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## Three killed in Ward County accident

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Three Howard County residents were killed and another injured in a two-vehicle accident in Ward County Saturday afternoon.

Killed in the accident were Anthony George Herrera, 30, and Kiana Woodruff, 7, of Big Spring, and Diane Lopez Her-

rera, 51, of Coahoma. Veronica Herrera, 29, of Big Spring, was transferred to Medical Center Hospital in Odessa with undisclosed injuries.

Law enforcement officials said the accident occurred at 4:08 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of FM 1776 and FM 1219 about 10 miles south of Monahans. The 2010 Chevro-

let pickup driven by Anthony Herrera was northbound on FM 1776 when it was struck by a 2011 GMC pickup driven by Erick Ibarra, 29, of Athens.

The accident was caused by Ibarra disregarding a stop sign at the intersection, law enforcement officials said. Both drivers were wearing

seat belts and road conditions were clear, they added. No other contributing factors were listed in the accident report.

Ibarra also was transported to Medical Center Hospital in Odessa with undisclosed injuries.

Anthony and Diane Herrera and the Woodruff child

were declared dead at 5 p.m. by Ward County Justice of the Peace Olibas Pasqual.

No funeral information had been released as of this morning.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

## City council: DRCC fees on agenda

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will consider new rental fees for the Dora Roberts Community Center when it holds its regular bi-weekly meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

City officials are citing increased operation and maintenance costs as the main reasons for the proposed changes in rental fees.

Aside from changes in rental fees, the city also will require renters to pay those fees plus a deposit at least seven days in advance of any event they wish to hold at the community center.

Proposed rental fees for the center are:

- Entire building — \$500, with \$525 deposit.
- Ballroom — \$300, with \$300 deposit.
- Lake Room — \$200, with \$200 deposit.
- Classroom — \$100, with \$100 deposit.
- Fireplace room — \$50, with \$50 deposit.
- Dining room only — \$100, with \$100 deposit.
- Dining room, with rental of additional room — \$50, with \$50 deposit.
- Kitchen — \$100, with \$100 deposit.
- Pavilion — \$50, with \$50 de-

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## A 'different' kind of encounter

*Roundup lets people get up close to rattlers*

**BY LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
**Jamie Williams of Big Spring seems somewhat bemused as she touches the tail of a snake that had its venom milked by Dennis Canbie, who is also shown holding the reptile carefully.**

Jamie Williams of Big Spring wasn't quite sure if she wanted to touch the tail of the live rattlesnake offered to her by an event volunteer. But she did.

"It's different," she said. "Different" is also the word she used to described the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup which was held this weekend at the Howard County Fair Barns.

Williams admitted to being a little intimidated standing in a building where hundreds of live rattlesnakes were pinned, curled up and shaking their tails to make that oh-so-famous rattle sound.

It's an understandable feeling, especially when she mentioned she and her husband killed a rattlesnake, who trespassed in her kitchen just that morning, Saturday.

For Dennis Canbie of Sweetwater, who held the tail of the snake out for Williams and others to touch, his main job was to milk the snake venom, but he also took a little time to educate the crowd about the medical uses of venom and answer questions.

"About 90 percent of venom is sold to make antivenom and about 10 percent

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## Gas prices continue upward climb

**Special to the Herald**

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 4.0 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.33 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has not moved in the last week to \$3.51 per gallon.

Including the change in gas



prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 19.9 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 14.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 10.2 cents per gallon during the last

month and stands 13.0 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"As I expected, the panic at the pump slowed considerably in the last week, with the national barely grinding out an increase in the last week," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "A cooling in oil prices during the previous week heavily influenced last week's quieter increase."

"While oil prices haven't moved much higher, we are starting to see more chatter about refinery incidents as more of them finish maintenance and get back online, and this can lead to spikes in gasoline prices if several refineries see unexpected outages or longer than normal return to production times," DeHaan said.

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## Obituaries

## Patsy Crenshaw



Patsy Crenshaw, 83, died Friday, March 21, 2014, at her residence in Abilene, Texas.

Born in Pampa, Texas on Nov. 11, 1930, Patsy was the daughter of Juanita (Reed) and Shannon M. Whittington. She was a 1948 graduate of Big Spring High School. She worked for First National Bank in Big Spring, and First National Bank in Abilene. Patsy married Jack Crenshaw on Aug. 7, 1965, in Abilene. After retiring in 1992, she moved back to Big Spring in 1994.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Vickie Sue Pederson; her son, Michael Lee Pederson; her parents; brothers, Billy Bob Whittington and Glenn Whittington; and sister, Jovita Rainey.

Patsy is survived by her daughter, Karen French of Abilene; granddaughters, Alisha Smith of Abilene, Kim Cravey of Eustace, Texas, Leigh Timmons Costa of New Jersey, and Casey Pederson; great-granddaughters, Kori Gallimore and Kara Martin of Abilene; great-grandson, Dakota Smith of Abilene; and several other grandchildren. She was also survived by nephews, Mark, Quinn, Devon, and Craig Whittington; niece, Kathryn Milch of Fort Davis, Texas; great-niece, Tiffany Milch of Big Spring; and brother-in-law, Bill Rainey of Pueblo, Colo.

She will be cremated. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being made by The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made in her honor to Hospice of the Big County, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605. Special recognition goes to the nurses and Pam Parker for care above and beyond.

Online condolences may be posted at [www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com).

