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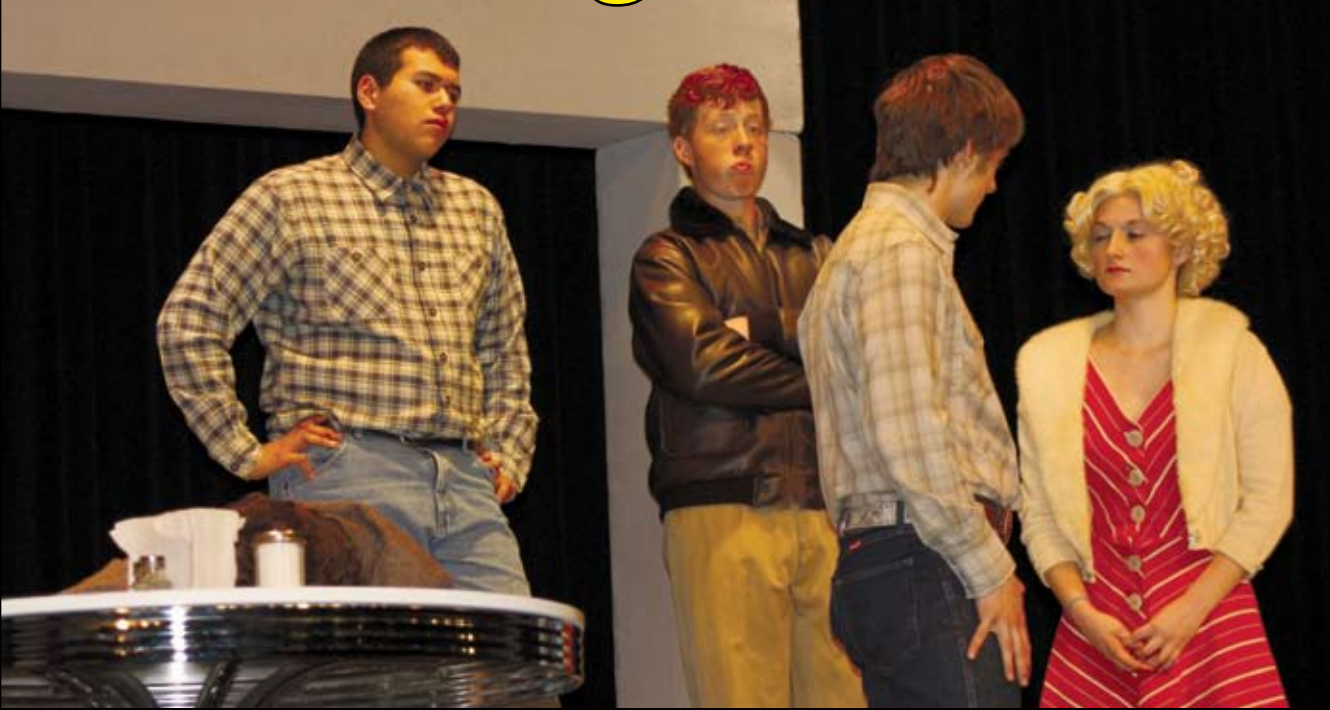
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The show goes on



HERALD Photo/Julie Bass

Members of the Big Spring High School drama department practice a scene from "Bus Stop" for their upcoming University Interscholastic League District One Act Play competition this Saturday in Snyder. Shown from left are Oscar Alvarado, Matthew Wood, Dakota Jones and Kehly Trojan.

BSHS thespians ready to take one act play to district meet

By JULIE BASS

Staff Writer

They're ready to take the stage. The Big Spring High School Theater Production class will compete Saturday at Snyder High School for the University Interscholastic League District One Act Play competition.

The six schools competing are Big Spring, Lamesa, Levelland, Snyder, Sweetwater and Lubbock Estacado.

The Big Spring students will perform "Bus Stop" by William Inge.

BSHS drama teacher Chelsea Prettyman said the play is about a diner in rural Kansas in early March 1955.

There has been a blizzard, forcing the bus to stop at the diner for the night to wait out the storm. Cherie, a girl on the bus, is trying to get away from the cowboy, Bo, who keeps trying to marry her.

The cast includes:

- Elma – Rikki Salgado, 12th grade
- Grace – Michelle Phipps, 11th grade
- Will – Matthew Wood, 11th grade
- Cherie – Kehly Trojan, 10th grade
- Dr. Lyman – Corbin Stevens, 12th grade
- Carl – Scott Cantrell, ninth grade

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WTC's Hoops, Dreams & Goals Friday

Special to the Herald

March Madness is coming to Big Spring Friday. Teams from across West Texas will compete in the 11th Annual Hoops, Dreams and Goals Basketball Tournament at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"The country may have March Madness that they love and embrace, but at West Texas Centers, we have our own version of March Madness, and that's 'Hoops, Dreams and Goals,'" West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith said.

"We were looking for a special event many years ago that our consumers could enjoy in honor of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Awareness Month," Smith added. "We thought that basketball was something that everyone could enjoy from those who like to compete, to those who like to support through pep squads and cheerleading. It just took off that first year and we have enjoyed it every year since."

Ten basketball teams will make their entrance down the ramp to the home floor of the Howard College Hawks at 8:30 a.m. — accompanied by the raucous beat of the Big Spring High School Drum

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 West Texas Centers CEO

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Cars, Stars and Handlebars:

BSSH benefit gala tickets going fast

Special to the Herald

A limited number of Cars, Stars and Handlebars tickets are available for sale for the April 18 fund-raiser at the Big Spring Country Club.

"The last two years, tickets sold out more than a week in advance of the event," long-time chairman Stacy Barr said. "I had people calling me desperate for a ticket but there was nothing I could do. Once all the tickets are sold, we're done. We can't print any more tickets."

The Volunteer Services Council fund-raiser which earns money for the patients at Big Spring State Hospital is a reverse drawing with the winner taking home his or her choice of a brand-new vehicle. Only 750 tickets are made available.

Each \$100 donation gives the ticket holder and one guest entry to the evening of

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Stacy Barr
 event chairperson

fun, hors d'oeuvres and musical entertainment and the opportunity to take home a new vehicle.

Cars, Stars and Handlebars will kick off at 5 p.m. April 19 at the Big Spring Country Club, 2401 Driver Rd., with hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6 p.m.

This year's event is chaired again by Barr.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council will give away a 2015 vehicle before the festive evening is over.

"Winners do not need to be present to win the vehicle, but if they are one of the last 10 ticket holders in the reverse drawing, they must be present if they would like to sell their ticket to a bidder," Barr said.

The winner will choose between a 2015 Harley-Davidson Freewheel, a 2015 Chevy

Camaro LT, or a 2015 Ford Escape.

The runner-up will take home a 50-inch flat-screen TV from Harris Ace Hardware.

The Volunteer Services Council gave Cars, Stars and Handlebars Committee members 750 tickets to pre-sell, Barr said.

"The last week leading up to the event is always busy for people who still have tickets to sell," she said. "We try to remind everyone that when they are gone, they are gone so we encourage everyone to get them early."

Tickets are available from committee members Stacy Barr; Adrian Calvio, Teresa and Todd Darden, Buddy and Ann Duncan; Leslie and Justin Hobbs; Brenna and Noel Hoff; Jeanie Knocke, Justin and Sara Myers; Suzanne Markwell; John Paul and Kristen Nichols; and Brenda

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Obituaries

Auriel Arthur LaFond



Auriel Arthur LaFond, 84, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 24, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28, 2015, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park at a later date.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Auriel was born July 30, 1930, in Manitowoc, Wis. to the late Arthur and Mary LaFond. He married Joan Starzyk, Jan. 30, 1954, in Munising, Mich. Auriel was an educator, teaching both math and science there. He moved his family to Big Spring in 1965 to be a part of Gamco Industries, an educational products company.

He eventually became the president of the company and retired when the headquarters moved out

of state. After retirement, Auriel continued to teach high school and college classes. He was a chemistry professor at Howard College and was currently a tutor at Big Spring High School.

