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Run to the Wall

Southern route participants make stop in Big Spring



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Participants in the southern Run for the Wall came into Big Spring to visit the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

More than 300 motorcyclists rumbled up to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Saturday, just one of their many stops in communities across the nation as they head on a pilgrimage to make it to the National Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. by Memorial Day.

A small but energetic crowd welcomed the riders, who are mostly U.S. veterans, their family and friends, rode into Big Spring on their annual stop to lay a wreath and visit the monument dedicated not only to Vietnam veterans

but to soldiers of all U.S. wars.

James Bryant, a U.S. Army veteran who served from 1972-2002, and his wife are participating in the run for the first time. They joined after one of James' friends, a four-time veteran of the run, encouraged the couple to come along. Both James and his wife joined the group at the start of the run in Ontario, Calif. on May 13.

James said that the reception and outpouring of support and patriotism from the communities the group has visited makes his "eyes water."

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Nine killed and dozens injured in brawl between biker gangs in Waco

By OLIVIA MESSER and MIKE COPELAND

A noon-hour shootout Sunday involving rival motorcycle gangs and Waco law enforcement officers left nine people dead and at least 18 wounded at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Central Texas Marketplace, with a veteran Waco police spokesman calling the crime scene the bloodiest he has ever seen.

The melee reportedly started in a Twin Peaks restroom and

quickly spread to the bar and spilled into the parking lot, where an estimated 100 bikers with allegiances to as many as five gangs had gathered. Law enforcement officials said at least two of the gangs were trying to recruit new members. Multiple police sources confirmed that the Bandidos and Cossacks were two of the five gangs involved.

Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said Twin Peaks had become a known hangout for

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Coming up

- BSBS choir performance, Pop Show, 7 p.m., Thursday, high school auditorium. No cost to attend but the choir is accepting donations for the family of Briana Mendoza, a Big Spring High School student who is undergoing cancer treatments.

- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service West Texas Livestock and Range Conference, May 21, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Broughton Agriculture Complex on the Howard College campus in Big Spring, 1001 Birdwell Lane. For more information, contact Rebel Royall, AgriLife Extension agent in Glasscock County, at 432-354-2381, r-royall@tamuedu, or the AgriLife Extension office in any of the participating counties.

Deadline for HC STEM camp Friday

BY CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

Howard College is offering a unique summer camp tailored for upcoming high school sophomore and junior students.

The three-day program will provide students the opportunity for hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through various activities.

The camp is completely free including transportation. The camps will be held on the Howard College campus in San Angelo from June 4-6 and in Big Spring from June 11-13.

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Assault of a child

Man remains at county jail after Penn. warrants discovered

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

An arrest Friday of a Big Spring man on possession of a controlled substance turned up several warrants on more serious crimes, including rape of a child.

Leroy Elmer Dolley, 45, of 406 San Jacinto, Big Spring, was arrested by Big Spring police on charges of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram and possession of drug paraphernalia.

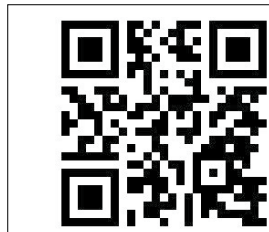
However, he was also booked at the Howard County Sheriff's Office after officers found he had outstanding Pennsylvania warrants for rape of a child, aggravated indecent assault of a child (two counts),

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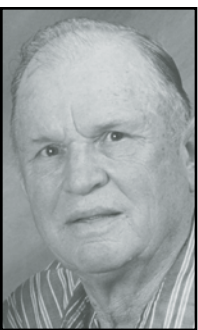
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Obituaries

Harold Neagle



Harold Neagle, 84, of Big Spring, died Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Rick Wilson, pastor of Baptist Temple officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born May 5, 1931 at Chillocothe, Texas to Bea and Alrie Neagle. He was a veteran of the army, serving in the Korean War, and was awarded: three bronze stars, the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Medal.

He had been a resident of Big Spring for 40 years and served 34 years with Texas And Pacific, later Union Pacific Rail Road.

He was a member of Baptist Temple Church. He married Ann Maddin in November 1978.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Neagle of Big Spring; one son, Bruce Neagle and his wife Deema of Dulac, La.; two daughters, Ludeana Neagle of Big Spring, Lara Harbin and her husband Leslie of Comanche; one step-son Kyle Maddin and his wife Kim of Bellevue; one step-daughter Milissa Johnson and her husband Freddie of Waco; 14 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 2 brothers and 1 sister.

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

Yolanda Jimenez Lee



Yolanda Jimenez Lee, 76, of Porter, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, May 14, 2015, in Conroe. Vigil services were at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Yolanda was born June 9, 1938, in Uvalde, Texas to Candelaria and Rodolfo Jimenez. She grew up in Big Spring. Yolanda married John Lee on Oct. 29, 1956. She lived most of her adult life in Big Spring, moving to Porter in 2014. Yolanda was a homemaker, but also worked a number of years at Wall's Industries. She loved dancing, bingo, and the casino. Yolanda was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Bertrand and her husband

Isaac of Porter and Angie Barrantey and her husband Raymond of Midland; one son Larry Lee and his wife Brittany of Colorado City; four sisters, Alice Gonzales and Candy Nunez both of Denver, Colo., Frances Ybarra and Felica Vara both of Uvalde; two brothers. Jr. Jimenez and Manuel Jimenez, both of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Hope Sivalingam, Christina Nickerson, Cassandra Nickerson and Lindsey Kay Lee; nine great-grandchildren, Taylor Lee, Brison Lee, Braden Lee, Hayden Kirkland, Vandon Sivalingam, Heidi Hutchins, Harper Hutchins, Johnny Ray Lee and Carley Armstrong; 28 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one daughter Linda Kay Lee Pike, and one sister Margie DeLeon.

Pallbearers will be Ray Marquez, Rudy Jimenez, Ralph Jimenez, Brian Porras, Raymond Barrantey and Tom Nickerson.

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

Oops!

Editor's Note: Due to an error, The First Baptist Church was inadvertently left out of the Church News this last Friday.

The following is information for the church that should have been in Friday's paper.

The First Baptist Church's Mother's Day Out "End of the Year" program will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday with the pre-k graduation being held at 6 p.m. Please contact Tracy Boeker at 263-8223 for additional information.

Summerama is for children going into first grade through seventh grade. It will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and begins June 2. Registration packets are available in the church office or the children's department office.

Vacation Bible School will take place this year June 8-12.

Wednesday evening meal of baked chicken will be from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will be followed by activities for all age groups. Details are available at fbcbig-spring.org.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700.

