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Salem Baptist women 'top' volunteers

Jack Y. Smith Award goes to group helping the state hospital for 30 years

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Steve Smith presented the women of Salem Baptist Church with the Jack Y. Smith Award Thursday during Big Spring State Hospital's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

The luncheon, "Touching Lives, Lifting Spirits," recognized approximately 100 volunteers who have raised more than \$1.5 million in the past 10 years for the patients at Big Spring State Hospital through fundraisers, soliciting donations and operating The Chalet Resale Shoppe.

Mary Sue Walker and Mary Womack accepted the award for the members who bake and deliver more than six cakes every month for patients' birthday parties. Each unit celebrates birthdays for the patients on the second Thursday of the month and depend on the women to provide the treats.

"The ladies at Salem Baptist Church have faithfully shown up in the driveway of the Community Relations Office each month for more than 30 years with a trunk full of homemade cakes to celebrate patients' birthdays," Smith said. "One might think of Salem Baptist Church as being somewhat small and not having many members to

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Courtesy photo

Representatives from Salem Baptist Church pose with the Jack Y. Smith Award following Thursday's volunteer awards luncheon at Big Spring State Hospital. Accepting the award are Mary Womack and Mary Sue Walker, center. From left to right: Edna Faye Smith, the widow of Jack Y. Smith; Steve Smith, the son of Jack Y. Smith; Womack; Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon; Walker; and Assistant Superintendent Lorie Couch.



Candidates speak out **1SSUES**

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Glen Carrigan, candidate for the District 3 seat on the Big Spring City Council, right, delivers his answer to a question Thursday night during a political debate at the Howard College Cactus room. Seated and awaiting their turns to speak are District 1 candidate Marcus Fernandez, left, and District 3 candidate Shannon Thomason.

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Tea Party planned downtown Saturday

Herald Staff Report

Howard County Conservatives will host a Tea Party rally from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Heart of the City Park.

The event is informal. Those attending may want to bring refreshments and lawn chairs.

"This is an opportunity for all citizens to become better informed on the critical issues facing our

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By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Despite drawing only three candidates, Thursday night's debate for city council hopefuls managed to heat up the races for the District 1 and District 3 seats on the government panel, with attention turning to term limits, the tax rate and municipal spending.

District 3 candidates Shannon Thomason and Glen Carrigan — along with a last minute-statement from writein candidate Oscar Velasco joined District 1 hopeful Marcus Fernandez to take part in the debate, which was fueled by questions submitted by e mail and mail.

District 3 incumbent Joann Staulcup said she was unable to attend the debate because she would be out of town, while District 1 incumbent Stephanie Horton said she could not attend due to surgery. However, during the debate several audience members, including Mayor Tommy Duncan, told those in attendance the surgery was scheduled for Monday.

Questions presented at the debate covered a wide

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Valve installation to limit water pressure

The city of Big Spring Water Utilities Department will be installing three valves on Auburn Street beginning at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Work will continue until water has been restored. Customers living in the following areas will experience low or no water pressure during valve installation:

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Obituaries

Allen William Gerhart



Allen William Gerhart, 80, of Odessa passed away April 13, 2011, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2011, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel.

He was born Dec. 6, 1930, in Winters. He served in the Army and was an aircraft painter. He is preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Ubnoski Gerhart of Odessa; son, Michael Gerhart; step-son, Eddie Renbarger of Colorado City; stepdaughters, Judy Campbell and husband Larry and Terena Renbarger, all of Odessa; brothers, Jack Gerhart and Kenneth Gerhart, both of San Antonio; sisters, Doris Jean Tedford of Abilene and Anna Lee Bloodworth of Vonage, Mexico; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services are entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Travis N. Rushing

Travis N. Rushing, 71, of Big Spring died Friday, April 15, 2011, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• A fund has been established at T&P Federal Credit Union for the Gary Nelson family, who lost their home to a fire Wednesday. Funds raised will go toward rebuilding the home. Anyone who would like to help can do so by contacting the credit union at 101 Main or by calling 263-1631.

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. Carryouts are available. Delivery is from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Everyone is welcome.

• Howard County Conservatives will host a Tea Party rally from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Heart of the City Park in Big Spring. Everyone is invit-

• Big Spring Retired Teachers will meet Monday at the Cactus Room on the Howard College campus. All retired school personnel are encouraged to attend and join the association. Dues are \$25 for state and \$7 for local. Any other interested persons are also welcome. The program will be a report on Relay For Life by Vicki Stewart.

• First Church of the Nazarene will host a Community Easter Egg Hunt at at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park on April 23. The event will begin at 10 a.m. Free hot dogs and drinks will be served following

the hunt.

• Fridav is live band dance night at Big Spring Center, 1901 Senior Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.



Police blotter

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

• EURVIN JAMALL WINTERS, 23, of 1900 Martin at his residence. Funeral services Luther King Blvd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - no insurance.

> • PAMMY SUE PUGA, 45, of 1313 Lindbergh St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

> • LINDSAY ROCHELLE WAGNER, 24, of 13 Riva Ridge, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

> • JASON DION WALKER, 30, of Hawaii, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.

> • LORENZO DELUNG WESLEY, 34, of 500 E, 17th St., was arrested Thursday on warrants for assault family violence and failure to appear.

> • ROGER FAY NEWTON, 50, of 1608 Center Point Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

> • SYLVIA HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ, 45, of 407 Sunset, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

> • ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 62, of 509 N. Goliad, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

> • ANTHONY JOSEPH YANEZ, 19, of 1610 Cardinal, was arrested Friday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

> • BRANDON JOSEPH SCHEIRBECK, 37, of 501 E. 15th St., was arrested Friday on charges of disregarding a red light, no driver's license - when unlicensed, operating a motor vehicle without license plates (or with one plate), wrong license plate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

> ASSAULT was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87.

> • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1700 block of S. Gregg Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

• JASON DION WALKER, 30, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.

LORENZO DELUNG WESLEY, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for assault – family violence and failure to appear.

• CALEB LEE ROBERTSON, 34, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• PATRICK TERRALL KESLER, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or

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Today's Weather

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Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM

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Fire/EMS

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

Note - A report was not made available in time for press.



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• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for fall 2011. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is Friday. More information and the application may be found on the club website: www.westexags. com

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The driver of a Dodge Ram attempting to cross from W. Third to **Highway 80 collided** with a van going west bound on Fourth Street Thursday afternoon. One person was transported from the scene, but no major injuries were reported.

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AWARDS

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provide and do volunteer work, but it's just the opposite when it comes to the patients at the hospital.'

"There has not been a month that there weren't four to six of those special gooey chocolate or strawberry cakes along with pound cakes, and they remember to bring angel food cakes for special diets."

The Jack Y. Smith Award is the most prestigious award presented annually to a hospital volunteer and is named in memory of Jack Y. Smith, who was one of Big Spring's earliest and most ardent volunteers,

Community Relations Director Billie Christie said.

Many of the faces of the Salem Baptist Church bakers have changed during the more than 30 years they have made and delivered cakes, Smith said, but they always present a delicious selection of baked goods for patients to enjoy. At Christmas time, they also make sandwiches and bake sugar-free muffins for the patients on the Medical Unit for their Christmas party, he said.

The women of Salem Baptist Church are one of the reasons volunteers make a huge difference in the lives of the patients, Superintendent Ed Moughon said during his keynote

speech.

To remind them of contributions, their a large architectural drawing of the proposed Family Visitation Center that will be funded by the hospital's volunteers greeted each of the attendees as they entered the festively decorated luncheon at the Allred Building Auditorium. Moughon reflected on

the meaning of words during his speech and how words provide various anchors in sentences. Some words are more powerful than others and can be used to ignite passion or substance in the spoken or written word, he said.

He challenged the audience to e-mail him suggestions for words

that they believe promote the hospital's mission statement.

"Partner with us," Moughon asked of the more than 150 people attending the luncheon. "Ask other customers, other volunteers. Think of meaningful words that we can use to anchor our mission statement."

Moughon passed out business cards with his e-mail address emphasizing his request for suggestions.

Following the speech. the volunteers were given a plaque commemorating their hours of service.