He was a faithful member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and loved sharing his faith.

Auriel is survived by his wife, Joan LaFond of Big Spring; one daughter, Deanna and husband, Don Reynolds, of McKinney; a grandson, Trey Reynolds; a granddaughter, Faith Reynolds; one brother, Darrell LaFond and wife, Sharon of Green Bay, Wis.; a sister, Viette Hornick and brother-in-law, Roger Balthazor, both of Marinette, Wis.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Velda Balthazor; and a brother-in-law, Joe Hornick.

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

Paid obituary

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DIJUAN EDWARD AUSBIE**, 26, of 1100 Pickens St. was arrested on a warrant for other agency.

- **DAVID ERIVES**, 22, of Stanton, was arrested on charges of theft more than \$50 but less than \$500.

- **BRUCE SAWYER HUTTO**, 63, of Odessa was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported at the intersection of Aylesford and 9th St.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1300 block of 4th St. and the 800

block of W. FM 700.

- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of S. Gregg St., the 1000 block of N. Lamesa Hwy. and the intersection of Scurry and 4th St.

- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 500 block of E. 14th St.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80 and the 200 block of W. FM 700.

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

Note - Officials with the How-

ard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report:

- **RODNEY ROBLES**, 46, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for sentenced for driving while intoxicated 3rd conviction.

- **BRUCE SAWYER HUTTO**, 63, was booked by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication.

- **DAVID ANDREW ERIVES**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property more than \$50 but less than \$500 and a warrant for criminal mischief more than \$500.

- **DIJUAN EDWARD AUSBIE**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.

Take Note

- **BSHS Senior 2015 After Prom** committee will host a fundraiser Saturday at 8 a.m. at the west doors of Walmart. They will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts.

- **Mitchell County Senior Citizens** will host a dance, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday at the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd St., Colorado City. The dance will feature live music by Mike Porter and Kevin Rainwater. Cost is \$5 per person.

- **Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair** is scheduled for April 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 8 a.m. until noon. Admission is free. There will be health screenings, demonstrations, car seat check up, bike rodeo and more. For more information, call the chamber at 432-263-7641.

- For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.

- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

- The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office

work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- **Crossroads Hospice** needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- **A hungry child cannot learn.** Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

- **Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67** meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

- **Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598** meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- 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. Cost is \$8 per person.

- **Victim Services** is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- **Big Spring and surrounding counties** are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- The mission of **CASA of West Texas** is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- **Mobile meals** is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

- **Spring Tabernacle Ministries**, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

Carl Herron

Carl Herron, 81, of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 25, 2015 in Fort Worth. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

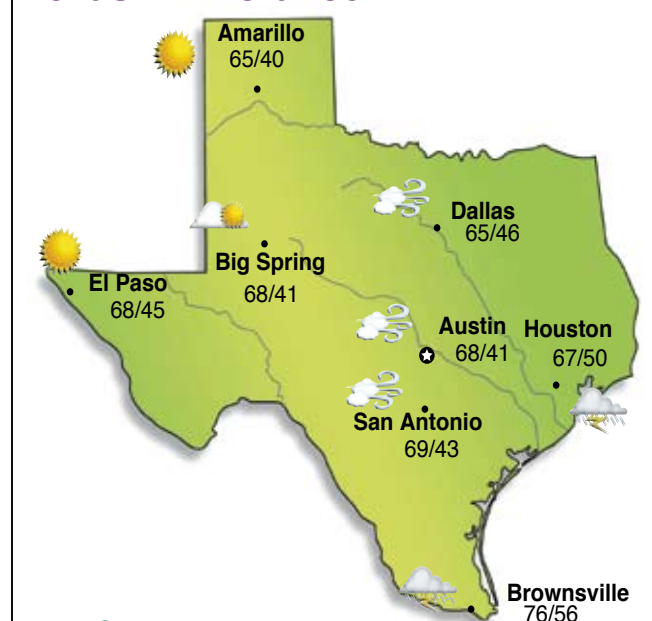
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28	Sun 3/29	Mon 3/30	Tue 3/31
68/41 Partly cloudy skies. High 68F. Winds NNE at 10 to 20 mph.	82/50 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	88/56 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	91/57 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.	82/55 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM

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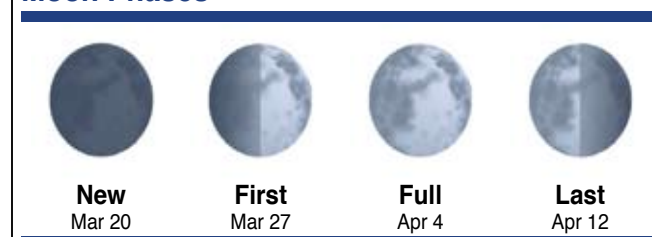
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	65	43	windy	Kingsville	72	47	t-storm
Amarillo	65	40	sunny	Livingston	64	44	t-storm
Austin	68	41	windy	Longview	63	40	cloudy
Beaumont	68	45	t-storm	Lubbock	67	40	sunny
Brownsville	76	56	t-storm	Lufkin	66	44	rain
Brownwood	65	40	pt sunny	Midland	67	43	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	70	48	t-storm	Raymondville	76	54	t-storm
Corsicana	64	41	windy	Rosenberg	66	44	t-storm
Dallas	65	46	windy	San Antonio	69	43	windy
Del Rio	72	45	windy	San Marcos	68	44	windy
El Paso	68	45	sunny	Sulphur Springs	63	42	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	63	44	pt sunny	Sweetwater	65	45	pt sunny
Gainesville	64	41	pt sunny	Tyler	65	41	pt sunny
Greenville	64	40	pt sunny	Weatherford	66	43	pt sunny
Houston	67	50	t-storm	Wichita Falls	65	42	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	46	foggy	Minneapolis	38	20	mst sunny
Boston	54	42	rain	New York	60	45	rain
Chicago	43	24	pt sunny	Phoenix	86	57	sunny
Dallas	65	46	windy	San Francisco	78	54	sunny
Denver	63	38	mst sunny	Seattle	69	49	pt sunny
Houston	67	50	t-storm	St. Louis	53	35	pt sunny
Los Angeles	89	64	sunny	Washington, DC	75	47	rain
Miami	85	75	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28	Sun 3/29	Mon 3/30	Tue 3/31
8	8	8	8	8
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Support Groups

FRIDAY
• 7p.m. — The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open

birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meet-

ing 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• Reformers Anonymous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church.

News in brief

Iran says Saudi airstrikes in Yemen a 'dangerous step' as crisis draws in region heavyweights

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Saudi Arabia launched airstrikes Thursday targeting military installations in Yemen held by Shiite rebels who were taking over a key port city in the country's south and had driven the embattled president to flee by sea, security officials said. Some of the strikes hit positions in the country's capital, Sanaa.

The airstrikes, which had the support of nine other countries, drew a strong reaction from Iran which called the operation an "invasion" and a "dangerous step" that will worsen the crisis in the country.

The back-and-forth between the regional heavyweights was threatening to turn impoverished Yemen into a proxy battle between the Middle East's Sunni powers and Shiite-led Iran.

Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya News reported that the kingdom had deployed 100 fighter jets, 150,000 soldiers and other navy units.

The Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, were calling on their supporters to protest in the streets of Sanaa on Thursday afternoon, Yemen's Houthi-controlled state news agency SABA reported.

As Shiite rebels from north sweep over Yemen, calls grow in south for independence

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — The flag of once-independent South Yemen is visible everywhere around this port city, once the country's capital. The banner — red, white, black and blue with a red star — is painted on walls, flown from homes, and flutters from the vehicles and checkpoints of militiamen in the streets.

"We want freedom," declares an English-language slogan spray-painted on a wall on a main road. An-

other proclaims: "The Free South."

Calls among southern Yemenis to break away once more are accelerating as the country collapses into conflict. Shiite rebels known as Houthis have taken over the capital, Sanaa, and much of the north, and are storming south in a bid to secure their hold on the country. President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi was first driven out of Sanaa, then tried to make a last stand in the southern city of Aden. But on Wednesday, he fled the city — and the country.

