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Quite a choir



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring High School Meistersingers, Women's Chorus and Men's Chorus participated in the American Classics Choral Festival this past weekend at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. Each choir received a First Division Superior trophy and the Men's Chorus earned the Outstanding Performance trophy for the festival. Also, the judges awarded Josh Long Outstanding Soloist for the festival.

Arrest made in shooting

Local man accused of wounding wife Tuesday evening

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

A 25-year-old Big Spring man remained in jail this morning waiting on a bond hearing after his arrested by Big Spring Police for allegedly shooting his wife.



Lloyd

Farley Garret Lloyd was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing serious bodily injury to a family member, according to police reports this morning. The alleged incident occurred Tuesday evening in the 700 block of Tulane. The wounded female victim, whose name is not being released at this time, was shot in the neck, according to a report by KBYG.

The radio station also reports, the victim was airlifted to Lubbock and her condition was unknown by press time.

A young child was present in the home when the shooting occurred, KBYG reported, but the child was not harmed and is currently in the care of family members.

Lloyd was arraigned before Municipal Judge Timothy Green this morning. Bond was set at \$400,000, county jail officials said.

Forsan ISD:

Pre-K, kindergarten sign-ups Monday

Herald Staff Report

Forsan Elementary has scheduled Pre-K and kindergarten pre-registration for Monday through April 10. Paperwork can be filled out in the elementary office. We are located south of Big Spring at the corner of Nichols Road and FM 818. The school office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. In order to be eligible for Pre-kindergarten, the student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2015,

and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Must be unable to speak or comprehend English;
 - The family fully qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches;
 - The family is homeless;
 - One or more parents are on active-duty military service
 - The children are in foster care
- To register for kindergarten, students must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2015.

In order to pre-register, parents

should bring:

- the child's official birth certificate,
- social security card,
- shot records,
- proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address),
- parent driver's license,
- proof of guardianship (if applicable).

For more information on FISD pre-K and Kindergarten registration, contact the elementary office at 432-398-5444.



Texas House OKs \$210B budget after 17 hours of floor debate

By PAUL J. WEBER
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — New Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's plan to lower taxes in Texas and send hundreds more armed troopers to the Texas-Mexico border is within reach after Republicans muscled a \$210 billion budget through the House early Wednesday.

A pre-dawn vote of 141-5 sent the spending blueprint to the Senate, where the biggest question might be whether the plan is far enough to the right for new Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a staunch tea party favorite.

Not that there isn't plenty for Republicans to like. Social conservatives cut \$3 million out of programs to prevent HIV and sexual transmitted diseases and piled that money into expanding abstinence education in schools. Abortion opponents — having already won restrictions that

Republicans muscled past proposed changes from outnumbered Democrats and easily passed their own, including extra funding for abstinence education at the expense of HIV prevention programs.

have plunged the number of Texas abortion facilities into single digits — tucked into the budget new bans that prohibit abortion providers from putting sex education materials in classrooms.

Democrats, outnumbered 2-to-1 in the House, angrily opposed both measures but left little mark on the GOP budget after 17 hours of de-

bate, failing to divert spending elsewhere, particularly to schools.

With two months left in the first legislative session under Abbott, the biggest tax cuts in Texas in a decade are in the pipeline and some measure of relief for congested highways has wide support. A trough of taxpayer dollars for risky corporate startups and funding to test high school athletes for steroids — both fixtures of former Gov. Rick Perry's 14 years in office — were quickly dismantled.

Calls to abolish film incentives that subsidized a reality show of Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders and efforts to research equal pay at state agencies fizzled as the House churned through 350 proposed budget amendments. Collecting school data on bullying in Texas schools, including against gay and

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Good Friday closings

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

County, city and public schools will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday.

The city of Big Spring will close all offices including the landfill and compost and there will be no sanitation pickup on that day. Emergency services will continue as normal. The Emergency Utilities Department will also be open and can be contacted at 432-264-2392.

In Coahoma, city employees will get a jump on a three-day weekend as offices are set to close at 2 p.m. Thursday and reopen on Monday for normal business.

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Obituaries

Garner 'Pa' Thixton



Garner "Pa" Thixton, 82, of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 29, 2015. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ.

He was born Nov. 13, 1932, in Big Spring, Texas to Lennie Lucille (Alderman) and Cecil Arvil Thixton. He served in the U.S. Navy from Feb. 7, 1952 until Dec. 16, 1955, where he packed parachutes. He married Eunice Thompson in December 1955 in Houston.

He worked at the Harley Davidson Shop (family business) and then worked for civil service at Webb Air Force Base, where he packed parachutes once again. He retired from Webb in 1977. He then went to Forsan ISD where he worked in maintenance. Later he was in charge of quality control at OIL.

He loved traveling on his Harley and went to New York and traveled 5,000 miles in 19 days. He raced cycles and enjoyed asphalt and dirt racing and climbing. He and Eunice did Friday night super

with friends for years on cycles. He was involved in Humane Society, Meals on Wheels and most importantly was a caregiver for his mother in her later years.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Eunice Thixton; his children, Anthony Thixton of Corpus Christi, Wesley Thixton and wife Betty and Sara Thixton, all of Big Spring, and Lucy Marlow of Taylor; four grandchildren, Clay Thixton and wife Aubrey of Lamesa, Kristen Nichols and husband John Paul of Big Spring, Rachel O'Neill and husband Richard of New Braunfels and Aarika Thixton of San Antonio; seven great-grandchildren, Tucker, Koby, Truett, Colt, Trenton, Scarlett and Caroline; three sisters, Rose Teeler of Big Spring, Tammey Johnson and husband Junior of Somerville, S.C. and Linda McKnight and husband Thomas of Jonestown, Texas; and brother-in-law, Howard Walker of Big Spring and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Cecil and Ora Thixton and Lucille Krumnow, he was preceded in death by sisters Marijo Walker and Carijo; and a daughter, Lisa Thixton.

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

Paid obituary

Kaye Holley



Kaye Holley, 69, of Big Spring, went to her heavenly home Monday, March 30, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery, Coahoma.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Sandra Kaye Clark July 14, 1945, in Arlington, Texas and married Glen Holley July 1, 1967. Throughout her life, she loved educating others: from her childhood, when she spent two years with her family in Denmark as missionaries, as a teacher of many children's Bible classes, to her 25 years with both Snyder ISD and Coahoma ISD. She will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandma, and friend to many, many people. People who knew Kaye knew that they would be met with a pleasant word and an angelic smile, no matter who they were or the circumstances of their meeting.

Kaye was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring and a previous member of 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder.

Kaye is survived by her husband of 47 years, Glen; her children, David and Lora Holley of Mustang, Okla., Jon and Mindy Holley of White Oak, Daniel and Rebekah Holley of Lubbock, and Jay and Nicole Holley of San Diego, Calif.; 15 grandchildren, Kari, Tye, Kaylee, Tana, Katelyn, Tavian, MJ, Asia, Walker, Kayl, Corbin, Matthew, Trevor, Emily and Logan; one great-granddaughter, Dilyn; four sisters, Sherrian Crittendon and husband, Kenneth, Sylvia Mooney and husband, Jim, Susan Crawford and Trish Nicholson; one brother, Paul Clark and wife, Gayle; two brothers-in-law, Gene Holley and wife, Carolyn and Gary Holley and wife, Debbie; one sister-in-law, Jan Jackson and husband, Richard; and 16 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dan and Evelyn Clark; her in-laws, Omar and Wilma Cashion; and one niece, Kelly Crawford.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 2236, Portales, N.M. 88130 or to a children's home of your choice in her name.

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

Rosemary Hunter

CLYDE — Rosemary Elaine Hunter, 66, died Thursday, March 26, 2015. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2015, at Abilene Funeral Home Chapel of Hope, 3349 N. 12th St. Viewing and visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Arrangements for cremation will follow service, under the direction of Abilene Funeral Home.

Calvin Marion

Calvin Marion, 42, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 30, 2015 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with expenses.

Stephanie Gurney

Stephanie Painter Gurney, 28, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 28, 2015, in Eden. Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Cody Hare

Cody Hare, 43, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Carl Knappe

Carl Knappe, 90, of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 29, 2015 in Aransas Pass, Texas. Graveside services will be held Friday, April 3, 2015, at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Royce Don Cox



Royce Don Cox, 71, of Midland, went to be with God on March 29, 2015. After a heroic battle with aphasia, Royce passed away at home, comfortably in his sleep, with his beloved family around him.

Royce, a devoted servant, loved the Lord. He enjoyed spreading this love through singing with his friends and fellow congregation members of Kelview Heights Baptist Church. Royce loved to play golf. Many understood this to be his greatest pastime, but to Royce it was a "passion of a lifetime." He excelled over the years including "shooting his age" many times, a highly recognized accomplishment, beginning when he turned 67.