Volunteers receiving recognition at the luncheon and their total of donated hours were: Robin Hallman, 8,001;

Ruth Nanny, 7,979; Shirley Bodin, 6,173; Doris Smith, 5,556; Jobeth Corwin, 4,186; Tommy Corwin, 3,832; Helen Crandall, 3,593; Gay Smith, 3,467; Sharon Gutierrez, 3,406; Suzanne Markwell, 3,040; Pat Dickenson, 2,700; Connie Rodriguez, 2,627; Lucy Flores, 2,518; Betty Lee, 1,905; JoAnn Hernandez, 1,877; Lupe Barraza, 1,734; Carol Hardin, 1,543; Dorothy Jones, 1,451; Cyneather Woodruff, 1,440; Neva Green, 1,147; Theresa Anderson, 941; Nancy Kimble, 713; Laura Gutierrez, 523; Lee Emerson, 501; Joy Harrison, 379; Alvin Best, 101; and Dolline Budke, 140.

Patient volunteers who donate their time at the Chalet also were

District 3 write-in candidate Velasco – who said he was late for the debate due to a medical emergency - made a short statement at the end of the proceedings.

"We need to address the youth of our community," he told the audience. "We need recreation centers in the city to give them something to do and somewhere to go. If elected, I will represent the whole city, no exceptions."

Early voting is set to

recognized for contributing many hours sorting clothing, arranging window displays and pricing items at the resale shop.

"Our customers wanted to give back," Moughon said. "They told us that the volunteers do everything for us. They wanted to give back."

Each volunteer was given a small gift as a token of the hospital's appreciation for their many hours of service.

Obama President designated the week of April 10 as National Volunteer Week.

Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed psychiatric hospital serving people with mental illness in Texas.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288 Anne Elizabeth Torres, 57, died Monday. Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.



DEBATE

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variety of topics, including which city projects the candidates felt were being under- and overfunded.

As would be the case for much of the debate. all three candidates pointed to the need for improvements to the city's infrastructure, including water lines and

roadways. Carrigan, who is an audiologist with the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID), called the replacement of water lines one of the city's top needs. "Our water delivery system is crumbling,' Carrigan said. "And it won't do any good to fix the roads until the wa-

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ter lines are fixed, otherwise we'll just be tearing them up. As far as overfunding is concerned, we've already put too much money into the city's golf course, baseball fields, Main Street and the water park."

Thomason agreed, saying funds have been misspent.

"That money should have gone into the infrastructure," Thomason said.

Fernandez condemned the city government for funding "luxury items," including the water park currently under construction in Comanche Trail Park. All three candidates applauded ongoing efforts to share services between the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office. A joint law

enforcement center that would house both departments at the county jail facility is currently being proposed, although a firm deal has yet to be reached by city and county officials.

The candidates also voiced their support for having major issues voted on by the citizens of Big Spring instead of approved by the city council. All three also agreed on the proposed charter amendment set to go before voters May 14 conzens Council, a rumor he claimed was started by one of the other District 3 candidates.

Thomason is the chairman of the Concerned Citizens Council.

Given the chance to pose a question to one of the other candidates participating in the debate, both Carrigan and Thomason declined to do so. However, Fernandez did have a question, but not for anyone at the debate.

"I have a question for

cerning term limits for city council members, saying they support the use of term limits.

Fernandez agreed with his fellow candidates.

One issue, however, did put Carrigan at odds with Thomason. Carrigan was quick to point out he is not a member of the Concerned Citi-

Councilwoman Stephanie Horton," Fernandez said. "I'd like to know why she isn't here tonight to defend her voting record during the past 18 years. That's my question."

Calls to Horton Thursday evening following the debate were not immediately returned.

begin May 2 and run through May 10, with the election slated for May 14. Area voters planning to cast their ballot by mail have until May 6 to fill out an application, according to election officials.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

• Big Spring High School choir for winning sweepstakes this past weekend at competition.

• Higginbotham-Bartlett for celebrating 130 years of service and holding its place as one of the oldest lumberyards in Texas.

 Scenic Mountain Medical Center for bringing Safe Kids of San Angelo to the 2011 Health Fair in an attempt to stop needless injuries, which are the number one killer of children.

• Katie Averette for going above and beyond the Girl Scout call and selling 1,039 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. She sold 10 percent of the total amount sold by her troop.

• A World For Children for recognizing a need in the Big Spring community and opening a local office to offer better service to those children who are needing their help.

• Grady High School students advancing to regional UIL competition: Nicolaus Hernandez, Carsten Russell, Ty Beaty, Gerry Adkins, Brett Glaze, Taylor Polson, Abby Hanson, Jackelina Martens, John Ramirez, Morgan McDonald, Bransen Richards, Josue Rodriguez, Joe columns, as has Cook, Cody Mitchell, Charmynee Arnold, Jack happened coinci-Kennady.

All about the Dodgers thing

ing of a guy wearing a Giants

friend from out of town asked me what everyone in Los Angeles was saying about the budget crisis

and the almost shutdown of the government. Did I know it

would be settled? Were people as glued to their televisions as she was?

I looked at her like she was from another planet. I haven't had a

single conversa-

tion with anyone — friends, students, people pumping gas next to me at the gas station — about the budget crisis. We aren't even talking about the price of gas, the usual small talk when you're watching the pump hit \$50.

The only thing anyone has been talking about is the Dodgers thing.

Usually, my attitude toward baseball is like most people's toward politics. I don't start really paying attention until the field has thinned and you're picking the winner. And as a lifelong Red Sox fan, I pay almost no attention to the Dodgers.

The first time I went to a Dodgers game, they were down by one going into the bottom of the seventh. And the mass exodus began. At first I thought there must have been some announcement that I missed. The game being called because of the possibility of rain later in the week? An earthquake we didn't feel? My friend explained that it was always like that. Traffic. What kind of fans are these?

The answer this year is clear: Angry fans. Frightened fans. Fans who can't believe what is happening to their/our team.

The "Dodgers thing" is the beat-

cap and minding his own business by two Dodgers fans who were not minding theirs. The Giants fan is in the hospital with injuries to his brain. As I write this, the Dodgers fans have yet to be found. It happened in one of the endless parking lots. There was no security around. The fan was white, and the bad guys appeared to be Hispanic, giving the brutality a very unwelcome racial overtone.

The Dodgers announced that they were canceling half-price beer nights, which they had been trumpeting. They announced that they were hiring former Police Chief Bill Bratton to advise on security. It might make the parking lots safer, but it won't deal with the real problems.

The first is that drinking really doesn't belong at huge sporting events.

I understand that most people who drink do so responsibly. But the ones who don't really don't. Anyone who has ever sat with their children in the vicinity of a drunk fan knows what I mean. It ruins things. It's offensive if not dangerous. USC banned drinking at the Coliseum during football games. People still go and enjoy themselves. Some drink before the game, but at least they get less drunk as the game goes on.

The second is more ephemeral, but no less real. Baseball is a business, but it's also something more. There's no local competition, except in Chicago and New York. A city like Los Angeles has one baseball team. If you want to go to a game, you go to Dodger Stadium. It's a business, but it's also a public trust, Disney Hall for the sporting. But instead of being run by a committee of Angelenos, it's run by

the owner. It may be the toughest job in town.

Here in Los Angeles, fans feel like their team is at the mercy of a vicious divorce. Frank and Jamie McCourt, the high-profile Bostonians who bought the Dodgers and swept into town with the keys to the city, spent millions this past year fighting each other in divorce court over who owns the team — the usual kind of ugly divorce, but with more zeros and a baseball team attached.

At the end of round one, Jamie's lawyers had managed to throw out an agreement that supposedly gave Frank sole ownership and Jamie all of their expensive property. It turned out that two of the copies of the contract omitted that part, so lawyer Jamie didn't have to take the implausible position that she didn't know what she signed. But it didn't resolve anything except the question of whether there would be an easy resolution. There wasn't. There won't be. The team is heavily leveraged, it's not clear exactly who will end up with it, and fans are mad as whatever. The beating added insult to injury.

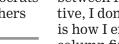
It's hard to figure out the budget crisis. It's depressing to see so many friends underwater on their mortgages, looking for jobs, settling for less. Baseball is supposed to be an escape from all of that. But in this town, at least right now, it is just a reminder of all that is wrong. And the city, to tell the truth, is poorer for it.

