in regards to the passing of time as reflected in the face of movie stars. And yet there are those who seem legitimately ageless. Rob Lowe is among a select group of celebrities who inexplicably never seem to age. Maybe it's his youthful Mercury and Jupiter in Aries!

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: After 35 years of marriage, my abusive husband asked for a divorce. I had stayed for the children's sake, but now know that was a mistake. Children grow up

thinking abuse is normal.

Since the divorce, I have fallen in love with "Derek." Derek and his ex-wife both engaged in affairs when the going got rough. Derek has been totally honest with me about this. He's in counseling and is committed to being a better man.

The problem is, I can't kick the feeling that I can't trust him. Early in our relationship, Derek attended a reunion, drank too much and ended up having sex with an ex-classmate who came to his room. He was forthright about it and very regretful. He swore it would never happen again. We were not having a "rough time" in our relationship,

so I don't know why this happened. Do you think he's a sex addict? Does he just like the challenge of a conquest? Does he need the excitement of a new partner? Is it to boost his ego?

It's been four years, and he's been faithful since. He has talked about marriage, but I'm not sure. I do love him. But the pain of being rejected by my husband was bad enough. It took a lot of counseling to regain my self-esteem. An affair in a second marriage would devastate me.

How can I trust Derek so that I am secure when he's not with me? Is this relationship too great a risk? We've had counseling together and separately and discussed this issue, but I'm still confused. -- *Want To Make the Right Decision*

Dear Want: One episode of cheating in four years does not constitute a sex addiction. We think it's more a behavior pattern, and counseling plus motivation can change that. However, no marriage comes with a guarantee of fidelity. Derek is trying hard to prove himself trustworthy, but that doesn't ensure he won't cheat if your relationship takes a dive. All relationships require a leap of faith, although you do not need to commit to marriage if

you aren't ready.

Dear Annie: My sister put on an antique show at a nearby hall and asked whether I would provide refreshments as a favor.

An elderly man bought a chocolate-chip cookie and broke a tooth. I apologized and explained that I freeze the cookies after they are baked to keep them fresh. But they had been sitting out for 45 minutes, so they should have been plenty soft. He told me that he has problems with his teeth and knew something like this would happen someday, but he's on disability and wants me to pay for his dental bill.

Am I liable? I am totally clueless. -- *Cookies No More*

Dear Cookies: We have no way of knowing exactly what happened or why, whether you are at fault or whether the man is trying to con you. If you are being threatened with a lawsuit, please talk to a lawyer immediately. If he is simply asking for money and you feel responsible, whether to offer him anything is up to you, but get a release from him in writing saying that this settles the matter and he will make no additional claim against you.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Pennsylvania," the woman whose husband supposedly has been calling escorts. We have not heard his side. She could be a liar.

If he is calling escorts, that means she is not doing her job as a wife. If she checks his cellphone bills, she cannot be trusted. If my wife ever pulled that stunt, we would no longer be married. Not that she could find anything. I keep my private matters well hidden. -- S.

Dear S.: You're quite a guy. Your wife has our condolences.

Annie's Snippet for St. Patrick's Day (author unknown): A best friend is like a four-leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have.

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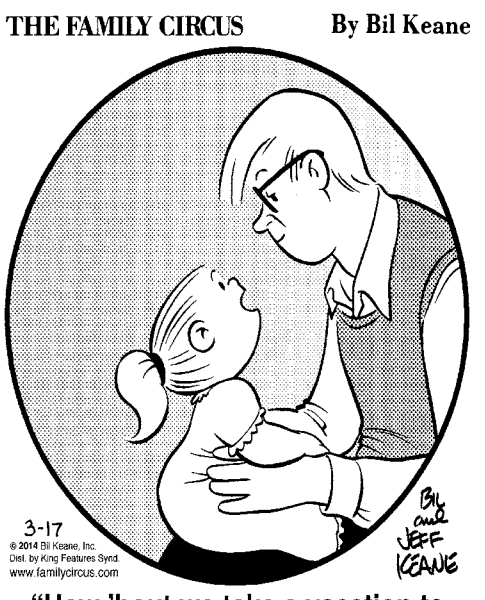
DENNIS THE MENACE



"THANKS, DENNIS. I HAD A REALLY NICE TIME."
"I MUST BE LOSIN' MY TOUCH."