He also had a love for fishing. His love of sports and nature allowed him the opportunity to teach integrity and respect for sportsmanship and the outdoors to many. He was an accomplished basketball official, being asked multiple times to officiate the Texas State UIL High School Basketball Tournament.

Royce was known as having an unrelenting work ethic that showed in his desire to educate youth through his chosen occupation and calling for more than 37 years. He began his career in education in Roaring Springs where he coached and taught, before moving to Big Spring in 1969. He continued teaching and coaching golf until accepting the position of vice principal for Goliad Middle School in 1980. Throughout his career in Big Spring, he was a principal in elementary, middle school and junior high school.

At one point he was offered a position outside the realm of education but respectfully declined, stating that he could not leave his "hip huggers,"

which were his elementary students. Royce truly touched and influenced so many lives with his ideal of "worry less and love more".

Royce was married to the love of his life, Rue Ann Cox, for 48 years. They were an inspiring example of two souls predestined by God to be together. He was an amazing father to both Michelle and Jimmy Cox, teaching them, through his own actions, the values of integrity, wisdom, respect, and love. He was happiest when he was around family and the many friends that graced his life throughout the years.

Royce is survived by his wife, Rue Ann of Midland, four brothers and sisters, Thelma Burt of Knox City, Jackie Cox and wife Tippi of Ransom Canyon, Bobby Cox and wife Rosemary of Runaway Bay and Carol Dickson and husband Dick of Benjamin; two children, Michelle Cox of Midland and Jimmy Cox and wife Mindy of Midland; four grandchildren, Megan Ivie, Max Ivie, Avery Cox and Marlee Woodward; and one great grandchild, Kel Gard. He was preceded in death by his parents Ayres and Leola Cox of O'Brien and brother Wallace Cox of Fort Worth.

The family will receive guests on Thursday, April 2, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at Kelview Heights Baptist Church on Friday, April 3, 2015, at 1 p.m., with graveside services immediately following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

A scholarship fund, The Royce Cox Memorial Big Spring High School Golf Scholarship, has been established. Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to The Royce Cox Memorial Golf Scholarship at any of the West Texas National Bank locations.

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

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Victoria May Moore



Victoria May Moore, 84 of Bastrop, Texas, passed away Friday, March 27, 2015.

Victoria was born May 24, 1930, in Toronto, Canada to Albert and Jessie Jackson. She graduated from nursing school as an registered nurse from Toronto East General Hospital in 1951 and then continued her nursing career in Big Spring, Texas at Malone & Hogan Hospital for more than 30

years. She became a United States citizen in 1960.

She spent her lifetime caring for others. She also loved sewing, gardening, and caring for her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Christina Smith; stepdaughters, Melody and Darja Moore; and stepson, Gary Moore.

She is survived by her daughter, Vikki-Jene Estes son-in-law Jeff Estes; grandsons, Jackson and David Estes; granddaughter, Grace Estes; and special friends, Ray and Carolyn Estes.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, March 30, 2015, at Bastrop Providence Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at Fairview Cemetery.

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Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m.

until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

- Stepping Stone Group

of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical

Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza.



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Take note

- The Young and Breastless, a Relay for Life team, will be holding a garage sale on April 10 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The sale will be at 504 E. 13th St. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life. If anyone has any items to donate to the garage sale, call Judge Pumroy at 432-638-2499 or bring the items to the garage sale.
- 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.
- 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 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, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

BUDGET

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transgendered students, also failed. Republicans muscled past proposed changes from outnumbered Democrats and easily passed their own, including the extra funding for abstinence education at the expense of HIV prevention programs. "What's good for me is good for a lot of people,"

said Republican state Rep. Stuart Spitzer, a doctor who defended his proposal by recounting his own abstinence until marriage. Research projects that destroy human embryos also became ineligible for state funds despite protests from other Republicans that doing so would cost scientific jobs. What stayed intact: ramping up patrols on the border. Republicans

swatted down attempts to even slightly nibble at a half-billion dollars earmarked for Abbott's border security plan, which has already passed the House. Abbott wants to put his stamp on education by improving prekindergarten in Texas public schools, but school districts have been underwhelmed by his \$130 million plan, which wouldn't extend programs to a full day or re-

duce student-to-teacher ratios. The price tag is less than what Texas had offered through a grant program eliminated in 2011 during steep budget cuts. House leaders left additional pre-K funding out of the budget, but vowed to return to it later. Democratic proposals to include an extra \$800 million in classroom funding also faltered. "Why wouldn't you

put public education on the wish list?" Democratic state Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer said. The House and Senate have outlined tax cut packages — another priority for Abbott — that top \$4 billion. But there is disagreement on how to get there, with Patrick's plan in the Senate calling for a property tax break that would save the average homeowner about \$200 a year.

FRIDAY

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business hours. Coahoma residents can call 432-213-5175 for any utility

emergencies. As for area students, Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan ISD will suspend classes for the day in observance of the holiday. Classes resume on Monday.

All four Howard College campuses — Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo and the South-West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf — will be closed on Friday including administration

offices and the Harold Davis Fitness Center. The campuses will open for classes on Monday. The West Texas VA Health Care System, or known locally as the VAMC, will be open for

regular hours on Friday as will the U.S. Post Office. *Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by citydesk@bigspring-herald.com.*

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- MARTHA ANN CRENSHAW, 49, of 4200 Hamilton St. was arrested on warrants from another agency and for evading arrest/detention.
- FARLEY GARRET LLOYD, 25, of 701 Tulane Avenue was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing serious bodily injury to a family member.
- NICHOLAS GREGG MILLS, 41, of 100 Hoosier St. was arrested on warrants from other agencies.
- RYAN BRADLEY SHAWN, 41, of P.O. Box 343, La Plata, N.M., was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention, using vehicle or watercraft; and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80, the 1900 block of Morrison Drive and the 3600 block of Bethell Drive.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar Road.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2100 block of Morrison Drive.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of Hillside Drive

the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- JORGE LUIS GOMEZ JR., 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties and on a CAPIS warrant for no driver's license.
- KRISTEN TASHAY LEWIS, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation/unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 68, was

booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication with three priors.

- RUBEN ROJAS JR., 40, was booked by the HCSO on warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, and motion to revoke probation-possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.
- FREDDY CANO RODRIGUEZ JR., 27, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation, possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4

grams.

- NICHOLAS GREGG MILLS, 35, was booked by the HCSO CAPIAS warrants for failure to appear and driving while license invalid.
- MARTHA ANN CRENSHAW, 49, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for FTA/driving while intoxicated with child under 15 years of age and on a charge of evading arrest/detention.
- FARLEY GARRET LLOYD, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault to date/family/house hold member.

- RYAN BRADLEY SHAW, 42, was booked by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.




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A song originally written in Spanish in 1934 and later that year published in English has been recorded hundreds of times by a vast array of artists, including Dinah Washington's version which won a Grammy Award in 1959. The song “What a Difference a Day Makes” was not religious in nature but the phrase has been reverberating in my heart as I prepare for the Sunday ahead. In a few days I will join millions of Christians around the world to celebrate one of the greatest days in human history, Resurrection Sunday, or Easter as it is more commonly known.

I realize there are actually several days that bear significance in the Easter story, but the one victorious day death was conquered is the day that made the greatest difference of all.

In the case of Jesus a few days made a drastic difference. On Palm Sunday the people of Israel welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with shouts of Hosanna, and “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.” But only a few days later many of these same people were shouting ‘crucify him.’ The story never gets old to those of us who confess a faith in Jesus Christ because celebrating His victory over death is the reason we have hope. The apostle Paul said, “If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” (1 Corinthians 15:19)

Tony Campolo is well known for a sermon he preached many years ago in which he recounts the story of a time he preached at his home church in Philadelphia. Dr. Campolo felt he had preached the perfect sermon in every way and had taken the congregation to ‘the heights of glory.’ As he sat down beside his pastor, Dr. Tony patted him on the knee and simply said, “Top that.” The older black pastor looked at him and said, “Boy, watch the master.” Then Dr. Campolo recalls for us the very brilliant message which fol-



EDDY PRINCE

lowed.

The following is a short printed version of the 45 minute sermon and trust me the printed version doesn't do justice to the original, but you can at least get an idea what the last part is like.

It was a simple sermon, starting softly, building in volume and intensity until the entire congregation was completely involved, repeating the phrases in unison. The sermon went something like this.

It's Friday. Jesus is arrested in the garden where He was praying. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. The disciples are hiding and Peter's denying that he knows the Lord. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. Jesus is standing before the high priest of Israel, silent as a lamb before the slaughter. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. Jesus is beaten, mocked, and spit upon. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. Those Roman soldiers are flogging our Lord with a leather scourge that has bits of bones and glass and metal, tearing at his flesh. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. The Son of man stands firm as they press the crown of thorns down into his brow. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. See Him walking to Calvary, the blood dripping from His body. See the cross crashing down on His back as He stumbles beneath the load. It's Friday; but Sunday's a coming.