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## Richard Bloom



Richard Bloom, 66, of Coahoma, Texas, died Saturday, March 22, 2014, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Gail Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 6, 1948 in Oklahoma City to Estella and William Bloom. He lived most of his life in Mitchell and Howard counties. He married Sandra Evans June 2, 1990, in Snyder, Texas. He was a retired truck driver working in recent years for Andrews Transport. He was a Baptist and a Mason.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Bloom of Coahoma; four daughters, Cyndi Wrye of Coahoma, Marie Flowers and her husband, Mike, of Mesquite, Texas, Angela Grant and her husband, Alan, of Big Spring, and Angie Digby of Big Spring; two sons, Brad Evans and his wife, Tiffani, of Amarillo, Texas, and Jim Evans and his wife, Joni, of Bethlehem, Ga.; two brothers, O'Neal Bloom and his wife, Virginia, of Snyder, and Bill Bloom and his wife, Janeita, of Lansing, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister and brother-in-law, Jelilia and Tommy Wallace.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Maxine Crane

Maxine Crane, 87, of Sand Springs, Texas, died Saturday, March 22, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take Note

• A fund has been set up to help the Renteria family who lost their house from a fire. Donations can be made at State National Bank, Renteria Fire Fund, No. 9012478.

## Larry Joel Malone



Larry Joel Malone, 78, of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 22, 2014 in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Larry was born Dec. 28, 1935 in Portales, N.M. to the late Ish and Ruth Malone.

After graduating high school, Larry attended Eastern New Mexico State University and studied engineering. In his engineering career he had worked for several large engineering companies and then founded his own company, IDI. After retiring from IDI, he soon returned to work as an independent consultant. Larry was also a private pilot and in the later years enjoyed flying radio controlled planes. He also loved to shoot guns and was a member of the NRA.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Mary Malone of Big Spring; his son, Rick Cluck and wife, Debbie of Arlington, Texas; his daughter, Kimberly Hatfield and husband, Bruce of Lake JB Thomas; three grandchildren, Kristen Taylor, Mike Cluck, and Matt Cluck; one great grandson, Sam Taylor; and one brother, Ronald Malone and wife, Sharon of Albuquerque, NM.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Blake Allen.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Andre Clark, P. O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121 or to a favorite charity.

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

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## T.M. Allen



T.M. Allen, 82, of Big Spring, Texas died Friday, March 21, 2014, at his residence. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Denton Valley Cemetery, south of Clyde, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 19, 1931, in Eula, Texas and married Mary Ann McKiernan March 10, 1956, in Wichita, Kan.

Mr. Allen served in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1975, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant. He then worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a clerk. T. M. was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Allen of Big Spring; two daughters, Sandra Kay Martin and husband, Walter, of Round Rock, Texas and Paula Sue Allen of Leander, Texas; one son, Troy Michael Allen of Big Spring; one brother, John Allen of Odessa, Texas; one sister, Sue Windham of Abilene, Texas; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

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## Police, Sherrif/Fire&amp;EMS

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

- OTIS JAMES PORTER, 31, of 3304 Highway 80, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid, previous conviction; expired motor vehicle inspection certificate; failure to appear (two counts); and expired registration.
- LUIS MIGUEL LOPEZ, 30, of 1111 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to two ounces in a drug free zone.
- HEATH WEGNER, 34, of 806 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of

West Highway 80.

• DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2700 block of North Birdwell.

• THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of Boykin Road.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

• CHARLES EDWARD MORGAN, 57, was booked by the BSPD on a Nolan County warrant for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

• DANIEL CANTU JR., 31, was booked by the DPS on a Bexar County warrant for assault, family violence, second offense.

• EDWARD AGUILAR, 35, was booked by the HCSO on a District Court warrant for sentence/driving while intoxicated.

• AUSTIN DERROLD HUNT, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a District Court warrant for AG/FTA-motion for enforcement.

• MICHAEL EVERET BARNETT, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

• JUAN G. MONTELONGO, 60, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more.

• LUKE EDWARD HOCKENJOS, 23, was booked by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon on alcohol premises.

• STEPHEN ATHERTON, 39, was booked by the BSPD on charges of assault—family violence, threat or offensive touch; and criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• DEREK ANDREW TOMLIN, 24, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• WILLIAM ROBERT-DILLON FIEL, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOHN BLECHA, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• THOMAS FRANKLIN DUNHAM, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• ALLEN TRISTIAN JACKSON, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge driving while intoxicated, second offense.

• KATHERINE CHEYENNE RAWLS, 26, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for CAPIAS/failure to maintain financial responsibility; CAPIAS/speeding; CAPIAS:failure to appear; and CAPIAS, violate promise to appear.

• HEATH ALAN WEGNER, 34, was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JOHN FLORES JR. 49, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500, on a Austin County warrant for parole violation; and on charges of evading arrest detention with previous conviction (two charges,) and public intoxication.

• ANGEL FRANK QUIHUIZ, 42, was booked on charges of driving while license invalid with previous conviction, suspension.

• OTIS JAMES PORTER, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction, suspension; and on warrants for failure to display or expired motor vehicle certificate (two charges); and violate promise to appear (two charges.)

• LUIS MIGUEL LOPEZ, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to two ounces in a drug free zone.

• MICHAEL ANTHONY CASTRO, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of noise.

• STACY JEAN JORDAN, 43, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for parent contributing to non-attendance (two charges.)

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

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Bell and North West Eighth streets.

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# Support Groups

**MONDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.
- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

- Noon — The Just For Today Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets in Room 3 at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane.

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at

# COUNCIL

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posit. Those listed fees will be effectively doubled if alcohol will be served at any reserved event. In other business Tuesday, the council will consider:

- Purchase of a half-acre of land at Gregg Street and FM 700.
- An agreement with

the Big Spring Family YMCA to provide life-guard services at the McEwen Aquatic Center.

- A lease agreement between the city and Scenic Mountain Medical Center for use of the Malone and Hogan Clinic.

