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Mourners flock to Reagan Library

By **CHRISTOPHER WEBER and HERALD STAFF REPORTS**

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum was closed Sunday following the death of Nancy Reagan, but a steady stream of mourners stopped by the main entrance northwest

of Los Angeles to snap photos, leave flowers and pay respect.

Jonathan and Renee Kritzer and their four young children toted small American flags as they looked out over the manicured hilltop property in Simi Valley.

"I had tears in my eyes when I heard she died," said Kritzer, who said he turned



Nancy Reagan

18 just in time to vote for Ronald Reagan when he ran for a second term in 1984. "We try to teach our children to be humble, to care about others, to be humanitarians. That was Nancy Reagan."

Mrs. Reagan, her husband's closest adviser and fierce protector, died Sunday morning at her home in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles of

congestive heart failure. She was 94.

"Dana and I are saddened to learn of the passing of former First Lady Nancy Reagan, and we send our thoughts and prayers to the entire Reagan family," U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, District 19, said in news release.

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A fishing we will go



HERALD Photo/Julie Bass

The 8th Annual Kids Fishing Derby, hosted by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, had a packed lake Saturday morning. According to club officials, more than 100 children signed up to participate, making this the most participated fishing contest yet. Pictured left, Alyssa caught a fish and was eager enough to reel it in, even if she wasn't as excited about touching it. At right, young Jase was excited about his fish that he caught and was eager to show it off.

Holleman takes musical reins at 1st Presbyterian

By **NANCY KOGER**
 Herald Contributor

After more than twenty years with a male music director and organist, First Presbyterian Church has a woman in that demanding position.

Beginning back in February, Laura Holleman took the musical helm of the downtown Big Spring church. She will be directing the adult

choir, a children's choir, two youth singing ensembles, and a hand bell choir. Holleman comes with a wealth of experience, from directing choirs of all ages in schools and churches to playing piano and organ in contemporary and traditional services.

She will be commuting from her home in Midland for Sunday worship services and mid-week rehearsals, and she commutes daily to Odessa, where she teaches elementary school music. Holleman has maintained a private music studio, teaching both voice and musical instruments for a number of years.

She recently finished work as the Director of the Dollye Neal Worship Arts Academy at



Courtesy photo

Laura Holleman takes over as the First Presbyterian Church's music director and organist.

Applications for conservation programs being accepted at Howard County NRCS office

Special to the Herald

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Eddy Spurgin announces applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted at the NRCS offices located at 302 West IH20, Suite 101, Big Spring, Texas.

NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP funding for 2016 and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after March 18, 2016. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2016 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP — one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill — is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Howard County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," says Spurgin.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up programs that allow landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2016 funding allocation is March 18, 2016. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife.

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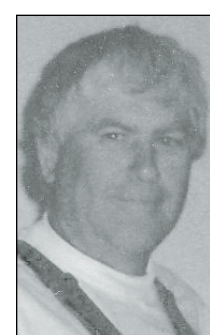
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Obituaries

Tony Painter



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He was born April 28, 1960, in Abilene. He worked all of his life in the oil field. Most recently he worked for West Texas Gas. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

He loved disc golf, the outdoors, fishing, and hunting arrowheads and artifacts.

He is survived by two sons: Dusty Painter of Big Spring and Daniel Painter of Big Spring; grandchildren: Summer Painter of Stanton, Dezary Nicole Spear of Loraine, Amberlea Moore of Forsan, Christy Rae Moore of Forsan, Joshia Gurney of Mo., and Tracen Moore of Big Spring; parents: Josie and Fred Painter of Big Spring; one sister: Cara Wilson and her husband Frank of Big Spring; one brother: Chris Painter of Big Spring; two nephews: Kyle Madewell of Big Spring and Duncan Madewell of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by one daughter: Stephanie Painter on March 28, 2015; and one brother: Steven Painter on Nov. 23, 1997.

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

Paid obituary

Nieves Rodriquez



Nieves H. Rodriquez, 83, of Big Lake, died Friday, March 4, 2016 in a Big Lake nursing home. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic Church in Big Lake. Interment will follow at Glenrest Cemetery

in Big Lake.

He was born Aug. 5, 1932 in Ciudad Acuna, Mexico and married Anita Rodriquez Oct. 1, 1956 in Hereford, Texas.

Nieves lived in Hereford, Texas for 53 years, working as a farm laborer. He retired in 2009 and

moved to Big Lake. He was a member of St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic Church in Big Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Anita Rodriquez of Big Lake; one daughter, Julia Flores and husband, Ruben of Big Lake; two sons, Alberto Rodriquez and wife, Bergie of Houston and Nieves Rodriquez, Jr. and wife, Maria of Johnson City; two sisters, Nita Rios and Petra Lara both of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Felix Rodriquez; his mother, Severa De La Rosa; his stepfather, Manuel De La Rosa; and four brothers.

The family suggests memorials go to St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic Church, 107 E. 1st St., Big Lake, Texas 76932.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **STEVEN GLEN HILDEBRAND**, 47, of 804 Andree St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ISAAC JAMES TARIN**, 23, of 215 N.E. 9th St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANTONIO JOE FLORES JR.**, 35, of 1309 Utah Rd. was arrested on charges of two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **JOHN DANIEL BENITEZ**, 22, of 1106 E. 12th St. was arrested on charge of public intoxication.
- **JORGE RAMOS ACEVEDO**, 24, of 4207 Dixon St. was arrested on charges of criminal trespass – property/building/aircraft/vehicle and hindering

officers discharging official duties.

