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29 hurt after Kansas train derailment

By **ROXANNA HEGEMAN**
Associated Press

CIMARRON, Kan. — At least 29 people were injured when an Amtrak passenger train derailed in rural southwest Kansas early Monday, authorities said.

The train was traveling from Los Angeles to Chicago when it came off the tracks just after midnight about 20 miles west of Dodge City, Amtrak

said in a statement. Kansas Highway Patrol communication specialist Patricia Munford said five train cars derailed.

Grey County spokeswoman Ashley Rogers said no one has life-threatening injuries.

The rail company did not say how fast the train was traveling at the time of the derailment. Amtrak did not immediately return an *Associated*

Press call seeking comment early Monday.

Kelsey Wilson, 21, said she was awoken when she felt the ride "getting really bumpy" and the train started to shake. Wilson, who was returning to Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, after spending spring break at home in Pueblo, Colorado, said her car disconnected from the one in front and that she hit

her head as it overturned.

Wilson said she escaped through the top of the flipped car then slid down the side before she "passed out." She was taken to a hospital and released with a neck brace.

The derailment occurred near Cimarron as the train was heading east to its regular Dodge City stop.

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Rotarians pour it on

Club's Pints for Polio fundraiser a success, raises more than \$4K

By **JULIE BASS**
Staff Writer

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club hosted Pints for Polio Saturday evening in downtown Big Spring.

There were a variety of beers, including a few new flavors, for patrons to sample. Upon finding one that they enjoyed, they had tickets they could use for three beverages of their choice.

John Scott, the district governor for the Rotary Club, opened the evening by explaining that polio is still very much a problem even though there are very few cases, if any, in the United States. However, other countries continue to see cases occurring here and there.

"When Ebola broke out in Africa, we thought it couldn't make its way to the United States, but it did. Polio is still in the world, so yes, it can make its way here again," said Scott.

He continued to explain that there used to be three strains of polio and now there is only one strand left worldwide. With

"We raised over \$4,000 and it was just so much fun. Half of the money will stay here for our local Rotary to use for projects, and the other half will go to the National Rotary."

Barney Dodde
Great Big Spring Rotary



HERALD photos/Julie Bass
In the above photo, Greater Big Spring Rotary Club member Debbye ValVerde, right, pours drinks during the club's Pints for Polio fundraiser Saturday. At right, Adrian Calvio's band performs during the event.

a little help and a work, the disease can be eradicated completely.

After the welcomes and opening speeches, the music was turned up and the beer was poured.

Adrian Calvio entertained with music for a while, followed by George Bancroft and Justin Kaczyk finished off the evening for the supporters.

"We had around 200 people come through. We were very happy with the turnout for our first year. We hope to make this a yearly event," said Barney Dodd, Greater Big Spring Rotar-

ian member. "We raised over \$4,000 and it was just so much fun. Half of the money will stay here for our local Rotary to use for projects, and the other half will go to the National Rotary."

For every dollar that the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club donates to the National Rotary for the fight against polio, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will donate two dollars.

For more information on the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, they meet at the Hotel Settles on Fridays at noon.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 263-7331 ext. 232.



Annual trash-off slated for April 2

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Pat Simmons is talking trash again, or at least talking about cleaning it up around the city.

Simmons and the rest of Keep Big Spring Beautiful are gearing up for the annual Texas Trash-Off and are asking for volunteers in

the community to help in the effort.

"This will be Keep Big Spring Beautiful's 13th year to participate in this event. So roll up your sleeves and let us all work together to clean up our city," said Simmons, local trash-

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Commissioners to meet today

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A routine agenda faces Howard County commissioners when they meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the third-floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

Highlighting the meeting will be discussion on an agreement with the city of Big Spring which would allow the county to piggy-back onto the city's fiber-optic high-speed

internet cable.

The line was installed to extend the city's high-speed digital capacity between city offices downtown and the law enforcement center on the west side of Big Spring.

"Their fiber-optic line runs right by here ... and we asked if we could use it here at the courthouse," County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said. "We did have some hoops to jump through before we reached an agreement, to make sure

each line was autonomous. We won't be sharing data with them. Each system will be stand-alone."

In other business Monday, commissioners will consider:

- A closed session with

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Obituaries

Arlyse Speed



Arlyse H. Speed, 81, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 10, 2016 in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will be at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

She was born Jan. 28, 1935, in Tatum, N. M. and married James Speed Jan. 4, 1958, in Amarillo, Texas. He preceded her in death Jan. 20, 1980.

Survivors include one daughter, Sydney Speed of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Gladys Hall; one daughter, Susan Lynette Speed; one son, Stephen Lynn Speed; and three sisters, Nheva Hall, Evelyn McGuire and Loydene Dickinson.

The family suggests memorials to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, www.Komen.org or to Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **PATRICIA KAY RAWLS**, 46, of 3709 Old C. City Hwy was arrested on a warrant for public intoxication.
- **LUCIE BELLE VOGAL**, 51, of 800 Pine St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **ALLEN DAVID GILBERT**, 41, of 1507 S. Johnson St. was arrested on a charge of fail to identify – giving false/fictitious information and two warrants from other agencies.
- **OSCAR PRINCE GARCIA**, 53, of 1749 Collins St. Abilene, Texas was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **GUADALUPE RUBEN GARCIA**, 44, of 3219 Auburn Ave. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated - 3rd or more offense.

- **BETHEL LYNETTE WRIGHT**, 49, of 5700 Cedar Rd. Lot 53 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3100 block of S. Hwy 87.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of Pine St. and the 5300 block of Cedar Rd.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium Ave. and the 1200 block of Wood St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet Ave., the 2500 block of Morrison Dr. and the 200 block of W. Marcy Dr.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ADRIAN AGUILAR**, 25, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 400 grams.
- **VIRGINIA IRMA BERNAL**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for fail to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid, two counts of livestock at large and two counts of violate promise to appear.
- **BRENT LEE DOUGLAS**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to drive in a single lane, no driver's license, two counts of driving while license invalid and two counts of failure to appear.
- **JESSIE FIERRO III**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces and warrants for expired registration and failure to appear.
- **WESLEY ETHAN FROST**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750.
- **ALEJANDRO GALLEGOS**, 22, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 400 grams.
- **GUADALUPE RUBEN GARCIA**, 44, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - 3rd or more offense.
- **OSCAR PRINCE GARCIA**, 53, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for public intoxication.
- **ALLEN DAVID GILBERT**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of fail to identify as a fugitive – intentionally giving false/fictitious information and warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear and parole violation.
- **CYNTHIA LYNN HERNANDEZ**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to con-

trol speed and violate promise to appear.

- **JACKIE TRUETT HOLMSE III**, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANTONIO DELRIO LERMA**, 35, was booked by the RSO on charges of driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions; possession of marijuana, more than 4 ounces but less than 5 pounds and possession of a dangerous drug.
- **KANDICE GRACE LONGORIA**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parent contributi to non-attendance.
- **FARRELL REY MCCULLOUGH**, 53, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and theft, less than \$100.
- **GERARDO PINA**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for no driver's license.
- **LARUTH RAWLS**, 42, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **PATRICIA KAY RAWLS**, 46, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **PATRICK MATTHEW RIOS JR.**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **ROBERT RIVERA JR.**, 44, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for speeding, failure to maintain financial responsibility, fail to drive in a single lane, burglary of a habitation and arson intending damage to a habitat/place.
- **MARIA LOUISA SMITHWICK**, 23, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bond forfeiture – theft of more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **JUAN CARLOS VIRONCHI**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation – driving while intoxicated and a charge of disregard stop sign.
- **LUCIE BELLE VOGAL**, 51, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.
- **BETHEL WRIGHT**, 49, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 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
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers 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

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a 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. Newcomers' 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.