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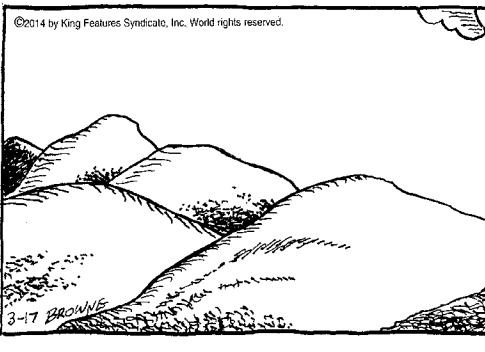
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"How 'bout we take a vacation to where they have mermaids or leprechauns?"

By Bil Keane

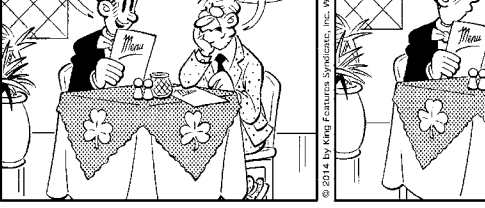
HAGAR



HAGAR, DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE MARCHING SONGS?

"ANYTHING BUT 'THE BEAR WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN'!"

BLONDIE



AVE, BOSS! WHAT MIGHT YE BE LAPPIN' UP FOR ST. PATTY'S DAY?

KNOCK OFF THE LEPRECHAUN CHATTER, BUMSTEAD!

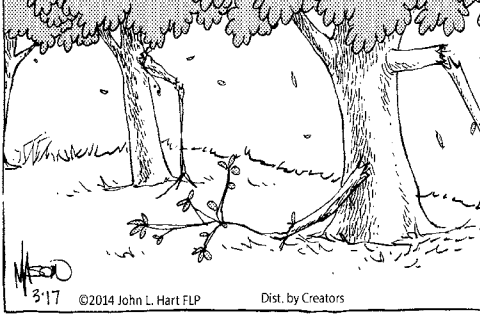
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AYE! WHAT MIGHT I BE GETTIN' YA?

COULD I TROUBLE YA FOR A POT O' GOLD, LADDIE?!

CHILL OUT, DUDE. IT'S JUST A COSTUME!

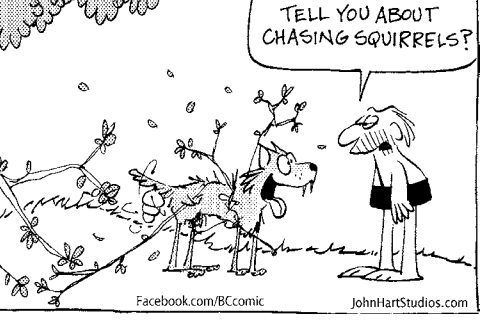
WIZARD OF ID



WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT CHASING SQUIRRELS?

WIZARD OF ID

AGNES



THE FORTRESS IS READY. THE WALLS HAVE BEEN FORTIFIED, AND THE TURRET IS OPERATIONAL.

WE'RE READY TO COMMENCE THE ATTACK, SIRE.

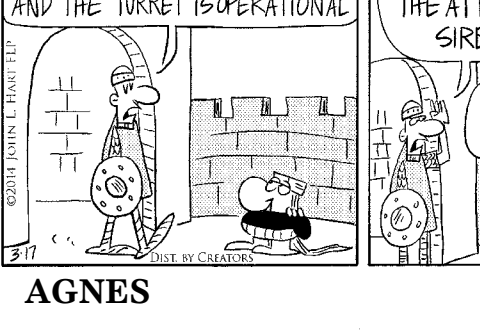
PROCEED, CAPTAIN.

EVERYONE NEEDS SOME TIME OFF.

WOO-HOO!

EAT SNOW!

HI AND LOIS



I DIDN'T DO MY HOMEWORK LAST NIGHT.

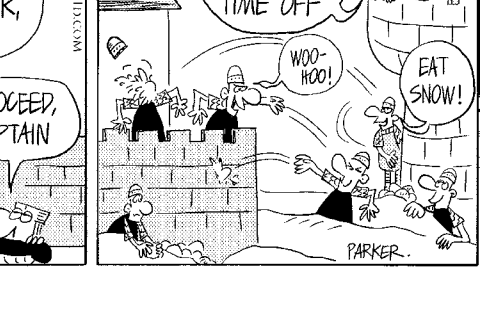
WHY?