- **JARRETT ALLEN WEAVER**, 33, of 802 E. 15th St. was arrested on warrants for no license plate light, driving while license invalid and two counts of fail to appear.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Utah Rd.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700 and the 100 block of S. Lancaster St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon St.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2000 block of Morrison Dr.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 8000 block of E. 15th St.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CLINTON ANTHONY ABERNATHY**, 46, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JORGE RAMOS ACEVEDO**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and hindering officers discharging orders.
- **WESLEY ARLEDGE**, 48, was booked by the DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more offense.
- **JAMES KELBY BAILEY**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOHN DANIEL BENITEZ**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROGERICK JAQUES BROWN**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for fail to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid and two counts of failure to appear.
- **KIMBERLY DANIELLE BUCHANAN**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bondsman off bond – resisting arrest, search or transport; bondsman off bond – theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500; weedy lot – first offense, accumulated items – first offense and substandard structure.
- **ANGELA CARREON**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.
- **BETHANY SUANN COLLINS**, 45, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.
- **ASHLEY SHAWN CROSSMAN**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for parent contributing to non attendance and theft of services, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- **ANTONIO JOE FLORES JR.**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on charges of two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **BOBBY D. FOSTER JR.**, 44, was booked by the BSPD on a charge for engaging in organized criminal activity and warrants for speeding and violate promise to appear.
- **FELIX SERRANO GARCIA**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FLAVIO SERRANO GARCIA**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **KYLE LOGAN GERSTENBERGER**, 24, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for speeding, violate promise to appear and two counts of driving while license invalid.
- **RUBEN JAMES GONZALES**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams; and warrants for two counts of assault that causes bodily injury.
- **RONNIE LEM GRANT**, 39, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding, violate promise to appear and display unclean license plate.
- **FELIX MARTINEZ GUTIERREZ III**, 49, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bondsman off bond – driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions.
- **CAROLYN JEAN HANKE**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for fail to appear – theft of property.
- **RONALD HASELBY**, 65, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

See **SHERIFF** page 5

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 3/8	Wed 3/9	Thu 3/10	Fri 3/11	Sat 3/12
73/45 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. A stray severe storm is possible. High 73F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	58/45 Afternoon rain developing. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 40s.	54/39 Mainly cloudy with rain, windy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	59/41 Morning showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.	72/49 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 6:51 PM	Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 6:52 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi Lo Cond.	City	Hi Lo Cond.
Abilene	76 59 Cloudy/Wind	Kingsville	84 69 Cloudy/Wind
Amarillo	75 42 Sunny	Livingston	77 64 Cloudy
Austin	74 67 Cloudy	Longview	76 61 Cloudy
Beaumont	77 66 Cloudy	Lubbock	78 44 P Cldy/Wind
Brownsville	81 70 Cloudy/Wind	Lufkin	76 62 Cloudy
Brownwood	70 61 Cloudy	Midland	82 51 Sunny
Corpus Christi	78 68 Cloudy/Wind	Raymondville	83 71 Cloudy/Wind
Corsicana	75 64 Cloudy	Rosenberg	75 68 Cloudy
Dallas	73 63 Cloudy/Wind	San Antonio	78 67 Cloudy
Del Rio	84 61 Cloudy	San Marcos	75 66 Cloudy
El Paso	70 43 Sunny/Wind	Sulphur Springs	73 63 Cloudy
Fort Stockton	81 52 Sunny	Sweetwater	81 56 Cloudy/Wind
Gainesville	69 59 Cloudy/Wind	Tyler	75 63 Cloudy
Greenville	73 62 Cloudy/Wind	Weatherford	71 61 Cloudy
Houston	75 68 Cloudy	Wichita Falls	76 60 Cloudy/Wind

National Cities

City	Hi Lo Cond.	City	Hi Lo Cond.
Atlanta	67 46 M Sunny	Miami	75 67 M Cloudy
Boston	48 35 Cloudy	Minneapolis	63 54 P Cloudy
Chicago	56 52 M Cloudy	New York	58 46 M Sunny
Dallas	73 63 Cloudy/Wind	Phoenix	73 50 P Cloudy
Denver	55 32 Sunny	San Francisco	59 48 M Cloudy
Houston	75 68 Cloudy	Seattle	52 39 Rain
Los Angeles	60 47 Showers	Saint Louis	70 56 Cloudy

Moon Phases

First Feb 15	Full Feb 22	Last Mar 1	New Mar 9
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Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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Gas prices head up

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 6.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.59/g, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 6.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$1.81/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 65.0 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 4.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 7.6 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 64.4 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on March 7 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.24/g in 2015, \$3.23/g in 2014, \$3.57/g in 2013, \$3.59/g in 2012 and \$3.40/g in 2011.

Areas nearby Texas and their current gas price climate:

Midland Odessa- \$1.59/g, up 3.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.55/g.

San Antonio- \$1.52/g, up 3.1 cents per gallon from last week's

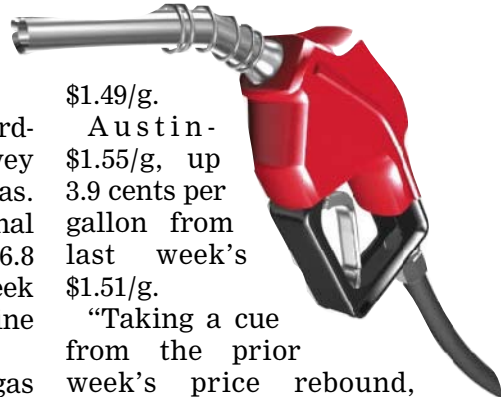
\$1.49/g.

Austin- \$1.55/g, up 3.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.51/g.

"Taking a cue from the prior week's price rebound, retail gasoline prices continued its upward push by increasing nearly 9 cents per gallon on average nationwide," said Will Speer, GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst. "While most of the gasoline market was pricing in the premium associated with the transition to summer-blend gasoline, last week's strength in crude futures prices provided no relief for the rising gas prices."

Although crude oil production fell to the lowest since November 2014, crude and petroleum stocks remain the highest ever recorded in US history.

"This oversupply will provide a ceiling for gas prices over the next couple of months as spring refinery maintenance and the summer-blend gasoline transition put upward pressure on prices," he said.



Gems (and minerals) gleamed brightly last weekend

Lola Lamb (top), secretary treasurer of the Big Spring Prospector Club, headed up the spinning wheel booth where kids (and adults!) can spin the wheel for a chance at prizes at the Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show this weekend.

Brian Ball (left) and Adam Ball of Ammolite Enterprises are a father-son geologist team out of Midland that made their way to the Big Spring Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show this weekend.

HERALD photos
Amanda Elston



TX Lottery

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

All or Nothing Day
04-07-10-11-14-15-16-17-18-20-23-24

All or Nothing Evening
01-02-07-08-10-11-15-17-19-20-21-22

All or Nothing Morning

02-03-04-12-14-15-16-18-19-21-22-23

All or Nothing Night
01-06-07-08-12-13-14-16-17-18-19-22

Cash 5
03-19-32-33-37

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0-4-0-5, Sum It Up: 9

Daily 4 Evening
5-8-3-9

HOLLEMAN

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First United Methodist Church, Midland, and has served as an adjudicator for the Guild of Piano Teachers and the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools.