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# RATTLER

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is sold for medical research," he said. The three-day event is sponsored by the local American Business

Club (AMBUCS). It featured demonstrations, snake races and shows featuring professional snake handlers. One of those professional handlers was Jackie Bibby, the Texas Snake Man. Bibby is the star of Animal Planet's re-

ality show Rattlesnake Republic. He holds five Guinness World records for snake stunts. One of those records is holding the most live rattlesnakes by their tail in his mouth, a feat he performed at the roundup.

"If your going to take a picture, you'd better do it now," said one of the other professional snake handlers as Bibby tipped his bowler hat while dozens of flashes from cameras went off around the show area. James Smith of Randal's Wildlife Creations, who was selling a number of snake items, also offered people a chance to take a picture with a monster-large, but non-living, stuffed rattle-

snake. Randal's Wildlife Creation was one of the businesses that purchased the rattlesnakes after the event. For those who were not interested in snakes, the round up also offered a large arts and crafts fair and flea market where everything for marionette puppets to jewelry, food, knives, trading cards and more could be found. Money from the roundup goes toward

befitting the AMBUCS scholarship program for therapist and purchasing AmTryke bicycles for children with disabilities.

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234

# FIRE/EMS

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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block of East 5<sup>th</sup> St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block of North Lamesa Highway. No transport.
- FALSE FIRE CALL was reported in the 800 block of North Goliad.
- Saturday
- TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster.
- TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 600 block of Holbert. No trans-

port.

- TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. No transport.
- TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 1000 block of S. Johnson. One person transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 400 block of E. 18<sup>th</sup> St. No transport.
- Sunday
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of S. 18<sup>th</sup> and

Young streets. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 300 block of NorthWest 10<sup>th</sup> St. One person was transported to SMMC.

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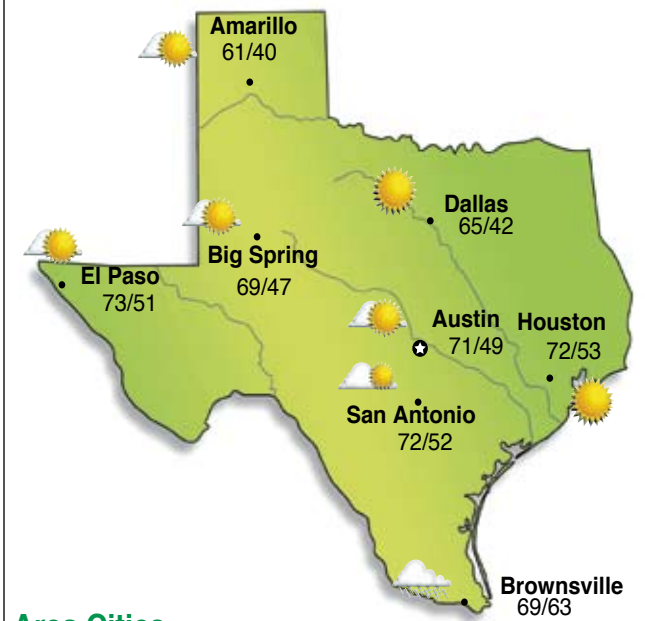
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# Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 3/25	Wed 3/26	Thu 3/27	Fri 3/28	Sat 3/29
<b>69/47</b> Mostly sunny skies. High 69F. Winds E at 10 to 20 mph.	<b>72/54</b> Showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>80/48</b> Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>79/47</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>76/49</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM

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# Texas At A Glance



# Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	67	45	sunny	Kingsville	70	59	cloudy
Amarillo	61	40	mst sunny	Livingston	68	44	sunny
Austin	71	49	mst sunny	Longview	63	37	sunny
Beaumont	69	47	sunny	Lubbock	61	41	mst sunny
Brownsville	69	63	rain	Lufkin	67	41	sunny
Brownwood	68	46	sunny	Midland	66	49	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	69	60	cloudy	Raymondville	70	62	cloudy
Corsicana	64	41	sunny	Rosenberg	71	51	mst sunny
Dallas	65	42	sunny	San Antonio	72	52	pt sunny
Del Rio	71	54	pt sunny	San Marcos	71	49	mst sunny
El Paso	73	51	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	62	37	sunny
Fort Stockton	67	47	windy	Sweetwater	67	45	sunny
Gainesville	60	38	sunny	Tyler	63	39	sunny
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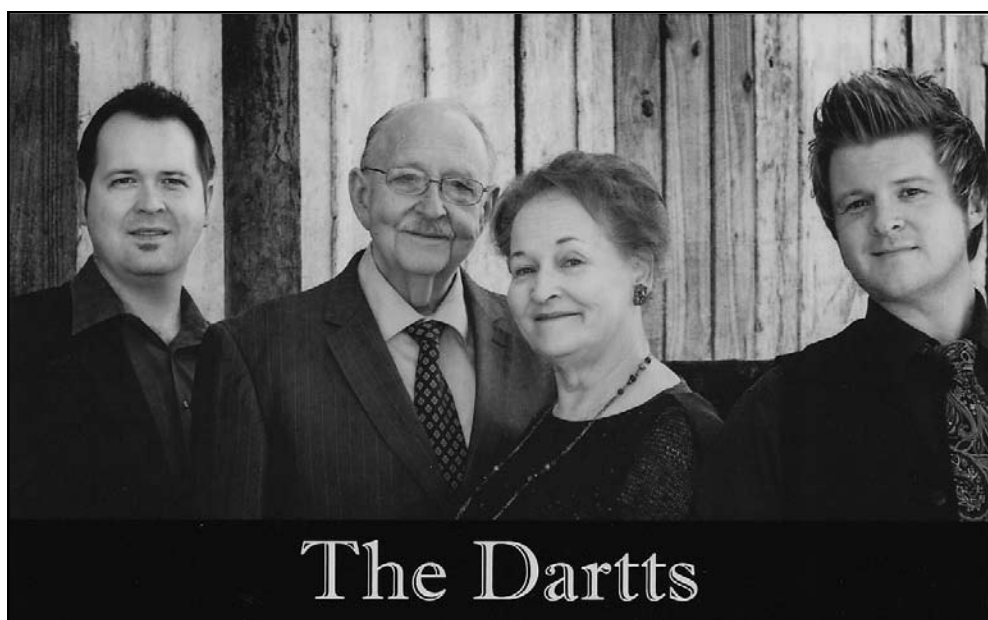
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### Texas women notch first tourney win since '08