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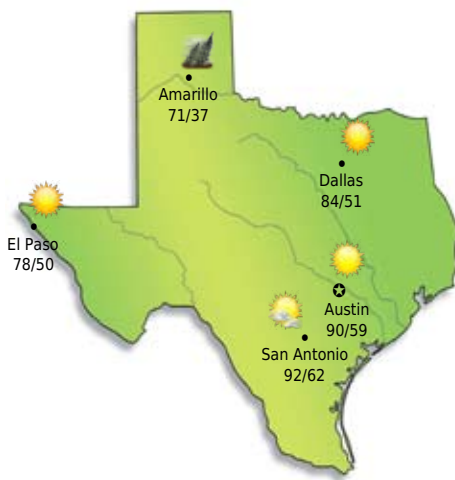
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 3/15	Wed 3/16	Thu 3/17	Fri 3/18	Sat 3/19
78/47 Mainly sunny. High 78F. Winds NW at 10 to 20 mph.	77/47 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	70/48 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	63/38 Isolated t-storms. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	57/35 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:55 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM	Sunrise: 7:54 AM Sunset: 7:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:52 AM Sunset: 7:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	57	Sunny	Kingsville	95	64	P Cloudy
Amarillo	81	49	P Cloudy	Livingston	89	61	P Cloudy
Austin	89	62	Sunny	Longview	86	61	Sunny
Beaumont	84	64	M Cloudy	Lubbock	83	48	M Sun/Wind
Brownsville	86	68	M Cloudy	Lufkin	88	60	Sunny
Brownwood	86	52	Sunny	Midland	88	58	Sunny
Corpus Christi	86	66	M Cloudy	Raymondville	95	69	P Cloudy
Corsicana	86	61	Sunny	Rosenberg	89	65	M Cloudy
Dallas	87	62	Sunny	San Antonio	92	59	Sunny
Del Rio	89	54	Sunny	San Marcos	90	60	Sunny
El Paso	80	54	M Sunny	Sulphur Springs	84	61	Sunny
Fort Stockton	88	57	P Cloudy	Sweetwater	85	58	Sunny/Wind
Gainesville	82	56	M Cloudy	Tyler	87	62	M Sunny
Greenville	83	59	Sunny	Weatherford	87	60	Sunny
Houston	90	66	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	86	57	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	72	52	Showers	Miami	83	68	P Cloudy
Boston	43	39	Showers	Minneapolis	61	49	Few Showers
Chicago	51	42	Cloudy	New York	46	45	Rain
Dallas	87	62	Sunny	Phoenix	80	57	P Cloudy
Denver	64	35	Sunny	San Francisco	58	48	Cloudy
Houston	90	66	P Cloudy	Seattle	49	39	Cloudy
Los Angeles	70	51	Cloudy	Saint Louis	69	54	Cloudy

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Mar 15	Mar 23	Mar 31	Apr 7

UV Index

Tue 3/15	Wed 3/16	Thu 3/17	Fri 3/18	Sat 3/19
7	7	7	7	7
High	High	High	High	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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Lottery

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) – These Texas lotteries were drawn Saturday:

All or Nothing Day 02-03-07-10-11-12-14-15-18-19-22-24	Estimated jackpot: \$8.75 million
All or Nothing Evening 01-02-05-06-09-11-12-14-17-21-23-24	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million
All or Nothing Morning 01-02-04-06-08-09-11-13-16-18-19-22	Pick 3 Day 3-4-8, Sum It Up: 15
All or Nothing Night 04-05-06-07-10-11-13-14-15-18-21-22	Pick 3 Evening 3-7-5
Cash 5 06-10-24-29-36	Pick 3 Morning 9-4-5
Daily 4 Day 8-9-3-7, Sum It Up: 27	Pick 3 Night 5-6-1, Sum It Up: 12
Daily 4 Evening 5-2-0-7	Powerball 1 1 - 2 8 - 5 0 - 5 7 - 6 2 , Powerball: 23, Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$60 million
Daily 4 Morning 9-9-1-5	Triple Chance 07-09-10-19-25-27-39-40-46-47

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about 160 miles west of Wichita.

Passenger Daniel Szczerba described the confusion.

"All the lights went out, it was dark," Szczerba told Wichita TV station KWCH. "People traveling in groups (of) four or five got thrown around the car as it turned over and lost people."

Amtrak said about 20 people were taken for medical treatment. But Rogers said the number of people taken to hospitals in Dodge City and Garden City rose to 29 after several people sought medical attention at a community building in the small town of Cimarron. The passengers were taken to the community center to wait for Amtrak to make arrangements to transport them to their destinations.

Amtrak statement said the train consisted of two locomotives and nine cars and that there

were 128 passengers and 14 crew members on board.

Rogers said she went to the scene of the derailment along a straight stretch of tracks in rural farmland. Besides seeing five cars on their sides, two other cars were standing but off the tracks. The Red Cross was at the scene providing assistance.

Amtrak said it was working with Burlington Northern Santa Fe to investigate. Keith Holloway, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, said in an email that the agency was sending a team to investigate. He said more information would be released once the team arrived in Kansas.

Daniel Aiken, 21, of Lenexa, Kansas, who was traveling with Wilson, said he heard screaming as he climbed out of their overturned car. He stopped to smell a fluid that was flowing through the car, fearful that it was fuel, but was reassured when he realized it was water.

Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

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 271-2176.

Take note

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.

Volunteer opportunities

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

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.

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.

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

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.

COUNTY

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County Sheriff Stan Parker to discuss personnel matters.

A pilot program to

change hours that field crews work to make the Road and Bridge Department more productive.

Invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments and financial reports.

A request from CGG

to put up a \$500,000 bond to do seismic work on county roads.

The county's annual financial report.

Jail food service proposals.

A memorandum of understanding between

Big Spring Correctional Center and the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

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

TRASH

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off coordinator. "With everyone helping, we can make a difference in the appearance of our community."

The Trash Off is scheduled for Saturday, April 2. Last year, the volunteers' collective efforts brought in around 6,740 pounds of trash taken off the streets and fields of the town to be deposited at the city's landfill.

During the next few weeks, Simmons and Keep Big Spring Beautiful club members will be contacting schools, churches, civic organizations, youth groups and individuals asking them to volunteer their Saturday.

Near event day, Simmons said she will be at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third Street, on Friday, April 1, to hand out trash bags for the upcoming Trash Off between the hours of 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Collected trash should be taken to the Heart of

the City Park located in downtown Big Spring behind the Howard County Courthouse and can be deposited in the 30-yard containers the city will set up for the event.

After depositing their trash, Simmons said volunteers are welcome to a hot dog lunch which will be held at the Heart of the City Park.

"You can sit down with the rest of the volunteers and enjoy a hot dog or two with a drink and cookies," she said.

For a number of years, Keep Big Spring Beautiful members have advocated programs to beautify the city including trash off events throughout the year. However one area in the effort to keep Texas highways trash free in Howard County has lost several volunteers over the last year," Simmons said.