One of the attributes that drew Holleman to Big Spring Presbyterian Church is its unique Peddy-Madden pipe organ.

"I am thrilled to play in that pipe organ. It's a wonderful instrument," Holleman said.

Holleman mentioned that she felt excited about finding new things to do in it and added, "The acoustics in the sanctuary are great, and that makes everything sound lovely."

The only discouraging note in her accepting the position at the church

has been from Holly, her rescue dog, who chewed up her organ-playing shoes.

"She's very good about everything except shoes. I needed a new pair, anyway so all is well," Holleman quipped.

Besides her canine companion, Holleman has a married daughter who is the performance contest chairperson for the Texas Music Teachers Association and has a piano studio. Her son-in-law is a counselor at Samaritan Counseling Center. She also has a grown son who has autism and lives in a group home.

With all of her positions, Holleman might find it difficult to have "spare" time, but she does have other interests.

"I enjoy journaling, camping and hiking; I love to read and to cook," she said.

NRCS

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Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.

Last year, NRCS in Texas funded over 3,141 EQIP contracts with \$72 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 1.8 million acres across the entire state.

In addition to helping our environment,

Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services locally.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Big Spring at (432)-267-1871, ext. 3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Contact the Herald at
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Malcolm Farr, 73, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Agnes Carey, 63, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

REAGAN

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"I had the honor of meeting Nancy Reagan and she was gracious and charming. President Reagan was a better President because of Nancy, and America was better as well — they were a team that will leave a lasting legacy on American history. It is truly the end of an era. I will never forget the day I stood in the Capitol Rotunda as she put her hands on President Reagan's flag-draped coffin to say goodbye. Today, we say goodbye to an incredible American and a tremendous First Lady. May God bless the Reagan family and may He continue to bless the United States of America," Neugebauer continued. Officials decided to

shut the library and museum — usually open seven days a week — and postpone the Sunday opening of an exhibition of historical and religious objects from the Vatican.

Flowers and notes of remembrance were left near the main entrance. Flags over the U.S. Capitol were lowered to half-staff Sunday evening in honor of Mrs. Reagan, and officials at the library planned to follow suit.

Sharon Hirtzer and her husband, Joe, were visiting California from Chicago and had planned a trip to the library before learning of Mrs. Reagan's death. "I was just really sad," said Sharon Hirtzer, as a small crowd of well-wishers gathered near the front gate. "She was a great lady and had so much class."

Hirtzer said Mrs. Reagan, often resplendent in designer dresses, brought glamour to the White House. Though the First Lady was occasionally criticized for her spending habits, Hirtzer said that never bothered her.

"She was always very elegant," said Mark Schnose, who made the trip with his wife Barbara from San Bernardino County. "She wanted to portray the US in a positive light to foreign dignitaries."

But Schnose, a psychologist, said he'll remember most Mrs. Reagan's outspoken support for Alzheimer's awareness when the former president was diagnosed with the disease after leaving office. She "set a model for how we love and care for" those with Alzheimer's, he said.

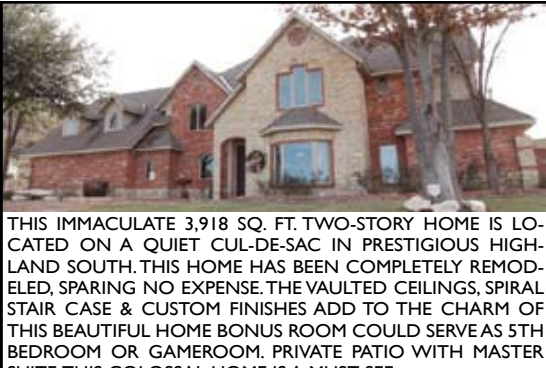
Schnose was among several mourners who pointed out the former first lady's advocacy for causes near to her heart — especially the "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign, but also foster grandparenting, breast cancer awareness, stem cell research and background checks for gun owners.

Others remarked about the Reagans' mutual devotion over 52 years of marriage.

Wendy Armstrong,

a docent at the Reagan Library, said she used to love seeing the Reagans hold hands.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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Republicans can give workers \$1 billion payraise

If Donald Trump's gravity-defying ascendancy has validated anything, it is that for Middle America, jobs and economic security are still the dominant issue. Republicans have talked up tax reform, regulatory relief and fiscal restraint — and those are all critical to growth.

But it's time for Republicans to expand their portfolio of issues and concentrate directly on increasing worker paychecks. Hillary Clinton loves to talk about helping “the working-class folks.” This is a voter group she knows so much about, because they are the chauffeurs that drive her to Ritz-Carlton hotels and clear the dinner tables when she gives her \$200,000 speeches to Goldman Sachs. But Clinton can't truly champion these workers' rights, because the unions won't let her. Republicans can and should. One way to do so would be to embrace a new initiative called the Employee Rights Act (ERA). Trump and all the remaining Republican candidates ought to get on board. The act is currently sponsored by Republicans Orrin Hatch of Utah in the Senate and Tom Price of Georgia in the House.

The ERA (not to be confused with the long ago failed feminist Equal Rights Amendment)

would instantly boost take-home pay for millions of workers by having fewer union dues snatched from their paychecks. One key provision of the ERA is to require Big Labor to get workers' explicit approval before unions can spend workers' money on political activities.

Under current law, unions can snatch these payments right from the worker paycheck unless the employee formally requests the money back. Although funding a union's political machine is supposed to be voluntary due to Supreme Court precedent, a McLaughlin & Associates poll found that 67 percent of workers did not know they had a right not to pay union dues for political campaigns.

Of course, it's no surprise that union leaders who get rich and fat off these payments have failed to advertise that members can “opt out” of picking up the tab for political expenditures.

The ERA would also require re-certification of unions whenever a majority of the workers at a workplace have not voted in the current union representatives. Right now unions have de facto lifetime certification. But many times the current team of workers at a shop never even voted for the union that is supposedly representing them. Regular elections are democratic and fair to workers.

The ERA would also require secret ballots when voting for union representation. This would outlaw the often-nefarious

so-called “card check” system where workers can be bullied into signing a card to institute the union with no secret election at all.