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am making my own mold

f I write a column criticizing Republicans, some people assume that I must be a Democrat. If Democrats are my target one week, others

conclude I must be a Republican. But if I blast both parties in alternating dentally in the past few weeks, some people don't know what to do with me.



know my ideological mold. Frankly, if the choice is only

In other words, he needs to

between liberal and conservative, I don't fit into either! This is how I explained it in another column five years ago:

This wouldn't be a column

dealing and other social ills, I break the liberal mold.

But when I come out in defense of immigrants and the downtrodden, when I say Latinos also have a right to dream the American dream, it's hard to peg me as



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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are on top of our game, Lord, when we include You.



MIGUEL PEREZ

I don't fit into their conventional ideological molds.

As an independent, I consider myself an equal-opportunity critic - free to be critical of whoever deserves it. But to many of my readers, I'm supposed to be either a liberal or a conservative columnist. If I break those molds, some people need clarification.

"What do you mean? I don't understand," noted a letter from one of my readers, reacting to a column about immigrant-bashing Republicans. "I thought you were a Republican!" Until that point, she must have read only the columns in which I criticized Democrats.

Of course, saying that I am a Republican would be a joke to the conservative extremists who so diligently express their hatred of immigrants on websites where my columns are published. Regardless of how many columns I write criticizing Democrats — for example, last week's column — they still believe I'm a bleeding-heart liberal.

And when I take a conservative position, as I tend to do on U.S. foreign policy issues, the real bleeding-heart liberals also need clarification.

"I find your political views quite to the right," another reader wrote after I condemned Jimmy Carter's trip to Cuba in my column last week. "What is your political definition? I need to know that so I can analyze your articles with more certainty."

without a good dose of opinion, and my opinions are formed by my own life experiences. You are what your life makes you. I was born in Havana, Cuba, in 1950, and I came to the United States as a refugee at the age of 11 in 1962. ... My life has shown me the ruthlessness of a rightwing dictatorship, the repression of a communist regime, the struggles of U.S. immigrants, and the economic, social and even violent discrimination suffered by minorities.

That makes me generally a liberal on domestic issues and a conservative on U.S. foreign policy. And that makes me difficult to read, especially for people who want to cast me into a mold.

It happens to all of us. You express an opinion based on one of a trillion issues that concern you, and based on that single remark, you are either a liberal or a conservative. And when you express another opinion that breaks your assigned mold, some people don't know where to place you.

But when a columnist expresses many opinions to thousands of readers, it happens practically every day. I'm supposed to be either a liberal or a conservative columnist. Some readers want me to be like those predictable talking heads on cable TV — the ones whose opinions we know, even before they express them.

Yet I refuse to be defined or limited by the parameters set by those two words. Living under communism, as I did in my native Cuba, taught me not to allow being molded by the party line.

When I condemn flag desecration and anti-American sentiments abroad and when I recognize the need for U.S. Latinos to learn English and accept some personal responsibility for child abuse, domestic violence, drug

a conservative.

Believe it or not, I pay a high price for this. If I were consistently conservative or liberal, it would be easier for everyone from editors to readers — to fit me into a mold, and this column undoubtedly would have a larger following.

When I began writing opinion columns almost 30 years ago, had I been willing to betray my own principles regarding half the issues I had to deal with, had I become as predictable as most other opinion writers, I could have been a star.

Had I been willing to stick to the conservative party line on domestic issues, turning into a Tio Tomas to betray my fellow Latinos on issues such as immigration and multiculturalism, I could have been a poster boy for Latino-bashers. They always are looking for self-loathing Latino Uncle Toms to prop in front of TV cameras. But who wants to be a famous Tio Tomas?

Had I been willing to follow the liberal party line on foreign policy and betray the principles I share with my fellow Cuban-Americans and other immigrants who came here seeking freedom and had I been willing to see only the atrocities committed by right-wing dictators while turning a blind eye to socialist repression, the liberals would have adored me.

But nah, not me, I make my own mold. Readers who love my column one week may absolutely hate it the next. But I sleep better that way.

To find out more about Miguel Perez and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www. creators.com.

RELIGION

Church News

Chapel of Faith

Chapel of Faith church is located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad.

Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. each week. We have started a new Bible study on the book of Matthew, currently in chapter 5.

The Rev. Scott Willis will be preaching Sunday. The title of his sermon, "Make Room for the Coming King" is based on Matthew 21:1-11.

Encouraging Words: "I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the Earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God." Abraham Lincoln

First United Methodist Church

Sunday our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese will lead services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. It's Palm Sunday and the late service will include the children's processional in front of the church and down the center aisle of the sanctuary, at the beginning of the service which will also feature special music.

The Methodist Church nationwide, is very involved in a program which hopefully will result in no more malaria. Palm Sunday we will have an opportunity to present our gifts for the "To Save a Life" campaign. Prayerfully consider a gift through "Nothing But Nets" in order to save a life.

Another new event is scheduled Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. called "Journey to the Cross." This is an opportunity for our congregation, all ages, to participate in a short, come and go activity that follows Jesus' footsteps to the cross. Meet Judas, visit the Garden of Gethsemane and turn your eyes to the cross.

Wednesday, at noon, the First Christian Church will be host for the last of the Lenten luncheons and services.

Maundy Thursday's Last Supper event will be in the sanctuary from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. As in years past, groups of 12 will be served in a setting reminiscent of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Sign up sheets are located in the sanctuary foyer and with the church staff.

Good Friday, the Tenebrae Service will involve special music, guest musicians and will last about 45 minutes. The service is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. making it possible to come right after work.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, met Wednesday at its regular 5:17 p.m. time. The choir practiced at 6 p.m. Next week the choir will practice at 6 p.m. Friday, preceding the Good Friday service.

The Children's Sunday School began a unit for Lent/Easter called "Women at the Tomb," last Sunday. This week's lesson is a games and puzzles workshop under the direction of Janie Conley and Paula Farquhar. Easter, Jenn Patterson and Jamie Walker will lead adults and children in an intergenerational event of drama/storytelling. The series will conclude May 1 with Donna Amonett leading a music and worship workshop.

Tuesday, the membership committee met at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. the service committee met. Helen Glass led the Working Women's Bible study in a study of Lesson 7, Chapters 13, 15, 16, and 19 of Revelation.

Presbyterian Women will meet for Bible study at 2 p.m. in the church library Tuesday, April 26 for Lessons 8 and 9 in their study of Revelation.

Contact Jo Dell Myrick or Patti Horton to purchase Mother's Day cards in support of the Malaria Prevention Program. The funds from these cards provide mosquito netting and medicines to prevent and combat malaria in many parts of the world.

Part of the celebration of Lent will be a series of Lenten lunches shared with several other churches. The lunchtime services begin at noon and end at 1 p.m. Wednesday the luncheon will be at First Christian Church, located at 10th and Goliad with Capt. Ed Cheshire preaching.

The session will meet at 6 p.m. in the church library Tuesday.

Other opportunities for worship during Holy Week will be a Maundy Thursday Service at First Presbyterian, Coahoma, April 21, and a Good Friday Service here, both services beginning at 7 p.m.

Liturgist for Sunday is Jennifer Patterson. Ann Sinclair will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Ushers for April are Gordon and Susan McDaniel and Jerry and Katie Grimes.

The lectionary for Palm/Passion Sunday is Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11 or Matthew 26:14-27 or Matthew 27:11-54. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will offer "Savior, to Your Passion Go" by Robert Wetzler; the offertory anthem will be "My Eternal King" by Jane Marshall. If you cannot attend worship listen on KBST 1490 AM. at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. You can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

A chip on the shoulder is much too heavy of a load

t doesn't take much to start a fight. A few derogatory words will usually ig-______ dence, was such a man. He warned

A nite the fuse that sparks fisticuffs. However, there seems to have been a time in American history when feisty challengers took a more direct approach to picking a fight. The provoker would place a wood chip on his shoulder and dare his opponent to knock it off. Thus the idiom "he has a chip on his shoulder" h

chip on his shoulder" has become the mark of identification for a person who is always angry or disgruntled.