It's Friday. See those Roman soldiers driving the nails into the feet and hands of my Lord. Hear my Jesus cry, “Father, forgive them.” It's Friday; but Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. Jesus is hanging on the cross, bloody and dying. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. The sky grows dark, the earth begins to tremble, and He who knew no sin became sin for us. Holy God who will not abide with sin pours out His wrath on that perfect sacrificial lamb who cries out, “My God, My God. Why hast thou forsaken me?” What a horrible cry. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. And at the moment of Jesus' death, the veil of the Temple that separates sinful man from Holy God was

torn from the top to the bottom because Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. Jesus is hanging on the cross, heaven is weeping and hell is partying. But that's because it's Friday, and they don't know it, but Sunday's a coming.

And on that horrible day 2000 years ago, Jesus the Christ, the Lord of glory, the only begotten Son of God, the only perfect man died on the cross of Calvary. Satan thought that he had won the victory. Surely he had destroyed the Son of God. Finally he had disproved the prophecy God had uttered in the Garden and the one who was to crush his head had been destroyed. But that was Friday.

Now it's Sunday. And just about dawn on that first day of the week, there was a great earthquake. But that wasn't the only thing that was shaking because now it's Sunday. And the angel of the Lord is coming down out of heaven and rolling the stone away from the door of the tomb. Yes, it's Sunday, and the angel of the Lord is sitting on that stone and the guards posted at the tomb to keep the body from disappearing were shaking in their boots because it's Sunday, and the lamb that was silent before the slaughter is now the resurrected lion from the tribe of Judah, for He is not here, the angel says. He is risen indeed.

It's Sunday, and the crucified and resurrected Christ has defeated death, hell, sin and the grave. It's Sunday. And now everything has changed. It's the age of grace, God's grace poured out on all who would look to that crucified lamb of Calvary. Grace freely given to all who would believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary was buried and rose again. All because it's Sunday.

At the end of the message the pastor shouts out: It's Friday! And the whole congregation responds: But Sunday's Coming!

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Onward, Christian florists

“There's something very dangerous happening in states across the country,” Apple chief executive Tim Cook warned Monday in a Washington Post opinion piece against Indiana's newly passed Religious Freedom Restoration Act. It matters not to the corporate big shot that President Bill Clinton signed a federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act in 1993 (which current House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi supported) or that then-Illinois state Sen. Barack Obama voted for a similar law in 1998.

It was one thing for Democrats to support religious freedom when there was no downside to standing up for the devout. Today there could be a cost. An Indiana baker might refuse to sell a wedding cake to a same-sex couple and cite the new law if the couple were to sue him or her. Cook believes that such discrimination would be “bad for business.” I agree. Cook also believes that the baker wouldn't have the right to say no. I do not agree with that.

When Obama first ran for the White House, he supported a ban on same-sex marriage. If Cook had a problem with Obama's stand, he kept it to himself. Years later, Obama announced that his position had evolved and he had come to support same-sex marriage. Voila: Now anyone who disagrees with same-sex marriage is a bigot and

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thus has no rights.

Except religious dissenters do have rights. Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court recognized that family-owned corporations have religious rights. In the 5-4 Hobby Lobby decision, the big bench recognized CEO David Green's right to get around an Affordable Care Act mandate that his employer-sponsored health plan offer employees contraceptives that, Green argued, “risk killing an embryo.”

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Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a Republican, was no profile in courage when he appeared Sunday on ABC's “This Week.” Host George Stephanopoulos repeatedly asked Pence whether the law he signed last week would allow a florist to refuse to serve a gay couple at their wedding. “Yes or no?” Stephanopoulos

asked. Pence would not give a simple answer — that a florist could use the new law if a gay couple were to sue him.

Pence did ask, “Is tolerance a two-way street or not?” The answer from corporate boardrooms appears to be “not.”

Pence — who may be thinking of running for the White House himself — obviously sees powerful forces aligned against him. Angie's List announced it was stopping a major project in Indianapolis. Salesforce.com CEO Marc Benioff tweeted, “We are canceling all programs that require our customers/employees to travel to Indiana to face discrimination.” (The Federalist's Mollie Hemingway was amused that Benioff stood up to Indiana while doing business with China, a bastion of human rights abuses.)

“Opposing discrimination takes courage,” Cook wrote. He has the Democratic Party, some Republicans, Hollywood and CEO-dom on his side — and they completely outgun true believers who oppose same-sex marriage. They're not standing up to China; they're standing up to Hoosier Christian florists. They think they're brave when they're rank bullies for whom it's not enough to win; they have to make dissenters buckle.

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We see things the way we are

Have you ever allowed your mind to delve into your past and recall the people who have had the most influence on you? As I think back I know of a vast number of lives that have touched mine. Many different people have shared a piece of their soul in my formation; it is impossible to pinpoint a single person who was the most influential; however, I have come to the conclusion, as I'm sure most of you have, that no one has influenced me as much as my parents.



DARRELL RYAN

Their influence has been in all the highs and lows of my life. I was lucky; I grew up in a time when life revolved around home and family. As a result, I have acquired many of my parents' strengths as well as some of their weaknesses. My Mom came from a large family. There were a total of 10 kids, but only six survived to adulthood. Three died before the age of three and one died at 12. Since I am an only child, Mom had the smallest family of her siblings. Two of her sisters had six children; the other sister had five. Her brothers were more conservative but not of their own choice. World War II interrupted their life; one brother was killed and the other developed health prob-

lems that destroyed his life, so fewer children were born of their families. But back to my mom; her mother died when she was 12. She had to become one of the caretakers of the home. They didn't have much in the way of financial means, but they had love and those that remained had each other. I guess that taught my mom a degree of independence and made her the person she was. My Mom influenced my life in so many ways; she was my first teacher. From her I learned how to get dressed, brush my hair, brush my teeth and keep my clothes as neat as possible. She gave me perseverance and dedication. A great part of the everyday guidance and direction in my life

came from her. My dad influenced me, too. He taught me the meaning of work and being responsible and dependable. He also taught me to take pride in what I do — even if it wasn't anything great, still be proud of what it was and that it was something I did. And together, my mom and dad taught me the value of family, and the idea that we are there for each other, and we love each other, but we must always show respect and never take advantage of that relationship. There have been many special moments that I have shared with my parents and today, as I look back in my memory at those times, I am sad that they can no longer take place, but I rejoice in those memories.

Those memories and their influence have created the person I am today, and I am so grateful. Through those memories I have learned that life is not about finding myself; life is about creating myself. And isn't it awesome that even the mere presence of a person can inspire you in such a way that it touches the innermost parts of your soul? My parents were such influences; always there, always touching my life, continuously contributing, in silence, to the person I am today and teaching me, as in the words of Talmud, "We don't see things the way they are. We see them the way we are." *Darrell Ryan is director of school safety for Big Spring Independent School District.*

Here's what you can check out at the library

Audio book lovers take note! I just put in a list of more than 20 new AUCD books in the New Book Binder at the Front Desk. "Gray Mountain" by Grisham; "The Dead Will Tell" By Linda Castillo; "Diary of a Mad Diva" by Joan Rivers; "The Escape" by David Baldacci; "Wild" by Cheryl Strayhorn (movie is out starring Reese Witherspoon); and many more — just no more space to list them. Come and get them before they are all checked out. We have received quite a few craft books of various kinds, so



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

this will be a "crafty" column! The first one I have is "Recycled Chic: 30 Ways to Recycle, Renew and Reinvent Your Pre-Loved Fashions" (646.404 MCK A) by Amanda McKittrick. She has all sorts of ideas to remake a loved dress into a blouse or skirt, ties into roses, an old leather jacket into an iPod case, a Western shirt into a halter top and just scads of really neat ideas. It is a great book for young, hip girls or young adults to use. "Felt-o-Ween" (745.594 SHE K) by Kathy Sheldon and Amanda Carestio is a book that uses felted wool to make various items that celebrate Halloween. She has hairbows, scarecrow plant picks, pumpkins napkins, baty pillows and all sorts of cute, non-scary crafts to make and much of all

of it is kid-friendly. If you are into jewelry making, not just stringing beads, you should look at "The Jewelry Maker's Design Book: An Alchemy of Objects" (745.594 MEN D) by Deryn Mentock. She makes the high-dollar jewelry that you will see for sale in Fredericksburg, Austin, San Antonio or Dallas in shops that cater to people who don't think anything about buying expensive costume jewelry. If you want to craft your own pieces or figure out how to get that look, then check this book out. But expect to invest in some tools — more expensive "stuff"

that what you get at Hobby Lobby — to make the look that she has. Here are a couple of books that use textiles (fabric) in different ways. "Reclaimed Textiles" (746 THI K) by Kim Thittichai shows how to repurpose discarded materials and packaging to create new, stunning artwork. From making evening dresses out of plastic Wal-Mart or Target bags to weaving boxes out of cardboard packaging or making textile art with antique lace and photographs, this book encourages you to see a new life in everything around you. In "New Ideas in Fus-

ing Fabrics" 746 BEA M) by Margaret Beal, she will give a completely new look at how to use a fine-tipped soldering iron, an instrument that has up-ended the world of textile art. Lynn Haunstein has written a really neat book on glass fusing, "40 Great Glass Fusing Projects" (738.5 HAU L), and I have read through it and I want a kiln so I can do this. It looks like so much fun and the projects are so pretty and fun. Yes, I know it takes

skill to work with glass and it isn't as easy as the book makes it out to be. There are full-sized patterns enclosed and a skilled glass worker will have the tools to be able to make these beautiful items. Here are three books that make their subject look easy: "Printmaking Unleashed" (760.28 BAU T) by Traci Bautista; "Alternative Art Surfaces" (702.81 MCE D) by Darlene McElroy and Sandra Wilson; and See LIBRARY, Page 6

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Foreign adoptions by Americans is lowest mark since 1982

NEW YORK (AP) — The number of foreign children adopted by U.S. parents dropped by 9 percent last year to the lowest level since 1982, according to new State Department figures.