The stakes here for worker take-home pay are huge. In the last presidential election labor spent \$1.7 billion on political activities. Nearly 90 percent of the money went to Democrats. This election cycle the spending by unions could exceed \$2 billion. If half of the workers refuse to opt in to this spending, workers across the country will receive a \$1 billion pay raise.

Although almost all union money goes to Democrats, we know that there are millions of rank and file union members who support Republicans or don't care about politics. Trump is getting huge backing from blue-collar union members. Yet these workers' paychecks are raided to financially boost candidates they don't support. How is that even remotely fair?

The ERA is also smart politics. All of the basic worker protections have been poll-tested and are 80-20 issues, meaning 80 percent support the measures — and that includes a majority of union households. Not many policy issues these days command that kind of widespread backing. The ERA puts the GOP firmly on the side of working-class Americans and higher pay. The wonder is why the party hasn't made this one of its top priorities already.



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DAILY PRAYER

May we maintain a healthy belief and attitude of happiness and joy through you, Lord. Amen.

Hillary's best debate

Appearing on the Fox Business channel Friday, former Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee got it right: Hillary Clinton was the hands-down winner of the Thursday night gong show among the four remaining Republican candidates.

I watched with my longtime Hispanic friend/family member Rosie — my children's “second mother” — and her granddaughter, the first generation born here. Rosie, I should add, is an American citizen. She votes, as do all her children, including her two sons, who served in the Gulf War. And in the past, they have voted Republican, as many upwardly mobile people would be tempted to do. Except.

How do you explain to a child watching her first presidential debate or to a grandmother who takes voting seriously that this clown show is just a piece of the symphony that is the music of freedom? I can write it, but I don't believe it.

I've been to more debates than I can count or remember. My stomach still churns at the notion of the tiny, cheap plane we flew, back and forth in one day, from the tip of Vermont to the tip of Texas. Bob Farmer, our finance chief, got off in Little Rock, Arkansas, to go woo Bill

Clinton (and avoid nine more hours on a four-seater), and I spent the rest of the time wishing I'd joined him. We got to the debate, and, well: It was disorganized, not televised and not worth the trip. Somebody didn't show. It was all a colossal and scary waste. And it was my birthday. So, I know bad debates.

But not one of the disorganized, silly, backstabbing, childish political debates I attended was nearly as terrible as the Republican debate I was watching Thursday night.

“Why is he shouting?” the little girl asked. Because shouting is not something you're supposed to do, nor are you supposed to interrupt, nor are you supposed to spend all your time screaming at each other.

John Kasich, my old pal from Fox News (don't hold it against him: It's just proof that he can get along with anyone), was the only one doing what you are supposed to do in debates. He articulated positions, accomplishments, what he'd learned on the road and what he'd do as president. Every time he did that, it almost seemed odd, as if he were at a different event.

I encouraged my little audience to listen carefully. “I know him,” I said proudly, before lowering myself in my seat to watch the next round of Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz trying to beat up on Donald Trump and Trump both proving and ignoring everything they said.

“Is he the one?” Rosie asked me, wanting to know if that

loudmouth who kept bragging about how “big” he was was the front-runner for the Republican nomination. I didn't want to say, in front of her grandchild, that yes, that's the loudmouth who wants to build a wall between here and Mexico, who thinks Mexicans are criminals and rapists and who would ban all Muslims. Trump is indeed in the lead for the Republican nomination, particularly as we move into the stage where states on the Republican side — such as Florida — can choose to have winner-take-all contests.

But I don't care what the polls say about how Trump would fare in the fall. The onslaught of bad tape and hard numbers and hard questions is coming just as sure as that Trump University class-action lawsuit is gaining members. It might be too late to stop this march, which has been set in motion by a minority of a minority of the population. But while winning the biggest share of a small slice of the electorate gives Trump victories now, it does not give him a revolution. Yes, Trump is the front-runner for the nomination, but of all the men standing on the stage last night, he is the least electable in the general election. That's bad for the Republicans and bad for the democracy.

But is it good for the Democrats? It is.

“That one,” I pointed to Donald Trump on the screen, “is the one Hillary is going to beat.”



SUSAN ESTRICH

News in brief

Clinton, Sanders tangle on economy in Democratic debate

FLINT, Mich (AP) — Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders tangled aggressively on economic issues in a Democratic presidential debate over trade, Wall Street influence and more.

Clinton accused him of turning his back on the auto industry and Sanders countered in the Sunday night debate that Clinton's friends on Wall Street had "destroyed this economy."

It was a marked change in tone for the two Democrats, signaling Sanders' increasingly difficult effort to slow the momentum of the party's front-runner. Both candidates frequently interrupted one another and accused each other of misrepresenting their records.

"Let's have some facts instead of some rhetoric for a change," Clinton snapped at Sanders at one point.

"Let me tell my story, you tell yours," Sanders shot back at another. "Your story is voting for every disastrous trade amendment and voting for corporate America."

Misfires on Wall Street, poverty in debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton had more regard for Wall Street movers and shakers than she acknowledged when claiming she scolded the financial industry for "wrecking the economy." The criticism she leveled at Wall Street came mixed with praise — and thanks for the political donations.

Bernie Sanders, like his Democratic presidential rival, under-

stated what officials in Michigan are doing about the Flint water crisis, and said white people don't know what it's like to live in poverty.

A look at some of the claims in the debate Sunday night, staged in Flint:

CLINTON: "I went to Wall Street when I was a United States senator. I told them they were wrecking the economy. I asked for a moratorium on foreclosures. I asked that we do more to try to prevent what I worried was going to happen."

THE FACTS: In the same speech she is referring to, she praised Wall Street and thanked the "wonderful donors" in the audience, while urging changes in behavior.

Analysis: Don't dismiss, or panic over, N. Korea threats

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — When North Korea makes threats to nuke its enemies, as it has twice over the last several days, outsiders often have one of two reactions: to dismiss it as yet another example of empty propaganda or to panic.

There are good reasons to do neither. There are many ways the North can retaliate that fall short of war, nuclear or conventional.

North Korea's latest warning came Monday in response to the beginning of annual South Korean-U.S. military drills, and included vows to turn its enemies into "seas in flames and ashes" with nuclear missiles aimed at South Korea, U.S. bases in the Pacific and the U.S. mainland.