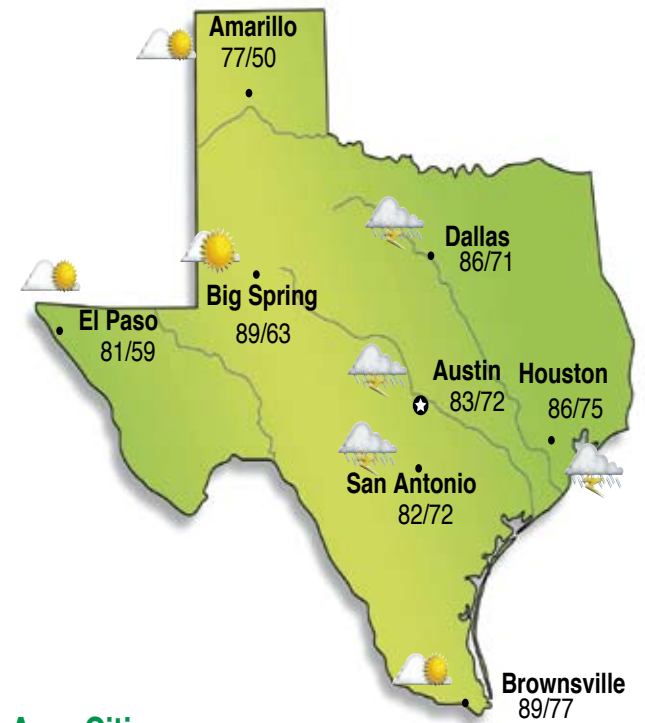
Church news appears Fridays in the Big Spring Herald. Send submissions by Wednesday to life@bigspringherald.com.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 5/17	Mon 5/18	Tue 5/19	Wed 5/20	Thu 5/21
89/63 Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 89F.	92/68 Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	77/66 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 60s.	86/65 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	82/65 Thunderstorms developing in the afternoon.
Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:40 PM	Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	86	65	sunny	Kingsville	88	77	pt sunny
Amarillo	77	50	pt sunny	Livingston	85	74	t-storm
Austin	83	72	t-storm	Longview	85	71	t-storm
Beaumont	84	75	t-storm	Lubbock	81	53	pt sunny
Brownsville	89	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	88	74	t-storm
Brownwood	84	67	t-storm	Midland	88	63	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	84	78	pt sunny	Raymondville	90	77	pt sunny
Corsicana	84	71	t-storm	Rosenberg	86	75	t-storm
Dallas	86	71	t-storm	San Antonio	82	72	t-storm
Del Rio	85	71	pt sunny	San Marcos	84	73	t-storm
El Paso	81	59	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	70	t-storm
Fort Stockton	88	62	mst sunny	Sweetwater	86	64	mst sunny
Gainesville	83	68	t-storm	Tyler	86	72	t-storm
Greenville	84	69	t-storm	Weatherford	85	69	t-storm
Houston	86	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	86	65	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	68	t-storm	Minneapolis	77	47	t-storm
Boston	73	52	pt sunny	New York	84	64	t-storm
Chicago	80	66	t-storm	Phoenix	71	55	mst sunny
Dallas	86	71	t-storm	San Francisco	61	52	pt sunny
Denver	68	43	t-storm	Seattle	64	52	cloudy
Houston	86	75	t-storm	St. Louis	82	70	t-storm
Los Angeles	67	56	pt sunny	Washington, DC	86	71	t-storm
Miami	85	76	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sun 5/17	Mon 5/18	Tue 5/19	Wed 5/20	Thu 5/21
10	10	6	8	8
Very High	Very High	High	Very High	Very High

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

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Police, Sheriff, Fire & EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- TRACI MARGARET HERRERA, 24, of 1605 Oriole St. was arrested on warrants for speeding, fail to maintain financial responsibility, expire registration and seven counts of fail to appear.
- JUAN MANUEL TORRES FIERO, 50, of 809 W. 4th St. was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- LANCE C. BUTLER, 26, of 2614 Ent Dr. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1700 block of W. FM 700 and the 1700 block of E. 3rd St.
- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal St. and the 200 block of E. FM 700.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2200 block of Morrison Dr. and the 1300 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1400 block of W. 2nd St.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1500 block of Main St.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Park St.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 900 block of Willia St. and the 1500 block of Sycamore St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of

- LEROY ELMER DOLLEY, 45, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, possession of drug paraphernalia and warrants for rape of a child, agravated indecent assault of a child (two counts), false imprisonment, endangering welfare of children, indecent assault, criminal attempt - indecent assault and corruption of minors.
- LANCE BUTLER, 26, was booked by the BSPD on charges of failure to pay child support.
- JUAN MANUEL TORRES FIERRO, 50, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- WILLIAM ERIC GILL, 20, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- MATTHEW O'BRIAN HERNANADEZ, 24, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for fail to maintain financial responsibility and violate promise to appear.
- TRACI MARGARET HERRERA, 24, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding, fail to maintain financial responsibility, seven counts of fail to appear, violate promise to appear and display expired registration.
- CHRISTOPHER EMILE KELEHAN, 26, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for failure to appear - theft of firearm, bondsman off bond - theft of firearm, failure to appear - aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury, bondsman off bond - aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury.
- TOMI JO MCPHERSON, 18, was booked by the DPS on warrants for failure to attend school and failure to appear.
- DEBRA JANE MOLINA, 50, was boked by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with previous convictions.
- JESSE RAMOS, 24, was booked by the DPS on charges of evading arrest/detention with vehicle.
- STEVEN LEE RIOS, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.
- JOSIE RODRIGUEZ, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke probation - driving while intoxicated.
- VERONICA ROMO, 32, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of capias - public nuisance and capias - fail to control speed.
- LESLIE SMITHWICK, 30, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for four counts of parent contributing to the non-attendance.
- JONATHON ALFRED TORRES, 22, was booked by the DPS on charges of burglary of a habitation.

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motorcycle gang activity and he blamed management for creating an atmosphere that contributed to Sunday's violence.

Gang members reportedly clashed using knives, chains and clubs, and then drew firearms on each other and on law enforcement officers who responded.

"In 34 years of law enforcement, this is the most violent crime scene I have ever been involved in," Swanton said. "There is blood everywhere."

He estimated that 100 weapons were used, and said vehicles parked near Twin Peaks were riddled with bullet holes.

"What happened here today could have been avoided ... They failed and this is what happened," he said, referring to the Twin Peaks local management.

Swanton repeatedly said throughout the day that law enforcement officials had asked for cooperation from Twin Peaks' management and received none until after Sunday's shooting.

He added, "This is one of the worst gun fights we've ever had in the city limits. They started shooting at our officers."

Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies were on high alert Sunday afternoon. Long before Sunday's violence, the Department of Public Safety and intelligence agents reportedly were investigating the biker gangs and their activities in Waco, specifically at Twin Peaks.

At least 12 Waco officers, including a SWAT team, and DPS troopers were at Twin Peaks or in the immediate area when the incident erupted.

But they could not immediately quell the violence and chaos of what one witness described as akin to a war zone.

"There were maybe 30 guns being fired in the parking lot, maybe 100 rounds," said Michelle Logan, 37, who was at the restaurant and said she knows some of the victims who were wounded and taken to both Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Medical Center and Providence Health Center. "There's a lot of people in the hospital, a lot of people shot."

Logan said she did not get the impression that the incident was a random confrontation, adding, "It was a set-up."

At least 18 people were confirmed injured, in addition to the nine confirmed dead. Most of the injured had gunshot or stab wounds, and some suffered both.

Some of those suffering injuries were transferred to different

hospitals for their own safety, Swanton said.

Brad Doan, general manager of the local Twin Peaks, said the restaurant did not have an immediate statement in response to the shootings or Swanton's claim that Twin Peaks was not cooperative with police until after Sunday's shootings. Doan referred all questions to corporate management in Dallas, which could not be immediately reached Sunday afternoon.

Later in the evening, Twin Peaks tweeted: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and victims of the tragedy at franchise partner's restaurant in Waco."