GRANDMA WAS MOPING AROUND AND SAYING HOW WE WERE ALL JUST DUST IN THE WIND... LOOKING UP HOW TO SPELL WORDS CORRECTLY JUST SEEMED SILLY AFTER THAT.

SHE WROTE A NOTE TO MY TEACHER EXPLAINING THAT SHE IS DUST, TOO.

IF I'M DUST, I'M SKIPPING SCHOOL ENTIRELY.

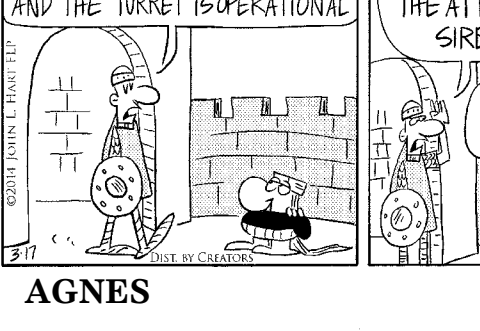
THE OTHER COAST



I LOVE ST. PATRICK'S DAY. GREEN BEER, GREEN POTATOES, GREEN PASTRIES...

ST. PATRICK'S DAY. A CELEBRATION OF LEFTOVERS.

SNUFFY SMITH

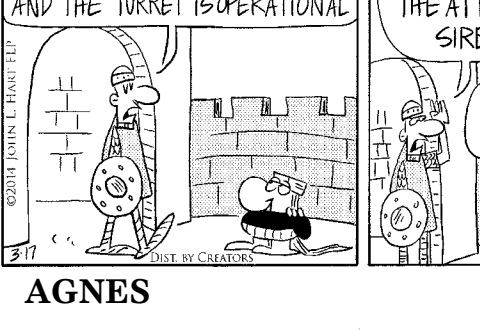


I DON'T WANNA SEE YOU AG'IN FER A MONTH, SMIF !!

I'LL GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT, JUDGE !!

BUT YOU'LL HAFTA CONVINCHE THAT PESKY SHERIFF T'LOOK TH' OTHER WAY !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



SUN'S UP. TIME TO GET UP!

THAT'S NOT MY SCHEDULE

I GET UP AT THE CRACK OF SARGE

This Date In History

March 17, the 76th day of 2014. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day. Today's Highlight in History: On March 17, 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War. On this date: In 1762, New York's first St. Patrick's Day parade took place. In 1861, Victor Emmanuel II was proclaimed the first king of a united Italy. In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt first likened crusading journalists to a man with "the muckrake in his hand" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington. In 1912, the Camp Fire Girls organization was incorporated in Washington, D.C., two years to the day after it was founded in Thetford, Vt. (The group is now known as Camp Fire USA.) In 1943, the Taoiseach of Ireland, Eamon de Valera, delivered a radio speech about "The Ireland That We Dreamed Of." In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioac-

tive element, "californium." In 1959, the Dalai Lama fled Tibet for India in the wake of a failed uprising by Tibetans against Chinese rule. In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

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Answer to previous puzzle

BRAMSTOKER	BAHN
RISES ABOVE	AREA
APPLECORES	STOP
VEIL	KEENE
ERRIS	ERRIS
ENRION	ATNOGOST
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TDS	SEXES
BAKER	FINALEDIT
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Newsday Crossword

FOOD FOR TODAY by Gail Grabowski
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- ACROSS**
- Purring pets
 - Baseball hats
 - Cavalry sword
 - Canyon sound
 - Offhand greeting
 - "All kidding . . ."
 - Nonwritten test
 - Prescriptions, for short
 - Not fancy
 - Mail away
 - Green pasta topping
 - Song-holding gadget
 - Hurricane center
 - Potato-peeling tools
 - Suitable
 - Stage accessory
 - Really love
 - Illegal trickery
 - Environmentally friendly prefix
 - Green cabbagelike veggies
 - Turkey drumstick
 - Nurse, slangily
 - Closeup map in an atlas
 - Newspaper essay, for short
 - Family room
 - Artists' hats
 - Day before a holiday
 - Sit for a portrait
 - Green party bowful
 - Pitch a tent
 - Ocean motions
 - Chianti or Chablis
- DOWN**
- Corporate VIPs
 - Farmland measure
 - "Better late __ never"
 - Those in the army
 - Small jazz bands
 - In the lead
 - Many professors' degrees: Abbr.
 - Emphatic Spanish assent
 - Overly sentimental
 - Dozing
 - Skewed view
 - Modify, as a manuscript
 - City near Lake Tahoe
 - Slacken off
 - Remove creases in clothes
 - Painter Picasso
 - Mag's space seller
 - Makeup for cheeks
 - Firebug's offense
 - Bygone days
 - Get extra value from
 - Group of eight singers
 - Fence rails
 - Arctic ice sheet
 - Towels off
 - Concluded
 - Publicly known
 - Not too bad
 - Nursery rhyme shepherdess
 - Bouquet holders
 - One of Columbus' ships
 - Just slightly
 - Traveler's document
 - Aroma
 - "Wise" birds
 - Face of a clock
 - Region
 - Get acquainted with
 - Flag holder