Pyongyang always responds furiously to the springtime South Ko-

rean-U.S. drills, which it views as an invasion rehearsal. This year's drills are the largest ever, meant to respond to the North's recent nuclear test and long-range rocket launch. South Korea's Yonhap news agency, citing unidentified military sources, reported that the allies will work on drills for precision attacks on North Korean leadership and its nuclear and missile arsenal in the event of war.

The first thing to keep in mind is that Pyongyang's near-term nuclear warnings are mostly bluff; more of a strong deterrent that Pyongyang can use in its propaganda, rather than an actual sign of imminent war.

Nancy Reagan remembered for her forceful, private style

NEW YORK (AP) — Unlike other presidential wives, Nancy Reagan didn't testify before Congress about health care, celebrate controversial Supreme Court decisions or sit in on Cabinet meetings.

"She never emerged as a political player in her own right. Nor did she seek to," says historian David Greenberg, the author of "Republic of Spin: An Inside History of the American Presidency."

"On the other hand, neither did she confine herself to the domestic sphere. And by taking an active role in her husband's business, she helped to reconcile conservatism to the reality of women's changing roles. Her views may have been conservative, but her political involvement implied that it wasn't improper for women to participate

in what conservatives considered the man's sphere."

Reagan, who died Sunday at 94, wasn't out to break the rules of being first lady. But she knew well how to work within them. Ronald Reagan had promised to champion conservative values when elected in 1980, and Nancy Reagan was in some ways a throwback to a more old-fashioned approach. Her immediate predecessor, Rosalynn Carter, had attended Cabinet meetings. Betty Ford had spoken candidly about gun control, premarital sex and her surgery for breast cancer and praised the ruling of Roe v. Wade, when the Supreme Court declared a constitutional right to abortion, as "the best thing in the world." In the 1990s, Hillary Clinton would try (and fail) to overhaul the country's health care system.

Nancy Reagan's most public issue was more in line with expectations for first ladies: her "Just Say No" to drugs campaign, which she launched after a schoolgirl asked what to do if someone offered her drugs. The effectiveness of "Just Say No" remains in dispute, but it became a catchphrase (and punchline) for the 1980s and part of an effort that included drug-free zones and "zero tolerance" policies in schools. Reagan herself gave speeches and even made a cameo appearance on the NBC sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes."

Iraqi refugees return after Europe disappoints

SULAIMANIYAH, Iraq (AP) — Surkaw Omar and Rebiel Abdulah quit their jobs and

spent their life savings to migrate to Europe, only to find crowded asylum camps, hunger and freezing weather. Now back home in northern Iraq, they describe their quest for a better life as a disaster.

They each spent some \$8,000 on the trip, much of it on smugglers, only to get stuck in asylum-seekers' camps in Germany and Sweden for months on end, where they say they were given very little food or money.

"It was very bad," Omar, 25, said of the German camp. "Honestly, we were starving there. We ran away because of hunger. They gave us only cheese and tea, and our weekly allowance was 30 euros."

They decided to try their luck in Sweden instead, but that didn't work either. "When we arrived there, it was winter. It was freezing. They put me in a room with three Syrians. I couldn't speak Arabic and they couldn't speak Kurdish. We were communicating like deaf people," Omar said. After trying Germany one more time, they gave up.

Possible Supreme Court pick championed black history museum

WASHINGTON (AP) — To remind him of some of the work done by potential Supreme Court nominee Robert L. Wilkins, all President Barack Obama has to do is look down the street from the White House to the nearly completed National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Wilkins was instrumental in advocating for the museum, which is set to open in September, quitting his job as a

public defender to push for it and later serving on a presidential commission whose work led to its creation.

Now a judge on the powerful U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Wilkins has credentials that would make him an attractive nominee to fill the Supreme Court seat of Justice Antonin Scalia, who died last month. A native of Muncie, Indiana, who was raised by a single mother, he graduated from Harvard Law School and spent a decade as a public defender in Washington.

As a young lawyer, Wilkins also became known for his role in a landmark lawsuit about racial profiling. The class-action lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union came about after Wilkins and three family members were stopped by a Maryland State Police trooper in 1992 while driving back from his grandfather's funeral and detained for a search by a drug-sniffing dog.

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Hawks lose two straight on big errors

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

After starting their weekend with two wins, the Howard Hawks (8-9) ended it with two losses to Frank Phillips College and Clarendon College Saturday and Sunday. Both games came down to defense and the errors made by the Hawks, highlighted by shortstop Rahman Williams.

Against Frank Phillips on Saturday, the score was tied at four in the top of the seventh inning. With two outs, Williams committed an error fielding a ground ball, and the next batter hit a home run to give Frank Phillips a 6-4 lead. The Hawks would score in the bottom half to make it 6-5, but another Williams error with two outs in the top of the eighth gave Frank Phillips a free runner. The runner stole second, and the next batter singled up the middle for an RBI and a 7-5 Frank Phillips lead. The Hawks would score one in the bottom of the ninth, but lost 7-6.

Sunday's game was more of the same for the Hawks. With the score tied 7-7 against Clarendon in the bottom of the eighth, Williams committed an error against the first batter to give Clarendon a free lead-off base runner. Back-to-back singles got the bases loaded, and the Hawks got a double play with two outs at home and first to keep the score tied. But with runners on second and third, Williams committed a second error in the inning by overthrowing Brendon Foust at first base. The ball would end up in Clarendon's dugout, and two runs scored with the runner advancing to second. The Hawks would go on to lost 11-7, with four of the 11 runs being unearned.

"Back to back games we gave it away in the same exact fashion," Hawks head coach Britt Smith said. "We just have to make plays. It's no different fielding a ground ball with nobody on



HERALD photo/Drew Williams

Hawks pitcher Brady Allen pitching during Sunday's 11-7 loss to Clarendon College.

and throwing it across in a game that you're winning by 10, even, or down by 10. It doesn't matter, it's the same exact play. The circumstances don't change. It doesn't make a play any harder or any easier because of the score. And that just comes with maturity and treating each play for what it is, and they just haven't handled it well the past two days."

The Hawks also gave away many infield hits that they couldn't get in time and just slipped past their fielders' gloves.

"They had 11 infield hits because our infielders can't make plays, and you

can't win doing that," Smith said.