"We have an Adopt a Spot- Adopt a Highway and we lost a great number of volunteers in this area," she said. "This is handled through Tx-DOT (Texas Department of Transportation) and volunteers need to sign

up through the Abilene office. We have a good number of streets available."

The Adopt a Highway is a state program which encourages groups and individuals to choose a two-mile stretch of a Texas Highway to keep litter free.

For more information on the Trash Off, contact Simmons by calling 263-4607. Please call after 10 a.m.

Staff Writer Lyndel Moody can be contacted at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mailing citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

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News in brief



AP photo

Sarah Yatcko holds her son Tucker Neal as they and her father, Jim Yatcko, are evacuated by county sheriff personnel in Bossier Parish, La.

Strong odor forces Texas-bound plane to return to New Jersey

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Authorities say a United Airlines plane bound for Texas has been forced to return to New Jersey because of concerns about a strong odor.

The Federal Aviation Administration says United Flight 1704 left Newark Liberty International Airport for Austin at 6 a.m. Monday.

But it returned to the airport 20 minutes later after the crew on the Boeing 739 reported a strong odor in the cabin.

The plane landed safely. An investigation is underway on what might have caused the smell, which was described only as strong.

Rubio and the Florida primary

MIAMI (AP) — Florida Sen. Marco Rubio was among the Republican Party's biggest stars when he burst onto the national stage in the tea party wave of 2010. Now, he is facing a home-state showing on Tuesday that could devastate his 2016 presidential campaign and damage his political brand for years to come.

The Cuban-American's desire to become the nation's first Hispanic president, and his past support for a forgiving immigration policy, have failed to excite conservative primary voters who instead have flocked to Donald Trump's nativist politics.

"Marco's always had good timing. This time, the timing just wasn't there," said Albert Lorenzo, who managed Rubio's first state house campaign nearly two decades ago and stays in close contact with him.

Yet Lorenzo, like those closest to Rubio, suggest that should his bid end in disappointment, the senator's career in public service is far from over. The 44-year-old Republican could run for Florida governor in two years, president in four years or even his own Senate seat later this year.

"He's a talent you don't find," Lorenzo said.

Added Rubio ally, Miami city commissioner Francis Suarez: "I can't think of anybody more popular in Florida than he is — except maybe the man he's losing to."

Indeed, the first-term senator has been looking up at Trump in Florida preference polls for months. Rubio is the decided underdog to the billionaire businessman in Tuesday's do-or-die home-state contest.

Despite long odds, Rubio insists he's focused only on winning his party's 2016 presidential nomination.

"I haven't even thought about what I'm having for lunch today, much less what I'm going to run for in two years or nothing at all," he told reporters in West Palm Beach this week.

Officer dead in shooting near police station; answers sought

CHEVERLY, Md. (AP) — Police and the public were seeking answers Monday after a gunman opened fire outside a police station in a Maryland

suburb of the nation's capital, killing an officer in what the police chief called an "unprovoked attack."

The shooter opened fire on the first officer he saw outside the station around 4:30 p.m. Sunday in Landover, a suburb about 10 miles northeast of downtown Washington, D.C., according to Prince George's County police chief Hank Stawinski.

A gun battle followed, with several officers shooting at the suspect, who was wounded, Stawinski said at a news conference. On Sunday night, hours after the shooting, Stawinski had few answers for reporters about what led to the gunfire.

"It wasn't about anything," he said of the shooting, which claimed the life of a four-year veteran of the department who would have turned 29 this week.

Police were going about their business on the quiet, rainy Sunday afternoon when the gunman fired at the first officer he saw outside a Maryland police station, prompting a gunbattle that left undercover narcotics officer Jacai Colson fatally wounded, according to officials.

Colson was pronounced dead at a hospital and the suspect was wounded but expected to survive, authorities said.

Once the first shot was fired, several officers fired back at the suspect, Stawinski said. He didn't say how many shots were exchanged.

"Those officers did not shrink. They bravely advanced and engaged this individual," the chief said.

Prince George's County State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks called the shooting an "act of cowardice" and a "horrific act of evil."

She promised an aggressive investigation and prosecution of the suspect and another suspect arrested soon after the shooting. Their names were not immediately released.

Water starts to recede from homes in north Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Emergency officials in Louisiana and Mississippi were watching the rise of the Pearl River that divides the two states Monday amid widespread flooding that has damaged thousands of homes.

In north Louisiana, the water has started to recede from the flooding subdivisions in south Bossier City.

National Weather Service forecaster C.S. Ross in Shreveport says it will take at least a week before homeowners will be able to get back to their homes and assess the damage.

In the eastern part of Bossier Parish near Haughton, Ross says the water should drain from the Tall Timbers subdivision by Monday afternoon.

A 6-mile section of Bossier Parish into Red River Parish is flooded.

Ross said Red Chute Bayou on the east side of Bossier City did not top the levee as feared. He says there was some seepage, but not enough to reach 3,500 homes.

After crash, competitors press toward Iditarod finish line

By **RACHEL D'ORO**
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Mushers pressed their dog sled teams closer to the finish line in Alaska's famous Iditarod on Sunday after a snowmobiler intentionally rammed into two top competitors at speeds up to 100 mph, killing one dog and injuring others, authorities said.

The crash Saturday was not the first encounter between teams and snowmobiles, but they are rare, experts said. It's just one of the perils of the 1,000-mile race, which covers long stretches of unforgiving terrain, including two mountain ranges, the mighty Yukon River and the wind-scoured Bering Sea coast.

Besides conditions that can bring blinding snow and ripping winds, mushers also have to contend with fatigue, brutal cold and the occasional encounter with wildlife, such as moose.

A 26-year-old man arrested in the crash appeared in court via video Sunday. Arnold Demoski of the checkpoint village of Nulato is accused of intentionally driving a snowmobile into the team of Aliy Zirkle, who finished second in the race three times from 2012 to 2014, and then the team of four-time Iditarod champion Jeff King. One of King's dogs, Nash, was killed and at least two others were injured.

Demoski has said he was returning home from a night of drinking when he struck the teams. He was going about 100 mph when he crashed into King's team and about 40 mph when he struck Zirkle's team, court documents say.

He was charged with assault, reckless endangerment and reckless driving. His bail was set at \$50,000, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported. Attorney Bill Satterberg declined to comment to the newspaper.

In 2008, a crash between a mushing team

and a snowmobile occurred around the same area on the Yukon River. It killed one dog and left another permanently injured. At the time, people on snowmobiles, which are commonly called snowmachines by Alaskans, were coming and going from a community gathering in Nulato.

Such incidences are rare and deemed accidental, Iditarod CEO Stan Hooley told The Associated Press on Sunday. Based on what he has been told, Saturday's incident appears to be malicious, and that is an anomaly on the trail, he said. There is probably more risk getting into a car than seeing such a scenario again, he said.

"Mushers and snowmachiners know the key to incident-free encounters on a multiuse trail is common sense," Hooley said.

Snowmobiles serve an important purpose in the race, being used for trail clearing and marking, as well as the occasional rescue, said Dan Seavey, a veteran of five Iditarods.

"Many of us have had near hits," said Seavey, who came in third in the inaugural 1973 race.

But today's mushers also take more precautions than they used to, relying on headlamps and reflective materials to stand out on the trail.

Seavey said he also has seen snowmobilers go out of their way to be responsible users of the trail.