Officials continued to comb the crime scene early Sunday evening, and several weapons and even dead bodies remained in the parking lot. Authorities ferried about 100 people to the Waco Convention Center from the marketplace for questioning, and several streets were closed downtown, including bridges spanning the Brazos River.

Reports trickled in Sunday evening of stores and restaurants closing early due to concern over renewed violence, among them the Dodge City Saloon at 1009 Wooded Acres Drive, where an employee who would not identify himself said the club was shutting down about eight hours before the usual closing time.

"The owner thought this was the safe thing to do," he said. "He did not want anyone to be put in harm's way."

A person who answered the phone at

the Don Carlos Mexican restaurant next to Twin Peaks said he would have no comment and abruptly hung up the telephone.

The 24-hour Walmart Superstore on Franklin Avenue reportedly closed for business early in the evening Sunday.

Police on Sunday afternoon received reports that possibly hundreds of members of the biker gangs from around the state were headed to Waco. But Swanton had a warning for those who might feel inclined to travel to the city to take up the fight: "I would encourage them not to. We have plenty of room in our jail."

He said Sunday evening that he had no idea the number of people who would face charges over the shootout, saying the investigation likely would prove lengthy, but he expected the number of arrests to be substantial.

"I do want the people of Waco to know that we have the situation under control," Swanton said.

Swanton declined to identify the gangs involved in the shootout, saying, "I don't care who they are. They're a criminal organization."

Three gang members arrested outside the neighboring Cabela's Outpost with weapons were taken to the McLennan County Jail on charges of engaging in organized crime. The sergeant said police will charge suspects with the most severe charges possible, adding: "This is not something we're playing around with. This is a major crime scene . . . a pretty gruesome scene."

He added, "I don't think people were defending themselves. I think they were involved in criminal activity and didn't care who they shot."

Take Note

• The Big Spring Art Association area wide art show will be held May 23-30. Entries will be accepted Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. Judging will be at 2:30 p.m. Categories are 1. oil/acrylics; 2. pastels; 3. photography; 4. mixed media; 5. watercolor; 6. 3D/sculpture, pottery, jewelry, stained glass; and 7. graphics and charcoal. All work must be original and completed within the past two years. No copy work will be accepted.

Entry fees are \$10 per item for BSAA members; \$15 per item for non-members; and \$10 per item for students. Cash prize and ribbons will be awarded.

For more information, contact Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; kay1975-mith@aol.com or Ruby Bruns, 432-664-1942, rubybruns@yahoo.com.

• The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the West Texas Livestock and Range Conference from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 21 at the Broughton Agriculture Complex on the Howard College campus in Big Spring, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — one laws and regulations and two general — will be offered.

Individual preregistration is \$20 if received

at the AgriLife Extension office in Glasscock County by May 15 and \$25 thereafter. The fee includes the noon meal.

For more information, contact Rebel Royall, AgriLife Extension agent in Glasscock County, at 432-354-2381, r-royall@tamu.edu, or the AgriLife Extension office in any of the participating counties.

• The Coahoma High School classes of 1952-1956 will have a get together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 24 at the Hampton Inn of Big Spring's Cowboy Meeting Room. For more information, call 432-213-3259.

• The time period to transfer into the Forsan ISD system as a student for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Students entering grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade must have their transfer application to the school by May 29. Students in grades sixth through 12 have until July 30. Guidelines, timelines and applications are available at each Forsan ISD campus.

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STEM

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San Angelo participants will be housed in the ASU dorms; Big Spring participants will be housed in Howard College dorms on campus.

Students will spend time with other students who enjoy STEM activities while experiencing college life. Each camp is limited to 25 students.

The registration deadline is May 22.

For more information or to register for the camp, contact Lenny Christo, Howard College STEM activity director at 325-481-8300 ext. 2468 or lchristo@howardcollege.edu.

WARRANTS

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false imprisonment, endangering welfare of children, indecent assault, criminal attempt—indecent assault and corruption of minors.

Dolley remains at the Howard County jail and faces extradition to Pennsylvania.

WALL

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"Especially for the those who served during Vietnam, you did not get this reception," James said. "It's important that people do not forget. That is what the whole thing is about. Those missing in action and the POWs (prisoners of war) who never came back and those who lost lives over there for all conflicts we've been in."

Herbert Thompson of Amarillo joined up to serve on the hydration team and drove to California just to make the ride across county. Herbert said he wasn't a U.S. veteran but his church — Christian Heritage — has supported the riders for a number of years.

"I've always wanted to do the run and they called me this year and I went," he said.

Helping with the wreath laying ceremony were members of the local Young Marines who presented the colors. Also, members of the Leadership Big Spring class were on hand at the ceremony. This year, the group

helped to get a POW/MIA plaque which is now on display in the memorial's chapel.

Run for the Wall begins each year with cyclists heading from California across the nation, picking up more riders along the way, before arriving in Washington D.C. On Memorial Day eve.

Run for the Wall was started in 1989 as an effort by two veterans James Gregory and Bill Evans. The young men wanted to education others that thousands of men and women were still unaccounted for in military action through the year.

According to the Run for the Wall mission statement, the event was created to promote healing among all veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all prisoners of war and those missing in action (POW/MIA), to honor the memory of those killed in action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel all over the world.

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Can the U.S.—Can the World—Afford a Palestinian State?

The Middle East is in chaos: Islamists are waging bloody jihad—and winning—and Palestinian society is collapsing. Is now the time for a Palestinian state?

While the Middle East is being overrun by Islamic terror groups, and Palestinian political factions are verging on civil war, some world leaders now propose forced peace talks with Israel, guaranteeing the Palestinians a state. Can we really afford a Palestinian state ripe for takeover by terrorists?

What are the facts?

Bloodthirsty violence wrecked by Islamic terror groups in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Yemen, Libya and Tunisia has created epic instability in the Middle East. This regional jihad is being waged by the Islamic State, al Qaeda affiliates, al Nusra Front, Hizbollah, Hamas, Houthi rebels and, most prominently, Iran.

Indeed, the jihadis are capturing more Middle East territory daily. The Islamic State continues to seize ground in Syria and Iraq and threatens next to attack Israel's neighbor Jordan. The Houthis today control three major cities in Yemen, and al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is making gains in other parts of the country. The greatest threat, however, comes from Iran, which through its terrorist proxies now exerts effective control over four Arab capitals: Baghdad, Iraq; Damascus, Syria; Beirut, Lebanon; and Sana'a, Yemen.

This leaves Israel, the Middle East's only democracy and bastion of Western freedoms, almost encircled by forces of radical Islam—Hizbollah and Iran on its doorstep to the north in Lebanon and Syria; the Islamic State in Syria and Egypt's Sinai Peninsula; and Hamas to the south in Gaza. Iran, of course, threatens weekly to annihilate the Jewish state—and it is steadily, secretly building the nuclear capability to back its bluster.

Adding to this regional volatility, the Palestinians' two main political parties, Fatah in the West Bank and the Islamic terror group Hamas in Gaza, are locked in internecine strife. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's government has no control over Gaza's 1.9 million Arabs. The internal Palestinian conflict has become so bitter that President Abbas recently called on Arab nations to launch military attacks against Hamas.