The department's report for the 2014 fiscal year shows 6,441 adoptions from abroad, down from 7,094 in 2013 and about 74 percent below the high of 22,884 in 2004. The number has fallen every year since then — a trend that has dismayed many adoption advocates in the U.S.

Trish Maskew, chief of the State Department's Adoption Division, said it was difficult to predict when the number of foreign adoptions might start to rise again after so many years of decline.

"We're trying to identify places where there's potential, and work with them to see if we can improve the process," Maskew said. "It would be great to be as powerful as some people think we are."

As usual, China accounted for the most children adopted in the U.S., but its total of 2,040 was down more than 10 percent from 2013 and far below the peak of 7,903 in 2005. Since then, China has expanded its domestic adoption program and sought to curtail the rate of child abandonment.

Ethiopia was second at 716, a sharp drop over a two-year period from 1,568 adoptions in 2012. Ethiopian authorities have been trying to place more abandoned children with relatives or foster families, and have intensified scrutiny of orphan-

ages to ensure that children placed for adoption are not part of any improper scheme.

The next three countries on the list showed increases — 521 children adopted from Ukraine, up from 438 in 2013; 464 adopted from Haiti, up from 388; and 370 from South Korea, up from 138.

Russia had been No. 3 on the list in 2012, with 748 of its children adopted by Americans, but that number dropped to 250 for 2013 and to just two in 2014 as an adoption ban imposed by Russia took effect. The ban served as retaliation for a U.S. law targeting alleged Russian human-rights violators.

The last time there were fewer foreign adoptions to the U.S. overall was in 1982, when, according to U.S. immigration figures, there were 5,749 adoptions from abroad.

Chuck Johnson, CEO of the National Council of Adoption and a critic of State Department adoption policy, said the department has worked hard to make international adoption more transparent and ethical, but has failed to advocate forcefully for adoption as a viable option for many of the world's orphans.

"I want to prevent every instance of fraud," Johnson wrote in an email. "But it appears that the Department of State has taken the view that we can't help even eligible children on the often unsubstantiated fear that a child might be trafficked."

Concerns about corruption, child-trafficking and

baby-selling have prompted the United States to suspend adoptions from several countries in recent years, including Vietnam, Cambodia, Guatemala and Nepal.

The Cambodian government has expressed interest in resuming international adoptions, but U.S. officials say more improvements are needed in Cambodia's child-protection policies.

Maskew said some adoptions are expected to be completed soon from Vietnam under a new, limited program involving children with special needs.

She said Guatemalan and U.S. officials were trying to complete the last batch of adoption cases — about 14 — that were pending when adoptions from Guatemala were suspended in 2007. Guatemala was once a top source of adopted children for U.S. couples, with more than 4,000 babies adopted each year.

Maskew said it was unclear when Guatemala would be ready to start processing new foreign adoption cases.

The State Department reported that 92 American children were adopted by residents of foreign countries last year — 46 of them went to Canada and 27 to the Netherlands.

TV vet takes to sky, dives into sea to help animals

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Not every veterinarian would call it paradise.

Scott Sims gets to far-flung locales in the Hawaiian Islands by flying a plane he built himself or by biking, riding an ATV or swimming to reach sick or injured animals. He will wrangle overweight pigs, scuba-dive to free a sea turtle tangled in a net and patch up patients in unexpected places, operating in a barn or the back of a truck.

He stars in Nat Geo Wild's show "Aloha Vet" that debuted March 21. He treats pets, of course, but also takes flight or bumps along Kauai's lone cross-island road to help wild animals — something that sets him apart from other veterinarians in rural or hard-to-reach U.S. areas who often travel to treat livestock or pets.

The 59-year-old vet, who sports a Hawaiian shirt and a worn-in hat lined with palm trees, soars above lush forests and lands on secluded beaches when he's not taking his car — tricked out with water, refrigeration and X-ray capabilities — to treat animals.

In the first episode, Sims flies to Molokai to help a dog with a broken leg, which he thinks he can save despite another vet's recommendation to amputate. He also treats a runaway horse

that got a large gash on its leg after falling into a river and making it through rapids and over rocks. Finally, Sims meets a pig for a manicure because its unkempt hooves threaten to outgrow it.

In the second episode, Sims pulls a horse's cracked tooth, examines an endangered coot and checks on a portly pig that's blind from extra skin covering its eyes. Sims later removes the excess flesh so the pig can see again. This week, he treats a goat with constipation.

Sims started his adventure by moving his practice from California to Hawaii in 2001.

"I came here on vacation and fell in love with the beauty and warmth and clean air and everything else that is so spectacular in Hawaii," Sims said.

The other animal clinics on the 571-square-mile island of Kauai are only for pets and don't make house calls, while Sims covers any animal, any size, anywhere, said Penny Cistaro, executive director of the Kauai Humane Society.

"He has a genuine heart for the animals. He puts them first," Cistaro said. "He doesn't think anything of flying. It's all in a day's work."

The vet spends half his time at his home clinic and the other

half in the air or on the road — in often time-consuming trips. The lone road across Kauai is one lane each way and takes 2-hours to cross, Cistaro said.

Plus, his plane is hardly a jet. Sims says he made the two-seat propeller plane, a dynamic WT9, from a kit.

His efforts get a "mahalo" from clients such as Katja Langholv, who visited Sims' home clinic so he could help her cat with an eye problem. Langholv, who has eight cats, three dogs, three cockatiels and eight horses, has had Sims treat most of her animals.

"He always gives his all and you can call on him anytime for anything," she said.

Despite the tough conditions, happy endings far outnumber the sad ones, Sims said.

The horse he rescued from the riverbank in the March 28 show was one of his best memories, he said. The animal was left to a woman by her deceased soul mate, so she was very attached, Sims said.

"It's just amazing the horse lived through this ordeal," Sims said. "We were able to get down there and put a sling under the horse and lift him up with a big crane. He's doing just great now."

— "Aloha Vet," 9 p.m. ET/PT Saturdays, Nat Geo Wild.

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"Collage Crafts Gone Wild" (702.812 ROB K) by Kelly Rae Roberts and others.

In the first one on printmaking, you will also need to have some supplies already on hand. The list is pretty extensive. Some you will have in your kitchen, but once you use them in your art, they cannot go back to food use again. Others you can pick up at garage sales around town. I would suggest checking the book out and looking at it first to see if it is something you want to really pursue.

In "Alternative Art Surfaces," the authors tell you in the introduction that the book is "meant to give you the most information,

inspiration, new ideas and techniques" on painting on different mediums. It isn't meant to teach you "how to" but to "show you" the ways you can paint on metal, glass, rock, paper, etc.

It is the same way with "Collage Crafts." They have projects to inspire you and then you can take it exactly the way they have done or you can branch it off into your own personal journey. All of these books are meant to inspire you, not to bind you to their vision.

Alex Irvine's book is "Ceramic Sculpture Making Faces" (731.42 IRV A). In his book, Irvine will walk you through the steps of sculpting the head and face that will reveal the range of human emotion. He provides in-depth information on the anatomy of the skull

and face, then will take you through the task of making both — from the head building to the creation of the facial features. Quite an interesting book.

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Passover: Welcoming gentiles for Seder a strong tradition

NEW YORK (AP) — When it comes to Passover, Seder is hardly just for Jews at Lee Nelson's house.

In fact, Jews are usually outnumbered.

Her daughter brought along a Muslim she was seeing last year, and Nelson loves it when two particular non-Jewish friends round out her dozen or so guests. They're the ones who are bringing the brisket this year, and they've become expert at making charoset, symbolizing the mud the Israelites used for bricks when they were enslaved in Egypt.

Nelson, a social media manager in Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania, is a non-affiliated Jew who follows some Buddhist teachings. In her house and many other Jewish homes, gentiles are more than welcome at Seder to munch matzo, sip the traditional four glasses of wine and open the door for the prophet Elijah.