On Thursday, Saudi Arabia began launching airstrikes in Yemen in a bid to oust the Houthi rebels from their strongholds.

Hadi's supporters remain behind, including army units loyal to him and militiamen. But many in the south are likely to fight not so much to try to restore Hadi's rule but to carve out their independence. Fueling the separatist sentiment in the almost completely Sunni south is the widespread belief that the Houthis are proxies for Shiite powerhouse Iran to dominate the country. Moreover, the Houthis' top ally is Yemen's former autocratic leader, Ali Abdullah Saleh, who ruled for nearly 40 years until his ouster in 2011 and was widely hated in the south.

Official: 1 pilot apparently locked out of cockpit before Germanwings plane crashed

PARIS (AP) — An official with knowledge of the audio recordings from the Germanwings flight that crashed in the Alps says one of the pilots apparently was locked out of the cockpit when the plane went down.

The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation, told The Associated Press on Thursday that the details emerged from recordings recovered from the black box found among the debris of the aircraft.

The New York Times earlier quoted an unidentified investigator as saying someone can be heard knocking on the cockpit door. The Times quoted the source as saying: "And then he hits the door stronger and no answer. There is never an answer."

The Airbus A320, on a flight from Barcelona to Duesseldorf, inexplicably began to descend from cruising altitude and slammed into a remote mountainside in the French Alps on Tuesday, killing all 150 people on board.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, airlines in the U.S. don't leave one pilot alone in the cockpit. The standard operating procedure is that if one of the pilots leaves — for example to use the toilet — a flight attendant takes their spot in the cockpit.

US, Iran nuclear talks enter critical phase with deadline for framework deal just days away

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Nuclear negotiations between the United States and Iran entered a critical phase on Thursday with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry meeting his Iranian counterpart less than a week away from an end-of-month deadline to secure the outline of a deal.

With the clock ticking, Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and their teams huddled Thursday in the Swiss resort town of Lausanne on Lake Geneva trying to overcome still significant gaps after nearly two years of negotiations between Iran and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany. The top diplomats from Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia are expected to join the talks if the U.S. and Iran are close to an agreement.

U.S. officials say the March 31 deadline is achievable but remains uncertain. En route to Switzerland with Kerry on Wednesday, one official said the American side "can see a path forward to get to agreement" by the end of March.

GALA

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Bodine. Tickets also can be purchased BBVA Compass Bank, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Howard County Feed, Klasic Kleaners, Lone Star Bank, Prosperity Bank, State Nation-

al Bank, The Leopard Heart, Wells Fargo Bank and Western Bank.

Tickets also can be purchased from the Community Relations Office at Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Highway 87. For more information, please call 432-268-7535 or 268-7536 or email Interim Community Relations Di-

rector Mique Yarbar at mique.yarbar@dshs.state.tx.us

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council has sponsored a social fund-raiser for the past 20 years with a goal of \$35,000 to \$45,000. Fund-raisers, donations and money earned at The Chalet, a retail shop run by state

hospital volunteers, pay for items that customers need but the state does not fund.

Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed hospital in Big Spring which serves people with mental illness. The hospital is one of Big Spring's largest employers.

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Dora Perches, 74, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

PLAY

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- Bo - Dakota Jones, 12th grade
- Virgil - Oscar Alva-

rado, 10th grade

They will perform at 2 p.m., but Prettyman recommends that friends and family get to the Snyder High School auditorium by 1:30 p.m. in

case the performance starts early.

There will be a public performance at Big Spring High School at a later date, Prettyman said.

HOOPS

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Line — where they will be met by Howard College and BSHS cheerleaders.

Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan and 118th District Judge Tim Yeats will greet team members, cheerleaders and guests and welcome them to a day of basketball with an inspirational pep rally punctuated by bursts of pump-up music.

"It's truly the best day to work at West Texas Centers," Smith said. "Everyone looks forward to this day the minute we drape medals around their necks from last year's event. It's a fun day for not only our consumers, but for our staff who help them prepare for this day."

Teams from the 23 counties served by West Texas Centers will compete throughout the day along with teams from the Betty Hardwick Center, Permian Basin Community Centers, and MHMR Services for

the Concho Valley.

Teams participating in bracket play are: the 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, organizers said.

Team members will be accompanied by coaches, cheerleaders, pep squads and friends and family, totaling more than 1,100 people, Smith said.

"We always have large crowds, and we love it, as do our consumers."

Practices have been underway for the past few months, not only on the hardwood but for cheerleaders and the pep squads, as well, Smith said. Not only do the teams battle it out on the court, but so do the men and women who lend support to the teams.

"We award the coveted 'Spirit Stick' at the end of the day-long competition," Smith said. "That is awarded to the

teams and the fans who display a high level of spirit even when watching other teams play. Our judges watch them throughout the day. It's almost as sought-after as much as a first place trophy for the basketball competition."

"Our athletes enjoy participating in front of their fans," Smith said. "I hope everyone comes out and watches our athletes play basketball and cheer and perform their skits for the fans. It's just such a joyous day for everyone in attendance."

The event is sponsored by West Texas Centers, Howard College, The Arc of Howard County, ALON USA, Atmos Energy, Kent Companies, Gallagher Benefit Services Inc., KBST Radio Stations, KBYG Radio Stations, State National Bank, SUPEROD, Stellar Automation, Prescription Services Inc., and Cowboys Steakhouse.

The event is free and open to the public.

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Now let's hop to it: Decorate this Easter picture with your favorite colors, then send it to us for your chance to win!



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Zimmer 'expects' Peterson to be with Vikings

PHOENIX (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings don't plan to trade Adrian Peterson and fully expect him to be with the team for the 2015 season.

His agent and Peterson believe otherwise.

Vikings coach Mike Zimmer was emphatic about keeping Peterson at the NFL owners' meetings Wednesday.

"We're good to go. I mean, he's under contract and we expect him to honor it," Zimmer said. "I think when he goes into the Hall of Fame, he's going to want to go in with the jersey that everyone remembers him as. That will be as a Viking."

Not so fast, agent Ben Dogra

told The Associated Press.

"Adrian and I feel it is in his best interest, and it would be his desire, to play elsewhere in the NFL," Dogra said. "This is not personal in any way, it is business."

Peterson's contract has three years remaining, with a \$12.75 million salary for 2015. None of the remaining money on the deal is guaranteed.

Peterson, 30, has not yet been reinstated by the NFL from his suspension under the personal conduct policy. The star running back and 2012 league MVP has balked at returning to the team, questioning the Minnesota organization's support of him after he was

suspended for disciplining his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch. The case was resolved in court with a plea bargain.

"I think we are pretty firm," Zimmer said. "I think we handled everything the way we are allowed to handle it."

"At times we were not able to speak with him, which really is kind of ridiculous because of the (league) rules."

Peterson currently is on the commissioner's exempt list while the NFL appeals a federal judge's decision to nullify an arbitration ruling that upheld his suspension.

Dogra said the standstill comes down to how the Vikings view his client.

"I would like to have their position in writing, and they have not done so," Dogra said. "Is Adrian the face of their franchise or is he in their mind a 30-year-old running back? I want them to tell (us) that."

Asked if he thought Peterson and Dogra were trying to force the Vikings' hand, resulting in a trade, Zimmer didn't hesitate in responding.

"I'm not going to speculate on what he wants and doesn't want, but Adrian's under contract for three more years for us," Zimmer said. "And that's why you get these big bonuses."

Dogra noted that there are

no ulterior motives on his and Peterson's part.

"I will work in the best interest of my client," he said, adding that he and his partners at Relativity Sports, Eugene Parker and Doug Hendrickson, have nothing against the Vikings or Zimmer. "We had Shaun Hill sign with the Vikings to be Teddy Bridgewater's backup (quarterback), and we signed Terence Newman there as a free agent so he could return to play with Mike Zimmer."