I can't help wondering if some folks don't carry wood chips in their back pockets just in case the opportunity comes to start a fight about something. In this day of zero tolerance for bullying and fighting, there are still enough wood chips being lugged around to start a bonfire. Grievances fester, grudges gain momentum, and tempers flare. Justifying their anger, men, women, and children still walk around like powder kegs waiting for an excuse to explode.

Fortunately, there have always been a few diplomats wise enough to recognize the foolishness of col-

Friends" helps preschoolers explore God's world. Both groups meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Nursery care is also available. Volunteers are always needed for children's programs. If you are interested in lending a helping hand, contact Stan at 432-714-4584.

The "Holy Grounds Café" opens at 10 a.m. Sunday for everyone to enjoy coffee, donuts and fellowship before worship.

Worship begins Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The sermons series is "Getting Connected."

Openings are still available to attend the Alpha Men's Conference on May 12-14, at Gateway Church in Southlake. The cost is \$95 registration plus meals and lodging per person. Visit their website at www. thealphasummit.com or contact the church office for more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane. Our phone number is 432-714-4584. Our website is http://springcreekfellowship.org. lecting wood chips. John Hancock, signer of the Declaration of Independence, was such a man. He warned, "A chip on the shoulder is too heavy a piece of baggage to carry through life."

Hancock seems to have figured out that the person who refuses to drop the chip is the one who carries the load, and the load gets heavier with the passing of time. Others, however, go through life clinging to chips of offense, never realizing the burden they have created for themselves.

The unidentified author of the book of Hebrews in the New Testament probably never heard about the practice of placing a wood chip on one's shoulder and daring anyone to knock it off, but he did know a bit about human nature and the tendency to try to even the score for offenses. He wrote, "For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance Is Mine, I Will Repay.' And again, 'The Lord Will Judge His People.' " (Hebrews 10:30 NASB).

When we let God carry our load of vengeance, a huge burden is lifted from our shoulders. We no longer need a pocketful of wood chips.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net.

the scriptures, sing, pray, and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The Wednesday lunch will be at First Christian Church with Capt. Ed Cheshire preaching.

Other services during Lent will be a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. Thursday at FPC Coahoma and a Good Friday service at FPC Big Spring.

The weekly Lectionary Bible study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the Big Spring First Presbyterian Church library.

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Mt. Bethel

Sunrise service is Sunday, April 24 at 6 a.m. Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. and worship service is at 10:15 a.m. Youth ministry takes place

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Easter, a fresh flower cross will decorate each Easter morning service. Flowers for the late service should be brought to the church by 10 a.m. We're located in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

East Side Baptist Church

"The Pearson's," a mother and daughter singing duet, will bless your heart with sweet spirit and God given talent. These ladies both play keyboard while they sing and get the congregation involved. "The Pearson's" will be singing at the 9:45 a.m. and the 10:45 a.m. services. Following the music will be a message about the crucifixion from God's word.

April 24, we will have fellowship breakfast at 9:30 a.m. followed by service at 10:45 a.m. We have a nursery for the little ones four and younger. We have Children's Church during the morning message most Sundays.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist will be observed at 10:30 a.m. in the church. Sunday school will not meet this week or Easter Sunday.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is Saturday at 8 a.m.

Evening prayer will be observed April 18 through 20 starting at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel.

The Inquirers' class is meeting Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. If you would like more information about the class call the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris.

The Daily Grind with God – coffee hour meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

St. Mary's Maundy Thursday service is Thursday with the Good Friday service at 6 p.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Celebrate Easter a little early. We will have an indoor Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring your children and celebrate with us.

United Blood Services will be at Spring Creek Fellowship for a blood drive Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Angela Pope at (432) 816-5516 to set up an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Ladies from the congregation meet Tuesday nights at 7 for "Pink" prayer night to lift up needs and concerns in prayer. All ladies are welcome.

Wednesday evening starts with a fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m. Children's activities, youth worship and Bible study start at 6:15 p.m. The choir rehearses at 7 p.m. and the praise team rehearses at 7:45 p.m.

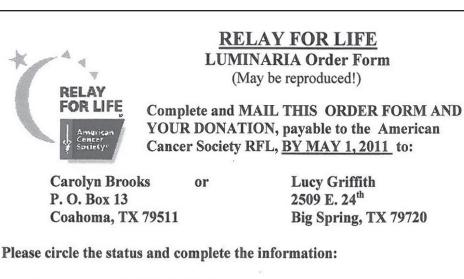
Several adult "Connections Groups" meet at various times during the week to fit into your schedule for all ages and interests. Youth "Connection Groups" meet twice a week Sunday and Wednesday evenings for junior high and senior high students. The youth group will be attending "Kingdom Come" youth camp in June. Applications are available. Contact the church office for more information.

"Kid-Connect" is an exciting place for children in grades K-5 to learn about Christ and His love. "Boz and

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

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skip Paul's ingredient of gratitude. "Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." (Phillippians 4:6)



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(Psalm 91:1)

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(Isaiah 8:17)



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Sunday at 6 p.m and Women's Missionary Society, Monday at 5 p.m. The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is May 12. Bring a dish at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship. For more information see our website www.signal-emmaus. org.

College Baptist Church

A group of senior adults of College Baptist left for Branson, Mo., Tuesday. They will attend different speaking engagements and shows. The first speaker they will hear is Dr. Charles Stanley. We look forward to hearing about their trip when they return.

Disciple Now for the youth of the church lasts through Sunday. They will share with the church Sunday with a youth-led service. Our pastor's son, Johnathan McMeans, will be bringing the message.

College Baptist hosted the Crossroad's Baptist Associational executive board meeting Tuesday with a pot-luck luncheon. Approximately 30 to 40 representatives of the Baptist churches of the association attended.

Our kitchen crew did a great job serving. A big "thank you" to all who brought food.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Sunday at 11 a.m. will be the choir's presentation of our Easter musical, Love Is Alive. It's a resurrection celebration and directed by Music Minister Lon Sitton.

Sunday evening hear Tom Swedlund explain the Passover. Tom teaches Hebrew on Tuesday evenings at East Fourth. If you'd like to join this class call the church office at 432-267-2291.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages, morning worship is at 11 and evening service is at 6. Wednesday at 7 p.m. is the adult prayer meeting and Bible study, youth Bible study, Children's Backdoor Bible study and crafts. Mens Bible study is Saturday at 7 a.m.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church is located at 401 E. Fourth Street. Our phone number is 432-267-2291. Our Pastor is Keith Weaver.

Religion

Don't forget to place your order April 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Angel Food Ministry. Angel Food Ministry allows anyone, regardless of income, to purchase groceries, including meats, at cost that does not include retail mark up. Orders are received at the church the third Saturday of the month. Orders are ready to be picked up the following Saturday. We are looking for volunteers to help with this ministry, if you are interested or have questions contact Scott Jimenez at angelfood@nazfamily.org or go to www.angelfoodministries.com.

Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. and Wednesday group meetings are at 6:30 p.m. We also have small groups throughout the week for all different interests with new groups starting every week.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, please contact the church office at 432-267-7015. Visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org. You can view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

We are located at 911 Goliad. Sunday starts with a time of fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. The worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. Join us as we celebrate Psalm Sunday. The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth McIntosh will deliver the message "The Greatest Teacher Ever" based on Isaiah 50:4-9. We celebrate the Lord's Supper each week.

The Evangelism and membership committee will be canvassing the Kentwood area to distribute flyers inviting people to join us for Holy Week and Easter services. Volunteers need to meet at the church Saturday at 10 a.m.

The fellowship committee invites all the ladies of the church to wear that special hat for Psalm Sunday. A pot-luck luncheon will follow after worship services, at which time the top three hats will be awarded special prizes.

Special opportunities for Holy Week include the free Lenten luncheon series hosted by the First Christian Church at noon Wednesday. Captain Ed Cheshire of the Salvation Army will be the speaker.