"We definitely don't want to demonize snowmachiners," he said.

His grandson and the defending champion, Dallas Seavey, was leading the race and gunning for his fourth victory.

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Plenty of story lines in this year's NCAA tournament

The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The overall No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament hasn't made it out of the opening weekend the past two years, so you better believe the boys at Kansas feel as if they have something to prove.

Even after their 12th straight Big 12 championship.

"It's something I've said since I've been here: You come to Kansas to make deep

runs in the tournament and we haven't done that," Jayhawks forward Landen Lucas said. "We have the team to do that. It'll be tough, but we've been tested — battle-tested — and we're ready to make a run."

So are 67 other teams that will begin dancing this week.

The field set Sunday may be the most wide open it has been in years, and the Jayhawks may have the best odds of making it to Houston for the Final Four. But they

were favored to do so the past two years, too, and were ousted by Stanford and Wichita State before they could even think about playing for a championship.

That's the unpredictable nature of the NCAA Tournament.

"I'm not concerned about the second weekend at all right now," said coach Bill Self, whose team opens against Austin Peay in the South Region, then could face No. 8 seed Colorado or No. 9

seed UConn. "All I'm concerned (about) right now is the first weekend."

So, what story lines will dominate the opening weekend? Here are some of them:

— **BIG 12 OR BUST?** The Jayhawks weren't the only Big 12 flop last season. No. 3 seeds Baylor and Iowa State lost their openers and the league didn't get anybody to the Elite Eight. Can the seven teams that made this year's NCAA Tournament field find retribution?

— **MOMENTUM MATTERS:** UConn roared through its conference tournament to solidify its spot in the field, not unlike it did in winning the 2011 and '14 national titles. But 2011 and '14 were good things this time of year, not having it is just as bad.

Iowa was once considered a potential No. 1 seed but fell all the way to a seventh seed, while teams such as Providence and Southern Cal have

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Around the NBA:

Spurs face tough week at home

The Associated Press

The Spurs aren't the only team that knows how to put together a winning streak in San Antonio.

The Los Angeles Clippers did it last spring in the playoffs, and they get the first crack this week at ending the Spurs' 41-game regular-season run at home. If San Antonio wins that one, Golden State might get a shot later this week at trying to end the third-longest home winning streak in NBA history.

The Warriors arrive for a nationally televised Super Saturday matchup in prime time, but even the NBA champions know little about winning in San Antonio. They have lost 32 regular-season games there and have never beaten Tim Duncan in the regular season, as their most recent victory, on Feb. 14, 1997, was a few months before he was drafted with the No. 1 pick.

San Antonio could tie Chicago for the second-longest streak in NBA history by sweeping the Clippers on Tuesday, Portland on Thursday and Golden State on Saturday. The Spurs beat the Clippers at home earlier this season, but the Clippers got them twice when it really mattered in ending the Spurs' title defense.

Los Angeles won Games 4 and 6 at the AT&T Center in a memorable first-round series before knocking the Spurs in Game 7 at home.

The Spurs, who beat Oklahoma City at home on Saturday and are 3 1/2 games behind the Warriors for the NBA's best record, are embracing the challenges they will get this week.

"This is the best time of the year. These are the best tests that we can have to prepare us for the playoffs," guard Danny Green said after Saturday's victory. "Joking with (newly signed) Kevin Martin earlier, he thought he was going to come in and get some warmup games, but it's probably the toughest part of the schedule for us and he's thrown into the fire. So, good luck."

For the first time in two decades, Jason Kidd isn't in a playoff heading into the final month of the season.

He never missed the postseason again as a player after 1996, his second year in the league, and made it in his first two seasons as a coach. His Milwaukee Bucks appear too far back to overcome their slow start, but the growth of Giannis Antetokounmpo, Jabari Parker and Khris Middleton is keeping him motivated.

"There's a lot of stuff that as a coach you can get better at, and that's the motivation is to get better as a coach," Kidd said. "But help the young guys develop and get better each time they take the floor."

Things to watch this week:

HOT HORNETS: Five years after leading Connecticut to the NCAA championship, Kemba Walker is having another memorable March. The Hornets are 7-0 this month, their longest winning streak since March 2002, and the point guard is averaging 28.6 points during that span.

MARCH MADNESS MATCHUP: Brad Stevens vs. Billy Donovan sounds like a good NCAA Tournament matchup — and it was. Stevens' Butler team beat Donovan's Florida squad in overtime to reach the 2011 Final Four.

SEEKING 60: The Warriors will already reach the 60-win mark if they beat former assistant coach Alvin Gentry and New Orleans on Monday. That would also extend their NBA-record home winning streak to 49.



CHS lifters 3rd at regionals

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs powerlifting team placed third in Saturday's Division 3 regional finals in Sunday, the best finish in the school's history.

"We did a fantastic job today. I'm extremely proud of all the guys we brought today," powerlifting coach Coley Dobbs said.

Callum Hurst took first place in the 123-pound class with a total weight of 970 pounds (365-pound squat,

210-pound bench press, 395-pound dead lift), Andrew Martinez took second place in the 148-pound class with a total weight of 1130 pounds (425-pound squat, 255-pound bench press, 450-pound dead lift) and Jesse Cuellar took second place in the 242-pound weight class with a total weight of 1470 pounds (620-pound squat, 395-pound bench press, 455-pound dead lift). All three qualified for the state meet.

Hurst, who is meet first in the region, second in Division 3 and ninth in the entire state of Texas

in the 123-pound class, didn't hit his personal goal for the meet, but maintained that hitting the 950-pound mark to qualify for state was always the most important thing going in.

"Although I didn't get the numbers I normally do, I had a good meet. With this being a regional meet, I normally wouldn't expect it to go as planned anyway, so the fact that I'm going to state is good and I know I can do better there."

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Duel in the desert



AP photo

Keven Harvick edges Carl Edwards (19) to win Sunday's NASCAR race at Phoenix International Raceway.

Long-time rivals stage epic finish in Phoenix

The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — When Kevin Harvick and Carl Edwards started bumping side-by-side on the final lap Sunday, many NASCAR fans had to recall the image of Edwards grabbing Harvick's throat in a 2008 garage altercation.

Or maybe they thought about the time two years later when Harvick called

Edwards "fake" and Edwards responded by saying he had "no respect" for Harvick.

Six years later, there was no wild wreck and ensuing brawl between the longtime rivals. Just a clean, thrilling finish that left Harvick on top for a record eighth time at Phoenix International Raceway.

"I don't think there's any real love lost between the two of us," Har-

vick said after Sunday's 0.01-second Sprint Cup victory over Edwards. "I knew I was going to get hit, and I'm going to hit him in the same type of manner."

Harvick, working on old tires on the overtime restart after Kasey Kahne hit the wall, turned into the charging Edwards first to try to slow his momentum.

Edwards, who went from fourth to second on

the restart with two fresh tires, returned the favor and got into Harvick's door. But as they came to the checkered flag at the mile oval, Harvick had his fifth win in six Phoenix races.