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SMU, Hall of Fame coach Brown a No. 1 seed in NIT

SMU and Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown are staying home to play in the NIT.

Snubbed by the NCAA tournament selection committee after a three-game losing streak, the Mustangs (23-9) are a No. 1 seed in the NIT along with Minnesota, Florida State and St. John's.

The Mustangs didn't have consecutive losses until ending the regular season with losses to Top 25 teams Louisville and Memphis, then dropping their American Athletic Conference tournament opener to Houston.

"We could have beaten Louisville at home. ... We didn't play our best game at Memphis, but we didn't get blown out by either team," a clear-

ly disappointed Brown said after SMU was left out of the NCAA field. "But when we didn't beat Houston, I kind of thought this could possibly happen."

The 73-year-old Brown is in his second season at SMU, which hasn't been in the NCAA tournament since 1993. The Mustangs' last NCAA victory was in 1988, when Brown was the coach for national champion Kansas in his last tourney appearance.

SMU opens the NIT on Wednesday night at home against UC Irvine (23-11) from the Big West Conference. The Mustangs are 9-1 at renovated Moody Coliseum, the lone loss being that regular season home finale after building a

14-point lead before half-time against defending national champion Louisville.

St. John's (20-12) plays at home Tuesday night against Robert Morris (21-13), which upset Kentucky in an NIT opener last year after the Wildcats missed a chance to defend their 2012 NCAA title. It is the record 30th NIT appearance for the Red Storm.

Florida State (19-13) takes on Florida Gulf Coast (22-12), giving "Dunk City" a chance in another tournament after last season being the first No. 15 seed in the NCAA tournament to make it to the Sweet Sixteen.

Minnesota (20-13) takes on Big South regular season champion High Point

(16-14) in the first round.

The 32-team NIT field includes 13 automatic qualifiers, teams that won their regular-season conference titles without getting an NCAA bid.

All four opponents for the No. 1 seeds were among those teams guaranteed NIT spots. FGCU (Atlantic Sun) and Robert Morris (Northeast Conference) lost in their conference tournament championship games.

An estimated crowd of more than 1,200 SMU fans were at Moody Coliseum to watch the NCAA selection show, which ended with SMU players either putting their heads in their hands or staring up at the overhead screen in disbelief as the final teams were

revealed. They were all gone when the NIT announcement was made a couple of hours later.

Brown, whose first NIT appearance will be

SMU's third, knew the Mustangs were in trouble when Louisville was the No. 4 seed in the last of the four NCAA regional brackets released.



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A Q
♥ Q J 10 8 2
♦ —
♣ A K J 8 7 4

WEST
♠ K 7 3 2
♥ K 6 5 3
♦ 10 9 6
♣ 6 2

EAST
♠ J 10 8 5 4
♥ —
♦ A K J 7 5 4
♣ 10 5

SOUTH
♠ 9 6
♥ A 9 7 4
♦ Q 8 3 2
♣ Q 9 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♦ 1 ♥ 2 ♦
5 NT Pass 6 ♣ Pass
6 ♥ 6 ♣ Dble

Opening lead — three of diamonds.
This deal occurred during the playoff to determine which of five teams would represent the United States in the 1981 world championship.

From the standpoint of drama, the timing of the deal was perfect. It was the last board of a 72-board match between the winners of the Spingold and Reisinger team-of-four championships. The teams were virtually tied after 71 boards, and the outcome of the 72nd hand would determine which team would be

eliminated.
At the first table, with a Reisinger pair North-South, the bidding went as shown. North's five-notrump bid was the grand-slam force; it accepted hearts as trumps and instructed South to bid seven hearts with two of the three top trump honors. South's six-club response indicated one of the top two honors, and North signed off at six hearts.