Without the errors, it would have been a great weekend for the Hawks, particularly for the pitchers. Brady Allen finished with a quality start for the Hawks on Sunday, and on Saturday the Howard bullpen pitched 7.1 innings with only one earned run given up.

"We made the pitches we needed to make. In every bad situation, we made the pitch. We just couldn't make the final play to get out of the inning, and it just snowballed."

The offense played well enough to win, highlighted by a five-run fifth in-

ning Sunday with home runs by Robbie Lammons and Trevor Grabarkewitz. Lammons continues to be one of the best hitters for the Hawks, going 2-for-4 Saturday and 2-for-5 Sunday.

"He has a real simple approach at the plate and he's smart enough to expect the adjustments the other teams are trying to make on him," Smith said.

The Hawks begin conference play on their next series. They'll take on Luna Community College in two doubleheaders Friday and Saturday in Las Vegas, NM.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Ysabel Soliz hits an inside-the-park home run in this weekend's tournament.

Lady Steers take third

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers (10-1) finished the Big Spring Crossroads Tournament in third place after losing to Sweetwater 12-2 in the semifinals Saturday.

The Lady Steers went into the semifinal with a perfect 9-0 record, but their first loss of the season put them in the third place game rather than the championship. They beat Reagan County 13-2 in a game that ended with the run rule taking effect, and head coach Howell Martin

was happy with the way his team rebounded.

"When you get knocked down, how you get up and what you do after that is a sign of your character, and this team's got a lot of it," Martin said.

The Lady Steers finished the tournament with a record of 5-1, though only the two games from Saturday count towards their season record as Thursday's and Friday's games were play-in games. Martin was happy with the way his team performed throughout the

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Coahoma Bulldogs win Crane Invitational

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs varsity baseball team won the Crane Invitational Tournament this weekend. They lost their first game to Midland Christian, but battled their way out of the losers bracket to win the tournament with a record of 4-1.

The Bulldogs beat McCamey 13-7 in a game that

starting pitcher Zach Taylor got the win and finished with six strikeouts. Logan Franklin went 3-for-3 at the plate with 3 RBIs.

Their third game saw a rematch with Midland Christian in which they won 14-9 behind starting pitcher Fletcher Mashburn. Alex Biddison was an offensive juggernaut, going 5-for-5 with a home run, two doubles and nine RBIs in the victory.

The Bulldogs won their fourth game 11-3 against

Crane. Biddison followed his outstanding offensive game by pitching a complete game for the win, giving up only one earned run.

Coahoma finished the tournament by beating Reagan County 5-4 in the championship game. Zach Holmes was the winning pitcher after throwing two shutout innings out of the bullpen. Taylor and Biddison both finished 1-for-3 with two RBIs on the offensive side.

Manning retires

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Peyton Manning's days of decoding defenses and recuperating in cold tubs are over.

The five-time MVP is retiring after 18 NFL seasons, dozens of passing records, five MVP trophies and two Super Bowl championships.

A month after basking in the glow of his second Lombardi Trophy and a parade through downtown Denver attended by more than a million fans, the soon-to-be 40-year-old quarterback called one last audible and told Bron-

cos boss John Elway he's retiring.

The tributes came pouring in when word got out Sunday that Manning was calling it a career.

Tom Brady tweeted his congratulations to Manning, telling his rival, "You changed the game forever and made everyone around you better."

Could there be a higher compliment?

Manning's college coach, Phillip Fulmer, called it "almost magical" what Manning was able to accomplish in his four years in Denver following



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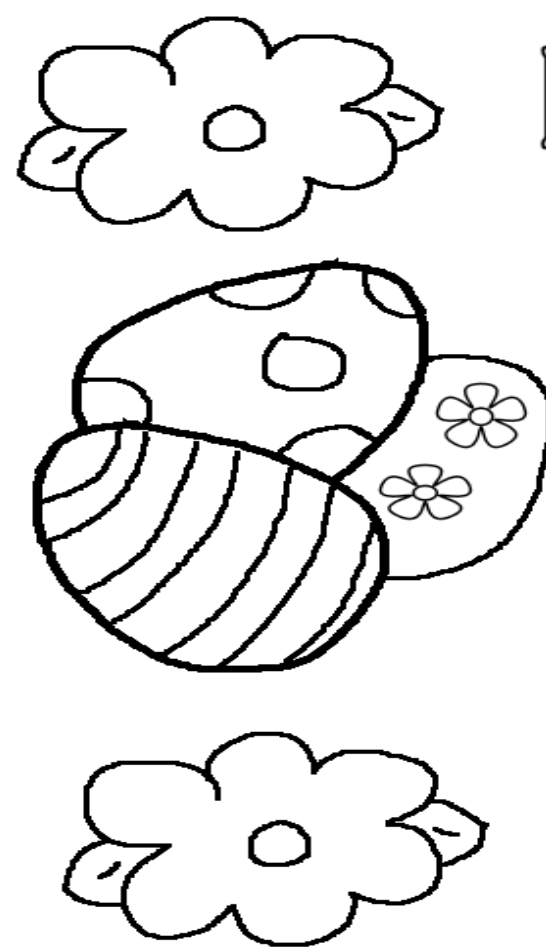
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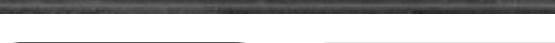
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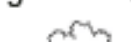
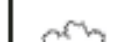
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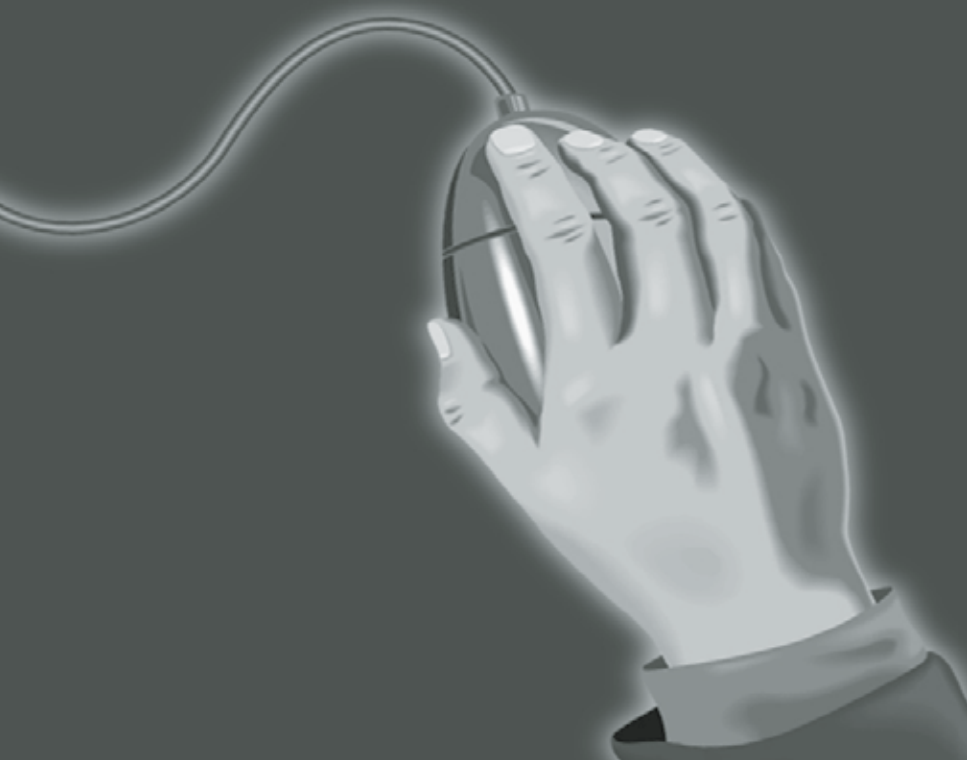
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're likely to be held back by mechanical problems or technical difficulties. This is an opportunity to look at the bigger picture and reassess: Is this really the most efficient trajectory?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The theories and opinions may not make sense. They may not ring true. That just means it's time to back off, reassess and try something else on for size. Flexibility of thought will be your most remarkable strength today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may investigate what others are doing, check out the competition or see what else is on the menu. That doesn't mean you won't choose your original idea in the end. You always remain loyal to what you love and value.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The same things that were "in" a decade or more ago are circling back for another look. Mostly this has to do with fashion; however, it could also have something to do with an ex.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Oddly, even though you put yourself "out there" and were extremely well received, there is still a moment of instability that comes with the experience.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Good! Only the strongest allow themselves to be vulnerable!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Others may need to lock down their choices, but you still want to stay open to all that's out there. What's the big hurry to commit? In fact, the impermanence of a situation is what makes it appealing to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are not in the mood to hedge your bets or compromise yourself by siding with the majority or sticking with a situation that's a poor fit. Waves? You'll make them, just like anyone who jumps into the water does.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make sure you're a good match for the people around you. If you're not being utilized, it doesn't matter what other kinds of perks are happening -- you're not going to feel good about it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The masculine energy is zinging around and you may feel more aggressive as those around you jockey for position. Is the status