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Down 15 late in the first half, Texas appeared well on the way to another first-round exit. A program with three Final Four appearances in its history would bid farewell to a group of seniors with a parting gift of a collection of one-and-dones. Sensing those upper-classmen were perhaps a bit tight, coach Karen Aston turned to the players she calls the “young pups.” She sent Brianna Taylor out to start the

second half, and the freshman needed less than a minute to score a big fast-break bucket. Meanwhile, sophomore center Imani McGee-Stafford scored 15 of her 20 points after halftime to lead the fifth-seeded Longhorns past No. 12 Penn, 79-61. “They just played free tonight,” Aston said. “They played without worrying about a lot of mistakes, and it seemed like the older players were fearful of making mis-

takes.” It was the Longhorns’ first NCAA win since 2008. After failing to make the tournament last year, they ended a skid of four consecutive first-round losses. “I think it absolutely was a step that this program needed to take, should take,” Aston said. “And we’re just looking to take some more, but it was a big one.” McGee-Stafford went 8 for 11 from the field, grabbed 12

rebounds and made all four of her free throws. The Longhorns (22-11) went 18 for 18 from the line for the game and shot 61 percent in the second half to set up a second-round meeting Tuesday with fourth-seeded Maryland. Texas trailed 32-17 late in the first half and 38-31 at halftime, but the stronger, more athletic Longhorns cut down on their turnovers and took advantage of Penn’s foul trouble to pull off a 22-2 run early

in the second half. “I don’t want to say I freaked out about the score, but it was on my mind,” McGee-Stafford said. “I know I only had, like, five points, but I hadn’t taken that many shots, so that said something about my aggression.” Alyssa Baron scored 25 points to lead the Quakers (23-6), who were trying to become only the second Ivy League team to win a game in the women’s tournament.

### ‘Cats end WSU’s season

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall walked slowly through the line for post-game handshakes, congratulating every player from Kentucky on advancing to the Sweet 16. When he shook hands with John Calipari, the Wildcats’ coach whispered, “Marvelous season.” Marvelous, indeed. Just not quite perfect. The top-seeded Shockers were finally beaten by a team stocked with NBA prospects, the end coming when Fred VanVleet’s 3-pointer bounced harmlessly off the rim and the buzzer sounded on a 78-76 loss to the Wildcats in the third round of the NCAA tournament. Cleanthony Early scored 31 points and Ron Baker had 20 for the Shockers (35-1), who hadn’t lost since last year’s Final Four while taking an entire city — and state — on quite a ride.

“It really has been a magic-carpet ride, and to have it end, it’s something that we’re going to have to get used to,” Marshall said with a drained voice, “but I still think in retrospect, we’ll still look back on it and be so proud.” Andrew Harrison had 20 points, Aaron Harrison had 19 and Julius Randle contributed 13 points and 10 rebounds for the No. 8 seed Wildcats (26-10), who advanced to face Louisville on Friday in the Midwest Regional semifinals, at long last playing like the preseason No. 1 team in the country. “I’ve been doing this so long. I’ve been in wars,” Calipari said. “You all understand this was an Elite Eight game. The winner of this should have gone to the Final Four.”



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com). Howard College’s Tatiana Sorokina scrambles to grab a ball near short during the Lady Hawks’ games against Odessa College on Saturday at Foundation Field. Odessa College split its two games with HC on Saturday and handed the Lady Hawks their third loss in a two-day stretch.

### Baltas’ 3 homers help HC split twinbill with Lady Wranglers

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

When the Howard College Lady Hawks needed offense the most in their doubleheader against Western Junior College Athletic Conference rival Odessa College on Saturday, Natalie Baltas came up huge. The Lady Hawks’ standout belted three home runs in the second game of a doubleheader and helped power Howard College to a 14-5 victory at Foundation Field.

Baltas’ three homers were part of

a four home run performance by the HC women, as first baseman Samantha Ohmie continued her home run binge. The afternoon didn’t get off to a great start for the Lady Hawks, now 2-10 overall and 5-3 in WJCAC play. Odessa College pounded out nine hits and grabbed a 5-3 win in Game 1. The win gave Odessa College three straight victories over the Lady Hawks in a 24-hour span. OC swept a doubleheader from Howard Col-

lege on Friday in Odessa. Baltas’ three homers made sure the Lady Wranglers didn’t celebrate too much. Tatiana Sorokina and Ohmie both homered in HC in the first game. Ohmie’s homers marked the third straight game she had exited the park. She also homered in the Lady Hawks 9-6 loss to OC on Friday. The Lady Wranglers, 25-9 and 7-1 in WJCAC Play kicked off their series with Howard on Friday afternoon with a 3-2 victory in Game 1.

### United Way scramble set

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com). Howard College’s Brenon Rhodes tags out a NMJC runner at second base during the Hawks’ game on Saturday at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks will return to play on Friday in Midland. Games start at 1 p.m.