"I don't want to spin him out, but you definitely want to rough him up because that's not the guy that I want to lose to," Harvick said. "And I

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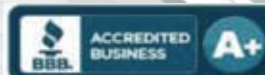
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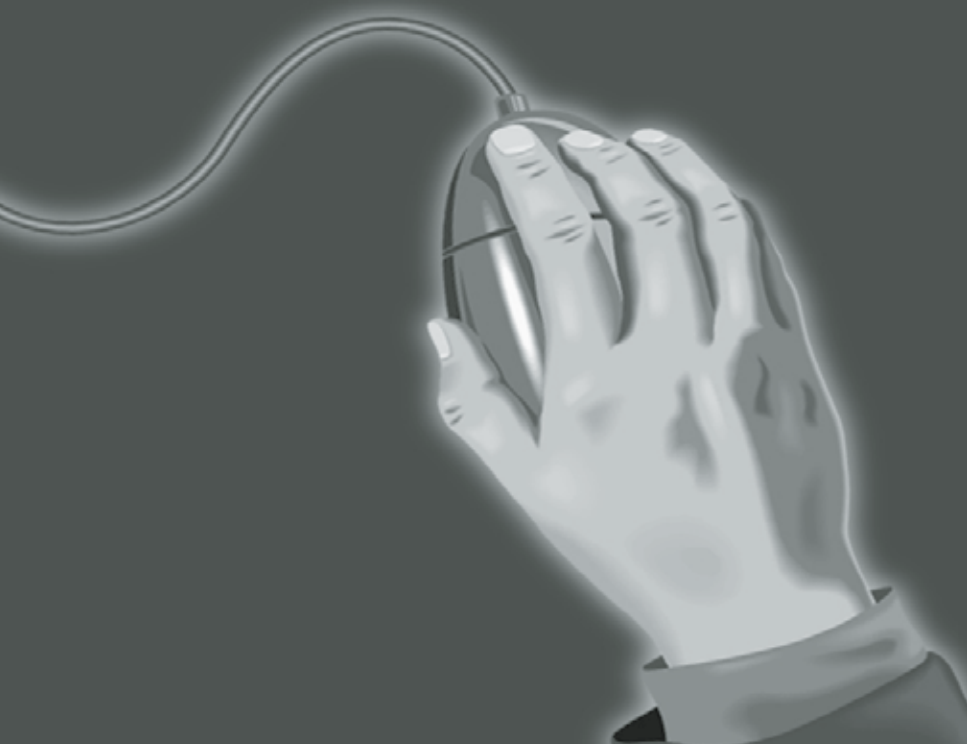
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Mars

There are four planets **HOLIDAY** in peril **MATHIS** today, so if you need something to blame your trouble on, the skies will oblige. Mercury and Jupiter are throwing a wrench in the works while Venus and Mars try to add the kind of complications that can only come from misunderstanding the male or female point of view.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Anonymous acts of kindness are their own reward. People connect with you. In fact, they need you. Before this day is through you'll have brought more than one person out of a funk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're in an enviable position, which is why people are acting jealous. Many will flirt with you, and you'll revel in the attention. New

introductions lead to possible friendships or romance. It's up to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone close to you is struggling. You can help this person feel important. You can help this person feel more in control of the circumstances. Your support will make a world of difference.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Perhaps you understand the way another person is feeling better than even he does! If you can put it into precise words you will be helping in a rare and beautiful way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Do not underestimate the importance of ritual. It can keep you healthy. It can keep a relationship healthy, too. The special thing you do with another person will anchor your connection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a reason why someone you love has made it to your "favorite people" list, and today you'll be reminded of just why that person made it to that exclusive and

small group!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't need symbols of success in order to feel good about yourself, but you'll still enjoy today's signs that you are growing richer and more powerful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No, it's not in your imagination: Your little corner of the world is exceptionally hectic, unusual and oddly humorous now. You'll be laughing at the improbability of this strange scene.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Once upon a time you did good in the world because it was the right thing to do. That was the only reason. That it happened to benefit you was just a bonus -- a bonus that keeps delivering, even today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Analyze the emotions and the facts separately. You'll communicate at a very high level and the people around you will feel loved and appreciated because of this.

AQUARIUS (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). You don't seek trouble, drama or any quality of special attention. And yet -- sorry! -- you will get special attention today. It just comes with the territory of being you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't always feel like having company, regardless of who it is. In fact you will be extremely happy to spend a few hours by yourself today to clear your mind and get centered on what really matters to you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 14). The financial details get sorted out over the next seven weeks, and that helps you make the lifestyle changes you've wanted to make. You'll finally get the answer you've sought in June. September will bring a happy end to a long process. You'll love how your family celebrates you in October. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are 1, 34, 12, 8 and 6.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I've

suspected something is going on with my husband for some time, and now I'm more skeptical than ever of his innocence. If there is a crime, it's a white-collar crime. I'm afraid to investigate, but don't I need to get to the bottom of this if we are to have an honest marriage? He is an Aries, and I am a Libra."

Libra air signs like yourself have excellent intuition, but you tend to process information factually, weighing the evidence carefully using an internal accounting system. The scales for which your sign is famous have a magical way of measuring all aspects of information, including emotional impact and other intangible considerations. As a diplomatic and even-keel Libra, it's likely you could have an honest conversation with your husband and invite him to unburden yourself. But before you do this, you should consult a lawyer about your suspicions and your options should

your intuition be correct. Note that if you are legally married you will not be obligated to testify about your husband, because of "marital privilege," a legal right designed to protect the confidences exchanged within a marriage.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: His philanthropic work will be heralded this year, attracting even more success and good luck to legendary producer/performer/composer Quincy Jones. Mr. Jones was born when both the sun and Venus were in Pisces. Like most Pisces, he uses his intuition to cross boundaries and leap over obstacles. Mercury in Aries energizes his otherwise watery temperament, keeping him focused and on a fast track.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married for 25 years to "Betty," a beautiful, intelligent, caring woman from Greece. Our marriage has been good. We are financially solid, and we share values and interests.

I am 63 and retired. Betty still works, and she makes a good salary. I'm in reasonably good health, although the doctors say I have to watch my heart. I don't have the same energy I once did, and spending quiet time in my house has become important to me. I enjoy being able to focus my energies doing things on the weekends with Betty.

Here's the problem:

Betty's parents still live in Greece and they are having financial difficulties. A couple of weeks ago, Betty informed me that her parents may have to come live with us. Annie, I enjoy having her parents visit, but it is difficult for me to host others for an extended period of time. Our house is not that big and we'd be on top of one another. We also live in a small town where there isn't much to do. I'd be with them in the house all day while Betty is at her office.

When I told Betty that I don't want her parents living here, she became terribly hurt and said she'd divorce me if it came to that.

Am I wrong to want to spend my retirement years with my wife rather than care for her parents? -- Stuck in Upstate NY

Dear Stuck: Betty should not put her parents before you, but let's face it, she is attached to them and probably feels guilty for having moved away in the first place. You say you are financially comfortable. Can you and Betty help her parents afford an apartment or condo in a senior complex that is close to your home but allows all of you to remain independent? Her parents may prefer to be where they have space of their own, with activities that keep them

busy and engaged. Try to get Betty to see this in a more positive light -- doing what's best for her parents while keeping her marriage intact.

Dear Annie: I am responding to the answer you gave to "Going Mad in Canada," who has been married for 30 years to a wife who stays home, doesn't clean and doesn't cook. You said she isn't likely to change after 30 years, and that he should find ways to cope, maybe hiring help, and cooking and cleaning only for himself, letting her do the same.

Are you out of your minds? He's supposed to go to work all day,

come home to a lazy spouse, cook his own meals, wash his own clothes and clean the house? I had been living with this for 25 years, but I found the answer. I put a code on my TV, so it wouldn't turn on until I get home. Next, I canceled our Internet service. I began eating by myself at restaurants, so I'd get a decent cooked meal. After about a month, she started cleaning and cooking.