In Zimmer's first year as coach, Minnesota had Peterson for just the season opener, when he rushed for 75 yards in a 34-6 win at St. Louis.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Cierra Martinez slides into second base during the Lady Steers' 12-0 win over Lubbock Estacado on Tuesday. The BSHS girls, who are tied with Snyder for the District 2-4A lead with 2-0 records, will travel to Levelland on Friday.

Lady Steers tied with Snyder atop District 2-4A standings

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

One-fifth of the way through their District 2-4A schedule, the Big Spring High School Lady Steers are finding themselves right in the position they wanted to be — in first.

Keyed by a 12-0 victory over the Lubbock Estacado Lady Matadors on Tuesday afternoon at the Big Spring ISD Sports Complex, the Lady Steers moved into a tie for first place in the district standings with the state-ranked Snyder Lady Tigers. Both teams head into their Friday games with perfect 2-0 marks in District 2-4A action.

The Lady Steers, now 10-3 for the season under new head coach Howell Martin, will get a chance to solidify their position at the team on Friday when they face off with the Levelland Loboettes, beginning at 5 p.m. in Levelland.

Martin replaced longtime BSHS softball coach John Sparks at the

DISTRICT 2-4A SOFTBALL		
	District	Season
Snyder	2-0	13-5
Big Spring	2-0	10-3
Levelland	1-1	x-x
Sweetwater	1-1	9-6
Lubbock Estacado	0-2	5-10
Lamesa	0-2	NA

Tuesday's Results

Snyder 15, Lamesa 0
Sweetwater 19 Levelland 9
Big Spring 12, Lubbock Estacado 0

helm of the Lady Steers' program this season. Bryon Seal and Tonia Pilgrim serve as assistants coaches.

In Levelland, the Lady Steers will be facing a Loboette team that is coming off a solid offensive effort in a loss to Sweetwater on Tuesday. The Loboettes fell to Sweetwater by a 19-9 margin.

Big Spring, too, is coming off a strong offensive showing. Makenzie Roberts and the BSHS girls pounded

out 10 runs in the second inning on Tuesday and cruised to a run-rule win over Estacado.

BSHS pitcher Mariah sarmiento also starred for the Lady Steers by hurling a no-hitter at the Lady Matadors.

A victory over the Loboettes on Friday would also set up a huge game for Big Spring on April 2 when the team travels to Snyder. A win by Big Spring over Levelland, along with a win by Snyder over Lubbock Estacado, would send the two District 2-4A powers into a showdown for the district lead.

Levelland and Sweetwater are tied for second in the district standings with 1-1 records, although Sweetwater currently owns the tie-breaker, at this point, due to its win.

Lamesa and Estacado reside ion the 2-4A cellar. Both teams are 0-2 in district play.

Lamesa is scheduled to play Sweetwater on Friday.

Garrett: Hardy must do 'right things from the beginning'

PHOENIX (AP) — Dallas coach Jason Garrett says Greg Hardy must "do the right things from the beginning" to be part of the Cowboys.

Garrett said the team did an extensive examination of Hardy's background before signing him.

"Like with any other player, you have to do your research about him and talk to people," Garrett told reporters during the NFC coaches' availability

at the NFL meeting on Wednesday. "We had extensive talks with people going all the way back to high school."

The talented but troubled defensive end was convicted in North Carolina last July of assaulting a female and communicating harassment, but the case was dismissed after Hardy reached a settlement with the victim.

"Obviously he's one of the real good players at his posi-

tion in the league," Garrett said. "But our job is to make sure he comes in and does the right things from the beginning."

Garrett said the Cowboys weren't alone in trying to sign Hardy.

"There were some other people interested in him. There was competition," he said. "... We investigated him as a player, researched him as a person and decided this would

be a good move for our football team."

Hardy signed a one-year, \$13 million free agent contract with the Cowboys, with only \$1 million guaranteed. The rest of the money is tied to incentives.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said at his news conference Wednesday that the league continues to review Hardy's case to determine if discipline is warranted.

Forsan nets 17-7 rout of Roby

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Ryan Pearson had a monumental performance on Tuesday afternoon and helped carry the Forsan High School Buffaloes to an impressive 17-7 rout of the Roby Lions high school baseball action in Forsan.

Pearson pounded out four hits in the game, including three singles and a double. He also reached base a fifth time by drawing a base-on-balls.

Blaze Yeater and Trevor Williams also enjoyed solid outings in the victory. Yeater posted three singles while Williams added two more singles.

As a team, the Buffaloes roughed up the Lions' pitching staff for 13 hits.

Kaleb Stanley led the Buffaloes with three runs batted in, Ethan Rocha and Yeater both added two RBIs, while Garrett Kligora, Braden East, Jesse Cervantes and Oscar Barraza each had one RBI.

Walker Park lead the Buffaloes with four runs scored.

Yeater got the win for the Buffaloes, allowing just three runs in his two innings of work. Rocha, East and Ehren Hillger also saw time on the mound for the Buffaloes.

With the win, Forsan ran its record to 9-2 for the season and, more importantly, moved to 3-0 in district play.

The Buffaloes will be back in action on Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m. in Ira.

Reds claim 5-0 win over Texas

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Anthony DeSclafani struck out nine in six impressive innings, pitching the Cincinnati Reds to a 5-0 win over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

The Reds got five hits off starter Ross Detwiler in a four-run second.

DeSclafani was acquired from Miami in the offseason trade that sent Mat Latos to the Marlins. The right-hander permitted four hits and wriggled out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth.

Brandon Phillips and Zack Cozart had run-scoring singles off Detwiler, obtained in an off-season trade with the Nationals.

The four-run inning marred an otherwise solid outing for Detwiler. Two of Cincinnati's hits were bad-hop singles.

"I remember a couple pitches that were higher than I thought," Detwiler said.

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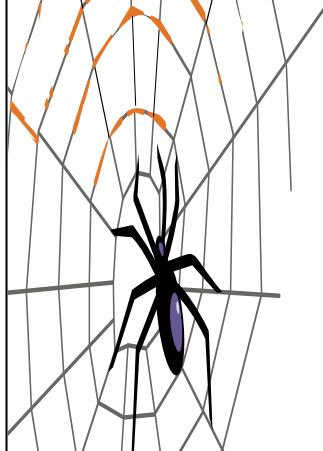
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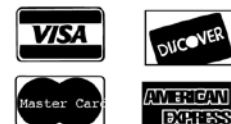
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus in Taurus
Check-In

Venus exploring the early part of Taurus tunes us in to the many ways we can fill our experience with beautiful sights, sounds, tastes, smells and physical feelings. This sensual passage also has a way of making us think that these pleasures are worth whatever amount money is being asked for them. True quality cannot be bought.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Try new things, even if you're pretty sure you won't like them. A too-limiting belief about what kind of person you are will restrict the range of experiences you could be enjoying.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The rotten-apple theory suggests it only takes one to spoil the

bunch. Someone who lacks integrity is a danger to the group. Take courage and stand up against those who are on the wrong path.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If your mood dips, your mind may become occupied with concerns that weren't there when you were feeling good. Keep worry at bay by continuing to do the things that contribute to a high level of positive energy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The old rule won't apply, and the new rule hasn't been made yet. While things are in flux, take this opportunity to shake things up. Bonus: You'll expand your network in the process.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Just because someone is not on your wavelength doesn't mean you shouldn't at least try to communicate. Your efforts to connect will be meaningful and will lead to gains in the distant future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you don't act when

you see the opportunity, someone with less experience and wisdom will. Take initiative. It won't be as much work as you think, and you'll get help once you commit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While your community service may be commendable, today your compassion will not be measured by the degree to which you knock yourself out to help others. It is better assessed by the kindness you afford yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To get to happiness, you do not always have to go through the dark forest of unhappiness. It helps that you've been there before and already understand the contrast. Avoid the forest, and try a new path.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Overnight success is a matter of preparation, the likes of which takes years, not hours, to cultivate. Continue doing the work in good faith. Keep a strong grip on your optimism, as it's one of your best qualities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're an independent with your own ideas about how things should unfold. If you dare to stand alone, you won't be alone for long, mainly because you're right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may not start out in an optimum mood, but you can get there with a little work. Remember how you overcame your last big challenge. Review the steps you took. You will learn from yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone should only be able to hurt you once. If you get hurt by the same person twice, it means that on some level you're agreeing to it. You can be friendly and loving and still stay inside your own emotional boundaries.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 26). You'll get what you need indirectly this year. Unexpected relationships will be emotionally fulfilling. Next month, a personal risk will lead to lifestyle

upgrades. May shows you clearing up misunderstandings to move forward with an exciting venture. You'll become a leader at work in August. Taurus and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 47, 33, 50, 41 and 13.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born on March 8 and am over 50 now. I plan to move to another state due to health problems in my family. But I am terrified that at my age it will be impossible to find work in a new place. I am alone here right now, and my family is already over there. I feel so lonely and would like to be near my family. Will I find a job in this place? Am I too old for work?"