"It's about freedom and it's about freedom for everybody," Nelson said. "And you define that freedom however you want to define it."

In the swanky beach town of East Hampton, the Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Hanson's Roman Catholic congregation swells to about 1,700 families during the summer months, but he works regularly on interfaith projects for his year-round parishioners of Hispanics, middle-class residents and retirees.

Last year, he asked Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman to organize a traditional Seder at his Most Holy Trinity Parish so his flock could experience Passover for themselves. About 250 people, Jews and Christians, attended. The evening's music included a cantor and the traditional Passover song "Dayenu."

"We got a kosher caterer and we paired it up so that the tables would be evenly Christian and Jewish," Hanson said. "I wanted my people to understand the Jewish character of it, but in understanding the Jewish character of it, they have the foundation now to better understand the Christian take on it."

Welcoming gentiles for Seder isn't new to Zimmerman, whose ranks at his Jewish Center of the Hamptons

also rise with affluent weekend and summer residents. He and his wife have been welcoming gentiles for Seder for 53 years.

"We would have more Christians this year but the Seders are on Easter weekend. All of the Christians are busy with their own families," said the 73-year-old rabbi of Passover's start the night of April 3.

"There was a time 70 years ago, 80 years ago, when you didn't invite Christians to your Seder. There wasn't that openness in America, but people want to know and want to learn now. It's a way to understand the Jewishness of Jesus," Zimmerman said.

Or to embrace other struggles against oppression.

Gwen Ragsdale, co-founder and curator of exhibits at the Lest We Forget Black Holocaust Museum of Slavery in Philadelphia, was a college student during the black civil rights era of the 1960s. Until recently, she was unaware of the story of the Freedom Seder, held April 4, 1969, in the basement of a black church in Washington, D.C., on the third night of Passover, which fell that year on the anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

About 800 people, half of them Jews and the rest black and white Christians, attended the event organized by community leaders and clergy. Three years ago, the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia revived Freedom Seder, dubbing the event Freedom Seder Revisited. Ragsdale was among the museum's 250 guests for this year's meal March 25.

"It's an evening of stories and performances punctuated by these little ritual Passover moments," said Emily August, director of public programs for the museum. "The Exodus narrative is replaced by these personal journeys."

One of the evening's storytellers was a woman who journeyed to the U.S. from India.

"She was here as an (undocumented) immigrant in her 20s as a college student, and she told this story for the

first time publicly of her deportation hearing. It was incredibly powerful," August said.

Jewish Passover rituals were explained as the night progressed. Bitter herbs, horseradish, charoset and matzo were used. "There was wine but not four cups," August laughed.

Ragsdale was moved. She recalled a black woman who spoke of her realization in her corporate job that "she was hired only because she was black and filled a criteria when in fact she really wasn't qualified to give them what they were expecting of her."

Ragsdale's husband, Joe, has been collecting slave artifacts for 50 years. They have a touring exhibit they roll out regularly, including at predominantly white schools, as a way to bring slavery alive emotionally "in much the same way Jewish communities want people to understand their oppression and how their oppression is very much a part of their being, who they are and why we are the way we are."

In addition to black gentiles like Ragsdale, Freedom Seder Revisited drew guests from a variety of faiths: Islam, Catholic and Protestant among them.

Reform Rabbi David Gelfand of Temple Israel in Manhattan grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania, "in a synagogue where every year black and white, Christian and Jew were all welcomed into the

Seder."

"The concept of welcoming strangers is inherently part of the Seder," he said, recalling the Tibetan monk he once invited for his family Seder years ago.

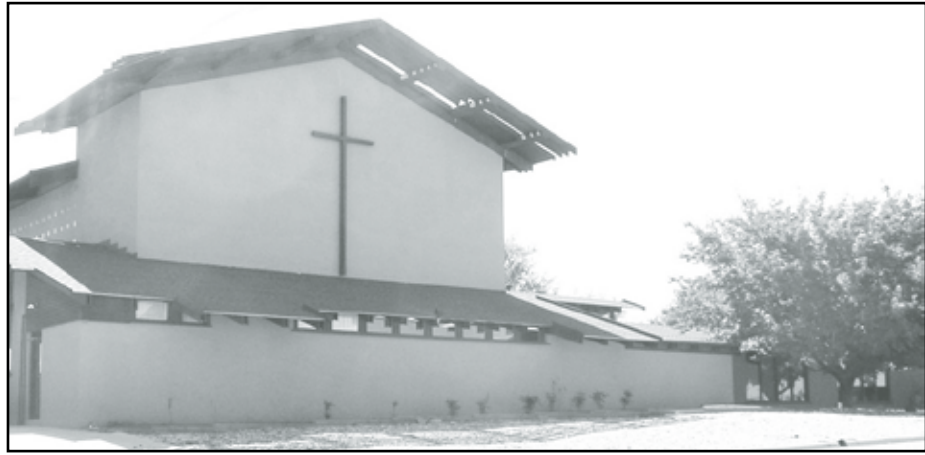
"I asked him to talk about what freedom

meant to him and needless to say every one of us was in tears as he talked about the displacement of his people in Tibet," Gelfand said. "Passover captures the imagination of children, it uses every sensory perception, it has super-

heroes, as it were. It has a great story, whether you're born Jewish or come as a guest to a Seder table."

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News in brief

Iran nuclear negotiators resume talks after crashing through March deadline for deal

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Iran nuclear negotiators resumed talks here Wednesday, just hours after abandoning a March 31 deadline to reach the outline of a deal and agreeing to press on. However, as the discussions dragged on, three of the six foreign ministers involved left the talks, and prospects for agreement remained uncertain.

Claiming enough progress had been made to warrant an extension after six days of intense bartering and eager to avoid a collapse in the discussions, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his British and German counterparts huddled with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif in the Swiss town of Lausanne to continue a marathon effort to bridge still significant gaps and hammer out details of a framework accord.

The foreign ministers of China, France and Russia all departed Lausanne overnight, although the significance of their absence was not clear.

The remaining ministers and the Chinese, French and Russian officials left behind are looking to reach understandings that would form the basis for a comprehensive agreement to be reached by the end of June.

Signs point to natural causes or accident in death of Getty scion in Hollywood Hills home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Andrew Getty, among the heirs in a family whose name is synonymous with elite American wealth, was found dead in his Hollywood Hills home from was most likely natural causes or an accident, authorities and family members said.

Neither the coroner nor police had officially identified the man, but a statement from 47-year-old Andrew Getty's parents, Ann and Gordon Getty, confirmed it was him.

Gordon Getty is the San Francisco billionaire scion of the late J. Paul Getty, whose oil fortune made his family among the richest in U.S. history.

Andrew Getty's death appeared to be from natural causes, Los Angeles County coroner's Assistant Chief Ed Winter said, but it has been initially called an accident because of medication found at the scene. He said coroner's officials need to await the results of further examination and toxicology tests, which could take up to 10 weeks to process.

Interior minister says Iraqi forces will recapture Tikrit from Islamic State within 'hours'

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's interior minister says security forces are battling the last remaining pockets of Islamic State militants in Tikrit and that he expects them to gain full control of the city "within the coming hours."

The minister, Mohammed Salem al-Ghabban, says the objective now is to free Tikrit and restore normalcy as quickly as possible. He says the government will help displaced residents return and that a civil defense unit will be combing the city for roadside bombs and car bombs.

Al-Ghabban spoke from the front-lines in Tikrit on Wednesday, a day after troops reached city center.

Iraqi forces launched the operation to recapture Saddam Hussein's hometown on March 2. The U.S. launched airstrikes on the embattled city last week at the request of the Iraqi government.

Religious freedom debate highlights GOP divisions, social issues as 2016 primary begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is a debate many Republicans hoped to avoid.

But as the backlash intensifies over a so-called religious freedom law in Indiana, the GOP's leading White House contenders have been drawn into a messy clash that highlights the party's strong opposition to same-sex marriage and threatens to inject social issues into the early stages of the 2016 presidential primary season.

The debate has also energized Democrats nationwide while exposing sharp divisions between Republicans and local business leaders who oppose a law that critics say allows business owners to deny services to same-sex couples on religious grounds. "It's been a tough week," Indiana Gov. Mike Pence

said in a Tuesday press conference. He called for a legislative fix to address what he called a perception problem just five days after signing the bill into law.

It is a huge moment for Pence, a Republican presidential prospect himself, who has become the public face of the contentious law. It is also a critical time for the Republican Party, which has recently played down its opposition to abortion rights and same-sex marriage to help attract more women and younger voters before the next presidential election.

Lufthansa executives visit French Alps crash site amid questions about co-pilot

SEYNE-LES-ALPES, France (AP) — Lufthansa's chief executive said Wednesday it will take "a long, long time" to understand what led to a deadly crash in the Alps last week — but refused to say what the airline knew about the mental health of the co-pilot suspected of deliberately destroying the plane.