Thursday at 6:30 p.m. we will observe Maundy Thursday. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the passover meal with his disciples the night before he was crucified. In contrast to joyful Easter celebrations when Christians worship their resurrected Savior, Maundy Thursday services are solemn occasions marked by the shadow of Jesus' betrayal. Saturday, the fellowship committee will host a hunt for special Easter eggs, followed by a hot dog cookout. The fun begins at 11:30 a.m. and the public is invited. Other weekly opportunities include volunteering at the Isaiah 58 food pantry Mondays and Tuesdays, choir practice at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Our youth group meets with youth from the First Presbyterian and St. Mary's Episcopal churches Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Youth meeting will be at First Christian Church Wednesday and April 27. The Beth Moore Bible study "To Live is Christ" will continue Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Child care is provided and the public is invited to participate.

For questions or further information you may call the church office at 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com.

Event Under the Tent

Event Under the Tent is coming to town. The Crossroad's Baptist Association of Big Spring has organized the event. The preacher will be Roland Lopez of San Antonio. The Strength Team will perform two nights.

Crystal River Ministries, a Christian vocal band will be the entertainment. They have Christian songs ranging from mellow contemporary to country gospel. They share personal testimonies on the topics of drug abuse deliverance to coping with the loss of a loved one. The group has been on the road since August 1980. With more than 30 recordings to date, appearances on the TBN and Primetime Christian Television Networks, as well as other major cities local TV programs, Crystal River has had the opportunity to reach many souls with the message of God's love through song, music and testimony.

They were born, raised and headquartered in Lubbock. Crystal River tours all parts of the United States, sharing their music and personal testimony that will make you laugh, sometimes cry and perhaps relate to so many of their "family" experiences.

Event Under the Tent will be on South Highway 87, adjacent to Buffalo Country Fina, May 1–5 at 7 p.m.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx.

Church services are Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching. The sermon will be titled "Triumph of Two Kinds" from the lessons, especially from John 12:12-43. Communion will also be available.

Jill Alsobrooks will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 118:19-29 or 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, and John 12:12-19 and Matthew 26:1-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-66 or John 12:20-43. The Gospel will focus on John 12:12-43.

Angela Newton is our organist and

ries. Last week the lessons focused on "Jesus Raising Lazarus" from John 11:1-45. The lessons for the Sunday school classes will be "The Passion of Christ" based on Matthew 27:11-66.

The Board of Assimilation has scheduled a pot luck for Sunday.

Mid Week school is preparing us for Jesus' last days of His ministry. Wednesday we studied "The Sanhedrin, Herod and Pilate" from Luke 22:66-23:25. Next Wednesday there will be no Wednesday evening meal or Lenten service. However, the Mid Week school class has an activity scheduled for April 27. Our Mid Week school will study "Jesus is Crucified" from Luke 23:26-49 and a special lesson.

The meals are being served from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Thank you to Shyrlee Reid and Nancy Herrin for preparing the meals April 10 and April 17. There will be no meal Wednesday. The April 27 meal will be prepared by Jill Alsobrooks.

May 4 will be our last Mid Week school and Wednesday evening meal. We will again begin Mid Week school in September. The Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Elders meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the church. There will be no service Thursday evening.

The service Friday at 7:30 p.m. will be a combination of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The focuses for services during Holy Week include the following: combination of Maundy Thursday: "The Miraculous in Holy Communion" from 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 and Good Friday: "The Miracle of Good Friday" from 1 Peter 3:18. Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching.

Next Saturday the Easter Festival will be from 10 a.m. to noon. We will again have cookie decorating, face-painting, crafts, egg/cake walk, egg hunt and other activities. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Easter morning, Sunrise Service will be at 7:30 a.m. with the traditional service at 10 a.m. Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching. Easter Sunday's focus will be "The Miracle of Easter" from Matthew 28:1–10

Last Saturday, the LWML spring workshop was at the church. Ladies from the West Texas Zone were treated to a patriotic theme and oldfashioned hot dog picnic luncheon. Crosses and thank you notes were made for our veterans at the VA Hospital. Thank you to all who made this possible. We appreciate the extra help of those who helped set up, clean up, and plan for this workshop.

The Board of Assimilation will meet April 26 at 7 p.m. at the church. Other boards and groups are continuing to meet and make plans for the various activities of the church. May 9 the LWML will serve coffee/juice/ refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet May 10 at 7 p.m. at the church. The LWML will meet May 12 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders meet May 19 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Board of Assimilation will meet May 24 at 7 p.m. at the church. Other boards and groups are continuing to meet and make plans for the various activities of the church.

First Church of the Nazarene

April 23 join us for an Easter Egg Hunt at the Old Settler's Pavilion in the park. We are going to start at 10 a.m. with the hunt and enjoy hot dogs and drinks afterward. May 15 we will be having Biker Sunday. Services start at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. acolyte will be McKenna Alsobrooks. Our elders are Bobby Roever and Richard Knocke. If you are interested in donating flowers sign up on the flower chart. Flowers are \$50 for both vases.

Sign up on the kitchen door to be a "door greeter." We need one or two individuals to sign up for a two-week period and come ready Sunday to "greet" everyone and hand them a bulletin.

Sundays, the adults and youth are studying the "Growing in Christ" se-

Priests receive guidance on sham marriages

LONDON (AP) — The Church of England has given priests guidance on ways to prevent sham marriages staged in hope of beating immigration rules.

One Church of England priest, Rev. Alex Brown, was sentenced to four years in jail last year for presiding at 360 marriages in five years between eastern European women who were in the country legally and African men who had exhausted all other ways of remaining in Britain.

Church officials recommended that any couple that includes someone from outside the European Economic Area should be subject to a "common license." That requires the couple to swear affidavits, give proof of identity and address, and attend marriage preparation classes.

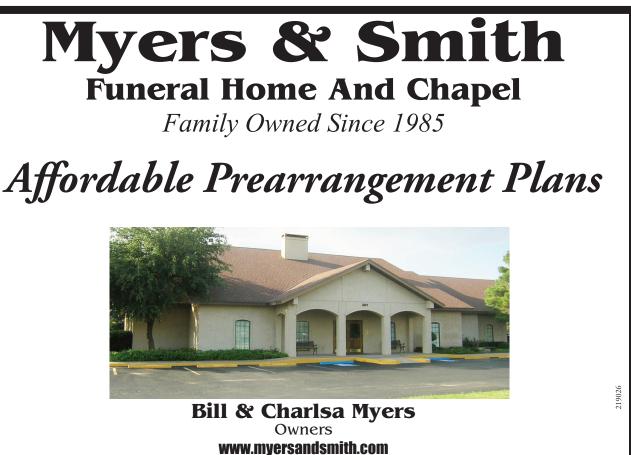


Priests were assured they would not be disciplined for refusing to conduct a suspicious wedding.

The Church of England conducts around a quarter of all marriages in England.

Send your church information to life@bigspringherald.com.

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News in brief

Wildfires force

evacuations in Rotan area

ROTAN (AP) — Residents of this West Texas town of 1,500 are back in their homes after evacuating for several hours as wildfires threatened the community.

Department of Public Safety Sr. Trooper Sparky Dean said officers went door to door to advise residents of Rotan to leave their homes Thursday night. Today, Dean told The Associated Press that evacuees were allowed to return shortly before 11 p.m. Thursday, when the winds shifted and the threat eased. Nobody was hurt.

The Texas Forest Service says Highway 70, Highway 92 and County Road 413 were closed to traffic at times because of fires in Fisher, Kent and Stonewall counties. The roads reopened late Thursday.

More than 200,000 acres, mainly in West Texas, burned this week during dry, windy conditions.

Nobody hurt in Central Texas fire at storage site

TEMPLE (AP) — Nobody has been hurt in a fire at



an industrial business in Central Texas and crews monitored the blaze as it burned for a second day.

Temple Fire Department spokesman Thomas Pechal said the fire was under control this morning at a storage facility at Forta Corp.

Pechal told The Associated Press that the fire site originally was identified as a recycling facility operated by Temple Iron and Metal Co. Pechal says it was later determined that the fire, which broke out Thursday night, happened at the Forta facility located on Temple Iron and Metal property.

Thousands lose power in latest North Texas storms

DALLAS (AP) — Strong thunderstorms with hail the size of golf balls have pelted parts of North Texas and interrupted power.