But Palestinians' problems run far deeper. Their economy is in shambles: Without nearly \$1 billion annually in

international aid, including \$400 million from the U.S., it would collapse. Palestinian civil society in the West Bank is notoriously rife with corruption. Political order is also crumbling: No Palestinian elections have been held since 2006. The 80-year-old Abbas is serving his tenth year of a five-year term, and his Fatah party has no provisions for a successor. What's more, security in the West Bank is critically dependent on support from Israeli Defense Forces. Without it, experts predict a takeover by Hamas, which did the same in Gaza in 2006. A Hamas coup would leave Israel a tiny island engulfed in a sea of Islamist terror.

Why don't the Palestinians already have a state? The Arabs were offered a state next to Israel by the United Nations in 1948, but

turned it down. After Israel's defeat of three invading Arab armies in 1967, the Jewish state offered to negotiate land for peace, but again the Arabs refused. As recently as 2001 and 2008, under the auspices of the United States, Israel offered the Palestinians up to 95 percent of the West Bank and Gaza, plus a capital in East Jerusalem, but again the Arabs walked away from statehood and have for more than 60 years stubbornly refused to recognize the Jewish state.

Today the situation in the Middle East has changed dramatically in two ways. First, Israel and moderate Arab nations are threatened as never before by radical Islamists obsessed with conquest. Second, Palestinian institutions have reached new lows of dependence and disorganization, nearing total collapse. Iran-supported Hamas is well armed and could seize control of the West Bank at any time.

While some world leaders have proposed a deadline for completion of peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, leading to a Palestinian state within a few years, this idea does not account for today's horrific new reality in the Middle East. Indeed, a Palestinian state that is forced upon Israel and the rest of the world would most certainly turn into a nightmare.

While Israel, the United States and other nations have worked in good faith to create a Palestinian state, the Palestinians themselves have consistently rejected requirements that would ensure Israel's security and survival. Today, explosive threats from radical Islamist terror groups in the Middle East, especially Iran, as well as the disintegration of social, economic and political order among the Palestinians, make a Palestinian state unrealistic. Rather, world leaders need to focus on stabilizing the region—especially Palestinian society—and put Palestinian statehood temporarily on hold.

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Gonzales, BSHS thinclads do well

By **TOMMY WELLS**
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Ian Gonzales and the Big Spring High School track and field teams turned in strong performances at the 2015 Class 4A State Track and Field Championships on Saturday.

Gonzales was among the Steers' top finishers at the meet, which began on Thursday at the Mike A. Myers Track Complex on the cam-

pus of The University of Texas in Austin. He posted the top individual finish of all BSHS athletes.

A senior, Gonzales tallied four points for the Steers' boys' track team by legging out a fourth-place finish in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.31 seconds.

Lufkin Hudson sprinter Payton Davis won the boys' 400-meter title with a time of 48.76 seconds. Houston Wheatley's Floyd Green was second

at 48.85, while Taylor's Isaiah Pittman was third at 49.02.

The Big Spring 4x400-meter relay team also did well. The foursome of Kaitlyn Mathews, Rachel McCalmn, Erin Pollard and Autumn Minter finished seventh in the 4x200-meter race with a time of 1:45.03.

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Former BS star wins Class 3A 400-meter title

Former Big Spring High School sensation Faith Roberson gave Big Spring a tie to a state title. The Wall sophomore won the girls' Class 3A 400-meter title on Saturday in Austin with a time of 55.72 seconds.

Roberson attended BSHS as a freshman but moved to Wall prior to the start of the 2014-15 school year.

2015 NJCAA Division I National Softball Championships

Chattanooga St. ends HC's title hopes

Three-run 1st helps CSU slip past weary Hawks

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Chattanooga State College scored three runs in the fifth and two more in the top of the seventh inning on Friday evening and rolled to a tough 8-2 victory over the Howard College Lady Hawks in the consolation semifinal round of the 2015 NJCAA Division I Softball National Championships in St. George, Utah.

With the loss, Howard College closed out a long day of action at the double-elimination tournament. The Lady Hawks, who finished fourth in the final team standings, played three games on Friday en route to earning a berth in the consolation semifinals.

The Lady Tigers, who were eliminated by Northeastern Oklahoma State, jumped on the HC pitching staff early. CSU scored three runs in their first at-bat.

HC got one of the runs back in the bottom of the second. Jaelyn Young scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of short-stop Katie Reyes to cut the Lady Tigers' lead to two, at 3-1.

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NJCAA Division I Softball National Championships
St. George, Utah

Chipola claims '15 national title

The Chipola College Lady Indians scored three runs in the third inning on Saturday and rolled to a 7-2 win over Northeastern Oklahoma State to claim the 2015 NJCAA Division I Softball National Championship in St. George, Utah.

The Lady Indians were spurred on to the national title by claiming a 6-1 win over Howard College in the second round of play on Thursday.

Chattanooga State finished third in the overall standings after falling to NEO in the semifinals on Saturday morning, 10-1.

Howard College finished fourth.

broke the game open in the fifth. The Lady Tigers scored three runs in the frame and ballooned their cushion to 6-1.

They tacked on two more in the top of the seventh to build the lead to 8-1.

HC second baseman Kylee Keller ended the tournament on a high note for the Lady Hawks. She belted a solo home run in the bottom of the seventh to account for HC's only other run.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Samantha Ohmie catches a throw at first base to retire a Chattanooga State runner during the Lady Hawks' game on Saturday evening at the 2015 NJCAA Division I Softball National Championships in St. George, Utah. Chattanooga State ended the Lady Hawks' season with an 8-2 victory in the consolation bracket semifinals.

Albany rallies to edge Forsan in 2A playoff series

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Albany Lions did the unthinkable on Saturday afternoon at Cardinal Park in Hermleigh.

They ended the Forsan Buffaloes' season.

Albany won back-to-back elimination games en route to rallying from a 1-0 deficit to Forsan in the best-of-3 playoff series.

The Lions, who had dropped Game 1 of the series by a 9-4 clip on Friday, came back strong on Saturday morning. Albany forced a third game by winning Game 2 by an 11-3 decision.

Albany got off to a quick start against Forsan in Game 3. The Lions outscored Forsan by a 3-0 clip in the first inning and then held on to escape with a tough 4-2 decision.

Lady Buffs to face AC in 4th round

The Forsan High School Lady Buffaloes know who they will face in the fourth round of the Class 2A state softball playoffs. They just aren't sure of when and where it will be.

Forsan will face Archer City, which won its best-of-3 series on Saturday.

Details of the Forsan-Archer City matchup were expected to be announced Monday afternoon.

With the win, Albany advances to the Class 2A regional semifinals.



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Still playing ...

Alicia Redwine prepares to catch a pop fly during the Colorado City Lady Wolves' win over Merkel at Big Spring Junior High School. Redwine is a senior at Colorado High School.

Rockets net return to conference finals with win over L.A.

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets are heading to the Western Conference finals for the first time in 18 years after overcoming a 3-1 series deficit to eliminate the Los Angeles Clippers.

"It's the ultimate confidence-booster," James Harden said. "There's hardly a handful of teams that's done that. We fought back. We fought three really hard games and came away with it."

Harden scored 31 points, Dwight Howard had 16 points and 15 rebounds and the Rockets never trailed in a 113-100 victory over the Clippers on Sunday, sending them to the conference finals for the first time since 1997.

It's the ninth time in NBA history that a team has overcome a 3-1 series deficit to win a playoff

series.

The Rockets overcame a 19-point third-quarter deficit in Game 6 on Thursday night to stay alive. No such heroics were needed Sunday when they were up by 17 after three and Howard opened the fourth quarter with a 3-point play to push it to 88-68.