### Profar out 10-12 weeks with shoulder injury

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Jurickson Profar, the prized prospect who was supposed to be the opening day second baseman for the Texas Rangers, will be out an estimated 10 to 12 weeks with a muscle tear in his right shoulder. Assistant general manager Thad Levine made the announcement Sunday. Profar was a late scratch against the San Diego Padres and an MRI revealed the tear, which will not require surgery. “He was going to be our everyday second baseman and is a guy we hoped would take

a meaningful step forward,” Levine said. “We hope he can get better and be a regular for us in the second half, if not a bit before.” Levine said the switch-hitting Profar would have limited baseball activity for the next four to six weeks. He was injured while making the relay throw on an attempted double play Saturday against Kansas City. The 21-year-old Profar struggled in a part-time role as a rookie last season, hitting .234 in 85 games. But the Rangers cleared the way for him. See **INJURY**, Page 10

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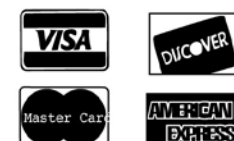
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

### Hardworking Moon

Some believe people are perfect at birth and become less so by having to adapt to family life under the guidance of parents with unresolved issues. Others believe people come into this lifetime with the karma they had at the end of their previous life. Whatever your belief, the Capricorn moon suggests all can be overcome through hard work.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The day's events include pressures that you are not used to. Take your time. Solutions spring from a relaxed frame of mind. Also, many an excellent idea has been born in a hot shower.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). As for the thing you keep trying and failing to accomplish, you're close to a breakthrough. A winning method will be presented to you, and it's something you can stick to. This is going to work!



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**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Getting yourself to focus on what you're supposed to be doing may be difficult, especially when you have the freedom that comes with a few hours to yourself. Anyway, there's something good that comes of veering off course.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Justice will be delivered -- but you'll wonder whether it's really justice. You know a wrong was committed and that punishment was inevitable, but you'll question whether it fits the crime.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). In the natural world, those who are high on the food chain usually have the best chance at survival. This order will be mimicked in the workplace, and your mind will be busy figuring out how to elevate your status.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's as though you found the perfect cleaning product for your mind's eye. With every swipe of your towel, you move toward clarity, and with clarity comes

a handsome reward.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you have a problem that is temporarily affecting your ability to interact the way you normally would, don't be afraid to tell the others involved. You'll find people to be most understanding where you are concerned.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll feel an incredibly strong bond with someone without an apparent reason why. Your limited interaction with this person shouldn't warrant such a fervent connection, and yet you feel the way you do.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's likely that the idea of handling your responsibilities before allowing yourself any fun won't appeal to you one bit. But if you stick to the rules, you'll be proud of yourself when the day is done.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Tranquility can only be achieved in the now moment. A memory of tranquility is only a hollow reminder, and hopes for

tranquility are inherently laced with unrest.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As marathoners know, it takes careful conservation of personal energy to run a long, slow race. The first step toward your success is realizing that this indeed is a long race, and there won't be a prize within the first few miles.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're in a more powerful position than you think. Don't obligate yourself by accepting help too soon. There's a good chance you can work this out on your own.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 24). Life calls, you answer -- and this is the start of an adventure. April brings new friends and updates to your image, too. May will focus on your idea of fun, which will develop in interesting ways. Plug a financial drain in June, and you'll continue to earn more and more through September. There's a proposal in November. Cancer and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 24, 38, 9 and 5.

**MOLEOMANCY SPECIAL:** See the archives for information on birthmarks and moles anywhere on the body above the knees. Continuing on down the body...

**Knees:** In some religions, pilgrims and disciples are asked to crawl to a holy place. Soldiers are knighted on their knees. A man proposes marriage on bended knee. Kneeling in prayer or to take the sacrament is a concept that stretches across multiple religions. In general, knees have to do with status and mobility. In many cultures, to bend a knee to another person is to signal respect and deference. One lowers oneself quite literally to show humility and to indicate the conscious decision to allow the other person to take a higher status.

**Left Knee:** A birthmark here indicates many years of service in hopes of earning the right to a degree, position, rank, award, membership or other position of status. Success in this endeavor is highly likely.

**Right Knee:** This mark indicates a person more likely

to create his or her own system and be the ruler of it. Service still will occur, but as in the case of an entrepreneur who owns a company, instead of working under a boss, the work must be done to appease many "bosses" who are in fact customers and clients.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** His role as Sheldon Cooper of "The Big Bang Theory" has earned him many awards, including two Emmys, but Jim Parsons isn't likely to let such things go to his head. Empathetic Pisces planets and his lucky Jupiter in Aquarius suggest that Parsons is most driven by the prospect that others will be helped by his work, whether by laughter or by leveraging his celebrity to make a difference.

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### Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** Thirty-two years ago, my ex left me for another woman. He was verbally abusive and denigrated the children and me every chance he had. People did not realize what I went through during my marriage. I remarried 23 years ago, and the children are now grown adults. I have no contact with my ex at all unless it involves a major event for our kids, such as a graduation or wedding.

Here's the problem: In the past three years, my sisters have begun asking my ex and his new wife (that same Other Woman) to our family get-togethers, including bridal showers and my nephew's wedding. In turn, my ex has invited my siblings to their family gatherings, including holiday celebrations.

My husband and I cannot understand why my siblings would invite my ex and his wife to family events after all these years. Because of this, we have not attended any family gatherings, which hurts my 84-year-old mother. I have explained to her why we don't show up when we suspect my ex will be present. We always make up for it by visiting her the day before or after.

Annie, I do not want to see my ex or his wife at family functions. They are not family. Two of my sisters have been divorced. I asked whether they would like it if I invited their ex-husbands to my family events. They assured me they will stop.

My mother's birthday is coming up, and my husband and I have decided to go to the party at a restaurant. If my ex shows up, we will leave. Am I wrong not to want to see him anymore?



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

Why do my siblings do this?  
-- *Hurt Feelings*

**Dear Hurt:** It's possible your siblings do this because they think your children would like it. Ask. But when they include your ex, they are saying they prefer his company to yours, which we agree is terribly hurtful, not only to you, but to your mother, and you should let them know. Regardless, they get to invite whomever they choose, and you get to decide whether or not to attend.