East realized that South would almost surely make the vulnerable slam, worth 1,430 points, so he bid six spades as a sacrifice. This was doubled and went down only three tricks — 500 points — after a diamond lead by South.

At the second table, the bidding went:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♦ 1 NT 2 ♦
3 ♦ 5 ♣ Pass Pass
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♥

Here, the Reisinger East did not gain nearly as much information about the adverse hands as East had gained from the bidding at the first table. He passed six hearts, apparently hoping that his pre-emptive tactics had jockeyed the opponents into a shaky contract. Unfortunately for East, this did not prove to be the case. Six hearts could not be defeated, so the Spingold team netted 930 points and eliminated the Reisinger team from the playoff.

Tomorrow: The impossible dream.
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Entire California city's Little League suspended

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Less than a week after opening day, the Little League season in this Southern California beach city has been indefinitely suspended.

The Orange County Register reported (<http://bit.ly/1nvk8s7>) that 700 boys and girls registered

to play baseball in the Newport Beach Little League have been left to wonder when they may next take the field. The league includes about 70 teams for children ages 5 to 13.

Organizers told the newspaper they are unsure why regional coordi-

nators put their season in limbo Wednesday.

The president of the Newport Beach organization, Gary Borquez, said he believes the suspension may have come because 14 of the 24 members of the board were coaches and managers. No more than half can

be managers or coaches under league rules, and several managers resigned last week when they learned of the suspension.

"Our main concern is to get the kids back on the field," Borquez said. "Little League is all about the kids playing."

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ketball, the women's sport of netball and recreational skiing.

Deebl for the right to face No. 5 seed Saint Louis, and No. 11 seeds Iowa and Tennessee will meet for a shot at No. 6 seed Massachusetts.

The seeding of Louisville (29-5) may have been the biggest surprise of the bracket, though, and the biggest reason why coaches were calling the Midwest the toughest of the four regions.

Many people thought the Cardinals had earned a second or third seed, and coach Rick Pitino — admittedly biased — thought his team had done enough to warrant a No. 1. After all, his team has won five straight and 12 of its last 13, including the American Athletic Conference tournament.

The NCAA selection committee thought differently.

"You look at the number four line and we have some great teams," committee chairman Ron Wellman said. "We look at the total resume, though. Right now, if you ask anybody, Louisville is playing as well as anyone, and the committee certainly agrees with that. However, we

look at the total body of work, comparing everything they did from November through March."

Louisville spokesman Kenny Klein said that Pitino wouldn't comment on the seeding. He had another reason to be miffed with the selection committee, too: Minnesota, the team coached by his son Richard, was among the last teams left hanging on

the bubble.

Regardless, the Cardinals aren't the only team hot team placed in the Midwest Region.

Michigan had won seven straight before falling to No. 22 Michigan State in the Big Ten title game, while Duke advanced to the ACC title game, where it lost to No. 6 Virginia.

Then there's Kentucky, which is starting to play like the team

that began the season No. 1 in the nation. The Wildcats pounded LSU and Georgia in the SEC tournament, then came within a breath of knocking off Florida.

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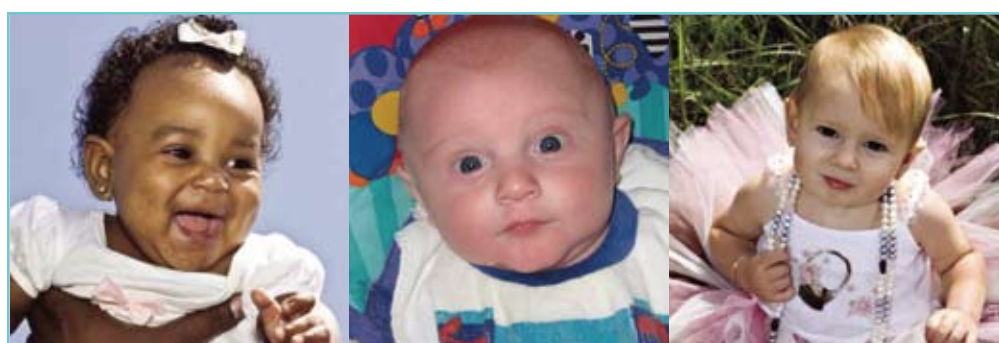
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