order really so important? If it's important to one person, it will be important to everyone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The day will bring formidable opponents and obstacles, the likes of which will challenge you but not harm you. If taken head-on, the situation has potential for surprising growth.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What's slowing you down is not a physical barrier but an emotional impediment. Once you reconcile conflicted feelings you'll find that nothing stands between you and what you really want.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 7). You are not interested in doing what everyone else is doing. Because you're striving for extraordinary excellence, you'll capture the attention and affection of worthy partners. The next four weeks bring an important sale. June's relationship twist will ultimately be what inspires you to make an improvement. Cancer and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 8, 36, 45 and 49.

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Currently the sun, moon, mercury and Neptune are all in your part of the sky. You may feel overwhelmed with different kinds of energy, but you're also stronger than you realize. I encourage you to summon that strength and flee your gloomy environment with all the zeal of a fully alive person running from zombies. In your current state, you need to be in a positive environment more than ever.

Those who lack enthusiasm may not realize that the gravity of their humorless ways has an impact on others around, but anyone who is paying attention knows that a dark mood can be like an emotional black hole, sucking the happiness out of everything that comes

near it. Gloomy people are toxic, especially to Pisces who can be like an emotional sponge, soaking up the vibes all around.

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Dear Annie: I have three siblings. I get along great with my sister and oldest brother, but my younger brother drives me bonkers. The only time he ever calls or emails is to brag about how much money he has, how great his kids are, and on and on. Yet, if I ever try to say anything positive about my family, he quickly interrupts and tries to top me.

I am happy that he is so blessed in life, but nobody's life is as perfect as he makes his out to be. My other brother ignores his annoying habit and my sister is always impressed with his shallow, narcissist

bragging. My husband and I are comfortable financially, but we don't feel compelled to announce our business to the world. I have started sending his phone calls straight to voicemail.

Am I being petty to not want to hear my brother's constant bragging? He lives in another state and when he comes back to town, he never visits me. I was hoping if I cut off contact, he might get a clue, but I doubt it. -- Fed Up Sister

Dear Sister: This seems to be a rather minor issue over which to sever ties with a sibling. We actually feel sorry for your brother. People who can't stop boasting

about themselves tend to be terribly insecure. They need the constant reassurance that they matter. We don't doubt that it's tedious to listen to, but you can ignore a great deal of this with very little effort. Give his emails a token glance and only answer his calls if you feel up to it.

No one is perfect. Siblings can be annoying. We cherish the good parts and forget about the rest. If you cannot find any "good parts," and the bragging is unbearable, then whatever contact you have is up to you.

Dear Annie: You were surprisingly indulgent with "Still Hurting," who was upset that no

one inquired about her family in France after the terrorist attacks. This person sounds seriously high maintenance. She probably has resentment issues in other areas of her life. She should focus on the good news that her family is safe, and share this with others in a positive way, not as way to create guilt. She may soon find herself with no friends at all. -- Feeling Judgmental About Your Advice

Dear Feeling: Many readers agree with you, but not all. Read on:

Dear Annie: It was sad to read the letter from "Still Hurting." I'm proud to say that I did not hesitate to call my former girlfriend, "Mi-

chele," who was raised in France, to offer my condolences. She was grateful that I called, but to me, it was only natural, almost obligatory, to contact her. Maybe "Hurting" will learn, like I did, who her real friends are. -- Still Hoping

Dear Annie: It is unreasonable to expect our acquaintances to inquire every time an incident occurs near our family. If it was so important for her friends to know that everyone was safe, she should have broadcast the good news. To expect friends to inquire about everything that matters to you is placing too much importance on your own feelings. She obviously doesn't

value her friendships if she is so eager to cast them aside for what she considers insensitive behavior. -- Gary

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MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY READING

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

North East South West
1 ♣ 1 ♠ Pass Pass
Dble Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ 9764 ♥ 87542 ♦ 86 ♣ 73
- ♠ 752 ♥ Q86543 ♦ 96 ♣ K9
- ♠ KJ982 ♥ 762 ♦ K743 ♣ 10
- ♠ 8 ♥ K964 ♦ K9875 ♣ J106

1. **Two hearts.** Normally when you pick up a hand like this, the best you can do is prepare to meet your Maker, but here you have a reasonable chance to come out alive.