**Dear Annie:** For us older folks looking into senior homes, there's a major gap. We've found that while nursing homes get state oversight, senior residences usually are exempt from such scrutiny. However, since many senior citizens have restricted diets, that premise is cruel. Few seniors truly know about food content. Menus fail to specify which items are high-carb or high-sodium.

We need to advocate to close that gap. Since many of your readers have elders in their family, let's seek their help. -- *Salemtowne, Ore.*

**Dear Oregon:** Senior residences are not all alike. While some oversight should exist to prevent

abuses, seniors who are capable of living independently are presumed to be able to handle their own diets. The point of a senior residence is to provide community, activities, transportation and the luxury of having housekeeping assistance and cooked meals. If there is a special diet, most places will try to comply, but you have to tell them and keep tabs on it. Children of seniors who live in these places and believe their parents need nutritional supervision should look into it. And seniors who are considering retirement residences should check out such amenities before making a decision about where to live.

**Dear Annie:** Recently you advised a grieving widower to ask his doctor to recommend a grief counselor.

Many hospices also offer grief counseling to the community, even if you are not connected to a hospice patient. They also offer support groups for people grieving children, parents, spouses or partners. The service is free, although donations are always welcome.

I am a volunteer at a wonderful hospice, and our grief counselors are outstanding -- and busy. -- *Volunteer at Hospice of the Piedmont, N.C.*

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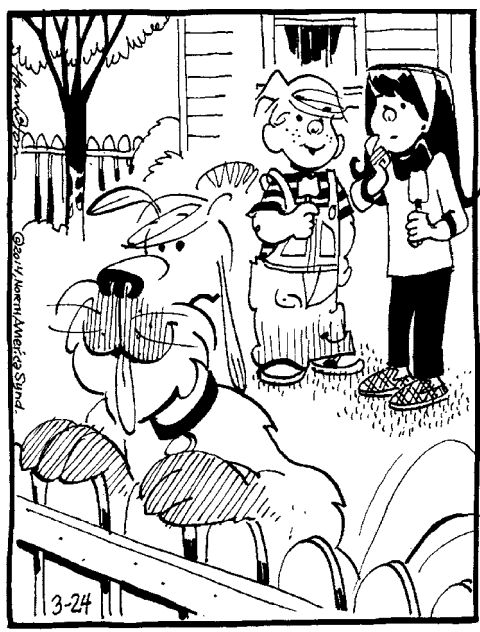
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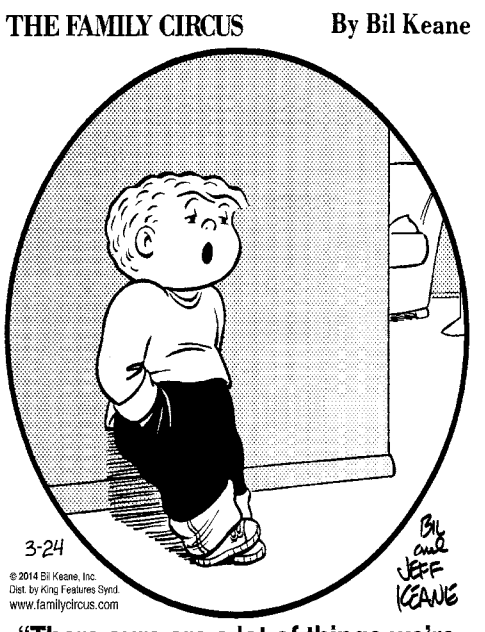
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**HAGAR**



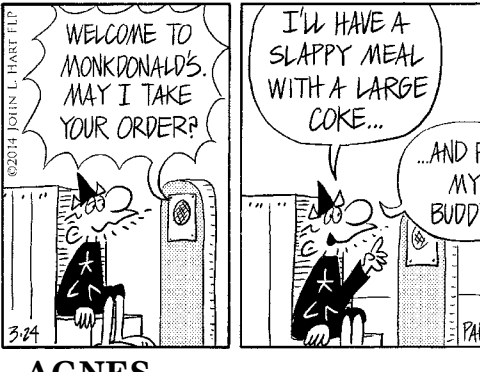
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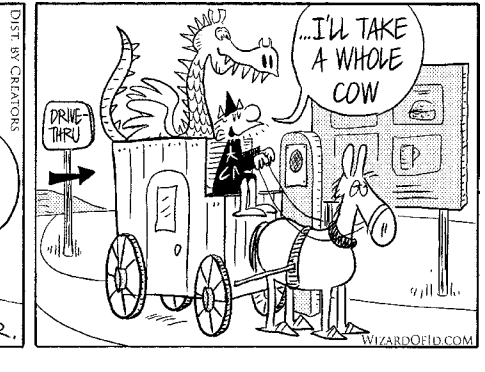
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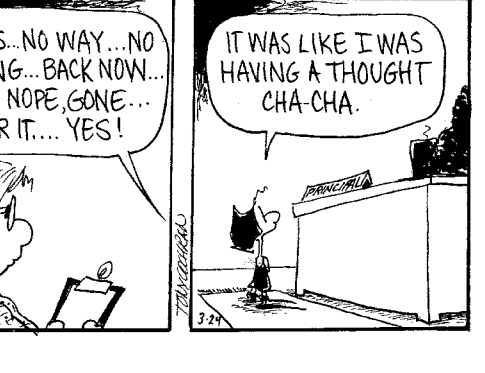
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 6 Siamese or Persian pets  
 10 Norway's capital  
 14 "That's the truth!"  
 15 College grad  
 16 Dressed (in)  
 17 Add decorations to  
 18 Nevada city  
 19 Tex-Mex snack  
 20 Garden nuisances  
 21 Hot-rod vehicle  
 23 Sunrise direction  
 25 Printer-cartridge fillers  
 26 Not for children, as a movie  
 30 Valentine flower instrument  
 32 Woodwind instrument  
 33 Band of traveling actors  
 36 Written promise to pay  
 39 Get help from influential pals  
 42 Approximate takeoff hour: Abbr.  
 43 Russian coins  
 44 Make angry  
 45 Hair-salon goos  
 46 Wobble  
 48 Dairy-farm sounds  
 50 Cowardly Oz visitor  
 52 Prepare to punch  
 55 Go fishing with a net  
 60 Be offended by  
 61 Word of regret  
 62 Spooky  
 63 A single time