Crews from Oncor worked Friday to restore electricity to nearly 3,800 customers who lost power in the bad weather that began Thursday night. The utility reported most of the outages were in the Dallas area and East Texas.

No injuries were reported.

The National Weather Service received reports of large hail and winds of around 70 mph in the northern suburbs of Dallas and Fort Worth. At least two homes in Honey Grove, about 70 miles northeast of Dallas, suffered storm damage.

Man pleads guilty to shooting La. trooper

PLAQUEMINE, La. (AP) — The two men arrested in the July 3 shooting of a Louisiana State Police trooper during a traffic stop on Interstate 10 in Iberville Parish appeared in court this week, with one pleading guilty and the other sentenced.

The Advocate reports that 21-year-old Robert Armendariz of El Paso pleaded guilty Wednesday to attempted first-degree murder of a police officer in the shooting of Lt. David Conaway on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge.

Armendariz faces up to 50 years in prison when he is sentenced July 6.

On Thursday, 20-year-old Fabian Herrera of Houston was sentenced to one year probation after pleading guilty in January to accessory after the fact to attempted first-degree murder of a police officer.

Conaway was released from a hospital the next day.

Marine to be laid to rest in Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Friends and family are gathering to pay tribute to a North Texas Marine who died last week — apparently the first case of American troops killed by a missile fired from a U.S. drone.

The memorial service for 26-year-old Staff Sgt. Jeremy D. Smith was scheduled today at Grace Community Church in the Dallas-Fort Worth suburb of Arlington.

Two senior U.S. defense officials have said the military is investigating how Smith and a Navy medic could have been mistaken for insurgents in southern Afghanistan last week. They were hit while moving toward other Marines under fire in Helmand province.

The drone in this case was armed and used to hunt and kill militants.

Senate boosts fees to pay for legal aid

JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press AUSTIN — In a year the Republican-dominated Texas Legislature has vowed not to raise taxes, the Senate voted Thursday to add \$10 to the court costs assessed on millions of municipal traffic violations and other misdemeanors.

The increase is designed to pay for criminal and civil legal aid for the poor. But several cities are fighting back, calling the boost a shadow "tax" that lawmakers want their police and courts to collect for them.

The measure by Sen. Jose Rodriguez, an El Paso Democrat, got initial approval by the Senate on Thursday. A similar measure is pending in the House.

According to a legislative analysis, the bill would raise about \$77 million over the next two years. Rodriguez said that money is needed to meet the state's constitutional obligation to pay for legal help to those who can't afford it on their own.

Federal, state and local money to help pay for those programs is drying up in the tough economy or getting cut by governments, including Texas, facing massive budget shortfalls.

Rodriguez said his plan sets up a dedicated source of money that will ultimately help pay

for legal help for veterans, domestic violence victims and the elderly. The additional court costs would be assessed on traffic cases such as speeding or running a red light, and on lowlevel criminal cases such disorderly conduct or simple assault.

According to Rodriguez, annual statewide expenses for indigent defense have gone up from \$91 million in 2001 to \$195 million last year. In 2010, the state provided \$30 million to help with those expenses.

Current budget proposals for the next two years would cut state help by about \$8.6 million.

"If we're going to live

up to our ideals of equal justice for all ... we have to do this one way or another," Rodriguez said.

But the Texas Municipal League is fighting the measure. The group notes that since 2002, the state portion collected from municipal court costs in traffic cases has doubled from \$40 to \$82.

Texas issues more than six million traffic tickets every year. Raising court costs any higher will make traffic violations unaffordable for many drivers and many will simply not pay at all, the group said.

Bennett Sandlin, executive director of the Texas Municipal League, called legal help for the poor a worthy cause, but said "legislators are turning police officers



Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Steve Reagan at 263-Sports 7331, Ext. 235. E-mail results to: sports@bigspringherald.com BIG HERALD Page 1B Friday, April 15, 2011 Howard College Rodeo begins



Howard College cowgirl Paige Woodward and her horse round a barrel during Thursday night's slack competition at the 2011 Howard College Rodeo. The rodeo continues tonight and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Admission is free.

Sports Calendar **NBA playoffs: Beware the Bulls By BRIAN MAHONEY** AP Basketball Writer

"You don't ever know rick Rose, earned home- Jordan and the Bulls to if you're going to win a court advantage by finish- six NBA titles, is expected championship until you ing with the league's best to retire after this season. record for the first time since Jordan ruled the NBA. Keep on winning, and the Bulls would open the finals at the United Center, with its statue of Jordan outside. And what a story it would be if his old coach was on the opposing sideline.

The Lakers would love to send him off with a sixth title in Los Angeles and a remarkable fourth threepeat.

TODAY

Rodeo – 2011 Howard College Rodeo, 7 p.m., Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Baseball - Howard College at New Mexico Military Institute (DH), 3 p.m. MST, Roswell, N.M.

Baseball — Coahoma at Lubbock Roosevelt, 7 p.m.

Baseball – Forsan at Ralls, 5 p.m.

Softball - Howard College at Frank Phillips College (DH), 1 p.m., Borger.

Softball - Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m.

Softball – Coahoma at Lubbock Roosevelt, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Rodeo – 2011 Howard College Rodeo, 9 a.m. (slack) and 7 p.m. (finals), Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Baseball – Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 1 p.m.

Baseball - Howard College at NMMI (DH), noon MST, Roswell, N.M.

Softball - Howard College at Clarendon, (DH), 1 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, call 263-7331, ext. 235

Kobe Bryant has all that championship experience, and perhaps the NBA's best supporting cast. The Miami Heat have the promise of what LeBron James and Dwyane Wade can deliver in their first postseason together, and the Boston Celtics think their playoff-tested group can do it again.

get there, but you know you have the pieces that can compete for one," Wade said. "That's where we're at right now."

But to win an NBA title, those teams may have to go past Michael Jordan. Well, past his likeness

anvwav. The Chicago Bulls, with dynamite point guard Der-

Phil Jackson, who led

They are the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference and endured a fivegame losing streak late in the season. But they

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In brief

Stanton golfer wins 3-2A medalist honors

DENVER CITY — Denver City won the boys' title and Colorado City captured the girls title at the District 3-2A golf tournament, which concluded play Monday.

The results had been on hold while the district's executive committee investigated possible rule violations by an undisclosed team. No infractions were discovered, officials said.

In boys' play, Denver City ended with a team score of 685, two strokes better than runner-up Colorado City. Lubbock Roosevelt was third, while Stanton finished fourth with a team score of 744.

Stanton's Eric Garza qualified for the Region I-2A tournament individual competition by finishing fourth in district medalist play.

Coahoma finished sixth with a team total 772, while Forsan placed seventh with a team score of 776.

C-City won the girls' team title with a socre of 825, easily out-pacing Denver City, which was second with an 897. Roosevelt was third and Stanton finished fourth.

Stanton's Kendra Graham won district medalist honors with a two-round score of 181. Taylor Harris of Colorado City was second with a 191.

Tournament to benefit Relay For Life

The 2011 Cancer Scramble, which will benefit the Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life American Cancer Society fundraiser, will be held Saturday and Sunday at Big Spring Country Club.

Format will be a four-person scramble.

Entrants can make their own teams or be assigned.

The field will be flighted after the first round, officials noted.

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to pin and the top three teams in each flight.

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Sports

Astros edge San Diego

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HOUSTON (AP) - Bud Norris had some hiccups in the six scoreless innings he pitched in Houston's three-hitter Thursday night.

During those struggles the 26-year-old pitcher thought about recent advice he's received from veteran Houston ace Brett Myers.

"Giving up a (hit) is not the end of the world, but making sure that you can get out of that jam and leave that guy on base is the biggest part of it," Norris said of the one-pitch-at-a-time philosophy Myers preaches to him.

Norris and the Houston bullpen combined on a three-hitter, Michael Bourn singled home the only run and the Astros beat the San Diego Padres 1-0.

Norris (1-1) gave up two hits and struck out seven in six innings. His sacrifice bunt in the bottom of the sixth set up Bourn's RBI hit off Dustin Moseley (0-3).

"The focus was big," Houston manager Brad Mills said of his starter's outing. "Even though he threw a lot of pitches he didn't let that affect him."