Lufthansa CEO Carsten Spohr and the head of its low-cost airline Germanwings, Thomas Winkelmann, were visiting the crash area Wednesday amid mounting questions about how much the airlines knew about co-pilot Andreas Lubitz's psychological state and why they haven't released more information about it.

The two men lay flowers and then stood silently facing a stone monument to the plane's 150 victims. The monument looks toward the mountains where the Germanwings A320 crashed and shattered into thousands of pieces March 24 and bears a memorial message in German, Spanish, French and English.

Spohr said the airline is "learning more every day" about what might have led to the crash but "it will take a long, long time to understand how this could happen."

Palestinians hope joining International Criminal Court will give it more leverage on Israel

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The Palestinians formally joined the International Criminal Court on Wednesday, as part of a broader effort to put international pressure on Israel and exact a higher price for its occupation of lands sought for a Palestinian state.

Beyond seeking war crimes charges against Israel at the court, the Palestinians want the U.N. Security Council to set a deadline for an Israeli troop withdrawal and hope for new momentum of a Palestinian-led international movement of boycott, divestment and sanctions.

The atmosphere seems ripe for international intervention after recently re-elected Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu startled the world with a pledge to voters, since withdrawn, that he would not allow a Palestinian state to be established.

But a legal and diplomatic showdown isn't inevitable as aides say Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas isn't interested in an all-out confrontation with Israel. War crimes charges against Israel could be years away and Washington likely will soften any Security Council resolution on Palestinian statehood.

American farmer among the winners in the year since Russia was hit by US and EU sanctions

MOSCOW (AP) — Kansas-born farmer Justus Walker is prospering in Russia — one year after U.S. and European Union sanctions against his adopted country over its aggression in

Ukraine.

Walker, sporting a bushy beard reminiscent of a Russian peasant from past centuries, uses his Siberian dairy smallholding to support his missionary work.

He shot to fame in August, shortly after the Russian government banned Western food imports in retaliation for the sanctions.

Next-generation GMOs could be pink pineapples, purple tomatoes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cancer-fighting pink pineapples, heart-healthy purple tomatoes and less fatty vegetable oils may someday be on grocery shelves alongside more traditional products.

These genetically engineered foods could receive government approval in the coming years, following the OK given recently given to apples that don't brown and potatoes that don't bruise.

The companies and scientists that have created these foods are hoping that customers will be attracted to the health benefits and convenience and overlook any concerns about genetic engineering.

"I think once people see more of the benefits they will become more accepting of the technology," says Michael Firko, who oversees the Agriculture Department's regulation of genetically modified organisms, or GMOs.



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Karina Alvarado and the BSHS girls turned in solid outings at the San Angelo Relays.

Lady Steers take 2nd at San Angelo

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

If you thought the Big Spring High School Lady Steers' track and field program might be rebuilding, you can forget that notion. They aren't.

Big Spring turned in an outstanding performance at the San Angelo Relays on Saturday and rolled to a second-place finish in the final team standings with 97 points. In all, more than 12 teams competed in the event.

The Lady Steers dominated the relays at the meet, winning the 4x200- and 4x400-meter events.

In the 4x200-meter relay, Kaitlyn Mathews, Rachel McCalister, Erin Pollard and Autumn Minter combined for a winning time of 1 minute and 47 seconds.

The 4x400-meter team was just as good. Pollard, Samantha Solis, Mathews and Minter teamed for a winning time of 4:09.

Big Spring also picked up

individual gold medal efforts from Minter in the 100-meter dash, and from Carly Roberts in the discus. Minter breezed to the 100-meter title, winning with a time of 12.1 seconds.

Roberts finished atop the discus standings with a throw of 97 feet and 7 inches. Teammate Emily Crawford was third in the event, at 90-6.

Rachel McCalister was sixth in the girls' 100-meter dash standings. She posted a final time of 13.35.

Solis and Mathews also

picked up individual medals, as did Rebekah Pearson. Solis finished third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:33, while Mathews was third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 1:01.

Mathews also turned in a solid outing in the triple jump, placing fifth in the standings with a leap of 31-7.

Pearson collected Big Spring's only silver medal by placing second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.23 seconds.

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Spurs stay hot, pull away from Heat

MIAMI (AP) — Something about the Miami Heat brings out the best in Kawhi Leonard.

And with the playoffs looming, the NBA champions might be peaking.

Leonard had 22 points, nine rebounds and four steals, Tony Parker added 16 points in his 1,000th NBA game, and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Heat 95-81 on Tuesday night.

"We played good D," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said after his team's fourth straight win, holding opponents under 92 points in each of those games.

Leonard was NBA Finals MVP last year against Miami, and has scored at least 20 points on at least 53 percent shooting in each of his last five games against the Heat. He excelled on both ends Tuesday, helping hold Dwyane Wade to a 6-for-20 shooting night.

"He has a way of knocking it all sideways," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Four steals, it felt like 10."

Tim Duncan had 12 points and 11 rebounds for San Antonio, which went 12-3 in March — the league's second-best record behind only Golden State. Boris Diaw scored 11 points.

Goran Dragic had 19 points and Wade added 15 for Miami. Hassan Whiteside returned from a three-game absence because of a lacerated hand and scored 10 points.

It was Parker's 718th win in his 1,000 games. That's the best winning percentage in league history with that many games played.

5th/6th hoop team tryouts to be April 14

Tryouts for a fifth and sixth grade summer basketball team will be held on April 11 in the high school gymnasium. The team, which is being formed by BSHS head coach Stacy Smalley, is open to any current 5th/6th grade girl in Big Spring ISD.

Tryouts, which are free, will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The team will practice twice a week and play teams from area towns.

For more information email Coach Smalley at ssmalley@bsisd.esc18.net

District track meet set for April 14-16

The Big Spring boys' and girls' track and field teams will compete in the District 2-4A Track and Field Meet on April 14/16. The meet will be held in the Levelland.

Joining the BSHS boys' and girls' teams at the meet will be Levelland, Estacado, Lamesa, Snyder and Sweetwater.

The top finishers at the district meet will advance to the area meet in Canyon.



Courtesy photo

Big Spring's Tyler Nairn and Andrew Paredez had plenty of support on hand at the state powerlifting meet on Saturday in Abilene as several BSHS students showed up to cheer them on. Nairn and Paredez both turned in stellar outings in the event.

Steers' Nairn, Paredez shine at '15 state powerlifting meet

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School powerlifting coach John Wright had high hopes for both Tyler Nairn and Andrew Paredez as he headed into the 2015 Texas State Powerlifting Championships on Saturday. Both, he felt, could turn more than a few heads.

They did better than that. They both walked away with medals.

Nairn and Paredez both worked their way to top five finishes in their respective weight classifications at the state met, which was held Saturday at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

"Andrew and Tyler both competed fiercely and cool under pressure. These boys are to be commended," said Wright,

Nairn, making his third appearance at the state meet, closed out his high school career by taking second in his weight classification with a career-best performance that tot-

THSPA State Meet Team Standings

No.	Team	Points
1.	Jourdanton	10
2.	Beeville Jones	9
3.	Orangefield	8
3.	Rio Hondo	8
5.	Seminole	7
5.	Raymondville	7
5.	Wichita Falls Hirschi	7
5.	Crystal City	7
5.	Athens	7
5.	Kennedale	7
5.	Atlanta	7
5.	Bullard	7
5.	San Antonio Holy Cross	7
5.	Navasota	7
5.	Big Spring	7
5.	Venus	7
17.	Zapata	6
17.	Bay City	6
19.	Anna	5
19.	Poteet	5

aled 1,100 pounds.

Competing in the 123-pound division, Nairn, who finished just 15 pounds behind eventual state champion Dimas Tenorio of Crystal City in total weight, posted impressive

efforts in all three of his lifts.

Nairn got off to a quick start at the meet, posting a division-best mark of 450 pounds in the Squat competition. His total in the event sent him into the Bench Press event holding a 15 pound lead over Joseph Kelley of Cleveland. Tenorio, who had a lift of 425, was sixth after the first round.

Tenorio fought his way back into contention in the Bench Press. He posted a lift of 425 in the event.

In the Squat competition, he posted the best lift in his division by pushing up 265 pounds in the event and went into the final round tied with Kelley at 690 pounds — and holding a slim 10-pound lead over Nairn, who had posted a Bench lift of 230.

Kelley saw his hopes of winning the state title end in the dead lift competition. His best mark in the event was 365 — a total that well behind Nairn and Tenorio.

"At any moment during the last

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Getting ready ... Hunter Hill and the Big Spring baseball team will face off with Snyder tomorrow in Snyder. The Steers are tied with Snyder for the District 2-4A lead.

Big Spring maintains lead at 2-4A golf championships

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Sam Smith and the Big Spring High School boys' golf teams continued to set the pace at the District 2-4A Golf Championships on Tuesday afternoon in Lubbock.

The Steers posted the second-best round on Tuesday and head into the final round with a 14-stroke lead over Snyder.