"When you're down 19 on the road, it's easy to give in and just say, 'Maybe next year,'" Harden said. "But I think the injury throughout the entire year kind of made us fight through adversity no matter what. We always find a way to fight, and another case was being down 3-1."

Blake Griffin scored five points in a 9-0 run to cut the lead to eight points with less than 2 1/2 minutes remaining.

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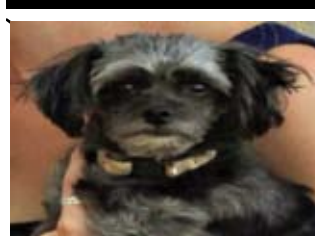
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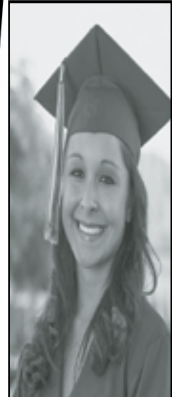
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury Retrograde



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The Mercury retrograde in Gemini will extend the messenger planet's stay in this realm by several weeks. This is Mercury's first home and therefore an auspicious place for the retrograde to occur. Worst-case scenario: The conversation takes unexpected and emotional turns. You can handle this and will even be better for it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In some ways, it feels like you're still discovering who you are and what you do. You'll get a feeling in your gut that you're ready for more, and you're pointed in the right direction, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your ambition is to leave the world a better place than it was before you got here, and you're

doing quite a job of that these days. It's the small ways that matter most.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your loving friends will advertise your business, praise your character and generally support what you do -- as long as you ask them to. Don't be afraid to request some help!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The question is: How are you going to get perspective on the situation? It's not always easy to rise above things. A funny friend will help. Call up the funniest person you know.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Lifting the gloom for another person is the fastest way to banish your own. Furthermore, if you're having trouble connecting with a loved one, sharing in acts of charity will be bonding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be in charge again. To be the kind leader, don't tell them how you want them to do it. Just tell them that you want them to do it. Then

sit back and watch all the surprises unfold.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everything may seem to ride on one instant. It doesn't. It rides on a thousand prior instants and a thousand instants after. So shake off the pressure of the moment and start building up your practice "instants."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Asking questions won't help unless those questions are very good. Being smart won't be enough. Keep learning until you're not only smart, but also wise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People will surprise you with their ingenuity. You will surprise them with even more and different ideas. Together you can create something that will help not only you, but also the generations to come.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Saying what you want to say and then feeling bad about it is a pattern you'd like to stop. And yet, there's such a

release that comes with saying what you want to say. Maybe you should just drop the part about feeling bad.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Stay relaxed. Be flexible. When you feel yourself getting tense, take the broad view. When you are comfortable with yourself, you'll never be alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What's absolutely necessary can seem altogether impossible. How are you going to pull this one off? It starts with one phone call and leads to another. Don't give up.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 18). You'll poke your nose in and by June get caught up in a whole new scenario. July brings a promotion. You'll replace a vice in August. October is the time to explore, add on and be a part of something important. As Albert Einstein said, "not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." Scorpio and Virgo people

adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 22, 39, 41 and 1.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I recently visited some of my relatives only to find out that their political, social and religious beliefs are so far apart from my own that I have a hard time listening to their viewpoints without growing deeply agitated. How can someone I'm genetically close to be so ideologically distant? Do you have any advice for an opinionated Libra?"

Yours is the sign of diplomacy, dear Libra. If anyone can put on a nice smile, proliferate hugs and kiss babies, it's you. Unless your relatives plan to run for office against you, there is little reason for them to bring up a political agenda for you to refute. It wouldn't hurt to remind them that politics and religion needn't be discussed in polite company. Better yet, remind yourself and then stay out of it. And remember that in politics and any other kind of conflict, debate or dance, it take two to tango. If you

don't engage, there won't be anything to fight for or against. Note: This doesn't make you weak or apathetic. It is a way of conserving your energy so that when it's time to fight for what you believe is right, you'll be ready.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Comedic force Tina Fey was born when the sun, Mercury and Saturn were all in Taurus, suggesting amazing stores of patience and persistence. Libra energy is also a prevalent force in her natal chart. Both Taurus and Libra are ruled by Venus, making girl-power a theme in the life and work of Fey, the first female "SNL" producer and the creator of "Mean Girls" and "30 Rock."

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My daughter recently married for the first time. Her attendants were her three best friends. Their friendship goes back 20 years, and they still regularly get together for a girls' night out.

My daughter attended all of their weddings. For each, she hosted a bridal luncheon. At her rehearsal dinner, my daughter presented them with necklaces and earrings, and her groom gave the groomsmen specially ordered gifts.

Can you imagine my shock to find out that none of these best friends gave the couple a wedding gift? Only the best man and one groomsman (the bride's brother) came with gifts. There was nothing from the remaining groomsmen, who brought a date. This man has known my

daughter since childhood. One of these friends recently made the comment that she has a year to give a gift. The same comment was made by the mother of the groom, who also showed up empty-handed.

What is wrong with these people? My daughter said it's no big deal, but I know she is hurt. I cannot imagine attending any wedding without giving a gift to the bridal couple. Even a token present would have been nice. Please give these thoughtless people an etiquette lesson. -- Appalled Mother of the Bride

Dear Appalled: Take a deep breath. We understand your frustration, but you are making unfair assumptions. It is not written in stone that gifts be brought to the wedding, although it is preferable to send one within

three months. (Thank-you notes need to be written as soon as a gift is opened.) We also believe it is best if guests send their gift to the house, rather than bringing it to the wedding where it could be taken or lost or the card separated from the package.

Please don't assume these people are ignoring an obligation to give your daughter and her new husband a wedding present. They deserve the benefit of the doubt, at least for a while longer. And under no circumstances should you be riling up your daughter about her guests' generosity or lack thereof. These are her gifts and her guests, and she gets to handle the situation however she chooses.

Dear Annie: I met someone

with whom I would like to be friends. However, she has a repulsive habit. She constantly sticks her thumb in her nose. How do I tell her to stop without being offensive? I otherwise enjoy her company a great deal. -- HFAR

Dear HFAR: Your friend probably has no idea she is doing this and would be appalled to know that others are bothered by it. She most likely has some type of irritation that makes her reach to her nose frequently, and it may have become a habit.

The next time she puts her thumb there, and every time thereafter, you can ask very nicely whether she needs a tissue. If she says it itches (or anything similar), you can suggest she talk to her doctor or an

ENT because you've noticed that it obviously bothers her frequently and could indicate something more serious. Don't be snarky about it. Be sincerely concerned. At the very least, she will be more aware of what she is doing with her thumb.