Ageism is a big topic these days as the baby boomers enter retirement. But be careful not to buy into the media spin on this topic by being fearful or creating problems that do not exist. Being terrified will create the exact state you do not want. So start being optimistic and imagining yourself as

absolutely employable. Indeed, being young is a state of mind, and you are the sign of mind-over-matter. Pisces people can do spiritual work that will work better than any facelift to appear, and indeed be, in the prime of life. You should also know that if you are moving closer to family in order to aid in someone's healing or to care for their health in any way, this will be an especially fortuitous move for you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Look for Keira Knightley in the upcoming adventure film "Everest," co-starring Jake Gyllenhaal. Aries actresses like Knightley are drawn to physically demanding roles because this energetic sign can handle the challenge. Knightley's natal sun, Mercury and Venus are all in high-octane Aries.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am very concerned about my brother's daughters, ages 18 and 20. My brother and his wife divorced when the girls were young. He and his ex do not get along and communicate poorly. She often berates him, and he remains silent.

Their daughters were shuttled back and forth between their parents' homes, but they lived mainly with their mother. Last fall, she announced that she had had enough and the girls would now live with their father while they attend college nearby.

The girls have been with my brother and his wife for several months, and they are miserable. They have no friends there. They communicate very little with their father and stepmother

and remain in their bedrooms most of the day. My brother's wife has reached out to them, to no avail. The older girl is doing well in school, but the younger one dropped out. She promised to get a job, but hasn't found one yet. I don't think she is very motivated.

My brother buys his daughters whatever they want, but they have little respect for him. He buries his head in the sand when it comes to the problems in his home. My nieces have no direction and little self-esteem. The atmosphere in their house is toxic, and I can't stand by and do nothing. What do you suggest? -- Concerned Aunt

Dear Aunt: We can tell that you care a great deal

about your nieces, but they are both adults. They do not need to live with their father unless they choose to. Dad seems quite willing to support them financially, and their stepmother has tried to help. If the atmosphere is as toxic as you say, both girls would be eager to relocate.

We think a lot of this is the girls' choice and unconnected to Dad's home. If you truly want to help, please spend more time with your nieces, either in person or online. See what's going on. Perhaps you could give the younger one pointers on finding a job. She may be unmotivated because Dad doesn't demand that she find employment, which he should. At the very least, you would be another source of

emotional support for them.

Dear Annie: When my husband and I married, his family let me know they didn't like me. He already had an ex-wife, and their two children were the only ones who counted.

My husband and I adopted several children of various races and nationalities. It amazed me that my in-laws acted as though I had adopted them by myself, "burdening" my husband, when, in fact, he loved them unconditionally. We loved all of the children, including the kids from his first marriage.

Our children picked up on the fact that the grandparents cared little for them. My husband seldom visited them because of it. When he

died, I found his mother's obituary, which he had hidden from me. I was hurt all over again when it listed by name two surviving grandchildren and "five stepgrandchildren." -- Over It Now

Dear Over: In situations like this, it is always the grandparents who lose out. How sad for everyone.

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♣ J 10 8 2
EAST
♠ Q 7 4
♥ 9 5 2
♦ J 10 4 3
♣ Q 9 4
SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A K Q
♦ A K 9 7 5 2
♣ A K 7

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♠* Pass 2 ♦** Pass
3 ♦ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 NT Pass 4 NT Pass
6 NT

* strong, artificial ** negative
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

A safety play is a measure employed by declarer to guard against unfavorable distribution. The safety play sometimes costs declarer a trick he might not have had to lose, but if losing that trick ensures the contract, the player should do so willingly.

Take this deal where South wound up in six notrump after the auction shown. Declarer won West's club

lead with the ace, cashed the ace of spades and led a diamond to the queen. He then discarded his club loser on dummy's king of spades and played a diamond to the ace.

If the diamonds had divided 3-2, South would have finished with all 13 tricks. But when West showed out on the second diamond lead, South had to go down one. He could do no better than continue diamonds, and East scored a diamond and a spade to set the slam.

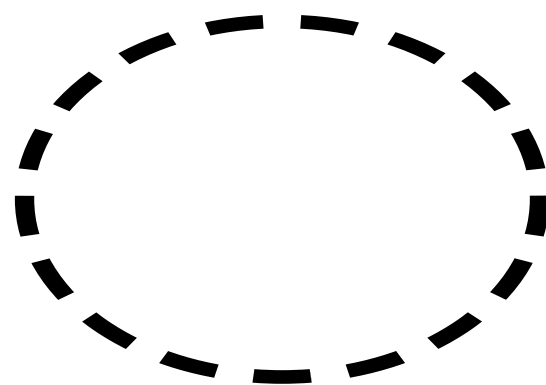
Declarer's line of play was clearly wrong. He should have realized that only a bad diamond division could defeat him, and should have sought a way to guard against that possibility.

Cashing the ace of spades at trick two was certainly correct, but when South next led a diamond and West followed low, he should have played dummy's eight! True, the eight would have lost to the ten, but South would then have had 12 ironclad tricks.

More often than not, this safety play would cost declarer a trick. But the 30-point loss would have been a drop in the bucket compared to the loss of a slam. Playing the eight from dummy ensures the slam against either opponent holding four diamonds. The failure to exercise this elementary precaution cost South 1,540 points.