**DOWN**  
 1 Chew like a squirrel  
 2 Was a passenger on  
 3 Skin-cream ingredient  
 4 Robin or wren  
 5 Had a hunch about  
 6 Aces and jacks  
 7 Watchful  
 8 Sandwich fish  
 9 Urban pollutant  
 10 Gas-pump rating number  
 11 Hanging loosely  
 12 Shoestrings  
 13 Aroma  
 22 One getting out of bed  
 24 Crafty  
 26 Lasso, for example  
 27 Share a border with  
 28 Broke the news to  
 29 Snake-like fish  
 30 Sneaky plan  
 31 Decides one will  
 34 Confederate soldiers, for short  
 35 Barn dweller that hoots  
 36 "What's \_\_\_ for me?"  
 37 Look impolitely at  
 38 Computer operator  
 40 "Am not!" reply  
 41 Anger  
 45 18-karat, perhaps  
 47 Goes inside  
 48 New Hampshire neighbor  
 49 Fraction of a pound  
 50 Batches of laundry  
 51 Closeup map  
 52 Medical insurance grps.  
 53 Something true  
 54 Make an escape  
 56 Gather, as crops  
 57 Opera solo  
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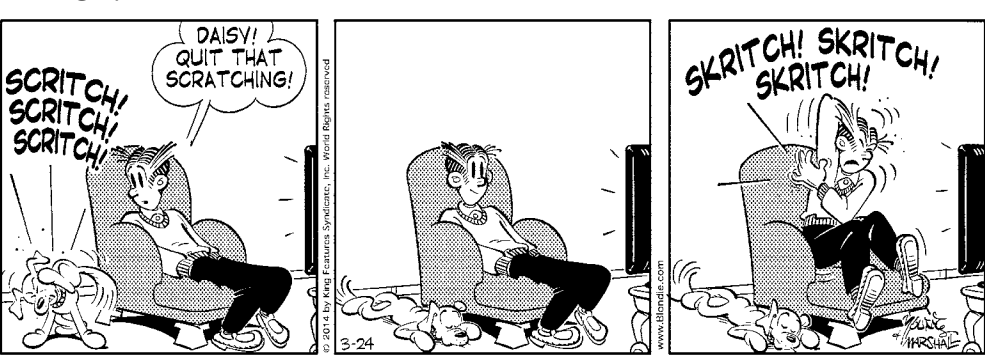
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In 1832, a mob in Hiram, Ohio, attacked, tarred and feathered Mormon leaders Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon. In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch (kohk) announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis. In 1913, New York's Palace Theatre, the legendary home of vaudeville, opened on Broadway. In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines. In 1939, "The Hound of the Baskervilles," the first Sherlock Holmes movie adaptation featuring Basil Rathbone as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famed detective (and Nigel Bruce as Dr. Watson), premiered at the Roxy Theatre in New York. In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that had killed 32 German soldiers.

**Newsday Crossword**

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# JSU seeks legal action against Grambling, SWAC

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Jackson State has asked the Mississippi attorney general to help it explore legal action against Grambling State and perhaps the Southwestern Athletic Conference to recover as much as \$600,000 lost when Grambling's football team refused to travel to Jackson State's homecoming game.

Documents obtained through an open records request show that Jackson State has been pushing the Mississippi attorney general's office for five months to pursue legal action, The Clarion-Ledger reported Sunday.

In a Nov. 5 email to Deputy Attorney General Onetta S. Whitley, Jackson State interim counsel Matthew Taylor wrote, "What JSU will likely need is guidance on the procedural process to have AG approval to pursue litigation against Grambling and the SWAC." He also asked for a public statement of support from Hood's office: "We need to have our JSU family ensured that the university is acting in good faith and with the full support of the AG's office."

The university's persistence and the newspaper's inquiries have

led Attorney General Jim Hood to review the plea for help.

Grambling's players boycotted the Jackson State game because of issues including Grambling's run-down facilities, long bus trips to road games and personnel decisions.

Jackson State's vice president of finance, Michael Thomas, said losing the homecoming game money has put the Mississippi school's budget out of balance for the first time in years.

The Institutions of Higher Learning requires a balanced budget each year, and Jackson State has had one

"for a few years now. For the first time in years, JSU is requesting from IHL an exception to this policy," he said.

Ticket refunds accounted for about \$475,000 of the estimated \$540,000 to \$600,000 total, Jackson State officials wrote SWAC officials in an email on Nov. 1.

According to the documents, a Nov. 8 statement from SWAC Commissioner Duer Sharp said Grambling must pay Jackson State \$50,000 and play JSU in Jackson each of the next three seasons.

But the \$50,000 will be "taken out of future con-

ference distributions," Sharp said.

The conference's public statement on Nov. 13 said Grambling would face financial penalties but did not give the figure. Grambling spokesman Will Sutton had said earlier that it would be \$20,000.

And although Grambling will play in Jackson in 2014 through 2016, JSU gets only one extra home game in the annual series over the next four years. The

2015 game was already scheduled in Jackson. And the 2017 game, originally scheduled in Jackson, has been changed to Grambling, SWAC officials notified JSU on Wednesday.