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ANSWERS

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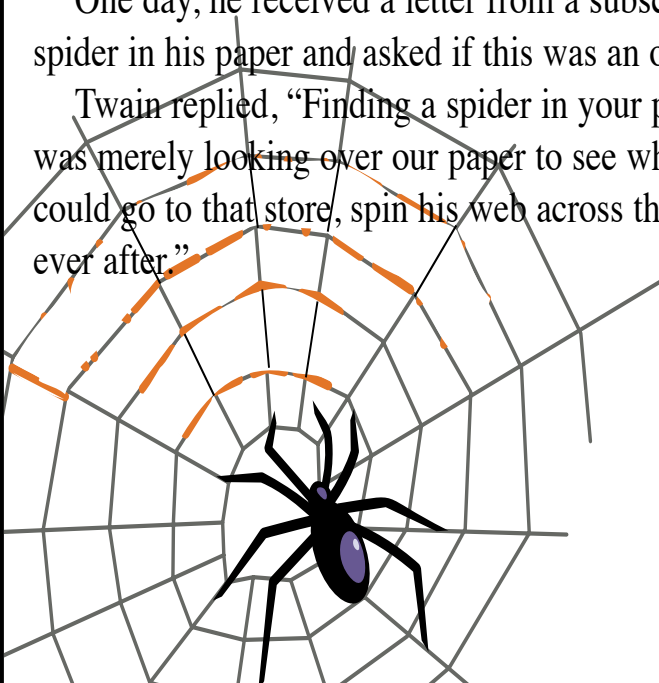
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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding a Lot With a Little

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 5
♦ —
♣ 8 7 6 5 3 2

WEST EAST
♠ 7 ♠ J
♥ A K Q 6 4 ♥ J 10 9 8
♦ Q 9 7 5 ♦ K J 10 2
♣ A K Q ♣ J 10 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 6 3
♥ 7 3 2
♦ A 8 6 4 3
♣ —

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ Dble
5♣ Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — king of clubs.

This deal occurred during a national team championship played in San Francisco in 1981. The distribution of the four hands was certainly unusual, with two voids and three singletons scattered around the table. And, as you might expect, the bidding reflected the peculiar nature of the hand.

At the first table, South opened the bidding, after two passes, with a

perfectly normal one-spade bid. West doubled for takeout, whereupon North jumped directly to five spades! This was not intended as an effort to get to a slam; on the contrary, North was simply doing everything he could to make it difficult for East to enter the bidding. From North's viewpoint, it seemed likely that East-West would make either a game or a slam in hearts or diamonds, and he was trying to make things as difficult as possible for them.

East and South passed five spades, and West doubled again. Everyone passed, and when the smoke cleared, South had made five spades doubled with two overtricks! He ruffed the club lead and cashed the ace of spades and ace of diamonds, discarding dummy's heart. He then crossruffed diamonds and clubs until dummy's last two clubs became established, and so finished with 13 tricks for a score of 1,250 points. All this was accomplished with a total of only 13 high-card points in the combined North-South hands!

Remarkably, at the second table the bidding, the play and the outcome were exactly the same, and the deal proved to be a washout!

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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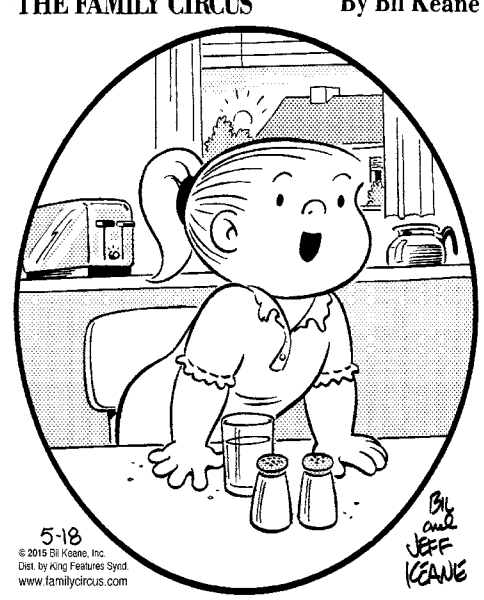
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6 :PM	Jeopardy!	La Sombra del	Big Bang	News	Caso Cer-rado	NewsWest 9 at 6P	Seinfeld	McDonald	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Street Out-laws	Movie: Jurassic Park, Jeff Goldblum	Movie: The Dark Knight, Aaron Eckhart	NBA Basket-ball: Wizards at Hawks	NBA Basket-ball: Wizards at Hawks	NBA Basket-ball: Wizards at Hawks	NBA Basket-ball: Wizards at Hawks	NBA Basket-ball: Wizards at Hawks
7 :PM	Dancing With Stars	Amores con Trampa	The Follow-ing (DVS)	Broke Girl Mike	Avenida Brasil (SS)	The Voice	Fam. Guy	Upd	Antiques Roadshow	Griffith	Street Out-laws	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith
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10 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Contacto Deportivo	How I Met	James Corden	El Señor de los	News	Cougar	1st Fruits	Light of the	Southwest	Gallery	Street Out-laws	Street Out-laws	Street Out-laws	Street Out-laws	Street Out-laws	Street Out-laws	Street Out-laws
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"OF COURSE RUFF IS HAPPY. HE DOESN'T KNOW IT'S MONDAY."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

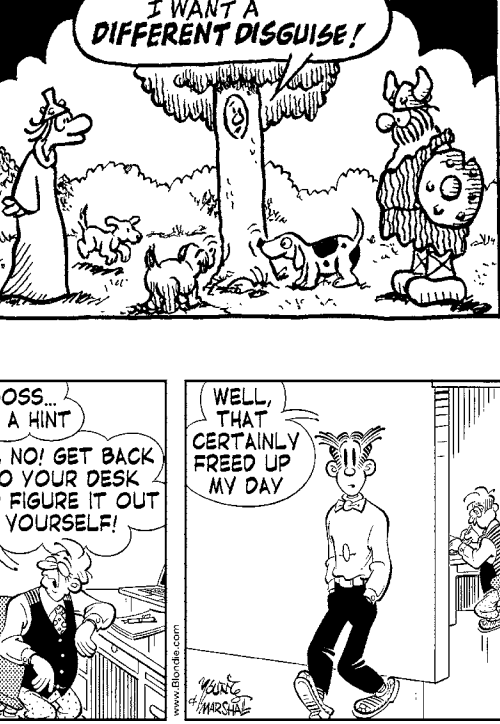


"You can hard-boil my egg, but I want to hatch it out myself."

HAGAR



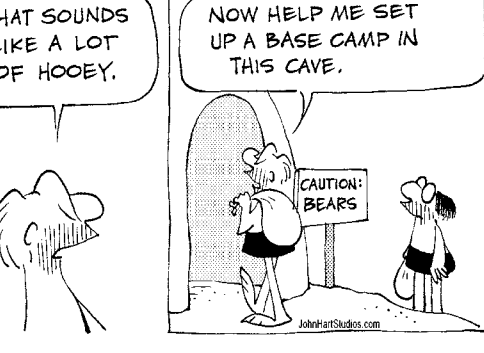
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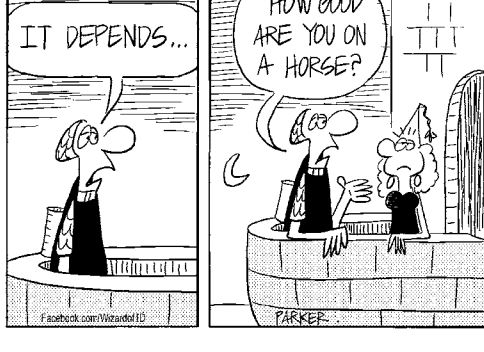
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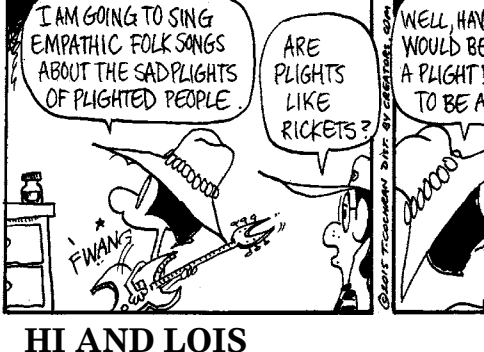
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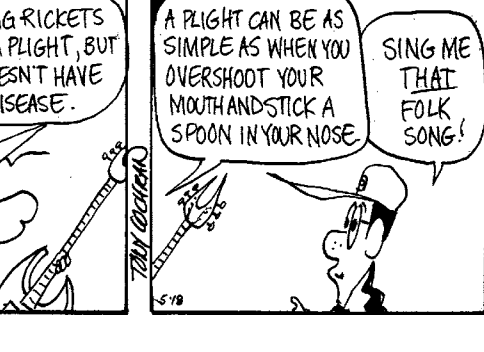
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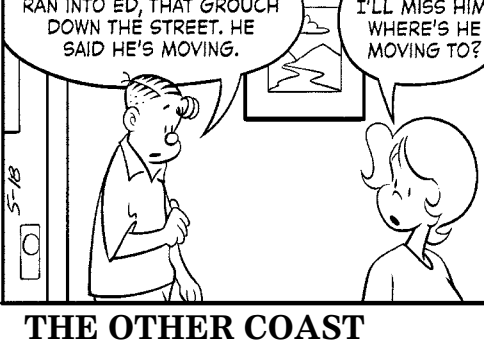
THE OTHER COAST