Bonds saga: Feds ponder next move

After years of investigation, three weeks of trial and millions of dollars spent pursuing Barry Bonds, federal prosecutors were back where they started Thursday - deciding whether to try and prove the home run king's records were built with steroids and lies.

On Wednesday, the jury that was to finally decide whether Bonds deceived a grand jury in 2003 when he denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs instead left the issue deeply unresolved.

The panel of eight women and four men convicted Bonds of obstructing justice, but deadlocked on the three charges at the heart of the government's perjury case, including two counts of lying about the use of steroids and human growth hormone.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) U.S. District Judge Susan Illston declared a mistrial on those three charges.

> Now, prosecutors must weigh whether to spend still more money, and staff time, conducting another trial. They typically take into account a hung jury's vote when making such a call, but legal analysts warn that the Bonds trial was very different from the typical criminal case and the usual practices don't apply to such a high-profile defendant.

> What's more, the jury's vote on the deadlocked counts were inconsistent. A majority of jurors voted to acquit Bonds on the drug-related charges while voting 11-1 to convict him of lying about never receiving injections from anyone but his doctor.

Further, the judge who would preside over the

new trial has been showing impatience with a case that reaches back to Dec. 4, 2003. That's the day Bonds testified before a grand jury investigating an international sports doping ring centered at the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, also known as BALCO.

Amid the confusion and frustration of Wednesday's muddled verdict, Illston sharply cut off Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Parrella's argument that the government need not decide immediately about a new trial.

"The trial is over and we don't need any more speeches," she said. It wasn't the first time she displayed displeasure with the prosecution during the trial - and the more than three years Bonds has been under indictment.

But the judge did agree that prosecutors could decide later about a new trial. She set a May 20 hearing to discuss that issue and to schedule a sentencing date for Bonds.

An obvious calculation will be whether it's worth the effort.

Vermont Law School Professor Michael Mc-Cann and others who followed the trial said it's impossible to put an exact dollar figure on the govexpenditure ernment's in pursuit of Bonds. The government doesn't do its accounting on a per-defendant basis. Still, it's clear the figure is substantial.

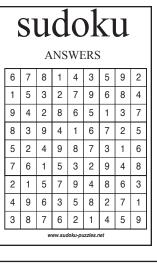
"The government has spent millions of dollars and hours and is being questioned over whether that time and money could have been better spent elsewhere," said McCann.

NBA

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still have Bryant, seeking to tie Jordan with a sixth ring, and loads of interior depth with Pau Gasol, Lamar Odom and they hope a healthy Andrew Bynum.

And they might be



back on track after closing the regular season with two straight victories.

"Maybe we turned a corner the last two nights," Jackson said. 'We can't do anything easy. We're bipolar.'

The playoffs start on Saturday, with Chicago hosting Indiana in the opener.

Also Saturday, the Heat play Philadelphia; Atlanta and Orlando meet in a postseason rematch, and Portland visits Dallas.

The Lakers get started Sunday against New Orleans, after West No. 1 seed San Antonio welcomes the Memphis Grizzlies.

The Celtics drew the New York Knicks, in their first postseason since 2004 and confident

Contract Bridge

they are dangerous with the Carmelo Anthony-Amare Stoudemire tandem; before scoring leader Kevin Durant and the Oklahoma City Thunder face the newlook Denver Nuggets in the nightcap.

The Bulls may lack the star power of some heavyweights, other but they've spent the last few months making believers of all of them. Led by Rose, perhaps the MVP favorite, Chicago went 62-20 for its best record since finishing with the same mark in 1997-98, Jordan's final season.

"Chicago's a good team and there's a reason why can they keep coming at you in waves," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said, "and they play hard."

Carlos Boozer and Joakim Noah provide a strong tandem inside and the Bulls not surprisingly were a top defensive club under coach Tom Thibodeau,

out Wade, then James in last year's playoffs on the way to the finals.

That duo then joined Chris Bosh in Miami, and after some early struggles and more scrutiny than any team should endure, the Heat surged into the postseason with 15 wins in their last 18 games and perhaps can still meet the expectations that were raised last July.

"All these teams we're talking about, they're all flawed. There's no perfect team to be honest with you. So if you've got two of the five best players, they are very dangerous," Hall of Famer and TNT analyst Charles Barkley said.

The two most intriguing first-round series could involve Anthony's current and former teams.

New York struggled last month as it adjusted to the trade with Denver, but won seven straight down the stretch to set up the 14th Celticssince dealing center Kendrick Perkins to the Thunder, and though the Celtics quickly put things together last year after a lackluster finish to the regular season, there's questions if they can do it again following such a major change to their roster.

Doc Rivers said his team will be ready.

"I think this is what our guys have been playing for all year," he said.

"You know, when you lose a Game 7, it sticks with you and that's very difficult to get back through the regular season because the whole season you're thinking about, 'Gosh, we've got to go through 82 of these just to have a chance to get back to where we were at last year' and now all that part is gone. And now we can start trying to get back to, and finish the job."

The Nuggets went 18-7 after trading their All-Star forward along with

the roster.

Oklahoma City provided a tough first-round test for the Lakers last year and believes it's better equipped to compete with the champs with Perkins patrolling the paint.

The winner of that series might have to play the Spurs, then the Lakers just to reach the finals.

"When you're in the Western Conference, if you're looking for something easy, you've come to the wrong place," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said.

"In this conference, it's a lot different than it's been in the East. A lot of their playoff positioning has been settled for days and weeks. Out West, it's been the epitome of high-level competition all year. It's only going to be more competitive now."

The Lakers believe they can be the team to emerge from it.

"Every team we can



By Steve Becker **Bidding Quiz**

ods. This upper limit is inflexible and

cannot be varied without risking a

calamity. It is better to open one club

and then jump to two notrump to

deliver the message more accurately.

If partner passes one club, the odds

are that there is no game in the hand. 3. One diamond. The fact that you

have only 11 high-card points is not

a good reason for passing. If you did pass, you would have a hard time

later convincing partner that you

held a hand containing seven or eight

Once you decide to open, it is bet-

ter to start with one diamond than

one club, in line with the general rule

of first bidding the higher-ranking of

4. Pass. The only other call that

can be reasonably considered is one

spade, but this would be begging for

You are the dealer, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following four hands? 1. ♠ 6 ♥ AK1095 ♠ KQ8753 ♣ 9 **♦** AK8 ♥ Q652 ♦ AJ9 **♣** AJ5 3. ♠ 5 ♥ 93 ♠ QJ1085 ♣ AKJ106 4. ♠ AQ97 ♥ AJ4 ♦ J73 ♣ 652

1. One heart. In general, a six-card suit is named before a five-card suit. But when the suits are adjacent in rank and the high-card content of the hand is close to a minimum, the higher-ranking suit is bid first even though it may be shorter. The purpose is to keep the bidding at a relatively low level in a hand of limited strength. Bidding diamonds first and hearts next would constitute a "reverse," indicating 17 points or more.

2. One club. Players who are not point-count conscious might open the bidding with one notrump. Admittedly, this 19-point hand looks very notrumpish, considering its flat distribution and scattered high-card strength, but it is far better to show the nature of your hand at your next turn.

An opening one-notrump bid promises at most 17 or 18 points, depending on the partnership's meth-

trouble because of the rebid problem that would arise if partner responded two clubs or two diamonds. Both of these responses would be

potential tricks

two equally long suits.

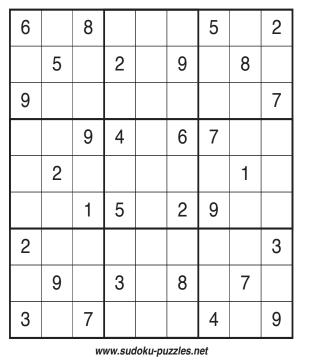
forcing, and it would be impossible to find a rebid that would not misrepresent your high-card values and/or distribution. It is better to pass originally with a borderline hand than to run the risk of creating an insoluble bidding problem.

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The Aries sun does exacerbate the tendency to burn the candle at both 21). You will produce the ends. And with Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Uranus all in the sign of the ram, the energy reaches a fever pitch. That's why the Virgo moon is such a welcome reprieve. Virgo's focus

on good health and temperance will cause many to retreat, reorganize and rejuvenate.