Why should one spouse take all of the responsibility of bringing home the money, cleaning, cooking and washing clothes while the other spouse does nothing? -- Clean House in Pennsylvania

Dear Penn: Your marriage sounds like an unpleasant mismatch. But we can't argue with success, and this obviously was your way to "cope."

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K 10 4
♥ 9 6 3
♦ K 7 2
♣ K Q 9

EAST
♠ 9 8 3
♥ Q 10 8 5
♦ J 10 6 5
♣ 7 4

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ A K J 7 4 2
♦ A Q 3
♣ 6 5 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♣	Pass

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

There are two sides to a coin, as any numismatist will tell you, and there are also two sides to a bridge hand, as any bridge player will tell you. This is especially noticeable in team-of-four events, where the same hand is played at two different tables.

Consider this deal, which occurred at the 1980 World Bridge Olympiad in the match between Yugoslavia and the United States. Nothing much happened at the first

table, where, with Yugoslavia North-South, the bidding (with East-West silent) went: 1♥-1♠-2♥-4♥. West led a diamond, taken with the ace, and declarer cashed the ace of trumps, on which West showed out. South then entered dummy with a spade, finessed the jack of hearts and eventually lost a trump trick to score 650 points.

At the second table, Ira Rubin and Paul Soloway, North-South for the U.S., got to six hearts as shown, and the Yugoslav West led the ace and another club.

You might think Soloway would go down one, but he made the slam by presenting East with a chance to make a mistake. Instead of leading a low trump to his ace at trick three, he led the nine of trumps.

East covered with the ten, a mistake many defenders might make, and this impulsive action ultimately proved fatal. Soloway won with the ace and, after West showed out, had an easy time trapping East's Q-8-5 of trumps. The only trick Soloway lost was a club, and he scored 1,430 points for making the slam.

Leading the nine of trumps instead of the three — with no intention, of course, to let the nine ride — was a play that could cost declarer nothing, but it had the enormous advantage of inducing a defensive error by East.

Tomorrow: Solving a diamond mystery.
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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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BLONDIE

WAKE UP, DEAR! I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR OUR ARGUMENT

WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?!

IN CASE I CHANGE MY MIND IN THE MORNING, I'LL SAY YOU MUST HAVE BEEN DREAMING THAT I APOLOGIZED

I SURE HAD A CRAZY DREAM LAST NIGHT

BC

WHAT'CHA GOT THERE?

IT'S ONE OF THOSE STEP COUNTERS.

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

DRIVES ME NUTS.

308,764...

This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 14, the 74th day of 2016. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On March 14, 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.
- On this date: In 1885, the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera "The Mikado" premiered at the Savoy Theatre in London.
- In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.
- In 1923, President Warren G. Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax return, paying a levy of \$17,990 on his \$75,000 salary.
- In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation of Czech areas and the separation of Slovakia.
- In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul (sohl).
- In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and sentenced him to death. (Both the conviction and death sentence were over-

turned, but Ruby died before he could be retried.)

In 1966, the wildlife drama "Born Free," inspired by a true story, had its world premiere in London.

In 1967, the body of President John F. Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1976, movie musical director and choreographer Busby Berkeley, 80, died in Palm Springs, California.

In 1980, a LOT Polish Airlines jet crashed while attempting to land in Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

In 1990, the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies held a secret ballot that elected Mikhail S. Gorbachev to a new, powerful presidency.

In 1991, a British court overturned the convictions of the "Birmingham Six," who had spent 16 years in prison for a 1974 Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

Ten years ago: Israel raided a jail in the West Bank town of Jericho, seizing six militants, after the new Hamas-led Palestinian government said it would release the men. A reservoir dam in Hawaii burst, releasing a torrent of water that killed seven people.

Five years ago: In the wake of Japan's earthquake and tsunami and mounting nuclear crisis, President Barack Obama said that he had offered the Japanese government any assistance the United States could provide. Neil Diamond, Alice Cooper, Tom Waits, Darlene Love, Dr. John and Leon Russell were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Thought for Today:
"Any fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius, and a lot of courage, to move in the opposite direction."

Albert Einstein
German-born American physicist
born this date in 1879, died 1955

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WIZARD OF ID

HENRY! BAD!

AWW... HOW CAN I STAY MAD AT YOU?

MOSTLY BECAUSE YOU OUTWEIGH ME BY 6,000 POUNDS.

AGNES

HERE IT IS! HER TINY SACHEL OF PRIMO FAIRY DUST!

WE WILL BURY IT WITH HER.

NO WAY! I'M GOING TO USE IT TO FLY, TURN INVISIBLE AND CHANGE ASPARAGUS INTO LASAGNA!

WANT ME TO SPRINKLE SOME ON YOUR NOSE TO MAKE IT A MORE MANAGEABLE BURDEN?

OH, SHUT UP.

I GOT YOU SOMETHING TODAY, DITTO.

"A GUIDEBOOK OF UNITED STATES COINS"? WHY?

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO START COLLECTING COINS.

YEAH, FROM, LIKE, THE SOFA AND COUNTERTOP AND STUFF.

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HI AND LOIS

THE OTHER COAST

IF DOGS ADVERTISED PHARMACEUTICALS:

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NO MEAT-BALLS!

NO MEAT-BALLS.

WHO EATS SKETTI WIFOUT MEATBALLS?!

FELLERS WHOSE WIVES GOT TO GO TO TH' STORE, BUT TRY TO MAKE UP FER IT BY MAKIN' THREE DIFF'RIENT DESSERTS !!

BEETLE BAILEY

GET UP, BEETLE! TIME TO GET GOING!

AW, SARGE, I NEED THE SLEEP!

I'LL GIVE THEM BACK TO YOU TONIGHT

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Diplomacy
- 5 Step of a project
- 10 Chicken ___ mein (Chinese food)
- 14 "We're in trouble!"
- 15 Showed again on TV
- 16 Like a lot
- 17 New parents' selection
- 18 Make corrections to
- 19 Brother of Cain
- 20 St., Fri., or tbsp.
- 23 Plane's approximate landing hr.
- 24 "Without further ..."
- 25 Skirt's sewed line
- 28 Thick slices
- 31 Agenda listings
- 36 Sign of the future
- 38 Historical period
- 39 Worldwide
- 40 Funds that a business owes
- 43 Fairly new
- 44 Scottish cap
- 45 Profound
- 46 Distributes poker cards
- 47 Bits of heredity
- 49 "Spring forward" period: Abbr.
- 50 U-turn from WNW
- 52 Standard golf score
- 54 Reason to take a part-time job
- 63 "Look before you ___"
- 64 Serious stage play
- 65 Assistant

DOWN

- 1 ___ fish sandwich
- 2 *Moby-Dick* captain
- 3 Hair tool with teeth
- 4 At that place
- 5 Widespread
- 6 Prefix for sphere
- 7 Region
- 8 December temps in red suits
- 9 Concluded
- 10 Tiger's toenail
- 11 Rail-riding wanderer
- 12 Above
- 13 Fuse together, as metal
- 21 Sci-fi beings, for short
- 22 Lacy ornamental mat
- 25 Stockpile greedily
- 26 Talk-show host
- 27 Tourist magnet
- 29 Mural or statue
- 30 Moistens, as a turkey
- 32 Frog relative
- 33 Tapered off
- 34 Guys
- 35 Got some shuteye
- 37 Christmas song
- 39 Sports teams' strategies
- 41 Not yet decided
- 42 Skillet
- 47 President before Barack
- 48 America's Uncle
- 51 Was in agreement (with)
- 53 Cook beef at a barbecue
- 54 Skin-soothing ingredient
- 55 Declare to be false
- 56 Partner at a prom
- 57 Music player from Apple
- 58 Pestors persistently
- 59 Run ___ (go wild)
- 60 Evening, in ads
- 61 Garden in Genesis
- 62 Evergreen trees

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Selection only the start of madness for teams

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — For teams that got a coveted spot in the NCAA Tournament, finding out where and who they're playing was not the end of selection-night drama.