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This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 18, the 138th day of 2015. There are 227 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On May 18, 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.
- On this date: In 1642, the Canadian city of Montreal was founded by French colonists.
- In 1765, about one-fourth of Montreal was destroyed by a fire.
- In 1896, the Supreme Court, in Plessy v. Ferguson, endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept renounced 58 years later in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka.
- In 1910, Halley's Comet passed by earth, brushing it with its tail.
- In 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, California. (McPherson reappeared more than a month later, saying she'd escaped after being kidnapped and held for ransom.)
- In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- In 1934, Congress approved, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the so-called "Lindbergh Act," providing for the death penalty in cases of interstate kidnapping.
- In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces finally occupied Monte Cassino in Italy after a four-month struggle with Axis troops.
- In 1953, Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to break the sound barrier as she piloted a Canadair F-86 Sabre jet over Rogers Dry Lake, California.
- In 1969, astronauts Eugene A. Cernan, Thomas P. Stafford and John W. Young blasted off aboard Apollo 10 on a mission to orbit the moon.
- In 1973, Harvard law professor Archibald Cox was appointed Watergate special prosecutor by U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson.
- In 1995, ballet dancer Alexander Godunov was found dead at his West Hollywood, California, home at age 45. Actress Elizabeth Montgomery, 62, died in Los Angeles.

Five years ago: Grilled by skeptical lawmakers, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar acknowledged his agency had been lax in overseeing offshore drilling activities, and that might have contributed to the disastrous oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. A suicide bomber detonated his vehicle near a U.S. convoy in Afghanistan, killing 18 people, including six troops. At five from the U.S., one from Canada. Following a 2009 party switch, Sen. Arlen Specter was defeated in Pennsylvania's Democratic primary, ending his re-election bid.

Thought for Today: "A conference is a gathering of people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done." - Fred Allen, comedian (1894-1956).

Answer to previous puzzle

G	R	O	T	T	O	T	M	A	N	U	S	B
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Newsday Crossword

DOWN YOU GO by Gail Grabowski
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ACROSS

- Datebook entry: Abbr.
- Tokyo's country
- Outer boundary
- Impolite glance
- Privileged group
- Dental-exam image
- Remove the rind from
- Up ___ (thus far)
- Carryall bag
- Discover accidentally
- Dealt with adversity
- Explosion
- Bath powder
- Fake wood in a fireplace
- Winter Olympics vehicle
- Cove
- Copper-zinc alloy
- Yes, in Paris
- 7, on a sundial
- Posts, as a letter
- ___ la la (singing syllables)
- Sixth sense: Abbr.
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Detest
- Liquids collected by bees
- Fancy, as clothing
- Stops from squeaking
- Drive too fast
- Courtroom hammer
- Break into pieces
- Regretted

DOWN

- Swiss peaks
- ___ moss (gardening material)
- Where Lima is capital
- Shake with fear
- Global flier's fatigue
- Healing plants
- ___ Noir (type of wine)
- Like ___ of bricks
- Still in the package
- Praises highly
- Painters' tarps
- Fence
- Entrance
- Looked at
- Ink stain
- Taxis
- Mix, as a salad
- Donated
- Licorice-flavored herb
- Upholstery protectors
- Hay bundle
- Italian coins
- Personal journal
- Pubs
- Jury-___ (improvise)
- Scratches up
- Tennis racket's target
- Region
- Pole near a mattress
- Make colorful T-shirts
- Computer's removal key
- More rational
- Raindrop sounds
- Hold firmly
- Coupe or convertible
- Lose brightness
- Opera solo
- Tenant's payment
- Julius Caesar garment

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American Pharoah healthy, but tired

BALTIMORE (AP) — American Pharoah wins on dry tracks, wet tracks, any tracks.

He's won from the rail and he's won from an outside post, and now, the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner will attempt to become the 12th Triple Crown winner and first since Affirmed in 1978.

So, Bob Baffert, what kind of track surface would you prefer for the Belmont Stakes on June 6?

"I want the same track Secretariat had," he joked on a humid Sunday morning just outside the Pimlico stakes barn.

"Give me a Secretariat track. I'll take that." Of course, Baffert was referring to the 1973 Triple Crown champion who won the Belmont by a mind-boggling 31 lengths.

The 62-year-old trainer will try for an unprecedented fourth time to sweep the Derby, Preakness and Belmont, while jockey Victor Espinoza will be the first rider with a third chance to pull off the feat.

Baffert stood next to American Pharoah as the colt had the white wraps around his legs hosed off. All seemed well with the Triple Crown hopeful. The ear plugs? Still in.

"He looks fine. He's a little quiet. He's a little tired, like he's supposed to be after a race," Baffert said after he and Espinoza appeared on the "Today Show." "That's usually him. Health-wise he looks good. No chang-

es. No surprises." Baffert said American Pharoah would be sent to Churchill Downs on Monday for a week of rest and relaxation and resume training at the Louisville, Kentucky, track before traveling to New York. His arrival date is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3.

"It's hard for me to imagine I'm going through this again," said Baffert, back in the Triple chase for the first time in 13 years, when War Emblem lost his chance when he stumbled at the start of the Belmont and finished eighth. "I can't believe this is the fourth time I'm doing this, and how lucky I've been.

"All I can do is rely on my experience going to the next one. I know what to expect; I know how difficult it is. With a horse like this it makes my job a lot easier. You see the way he moves. He just floats. He's effortless."

American Pharoah won the Preakness by seven lengths over a sloppy track in a driving rainstorm. Baffert's take? "He's by Pioneer of the Nile, and it was like he was running in the Nile."

The track was drenched. Baffert said jockey Gary Stevens, who was aboard seventh-place finisher Firing Line, told him with all the water in his boots and soaked into his saddle pad, he weighed 135 pounds after the race. With equipment and rider, horses carry 126 pounds for the Preakness.