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HOLIDAY 21-MATHIS 19). It's no secret

that you're a giver. You'll bring around someone else's good fortune. This will ultimately be more satisfying for you than riding your own lucky streak.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your dreams of last night affect the start of your day. Your subconscious has had its fun, but in the morning light, it is time to push the mental "reset" button Tomorrow's Horoscope

own mind and mood.

GEMINI (May 21-June equivalent of a rabbit out of a hat. It's a trick, the usefulness of which is questionable, but that doesn't keep it from being a sheer delight to your rapt audience.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Avoid a game that's too easy for you. Your nerves will tell you whether you're playing at the right level. And you can channel your nervous energy to give you the edge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your energy is vibrant, though not necessarily constant. As superhuman as you feel, you still require downtime to recharge. Make time to relax and get grounded, and you'll stay strong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be in a cautious mood, looking out for those more reckless. Someone has to! Your kindness will not be directly repaid, but doing the right thing is its own reward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll work on your core — if not your abs and take control of your then your emotional core.

You are loved and valued. By focusing and feeling this at a very deep level, you'll attract more of the same.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be in a spunky mood, and you'll be less guarded with what you do and say. Because of this, you have the potential to brighten someone's day or ruin it, and of course, you'll choose the first option.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Unbeknownst to you, you are drawing someone in with the of intensity your presence, your sparkling eyes and the gusto you add to the conversation. Be careful, heartbreaker! CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Though you are open and curious, vou will not be easily won. Furthermore, it will take an especially compelling argument to separate you from your money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You choose what you want because you think it would be fun to have it. You will be careful not to choose out of insecurity or need and will not respond to pressure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March in someone causes you to 20). Get back into your hobby. Loved ones may at first be jealous of the time you spend doing "your thing," but they will ultimately be happy for you, as doing what you enjoy makes you a more loving person.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 15). This year grows a new and more confident you. A financial boost will improve many your parts of life. Professional goals will lead you far from your comfort zone. You'll become masterful at a very difficult task because keep you practicing. special А relationship brings blissful times. Cancer and Leo people are your enthusiastic supporters. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 19, 33, 28 and 1.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Jealousy can only make you look bad, so don't let it show. TAURUS: Be both realistic and creative as you play with your image. GEMINI: You are an essential agent for social fun and will receive many invitations. CANCER: Your interest

take a personal inventory and tidy up your game. LEO: Acceptance and forgiveness are practices that bring out your levels highest of VIRGO: attractiveness. Getting out of town will put you back in touch with who you are. LIBRA: You'll lose old baggage. It just doesn't seem relevant to who you are anymore. SCORPIO: You don't like the idea that people are playing games, and yet you can't deny that they are. If you participate, you'll do well. SAGITTARIUS: Maybe you're not hiding anything, but pretend you are anyway — mystery on looks good you. CAPRICORN: Your happy, excited and adventuresome moods are becoming more frequent and lasting longer. **AQUARIUS:** Social grace is a talent you were born with, but it still needs to be honed. You'll practice on a date. PISCES: A loved one will see you through another person's eyes and be attracted to you all over again.

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Betr Lat Thn Nevr ear Margo:

Dear Margo: Two years post-divorce, I have been trying to date again. A nice man I have much in common with told me in October that he'd like to get to know me better, but nothing has come of it. Instead, he spends hours texting without trying to set up any sort date, sends of а inappropriate texts for the level of relationship we have, refuses to reveal his schedule or anything else that might aid in our dating — or in

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getting to know each other at all, for that matter. After four months of waiting, I feel that I should just move on. It seems that texting is the only relationship he has to offer. This is so sad. Can anything here be saved? — Sick of Texts

Dear Sick: Maybe your dignity. Run, do not walk, to the nearest exit. I am guessing that when this man "told" you he wanted to get to know you better, it was online. All he has to offer is texting. I would not be surprised if this timewasting crackpot is a teenage boy or some random filbert who gets his jollies playing this sort of game. Too bad there seems to be four months down the tubes, but I will not linger too long on the length of time it took you to (dare I say it?) wake up and smell the coffee. – Margo, correctively

Being Related Does Not Guarantee Cordiality

Margo: Dear Mv dilemma involves my three siblings. I am the youngest and have a brother and two sisters, whom I'll refer to as "A" and "B." Sister A is an alcoholic. While none of us are close, we manage to attend holiday gatherings and remain cordial. All this changed when my mother died in 2006.

During the time she lived with me during her last year, sister A visited twice, and the other two sibs never visited until Mom was dying. When she died, she left her house to the four of us. Sister A moved in with no longer stand this, I her husband, a good man who had cancer and died within months. The house was trashed and full of her belongings, and it took a while before was she completely moved out, in 2008.

estate, and she too was in regarding the estate. So declining physical and mental health, although we did not know this for another year. She neglected Mom's estate, and sister A began a verbal and legal campaign against her. I chose not to join in this, which made her angry with me.

When my cousin died, I was named executrix. I kept in touch with my siblings about estate matters by e-mail, and sister A got the other two sibs on board and turned them against me, writing vitriolic e-mails to me voicing suspicions about the money involved, misuse of funds, etc. all untrue. When I could

here's my dilemma: Should I make any effort to communicate with three siblings who have never shown the slightest interest in me? I love them all, yet I feel unloved. — Youngest Sibling

Dear Young: I think if I had three sibs who had "never shown the slightest interest in me,' I would probably turn into one of those people who makes her friends her family. The level of dysfunction is high, so I would accept the situation for what it is: lousy. Margo, yieldingly

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My cousin was named of Mom's executrix

turned the estate over to Margo my brother.

As of today, the house is still on the market. Thousands of dollars have gone to paying taxes and bills, and there is no more money in the estate. There has been no criticism of my brother



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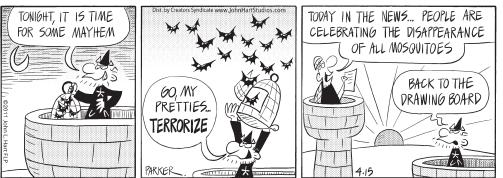


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In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day. (The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.)

In 1959, Cuban leader Fidel Castro arrived in Washington to begin a goodwill tour of the United States. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles resigned for health reasons (he was succeeded by Christian A. Herter).

In 1960, a three-day conference to form the Student Coordinating Nonviolent Committee (SNCC) began at Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. (The group's first chairman was Marion Barry.)

In 1980, existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre died in Paris at age 74.

In 1986, the United States launched an air raid against Libya in response to the bombing of a discotheque in Berlin on April 5; Libya said 37 people, mostly civilians, were killed.

Today's Birthdays: Actor

and politician Jeffrey Archer is 71. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 67. Actor Michael Tucci is 65. Actress Lois Chiles is 64. Writer-producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason is 64. Actress Amy Wright is 61. Columnist Heloise is 60. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 52. Bluegrass musician Jeff Parker is 50. Singer Samantha Fox is 45. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 43. Actor Flex Alexander is 41. Actor Danny Pino is 37. Actor-writer Seth Rogen is 29. Actress Alice Braga is 28. Rock musician De'Mar Hamilton (Plain White T's) is 27. Actress Emma Watson is 21.

singer Roy Clark is 78. Author

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WHERE HIS KEYS ARE?

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 15, the 105th day of 2011. There are 260 days left in the year. in

Today's Highlight History:

On April 15, 1861, following the Confederate takeover of Sumter, President Fort Abraham Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called out Union troops.

On this date: In 1817, the first permanent

American school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Conn. In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died, nine hours after being shot the night before by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's in Washington. Theater Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

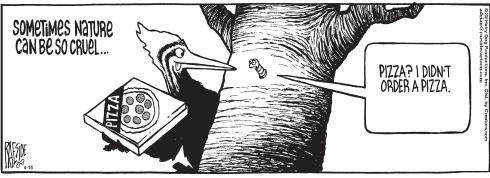
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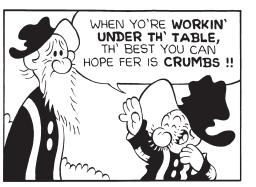


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