Grambling spokesman Will Sutton spoke about the matter only in general terms, and would not say whether Grambling believed the penalties were fair or JSU's loss estimates accurate, the newspaper reported.

## Kyle Busch wins again at Fontana after wild finish

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — With tires and tempers blowing up all over the track for 400 crazy miles, Kyle Busch stayed calm and relied on his remarkable knack for big finishes at Fontana.

Busch won on this 2-mile oval for the second straight year Sunday, holding off Kyle Larson, Tony Stewart and his older brother Kurt on a frantic two-lap sprint to the finish.

Kyle Busch capably blocked Larson and outlasted a crowded field to win a race featuring a track-record 35 lead changes and numerous tire problems. Busch stayed out of trouble and roared up late for his

second straight stunner in Southern California, following up the Las Vegas native's final-lap surge to victory a year ago.

"Holy cow, what do you expect when you've got a green-white-checkered finish and everybody has to come down pit road and put four tires on?" Busch asked after his third career win at Fontana. "That was 'Days of Thunder' right there."

With his 29th career Sprint Cup victory in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, Kyle Busch is NASCAR's fifth winner in five races already this season. He led just five laps — the fewest of his career in a win.

Jimmie Johnson was comfortably in front when he blew a tire with seven laps left, precipitating the wild finish. Jeff Gordon moved in front until Clint Bowyer spun with two laps to go, setting up an overtime finish.

Gordon was hoping to finish on old tires when Bowyer spun, but then

electd to pit along with most of the leaders. Kurt Busch gambled with just two tires, allowing him to restart in second, but his younger brother came up from fifth in the final two laps to win.

"I came off the fourth turn in disbelief that we won this thing, because we were mediocre all day," Kyle Busch said.

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## Sudoku Answer on Page 3

# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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			8			5		
		8			2			4
	2						3	
		9	2		1	4		
	3					6		
	1		6			7		
		4			8			
6				1		9		4

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## Tennessee ends Mercer's NCAA run with 83-63 romp

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Jarnell Stokes had 17 points and a career-high-tying 18 rebounds, and Tennessee denied Mercer a second straight upset in the NCAA tournament by routing the Bears 83-63 on Sunday.

Josh Richardson had a career-high 26 points and Antonio Barton had 18 for the 11th-seeded Vols (24-12), who out-rebounded Mercer 41-19 and kept the Southeastern Conference perfect in the tournament.

They joined Florida and Kentucky in the round of 16 — the first time three SEC teams made it that far since 2007.

Tennessee will face second-seeded Michigan (27-8) in a Midwest Regional semifinal.

Stokes broke his 2-day-old school tournament record for rebounds.

Langston Hall had 15 points to lead the 14th-seeded Bears (27-9). They knocked off Duke in the signature upset of the tournament but couldn't answer Tennessee's size.

Mercer trailed by double figures for the entire second half before the Bears threatened to give themselves yet another fantastic finish.

They had the ball down 12 with about 2½ minutes left when Jakob Gollon — one of the heroes of the Duke upset two days earlier — threw the ball away in the lane, then fouled out a few seconds later.

Jordan McRae hit two free throws, and Richardson added a fast-break layup to push the Tennessee lead to 77-61 with 1½ minutes left.

McRae finished with 13 points for the Volunteers.

## INJURY

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minor league camp, apparently leaving Adam Rosales and Josh Wilson as the leading candidates for the role of utility infielder.

Now, the Rangers must decide whether to fill the void at second base with those players or look elsewhere.

"This just gives someone else an opportunity to show what they can do," manager Ron Washington said after an 11-7 loss to the Padres. "Our job is to keep (the) clubhouse in order and do the best we can to help them continue to believe, because I believe."

Profar's injury comes with shortstop Elvis Andrus battling forearm soreness and catcher Geovany Soto having trouble with his right knee. The rotation is unsettled because of injuries and other issues.

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### Famous Hand

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A 5  
♥ 10 9 4  
♦ A K 10 3 2  
♣ 10 7 4

**WEST**  
♠ 9 6  
♥ K J 8 7 3 2  
♦ Q J 7  
♣ Q J

**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 8 7  
♥ 6 5  
♦ 9 5 4  
♣ K 9 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 4 3 2  
♥ A Q  
♦ 8 6  
♣ A 8 6 5

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 1♣ Pass  
1NT Pass 2♠ Pass  
2♦ Pass 2♥ Dble  
Pass Pass Redble All Pass!  
Opening lead — two of hearts.  
**Odd things** sometimes happen even in world championships. For example, take this deal from the match between Italy and Australia in 1976. With Arturo Franco North and Benito Garozzo South for Italy, the bidding went as shown, ending with the Italian pair playing in two hearts redoubled on a 3-2 trump fit! Furthermore, despite West's K-J-8-7-3-2 of trumps, the contract could not be

defeated!  
**West led a trump**, won by South with the queen. Garozzo cashed the A-K of spades and led a third spade. West could have ruffed with the jack and led another trump, but this would not have prevented declarer from scoring dummy's ten of hearts later by ruffing a fourth round of spades. West realized this and therefore discarded a club on the third spade.

**Garozzo ruffed** with dummy's nine, led a club to his ace and played another spade. This time West ruffed high and returned a trump, but he was fighting a losing battle. Garozzo finished with three trump tricks — the queen, nine and ace — plus the A-K of spades, A-K of diamonds and ace of clubs for a total of eight tricks and a score of 790 points.

**At the other table**, with Australia North-South, the bidding went:  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 1♣ Pass  
1NT Pass 3NT  
**East led a heart**, dummy's queen losing to the king, and West returned a heart to the ace. Declarer led a diamond to his ten, which won, and scored nine tricks for plus 600 when the diamonds divided 3-3. So Italy gained only 190 points on the deal, but it was all very exciting while it lasted.

Tomorrow: Luck is not the only factor.  
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