NBA

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Harden made a pair of free throws after that, but a dunk by DeAndre Jordan got the Clippers within eight again. This time, Trevor Ariza hit a 3 from the corner to se-

STATE

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Liberty Hill won the 4x400-meter relay crown with a mark of 3:58.43. Uplift Hampton Prep was second at 3:58.50. Minter and Mathews also did well individually at the state meet.

A senior, Minter finished ninth in the girls' 100-meter dash standings with a time of 12.26 seconds. Mathews, a sophomore, was ninth in the girls' 400-meter dash with a time of 1:01.12.

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East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	17 .564	—
Tampa Bay	21	18 .538	1
Boston	18	20 .474	3½
Baltimore	16	19 .457	4
Toronto	17	22 .436	5

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	24	14 .632	—
Detroit	23	15 .605	1
Minnesota	21	17 .553	3
Chicago	17	17 .500	5
Cleveland	14	22 .389	9

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	25	13 .658	—
Los Angeles	19	18 .514	5½
Seattle	17	20 .459	7½
Texas	16	22 .421	9
Oakland	13	26 .333	12½

Home Runs

Harper, Washington, 14; Frazier, Cincinnati, 12; Stanton, Miami, 11; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 10; Pederson, Los Angeles, 10; Upton, San Diego, 10; AGonzalez, Los Angeles, 9.

Runs Batted In

Harper, Washington, 37; Stanton, San Diego, 30; Wacha, St. Louis, 5-0; Zimmerman, Washington, 29; Upton, San Diego, 27; Marte, Pittsburgh, 26.

Pitching

BColon, New York, 6-2; Shields, Cincinnati, 5-0; Wacha, St. Louis, 5-0; Greinke, Los Angeles, 5-1; Harvey, New York, 5-1; SMiller, Atlanta, 5-1; G.Cole, Pittsburgh, 5-2.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore 3, L.A. Angels 0
Kansas City 6, N.Y. Yankees 0
Tampa Bay 11, Minnesota 3
Houston 4, Toronto 2
Texas 5, Cleveland 1
Chicago White Sox 7, Oakland 3
Seattle 5, Boston 0
St. Louis 2, Detroit 1

Monday's Games

L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 2-2) at Toronto (Aa.Sanchez 3-3), 1:07 p.m.
Milwaukee (Fiers 1-4) at Detroit (Lobstein 3-3), 7:08 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 1-5) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 3-1), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (Pomeranz 2-3) at Houston (McCullers 0-0), 8:10 p.m.

AL TOP TEN

G	AB	R	H	Pct.
JGlesias Det	31	103	8	.36
Brantley Cle	30	115	20	.348
AGarcia CWS	33	130	20	.45
Fielder Tex	38	151	15	.52
NCruz Sea	37	144	25	.49
Kipnis Cle	36	150	25	.51
AJones Bal	35	134	19	.45
MiCabrera Det	37	135	23	.45
Reddick Oak	32	119	19	.328
Vogt Oak	36	107	19	.327

Home Runs

NCruz, Seattle, 15; Teixeira, New York, 11; MiCabrera, Detroit, 10; HRamirez, Boston, 10; ARodriguez, New York, 10; Trout, Los Angeles, 10; Valbuena, Houston, 10.

Runs Batted In

NCruz, Seattle, 30; KMorales, Kansas City, 30; Vogt, Oakland, 30; MiCabrera, Detroit, 29; Hosmer, Kansas City, 29; Reddick, Oakland, 28; Teixeira, New York, 28.

Pitching

FHernandez, Seattle, 6-1; Keuchel, Houston, 5-0; Pineda, New York, 5-1; McHugh, Houston, 5-1; Buehrle, Toronto, 5-3; Betances, New York, 4-0; Simon, Detroit, 4-1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	16 .579	—
Washington	22	17 .564	½
Atlanta	18	19 .486	3½
Miami	16	22 .421	6
Philadelphia	16	23 .410	6½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	25	12 .676	—
Chicago	21	16 .568	4
Cincinnati	18	20 .474	7½
Pittsburgh	18	20 .474	7½
Milwaukee	13	25 .342	12½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	24	13 .649	—
San Francisco	20	18 .526	4½
San Diego	19	20 .487	6
Arizona	15	21 .417	8½
Colorado	13	21 .382	9½

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 6, Miami 0
N.Y. Mets 5, Milwaukee 1
San Francisco 9, Cincinnati 8
Philadelphia 6, Arizona 0
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 0
L.A. Dodgers 1, Colorado 0
Washington 10, San Diego 5
St. Louis 2, Detroit 1

Monday's Games

Milwaukee (Fiers 1-4) at Detroit (Lobstein 3-3), 7:08 p.m.
Arizona (R.De La Rosa 4-2) at Miami (Haren 4-2), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lackey 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 5-1), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 3-3) at Colorado (Lyles 2-3), 8:40 p.m.

NL TOP TEN

G	AB	R	H	Pct.
DGordon Mia	35	150	21	.63
AGonzalez LAD	36	135	29	.48
Galvis Phi	36	124	16	.43

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

West Division

W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	6	2	.750	436
Las Vegas	3	4	.429	319
Los Angeles	0	8	.000	300

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	PF	PA
San Jose	8	0	1.000	481
Portland	3	4	.429	327
Spokane	2	5	.286	344

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

South Division

W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	4	4	.500	447
Tampa Bay	3	4	.429	346
Jacksonville	2	6	.250	385

East Division

W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	0	1.000	474
Cleveland	5	3	.625	444
New Orleans	2	6	.250	337

Friday's Games

Cleveland 64, New Orleans 42

Saturday, May 23

Spokane at Las Vegas, 5 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACCIONS BASEBALL

American League
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned 1B-DH Kennys Vargas to Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Bryan Mitchell to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reinstated LHP Chris Capuano from the 15-day DL.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed 1B Ike Davis on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Thursday. Recalled OF Craig Gentry from Nashville (PCL).

SEATTLE MARINERS — Sent OF Austin Jackson to Tacoma (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned RHP Andrew Bellatti to Durham (IL). Reinstated SS Nick Franklin from the 15-day DL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed LHP Ross Detwiler on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Designated RHP Kyuji Fujikawa for assignment. Recalled RHP Tanner Scheppers from Round Rock (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Ross Ohlendorf from Round Rock. Sent OF Josh Hamilton to Frisco (TL) for a rehab assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned LHP Vidal Nuno to Reno (PCL). Reinstated RHP Archie Bradley from the 15-day DL. Sent RHP David Hernandez to Visalia (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS — Fired manager Mike Redmond and bench coach Rob Leary. Designated RHP Nick Maset for assignment. Reinstated RHP Henderson Alvarez from the 15-day DL.
NEW YORK METS — Sent RHPs Vic Black and Dillon Gee to St. Lucie (FSL) for rehab assignments.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed RHP Chad Billingsley on the 15-day DL.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned LHP Tyler Lyons to Memphis (PCL). Recalled RHP Sam Tuivailala from Memphis.

CLOSER TO HOME
Howard College women's basketball coach Earl Diddle and his staff will be hosting several youth-oriented skills camps in the first week of June. According to Diddle, his staff will be holding its annual Little Hawk Camp from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on June 1-4. The camp is designed for students in kindergarten through third grade.
The staff will also be holding an Individual Shooting/Skill Camp on June 1-4 for students in grades 4-6. That camp will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon each day. A skills camp for athletes in grades 4-12 will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day, as well.

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