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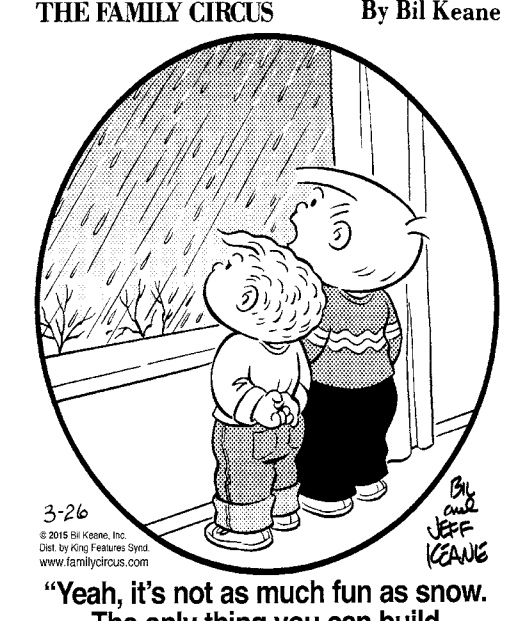
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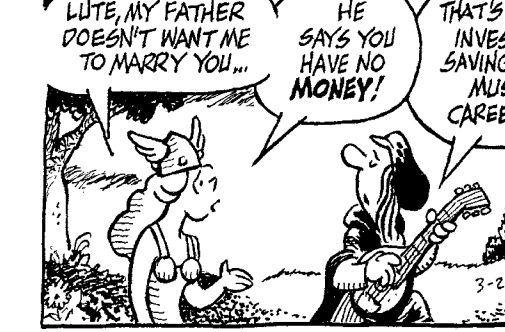
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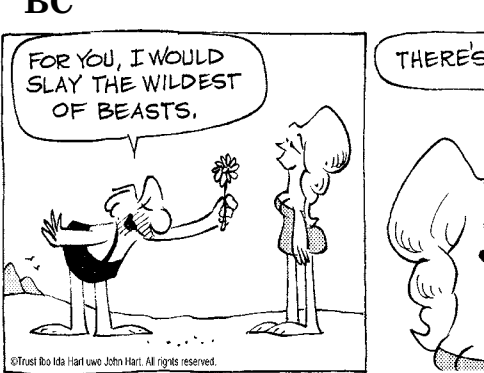
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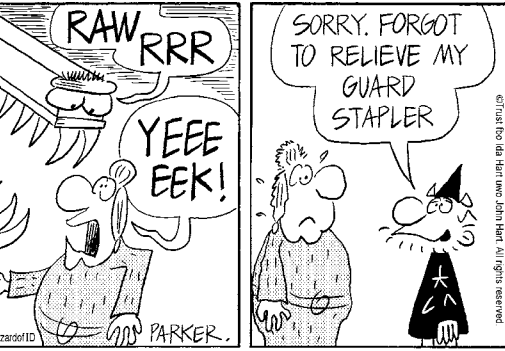
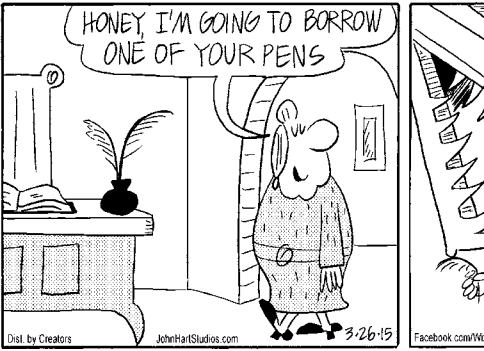
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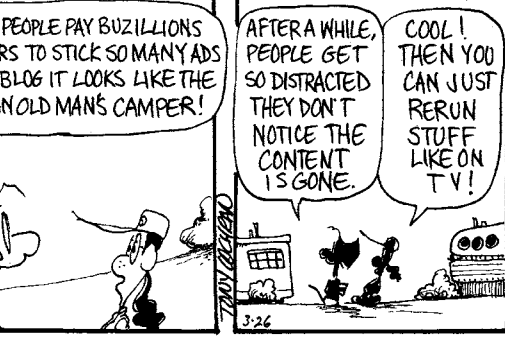
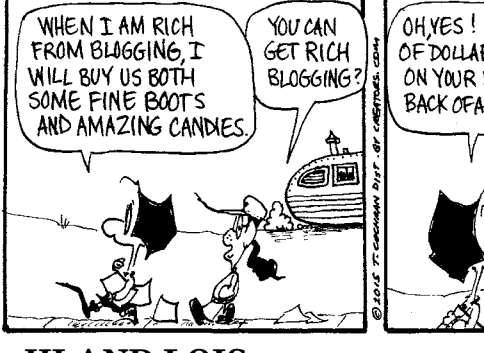
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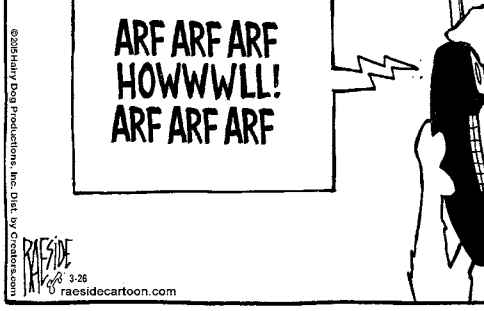
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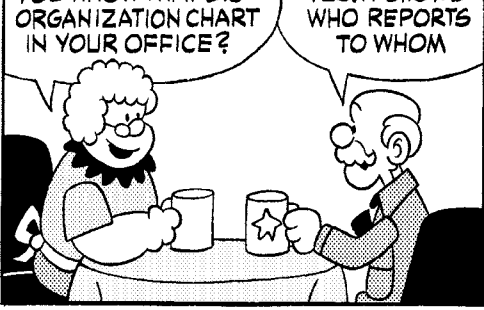
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 26, the 85th day of 2015. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On March 26, 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was fully secured by U.S. forces following a final, desperate attack by Japanese soldiers.
- Former British Prime Minister David Lloyd George, 82, died in Ty Newydd, Llanystumdwy, Wales.
- On this date: In 1812, an earthquake devastated Caracas, Venezuela, causing an estimated 26,000 deaths, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.
- In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.
- In 1874, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco.
- In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, New Jersey.
- In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.

In 1934, Britain enacted a Road Traffic Act reimposing a 30 mile-per-hour speed limit in "built-up areas" and requiring driving tests for new motorists.

In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3.

In 1964, the musical play "Funny Girl," starring Barbra Streisand as Fanny Brice, opened on Broadway.

In 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gih) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.

In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1990, "Driving Miss Daisy" won the Academy Award for best picture; its star, Jessica Tandy, was named best actress. Daniel Day-Lewis won best actor for "My Left Foot" while Oliver Stone was honored as best director for "Born on the Fourth of July." Designer Halston died in San Francisco at age 57.

In 1997, the bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate tech-

no-religious cult who'd committed suicide were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

One year ago: Osama bin Laden's son-in-law, Sulaiman Abu Ghaith (SOO'-lay-mahn AH'-boo gayth), was convicted in New York for his role as al-Qaida's fiery chief spokesman after 9/11. (He was later sentenced to life in prison.) In a ruling that stunned the college sports industry, a federal agency said that football players at Northwestern University could create the nation's first union of college athletes. (Northwestern has urged the National Labor Relations Board to overturn the regional ruling.)

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

THREE-BY-FIVERS by S.N. Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 What "ginger" starts with
 - 6 Longing
 - 10 Totally destroy
 - 14 Ne'er-do-well
 - 15 Spiced tea
 - 16 Cyber-bidding site
 - 17 Princess topper
 - 18 Unable to decide
 - 19 Quick letter
 - 20 *Finding Your Roots* host
 - 23 Car-loan stat.
 - 24 Overexert
 - 25 Farm machines
 - 29 Earth-moving tools
 - 31 Long-running CBS series
 - 34 Canadian author Munro
 - 35 Cold Asian desert
 - 36 Utterly ruin
 - 37 Star of *Hugo* and *Brüno*
 - 40 Chamber group
 - 41 Depend (on)
 - 42 Practical application
 - 43 Rescue squad VIP
 - 44 Prime-quality
 - 45 Concert's first song
 - 46 Symbol of simplicity
 - 47 Overalls part
 - 48 *Black Water* novelist
 - 57 Concluded
 - 58 Designer Cassini
 - 59 Common computer font

- DOWN**
- 1 *Star Wars* Episode III villains
 - 2 *Garfield* canine
 - 3 Spanish custard
 - 4 Okla., before statehood
 - 5 Uncertain situation
 - 6 Thespian
 - 7 Mao colleague
 - 8 Mata ___
 - 9 Big name in physics
 - 10 Hang loose
 - 11 Not much
 - 12 Big name in western fiction
 - 13 Storm centers
 - 21 Yard-sale staples
 - 22 Home-heating fuel
 - 25 Moisten a turkey
 - 26 Elevator button
 - 27 Permitted by law
 - 28 Iterate
 - 29 Marauding mob
 - 30 One in the wind section
 - 31 "Over There" writer
 - 32 Long battle
 - 33 Word before sole or strength
 - 35 Acquisition
 - 36 Potion portion
 - 38 60 Across cousin
 - 39 Storage area
 - 44 Fiver
 - 45 Home-heating fuel
 - 46 Large quantity
 - 47 Three-putt result, often
 - 48 Wisecrack
 - 49 Orbital shape
 - 50 Vociferate
 - 51 Benedict, in *The Imitation Game*
 - 52 Split apart
 - 53 Italian for "air"
 - 54 Slight coloration
 - 55 Slacken
 - 56 Snowmobile, essentially

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL
Spring Training Standings
AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	Pct
Oakland	14	9 .609
Los Angeles	12	8 .600
Kansas City	13	9 .591
Toronto	13	9 .591
New York	13	10 .565
Houston	10	8 .556
Boston	10	9 .526
Tampa Bay	10	9 .526
Seattle	10	10 .500
Cleveland	10	12 .455
Minnesota	9	11 .450
Chicago	8	11 .421
Texas	8	11 .421
Baltimore	9	14 .391
Detroit	8	15 .348