It was only the beginning. And that's especially true for eight teams that are opening-round bound.

Scenes like one at Florida Gulf Coast were playing out at plenty of schools Sunday night. It was nearly 10 p.m. Sunday and people in three different offices at FGCU are calling the school's top donors, asking if they want to be part of the team's travel party for Tuesday's game against Fairleigh Dickinson in Dayton, Ohio. If those fans were willing, they could have a seat on the charter and stay in the team hotel.

Meanwhile, in another office, Billy Blood — the Chief Financial Officer for FGCU athletics — is simultane-

ously working his office phone, his cellphone and emails, trying to actually secure that plane and those hotel rooms. He's exhausted; his tie is loosened, he's rubbing his eyes and he has no idea how long any of this will take.

"Details," he groans, to no one in particular.

He wasn't complaining, and no one else at the other schools facing opening-round games — FDU, Vanderbilt, Wichita State, Michigan, Tulsa, Holy Cross and Southern — likely were either. They play Tuesday or Wednesday, while the rest of the field of 68 starts Thursday or Friday.

"Quick, whirlwind here," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings, whose Commodores play Wichita State in the second game Tuesday night. "That's a quick turnaround time to get yourself ready and get travel arrangements and practice and

preparation and all the things you need to do. It's the fastest night of the year in college basketball if you make the tournament."

It was also going to be a late night for everyone involved.

There's scouting reports to prepare, tickets to deal with, hotel room lists, meals to order, practices to schedule, contingency plans made in case your team wins, contingency plans made in case your team loses, along with arrangements for the band, cheerleaders, fans, managers and administrators.

Most of the 68 teams in the tournament knew, or had at least a reasonably strong sense, that they were getting in before seeing their names on the CBS bracket (or the version that leaked on the Internet during the selection show broadcast). But without the pertinent details — date, site, opponent —

not much could be done on a logistical front until Sunday night.

"We went through this three years ago," said Ken Kavanagh, FGCU's athletic director, referring to when the Eagles became national sweethearts with their "Dunk City" run to the Sweet 16 as a No. 15 seed in 2013. "So most of us understand what happens."

Some FGCU players knew that they were going to play FDU in the opening round before the actual announcement, thanks to that bracket getting leaked and widely distributed on Twitter. But with the realization that a chance to play North Carolina is now one win away, the excitement was real.

So at 6:40 p.m., exactly 48 hours before FGCU will play in the tournament's very first game, the behind-the-scenes work was starting in earnest.

FGCU coach Joe Dool-

ey and his staff met while a member of the school's video staff loaded tons of FDU clips onto Dooley's laptop. Dooley stayed in his tiny office for hours afterward, trying to put together a game plan while across the hall administrators figured out their own plan.

They ate cold macaroni and cheese and sipped diet soda. In between bites, one small problem kept causing their plans to be ripped up every few minutes.

They couldn't get a plane.

Seven of the eight teams headed to Dayton had the same issue when they huddled for a logistical conference call around 8:30 p.m. — there were no arrangements for anyone's charter yet. Michigan was the lone exception, because the Wolverines are headed to Dayton by bus.

Finally, after five hours of trying, Blood

got his plane secured around 11:30 p.m.

FGCU was originally going to fly at noon, then 11 a.m., then a departure of 10:30 was finally set. With that, travel plans for 107 people came together. Breakfast plans were changed three times. Lunch plans were changed twice. Practice was originally going to be held early in Fort Myers; the Eagles will practice near Dayton instead in the afternoon.

"A plethora of emotions," Blood said as Sunday night turned to Monday morning. "But having success and getting to the tournament make the long hours and the weekends, the nights, the holidays spent working all worth it. I'll go home, shower, pack, feed my newborn daughter, kiss my wife, sleep for a few hours and then back here. Good times."

Great times, actually. The tournament awaits.

NCAA

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also had trouble lately.

"Our fans love this time of year," UConn coach Kevin O'Leary said. "I love it as a coach."

— **TOUGHEST TICKET:** Good luck getting a seat in Des Moines. The Jayhawks have a three-hour drive from their campus in Lawrence, while blue-bloods Kentucky, UConn and Indiana are joining them there. The only thing that would have driven up the price more is if the

Hawkeyes (headed to Raleigh), Iowa State (off to Denver) or Northern Iowa (sent to Oklahoma City) were playing close to home.

— **GOING GLOBAL:** There will be plenty of international flair to this tournament. Utah star Jakob Poeltl was born in Austria, Buddy Hield of Oklahoma is from the Bahamas and Domantas Sabonis of Gonzaga is the pride of Lithuania. Iowa's Peter Jok was born in Sudan, Cheick Diallo of Kansas in Mali. Kentucky 7-footer Skal Labissiere is originally from Haiti and Amida Brimah of UConn

is from Ghana.

— **RIVALRY WEEKS:** The committee insists it doesn't consider rivalries when it slots the field, and every year it's hard to believe it.

Potential matchups this year include longtime Southwest Conference foes Texas and Texas A&M, perennial powers Kentucky and Indiana, football foes Notre Dame and Michigan, and Jim Boeheim against Tom Izzo — err, Syracuse against Michigan State.

"We're all just going to focus on Chattanooga," Hoosiers coach Tom Crean said

of their first-round opponent. "We're only guaranteed one game right now and that's against Chattanooga."

— **PHILLYPRIDE:** Speaking of rivals, it was a banner year for the Big 5. Second-seeded Villanova and No. 10 seed Temple could meet in a second-round game in the East Region, and Saint Joseph's is the No. 8 seed in the West. For what it's worth, the Wildcats went 4-0 against their Big 5 brethren this season.

— **COMMITTEE'S CONSCIENCE:** The selection committee gets dissected every year, but putting Michigan

and Tulsa in the field and leaving Monmouth and St. Bonaventure out was practically inviting criticism. Those two teams can make the committee feel a whole lot better about their decision by winning a couple games. They meet each other in a First Four matchup before facing No. 6 seed Notre Dame.

"It's just a matter of the way things work out when we apply — strictly apply — our procedures for seeding," committee chair Joe Castiglione said, "and then, of course, when we get into bracketing."

DUEL

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know he doesn't want to lose to me."

It was NASCAR's second photo finish in a month, the same margin of victory as Denny Hamlin over Martin Truex Jr. at the Daytona 500.

There have only been six closer finishes

since NASCAR began using electronic scoring in 1993.

And this time, there was no throat-grabbing or name-calling.

"Just a lot of fun," Edwards said. "I really wish it would have worked out a little bit differently, but it was a good race."