Snyder posted the best team score on the second round, shooting a 322. Big Spring posted a mark of 325.

Sweetwater is a distant third in the team standings after the second round, sitting 32 strokes off the lead at 693.

Sam Smith powered the Steers in the second round. He carded the second-best round

of the day by firing a 76 over the 18-hole course.

Snyder's Logan Presley posted the best round on Tuesday, notching a round of 75, which helped him climb into a tied for third with teammate Jake Leatherwood in the overall tournament. Both head into the final round with two-round totals of 162.

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It will rain Mercurian crystals and gold Venusian sand;

The rings of Jupiter were bought and sold as Kardashian wedding bands;

Mars Rover got kicked over by giant-mutant mules;

And that's the cosmic update, folks! (Happy April Fools'!) (END ITAL)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A social situation is overwrought with complications. Lately it's getting harder and harder to choose the right words to say. A wise man once said nothing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're no marionette controlled by the hand of fate. You move freely where you want to go. Then again, every once in a while you ask for a lift, and sometimes (like now) the asking makes it happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll look back and wonder whether you made the right decision. It was the decision that, at the time, had to be made. You would do it

again were you back there. Don't let the pretty colors of nostalgia change your view.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Items, habits and thoughts that you carry along with you have a way of becoming who you are. This is your chance to emotionally strip down and choose carefully what you want to put back on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your instincts are like knives: They need to be sharpened by rubbing them against the ridged steel or, in today's case, the tricky problem. Solving this one will help you cut to the chase later in the week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Glamour creates attraction, attraction creates opportunities, and opportunities create income. That's why you'll take the time to gloss up a presentation until it's slick.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you don't quite know what you want today, at least you know what you don't want. You'll witness a person in a state of being that you do not wish to have as your own, and this will inspire your behavior.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Lift the stipulations, amend the rules, knock out the obstacles that limit the ways in which you allow yourself to experience happiness. Decide to be happy no

Tomorrow's Horoscope

matter what happens, and you will be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't leave the bad feelings trapped inside of you, or they'll fester and spoil your internal system. A pinprick of acknowledgement may be all that's necessary to let out the tension.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're a sincere person, and you respond to others who share this quality. You also have an internal alarm that goes off when you hear stories or marketing pitches that don't add up. Listen to and save the information.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Money might not be the biggest thing at stake. It's the life energy you put into making money that gives it the charge, and that is the true exchange in the purchase and sale of goods and services.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can think of past instances when people have been kind to you who didn't have to be, and it's part of the reason you extend yourself with such a generous heart today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 1). This month your mind will fill with profound insight, and you'll need an outlet to express it. You could touch the lives of others through art, writing,

public speaking or teaching. In June, you'll be paid for the good you do and sent on a mission. August brings heart-f fulfilling developments and passionate pursuit. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 1, 44, 17 and 38.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My friend gave me a tarot deck for my birthday last year, and I immediately took The Empress out of the deck because it was my favorite card. I've been carrying it around with me as a lucky charm in my purse for the whole year, and it really seems to work, especially in my love life. Why do you think?"

The Empress in a deck of tarot cards embodies all those qualities for which Venus, the goddess of love and beauty, is known. The Empress is the outward feminine ideal, as well as the anima, which Carl Jung described as the internalized feminine self. She embodies love, life, growth and harmony between men and women. She is nurturing and wise. Her body is fertile, and things just naturally blossom under her care, as evidenced by the lush garden in which she is seated. In addition to being associated with love, beauty and femininity, Venus also symbolizes money and luxury. The Empress in

the tarot deck is clearly well cared for financially. She is a queen, after all, and is used to all the finer things in life. Her robes are luxurious, she wears a crown of gold, and she is powerful -- the mother of future kings, creator of dynasties. If love and money are what make the world go 'round, then Venus -- and by extension The Empress -- is the ultimate creatrix. Like Mother Earth, all of humanity springs forth from her body. She sustains us with her bounty.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: WWE Raw wrestling champion and actor Randy Orton was advised by his family not to go into professional wrestling, and they were speaking from experience -- his father, grandfather and uncle were all wrestling pros. But the Aries warrior energy ran too deep for this champion to resist his calling. With Mars in Leo, the business of entertainment also comes as a natural fit.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My son lives in California and is going to marry a local girl in the fall. Our entire family lives in the Midwest. My husband and I, along with our daughter's family, will attend. But I know it is far too expensive for any of my relatives to be there.

Should they receive invitations even though we know they can't come? I don't want it to seem like a gift grab. Do I have a "meet the bride and groom" party in our hometown after the wedding? What is the proper procedure?

I have another question, too. My husband and I are retired, but are giving our son and future daughter-in-law a large sum of money to help with wedding costs. As

the parents of the groom, we will pay for the rehearsal dinner, but what about the rest? What are our responsibilities when it comes to out-of-state guests? -- Don't Want To Get Another Job

Dear Don't Want: If these are close relatives, they probably would be hurt or offended to be excluded. Please invite them. They may wish to send a gift whether they attend or not. But you can skip more distant acquaintances, such as business associates or people you rarely contact. And should you decide to have an informal reception of your own after the wedding, that would be lovely and much appreciated.

As for expenses, your son should be covering most of them without your assistance. These

days, most couples split the costs, perhaps with help from their parents. Traditionally, the groom or his parents would be responsible for his attendants' accommodations, along with the officiant's fee and travel costs. Other out-of-town guests, however, are on their own. They should be given information about available hotels in the area, and you can supply a gift basket to each room so the guests have something to nibble on should they arrive too late to find an open restaurant. (Some hosts provide a hospitality suite or include all out-of-towners at the rehearsal dinner, but this is optional and certainly not a requirement.) Our congratulations on your upcoming special event.

Dear Annie: I want to respond to the letters

you've printed about relationships between mothers-in-law and their son's wives.

When I first married my husband, my MIL was great -- shopping, vacations and activities with the grandchildren. When her parents experienced health problems, I helped care for them, including trips to the ER in the middle of the night, checking in on them daily and managing their health care needs for 15 years. Meanwhile, my mother-in-law continued her traveling and active social life.

When her parents died, they left me an inheritance that ticked off my MIL. (Mind you, had she paid someone for the care I was giving, there would have been no money left.) My MIL never calls anymore, and I only see her on

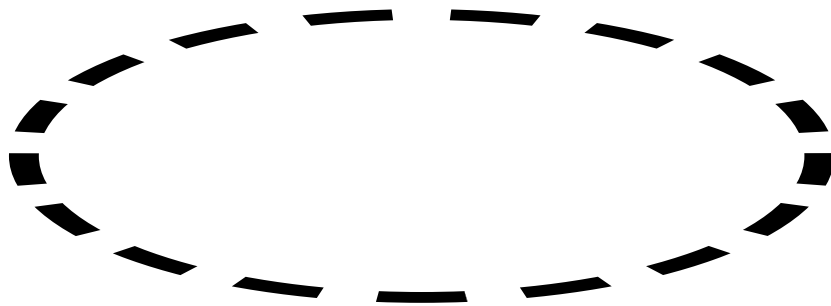
holidays, and she barely acknowledges me. She has given her daughter a trip to Europe and her other son a home makeover, but my husband receives nothing. I am cordial and polite, but things will never be the same. -- Fed-Up Daughter-in-Law

Dear Fed Up: You became the daughter her parents needed. When you were rewarded, it underscored her guilt, and that made her angry. We're so sorry.

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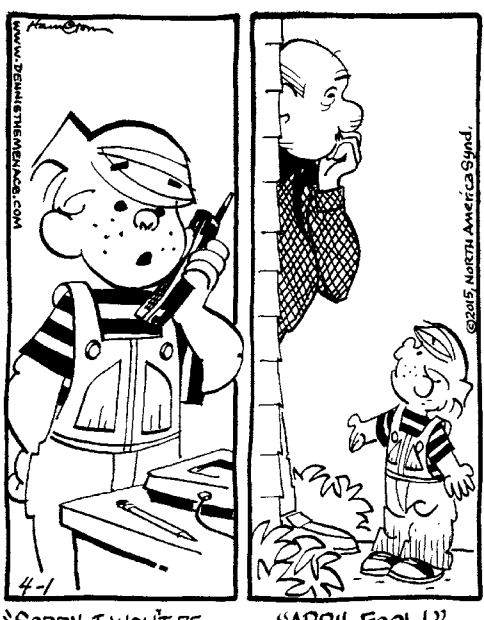
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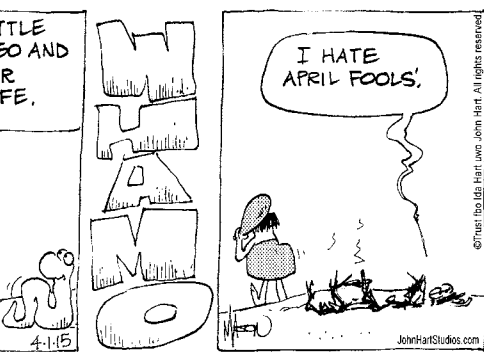
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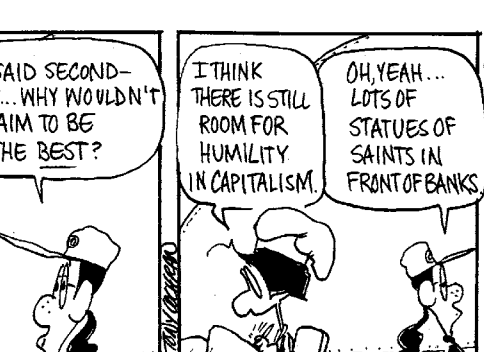
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 1, the 91st day of 2015. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day. Today's Highlight in History: On April 1, 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II.

released in Dec. 1924; during his time behind bars, he wrote his autobiographical screed, "Mein Kampf." In 1933, Nazi Germany staged a daylong national boycott of Jewish-owned businesses. In 1954, the United States Air Force Academy was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1962, the Katherine Anne Porter novel "Ship of Fools," an allegory about the rise of Nazism in Germany, was published by Little, Brown & Co. on April Fool's Day.