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	12	6 .667
Colorado	13	9 .591
St. Louis	10	7 .588
New York	13	10 .565
Arizona	12	10 .545
Cincinnati	10	9 .526
Pittsburgh	10	9 .526
Miami	11	10 .524
Philadelphia	11	11 .500
San Diego	11	11 .500
Washington	9	10 .474
Milwaukee	9	11 .450
Atlanta	9	13 .409
Chicago	9	13 .409
San Francisco	6	18 .250

July 27 N.Y. Yankees, 8:05 p.m.
July 28 N.Y. Yankees, 8:05 p.m.
July 29 N.Y. Yankees, 8:05 p.m.
July 30 N.Y. Yankees, 8:05 p.m.
July 31 San Francisco, 8:05 p.m.
Aug. 1 San Francisco, 8:05 p.m.
Aug. 2 San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Aug. 3 Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Aug. 4 Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Aug. 5 Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Aug. 7 at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.
Aug. 8 at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
Aug. 9 at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
Aug. 11 at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Aug. 12 at Minnesota, 4:10 p.m.
Aug. 13 at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.
Aug. 14 Tampa Bay, 8:05 p.m.
Aug. 15 Tampa Bay, 8:05 p.m.
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Aug. 17 Seattle, 8:05 p.m.
Aug. 18 Seattle, 8:05 p.m.
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Aug. 20 at Detroit, 7:08 p.m.
Aug. 21 at Detroit, 7:08 p.m.
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Aug. 23 at Detroit, 1:08 p.m.
Aug. 25 Toronto, 8:05 p.m.
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Aug. 31 at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
Sept. 1 at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
Sept. 2 at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
Sept. 4 at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Sept. 5 at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.
Sept. 6 at L.A. Angels, 3:35 p.m.
Sept. 7 at Seattle, 6:40 p.m.
Sept. 8 at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.
Sept. 9 at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.
Sept. 10 at Seattle, 3:40 p.m.
Sept. 11 Oakland, 8:05 p.m.
Sept. 12 Oakland, 8:05 p.m.
Sept. 13 Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Sept. 14 Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Sept. 15 Houston, 8:05 p.m.
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Sept. 18 Seattle, 8:05 p.m.
Sept. 19 Seattle, 8:05 p.m.
Sept. 20 Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Sept. 22 at Oakland, 10:07 p.m.
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Sept. 24 at Oakland, 3:37 p.m.
Sept. 25 at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Sept. 26 at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Sept. 27 at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
Sept. 28 Detroit, 8:05 p.m.
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Sept. 30 Detroit, 3:05 p.m.
Oct. 1 L.A. Angels, 8:05 p.m.
Oct. 2 L.A. Angels, 8:05 p.m.
Oct. 3 L.A. Angels, 8:05 p.m.
Oct. 4 L.A. Angels, 3:05 p.m.

Edmonton 4, Colorado 3
Thursday's Games
Anaheim at Boston, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Florida at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Options C Rob Brantly to Charlotte (IL). Reassigned INF Juan Diaz and OF Courtney Hawkins to minor league camp.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Released 1B Jerrud Sabourin.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Options RHP Ryan Cook to Nashville (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Released LHP Efrain Nieves. Traded 1B Mike McDade to Baltimore for future considerations.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Options RHPs Chad Jenkins and Bo Schultz to Buffalo (IL).
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Options RHP Tommy Kahnle to Albuquerque (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reassigned RHP Bruce Billings to minor league camp.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Signed F Austin Daye to a second 10-day contract.
Italian League
PALLACANESTRO CANTU — Signed F Metta World Peace for the remainder of the season.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LB Mason Foster to a one-year contract.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed DB Kyle Sebetic.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed TE Kellen Davis.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Named Dwaine Board assistant defensive line coach, Chris Cash assistant secondary/cornerbacks coach and Andre Curtis assistant secondary/safeties coach.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Waived LB Brandon Magee.

HOCKEY
HOCKEY HALL OF FAME — Named Lanny McDonald chairman of the board.
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned F Carter Sandlak from Charlotte (AHL) to Florida (ECHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Reassigned G Kent Simpson from Bridgeport (AHL) to Stockton (ECHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Reassigned G Mackenzie Skapski to Hartford (AHL).

LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
BUFFALO BANDITS — Traded the rights to D Drew Petkoff and a 2015 fourth-round draft pick to New England for a 2016 second-round draft pick.

CLOSER TO HOME
• The Big Spring High School varsity tennis team will be playing in Forsan on April 12 to make up for the Feb. 26 tournament that was canceled by inclement weather.
• The Big Spring Junior High School tennis teams will be traveling to Andrews on March 28 to compete.
• The Big Spring High School track and field teams will be competing in the Levelland Invitational on April 3. The meet will begin at noon with the field events.

Wrestler died almost instantly from injury

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An autopsy has found that “lucha libre” wrestler Pedro Aguayo died almost immediately of injuries suffered in the ring over the weekend, Mexican authorities said Wednesday.

Aguayo, the 35-year-old son of retired wrestling legend Pedro “Perro” Aguayo, had three fractured vertebrae and was dead by the time he reached a hospital, said Gilberto Cota Alanis, deputy prosecutor for Baja California state.

Medical staff there tried for 90 minutes to revive Aguayo, Cota Alanis said.

Aguayo was injured during a match in Tijuana, apparently after being launched out of the ring and then, soon after, receiving a flying kick to the shoulder

and neck from fellow wrestler Oscar Gutierrez, better known as Rey Mysterio Jr.

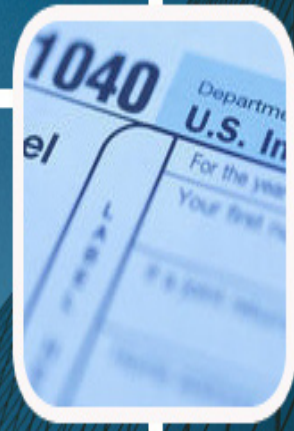
Video footage showed Aguayo hanging motionless from the ropes unattended as the bout continued for about two more minutes before other wrestlers and the referee realized he was seriously injured.

He was taken to a nearby hospital and pronounced dead around 1 a.m. Saturday.

Prosecutors have opened an investigation, and Cota Alanis said the four other wrestlers involved in the match would be questioned about the incident as well as Wrestling and Boxing Commission officials who handled Aguayo's body and the medical workers who attended to him.

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NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Wednesday's Games
Houston 7, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 7, N.Y. Yankees 2
Tampa Bay 2, Minnesota 1
Toronto 5, Baltimore 2
Detroit 8, Miami 4
St. Louis 1, Washington 0
L.A. Dodgers 9, San Diego 5
Milwaukee 9, Oakland 9, tie
L.A. Angels 4, Cleveland 3
Colorado 5, San Francisco 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 0
Cincinnati 5, Texas 0
Seattle 3, Chicago Cubs 2

Thursday's Games
Miami vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (ss) vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 7:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	42	30	.583	—
Boston	31	40	.437	10½
Brooklyn	30	40	.429	11
Philadelphia	18	54	.250	24
New York	14	58	.194	28

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Atlanta	54	17	.761	—
Washington	40	32	.556	14½
Miami	33	38	.465	21
Charlotte	30	40	.429	23½
Orlando	22	51	.301	33

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	47	26	.644	—
x-Chicago	44	29	.603	3
Milwaukee	35	36	.493	11
Indiana	31	40	.437	15
Detroit	27	44	.380	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Memphis	50	22	.694	—
Houston	48	23	.676	1½
San Antonio	45	26	.634	4½
Dallas	45	27	.625	5
New Orleans	37	34	.521	12½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	45	25	.643	—
Oklahoma City	41	31	.569	5
Utah	31	40	.437	14½
Denver	27	45	.375	19
Minnesota	16	55	.225	29½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	58	13	.817	—
L.A. Clippers	47	25	.653	11½
Phoenix	38	33	.535	20
Sacramento	25	45	.357	32½
L.A. Lakers	19	51	.271	38½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Wednesday's Games
Detroit 108, Toronto 104
Oklahoma City 127, L.A. Lakers 117
Dallas 101, San Antonio 94
Milwaukee 89, Miami 88
Sacramento 107, Philadelphia 106
Golden State 122, Portland 108