Hamlin recovered from an early pit penalty to finish third. Kyle Busch, his Joe Gibbs

Racing teammate, started from the pole and led the first 77 laps before ending up fourth.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who ended Harvick's four-race winning streak at Phoenix with a rain-shortened victory in November, finished fifth.

Harvick's weekend started slow when he qualified 18th on Friday. But he had the fastest car at the end of Satur-

day's last practice and meticulously worked his way to the front on Sunday.

He took the lead for good in the No. 4 Chevrolet when he immediately passed Edwards on a restart with 77 laps to go. Harvick, who led a race-high 139 of 313 laps, built a lead approaching 3 seconds before the final caution.

Harvick crew chief Rodney Childers decid-

ed to stay on the track while Edwards and others took on two tires.

"I knew that he had been saving his stuff and thought we'd be OK," Childers said. "But every time, there's always seven or eight that stay out in that situation. And when there was only three, that turned into a little bit of panic mode for me."

Harvick, though, found a way to win at what's become almost his personal track. By all-but-clinching a spot

in the season-ending playoffs, he gave NASCAR four winners in four races from four race teams.

And this time there was no bad blood between two fierce competitors.

"It was kind of fun coming to the line because I thought, 'man, I got him,'" Edwards said. "And then he doored me real hard and then he got a little run. Then I tried to door him and slow him down, but it just didn't work."

LIFTERS

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Hurst said.

Martinez, who qualified for state by finishing second in his class, was also disappointed in his performance and expects to do better at the state finals.

"It didn't go as planned, really far from as planned, but I'm glad

I'm at least going to state," Martinez said. "I could have done better on all of the lifts to be honest, but state's a few weeks away and I've just got to get after it."

Dobbs added, "We hit the numbers we needed today, but not necessarily the numbers we wanted."

Sophomore Zach Fuentes, who is currently ranked third in Divi-

sion 3 in the 132-pound weight class, finished in a disappointing eighth place in the meet.

"He was pulling to place there at the end and didn't quite get it, but he's got two years to work on it. He's the youngest guy on the team right now, and he has great things in his future," Dobbs said. "He's a little down on himself, but if he wasn't

I'd be disappointed in him because he knows he can get better, and he's going to."

The state meet starts with the doors opening at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 2 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, with a \$5 admission.

Opening ceremonies will be at 8:30 a.m. and lifting will start at 8:45 a.m.

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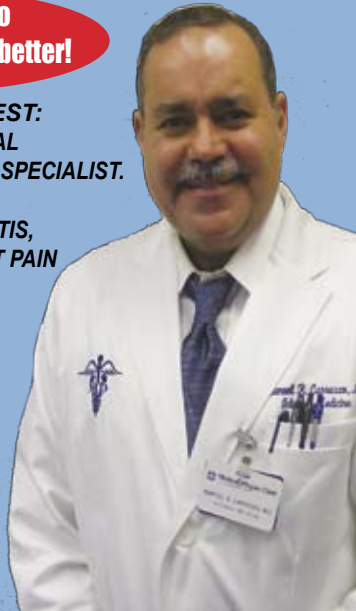
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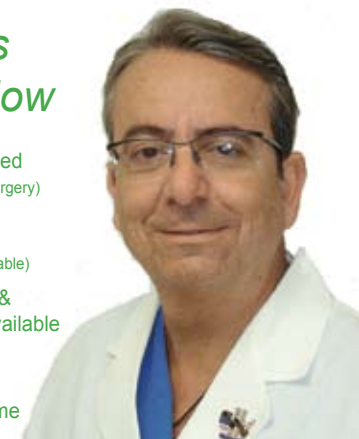
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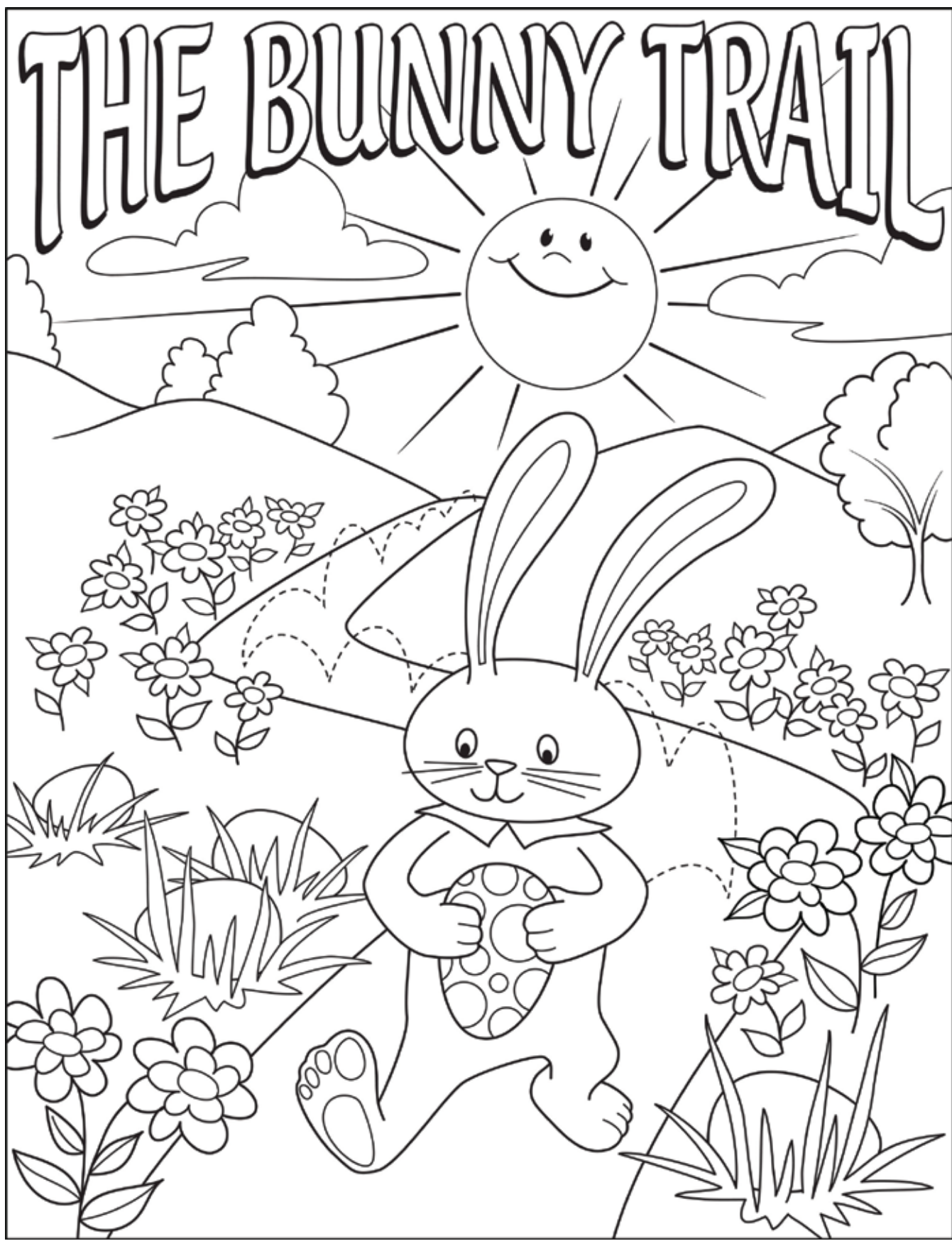
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