In 1992, the National Hockey League Players' Association went on its first-ever strike, which lasted 10 days. Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Powell is 86. Actress Grace Lee Whitney is 85. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 83. Country singer Jim Ed Brown is 81. Actor Don Hastings is 81. Baseball Hall of Famer Phil Niekro is 76. Actress Ali MacGraw is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley is 76. Baseball All-Star Rusty Staub is 71. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 67. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 65. Rock musician Billy Currie (Ultravox) is 65. Thought for Today: "The only sin is mediocrity." -Ai Martha Graham, American modern dance pioneer (born 1894, died this date in 1991)

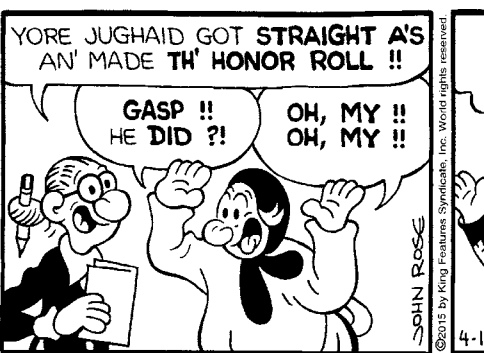
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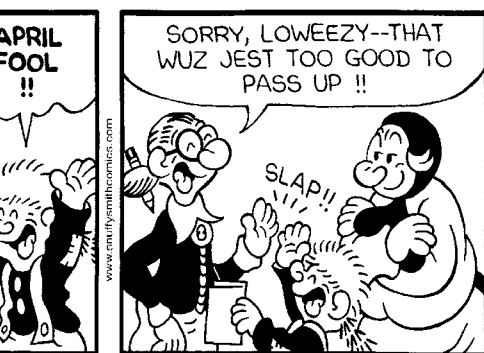
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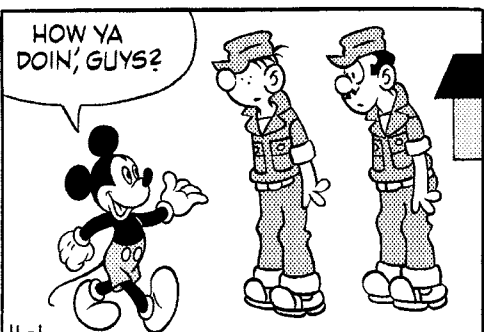
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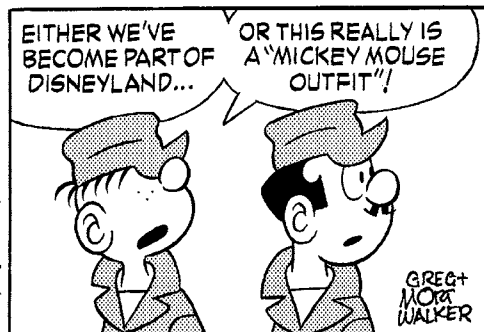
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Goldschmidt homers as D'backs beat Rangers, 8-7

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Trumbo and Paul Goldschmidt homered, leading the Arizona Diamondbacks to an 8-7 victory over a split-squad of Texas Rangers on Tuesday.

Trumbo and Goldschmidt had three hits apiece, and Blake Lalli singled in the winning run in the ninth. Lalli is trying to make the team as a backup catcher.

Trumbo played the

whole game.

"Anytime that you can go more innings in spring, it's a good thing," he said. "It was nice to be able to get nine in and I was happy with the result, obviously."

Texas' Delino DeShields had two hits, including a solo homer, and two RBIs, bolstering his case for a spot on the Rangers' opening-day roster. DeShields is 7 for 17 in his last four games.

Nick Martinez, who was recently selected for the fifth spot in Texas' rotation, was charged with six earned runs in 4 1-3 innings.

"I'm a pitcher that likes to establish his fastball," Martinez said. "I ran into a team that was hunting for a lot of fastballs and ambushing fastballs and seeing the fastball well."

Diamondbacks starter Chase Anderson labored through four innings, giving up six runs and 11 hits. Trevor Cahill then came in and struck out five in two scoreless innings.

Manager Chip Hale was happy with what he saw from Cahill.

"Electric sinker," Hale said. "That's what we've been seeing. We just need him to be consistent with it and trust it."



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Big win ...

James Davidson and the Howard College Hawks posted a big victory on Tuesday over WJCAC rival Western Texas. The Hawks scored a run in the top of the seventh inning to break open a 6-6 deadlock and raced to an 8-6 victory in Snyder. Howard College begins a 4-game series with New Mexico Junior College on Friday.

Seattle sends Ramirez to Tampa Bay for Montgomery

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — The Seattle Mariners have acquired left-hander Mike Montgomery from the Tampa Bay Rays for righty Erasmo Ramirez.

The Mariners and Rays

announced the trade on Tuesday night.

The 24-year-old Ramirez was without a spot in the Mariners' plans after failing to win a job in the rotation during spring training and be-

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round of dead lift had Andrew gotten his lift or his top opponent missed his last lift, he would have won," said Wright.

Nairn, who finished with a lift of 420, almost collected the victory. He missed a lift on a technicality in the event that would have given him the lead.

Tenorio cemented the win with a lift of 425.

As tense as Nairn's battle for the state title was, Paredez's was maybe even tougher. The BSHS junior finished in a three-way tie for second in the 114-pound division before having to settle

for fourth-place due to a tie-breaker based on overall body weight.

Despite the tie-breaker decision, Paredez had a personal-best day, totaling 930 pounds.

Paredez found himself tied for second following the Squat competition. He lifted 360 pounds in the event and went into the Bench tied with Poteet's Angel Bermudez.

Justin Lindsey of Kennedale led after the first event by 40 pounds.

The BSHS standout fell to fourth after the Bench. His total of 190 in the competition left him with a total of 550 heading into the final event.

Paredez, who entered the meet with a total

body weight of 113.8 pounds, bounced back nicely in the dead lift event. He pulled up a division-leading 380 pounds in the event and pulled into a three-way tie for second with Bermudez and Wills Point's Justin Dowdy.

In the tie-breaker, Bermudez was awarded second by having the lowest total body weight, at 111.8. Dowdy took third with a weight of 113.4.

As a team, the Steers finished in a 10-team tie for fifth in the final standings. Overall, more than 85 teams from throughout the state participated in the Division II meet. Jourdanton won the state championship with 10 team points.

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onds. Deliah Guzman finished fourth at 18.39.

Senior Karina Alvarado narrowly missed medaling in the girls' 300-meter hurdles. She legged out a time of 51.66 in the event and placed fourth overall.

Pollard and Emilie Smith also turned in strong outings in the high jump. The two tied

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Lowrie, Rasmus homer for Astros' 8-5 win over Braves

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Wandy Rodriguez made his latest bid to earn the final spot in Atlanta's rotation, pitching five innings for the Braves on Tuesday in their 8-5 loss to the Houston Astros.

Rodriguez yielded three runs against his former team. The diminutive lefty, has a 3.13 ERA in six games. He struck out eight without issuing a walk, but also gave up a homer to Jed Lowrie.

AL batting champion Jose Altuve had three hits for the Astros, and Colby Rasmus hit a three-run homer.

Rodriguez is trying to land the No. 5 starter job. Rodriguez said he cringes a bit every time Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez walks past his locker.

"I'm ready to start right now," said Rodriguez, who was 0-2 with a 6.75 ERA in six starts for Pittsburgh last season. "I

just don't know if I made the team."

Gonzalez said it is time to make a call.

"I've liked what I have seen," he said. "He doesn't shy away from contact and I like that. He's really bringing it."

Houston starter Asher Wojciechowski, a surprise contender for the final spot in the Astros' rotation, allowed one run over 4 1-3 innings to leave his spring ERA at 1.29.

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