Wednesday's Games
Indiana 103, Washington 101
Chicago 116, Toronto 103
Atlanta 95, Orlando 83
Brooklyn 91, Charlotte 88
L.A. Clippers 111, New York 80
Miami 93, Boston 86
Houston 95, New Orleans 93
Cleveland 111, Memphis 89
L.A. Lakers 101, Minnesota 99, OT
Philadelphia 99, Denver 85
Portland 92, Utah 89
San Antonio 130, Oklahoma City 91
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OTPts	GF	GA	
Montreal	46	20	8	100	195	162
Tampa Bay	46	21	7	99	242	191
Detroit	39	21	12	90	208	195
Ottawa	37	24	11	85	212	190
Boston	36	25	12	84	193	190
Florida	33	26	14	80	180	201
Toronto	27	41	6	60	193	237
Buffalo	20	46	7	47	138	245

Metropolitan Division

	W	L	OTPts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Rangers	46	19	7	99	219	167
N.Y. Islanders	44	25	5	93	226	205
Pittsburgh	40	22	11	91	202	181
Washington	39	24	10	88	212	180
Philadelphia	30	29	16	76	196	216
New Jersey	31	31	11	73	164	186
Columbus	34	35	4	72	198	228
Carolina	26	36	10	62	165	199

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	OTPts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	46	21	7	99	226	182
Nashville	45	21	8	98	211	178
Chicago	44	23	6	94	207	167
Minnesota	42	25	7	91	211	183
Winnipeg	38	24	12	88	207	195
Dallas	36	28	10	82	232	236
Colorado	33	28	12	78	196	205

Pacific Division

	W	L	OTPts	GF	GA	
Anaheim	46	22	7	99	219	211
Vancouver	43	26	4	90	211	195
Calgary	40	27	7	87	217	195
Los Angeles	36	23	14	86	196	182
San Jose	35	30	8	78	201	206
Edmonton	21	40	13	55	177	254
Arizona	22	44	8	52	154	246

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's Games
Dallas 4, Calgary 3, SO
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 1

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Big Spring Rotary Club students of the month



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The Big Spring Rotary Club recently honored Kynleigh Joy as its Student of the Month for March. Kynleigh is a seventh grade student at Big Spring Junior High School. The award is presented to students each month who exemplify the Rotary International motto of "Service Above Self" as well as outstanding academic achievement and citizenship. To receive the honor, students must be nominated by their school principal. Pictured from left are Kynleigh Joy, her mother, Honey Joy; Bill Ivins, president of the Big Spring Rotary Club; Becky Otto, principal of the BSJH; Chris Wigington, Big Spring Independent School District superintendent; and Jim White, BSISD assistant superintendent. The Big Spring Rotary Club meets each Tuesday at noon in the Cactus Room of the Student Union Building at Howard College.

Schools nationwide struggle with substitute teacher shortage

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Carrie Swing wasn't alarmed when her fifth-grade daughter, Ivy, spent a day in a first-grade classroom at her San Francisco school, filling out worksheets and helping younger students read because no substitute could be found for her absent teacher.

But when it happened the next four days too, Swing became so concerned that she considered quitting her public relations job to homeschool her daughter.

"The situation was really awful," Swing said. "The kids had a sense of, 'Nobody's in charge here,' and I think that was really hard on them."

Although Ivy's school represents an extreme example, districts throughout the country have reported struggles finding substitute teachers. School officials say the shortage worsened as the unemployment rate improved, and job seekers who might have settled for a part-time job such as substitute teaching are now insisting on full-time positions with better pay and benefits.

Geoffrey Smith founded the Substitute Teaching Institute at Utah State, which in 2008 spun off into an online training program for substitutes. He said he's unaware of any national statistics about unfilled substitute teaching posts, although an unscientific survey conducted by his organization last year found 48 percent of districts responding reported severe or somewhat severe shortage of substitute teachers.

In Washington state, a preliminary survey late last year by the Office of the State Actuary found 84 of 94 school districts that responded had trouble finding substitutes.

In West Virginia, lawmakers voted in 2013 to require central office administrators to fill in for absent teachers three days a year because of a shortage.

Gary Zgunda, director for human resources and student services at Hamilton Southeastern Schools in Fishers, Indiana, 15 miles northeast of Indianapolis, said the school district this year is able to fill about 93 percent of its openings, down from 97 percent last year.

A frequent source of substitutes has been education majors looking for experience. But officials say fewer college students are choosing teaching as a career path, in part because of recent layoffs and concerns about new education standards, including efforts in some states to link teacher evaluations with student test scores.

"There have been so many stories about the quality of public education that many of us have conjectured that really impacted both students and their parents to say, 'Why would I go into education and face all of that?'" said Jill Shedd, assistant dean for teacher education at Indiana University.

Because of the shortage, many schools find alternatives. In middle schools and high schools, teachers often are paid extra to forego preparation time to fill in for absent teachers.

But Smith said increased pay alone usually doesn't attract more qualified substitutes. They also want better training.

"Standing in front of a classroom without any training is kind of scary to them," Smith said. "So it's raising the pay with training that tends to help alleviate the shortage."



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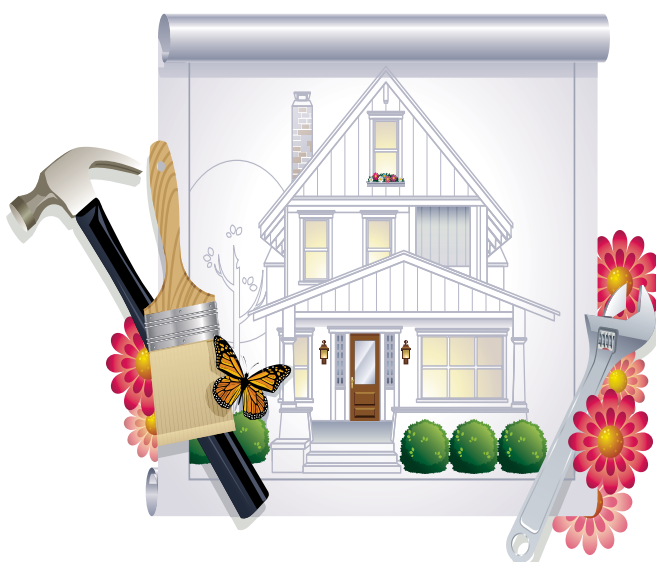
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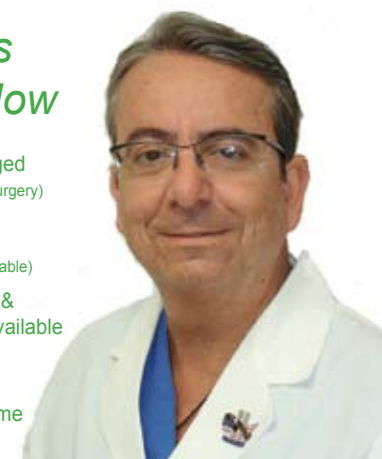
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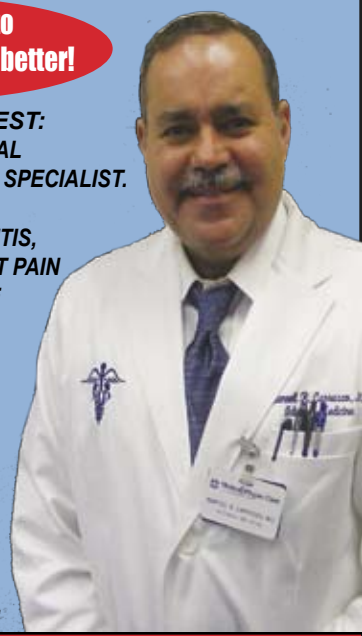
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