Partner's double of one spade is for takeout, not penalties. He is asking you politely to bid, and you must respond. Your response does not promise values, because you are simply following orders. Hands where your partner would want to double one spade for penalties are much too rare for the double in this sequence to be treated as a penalty double. If partner wanted to defend against one spade, he would pass.

He would also pass with a minimum opening bid -- especially one with three or more spades -- having spoken his piece when he said one club. With a one-suited hand he would rebid his clubs, while with a two-suited hand he would bid his other suit. It follows that for his dou-

ble, he must have support for all three suits aside from spades, making two hearts a tolerable resting place.

2. **Three hearts.** This is a much more promising hand, so it should be bid differently. Three hearts tells partner that, despite your previous pass, there is a chance for game. Partner might have a hand such as: ♠ 6 ♥ KJ92 ♦ A53 ♣ AQ872, and will happily carry on to four.

3. **Pass.** Partner has asked you to bid, but it is your prerogative to convert his intended takeout double into a penalty double when your hand merits it. In this instance it is hard to imagine a better contract for your side than one spade doubled played by East, so you pass.

4. **Two spades.** You don't have much in the way of high cards, but your hand may very well produce a game on the bidding. These glad tidings can best be conveyed by cuebidding the opponents' suit, thus asking partner to bid a new suit or rebid his clubs. Partner won't play you for a big hand since you passed one spade on the previous round and thus showed limited values.

If you play "negative" doubles over opposing overcalls, you had just enough to double one spade at your first turn; in that case, partner could then take control of the bidding from that point on, depending on the nature of his hand.

Tomorrow: Any port in a storm.

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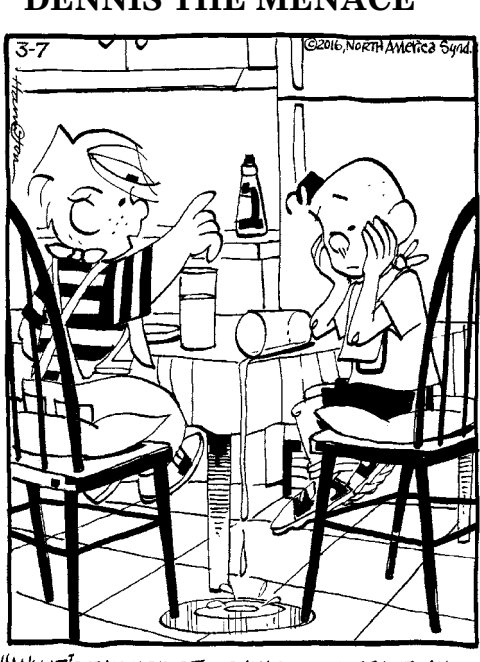
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



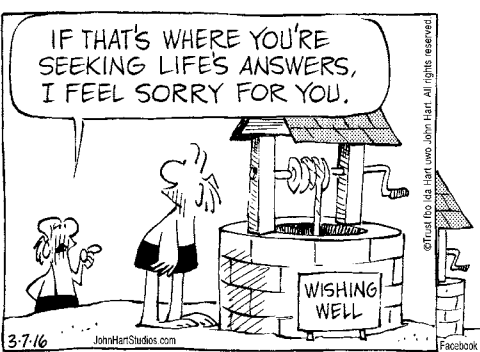
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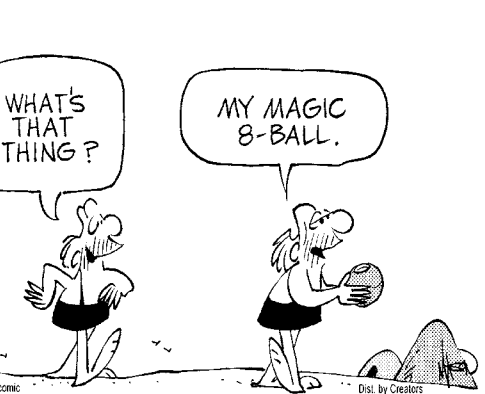


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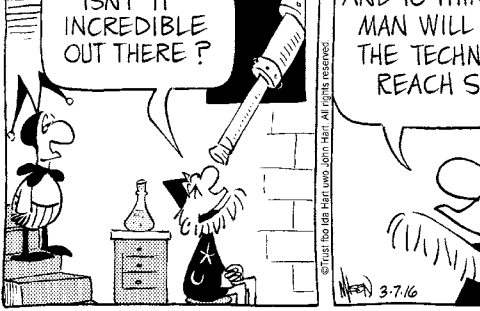
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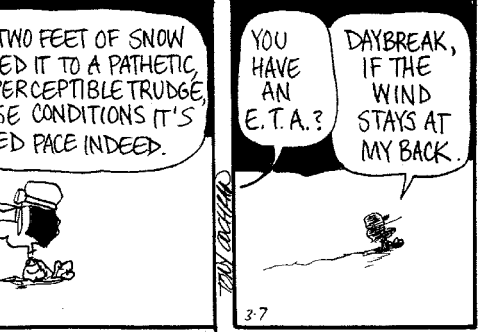


AND TO THINK, SOMEDAY, MAN WILL POSSESS THE TECHNOLOGY TO REACH SPACE

AGNES



AGNES, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE IN RIGHT FIELD.



OF COURSE, TWO FEET OF SNOW HAVE REDUCED IT TO A PATHETIC, ALMOST IMPERCEPTIBLE TRUDGE, BUT FOR THESE CONDITIONS IT'S A SPIRITED PACE INDEED.

This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 7, the 67th day of 2016. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a U.S. patent for his telephone.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolutionary Wars, France declared war on Spain.

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster of Massachusetts endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

In 1916, Bavarian Motor Works (BMW) had its beginnings in Munich, Germany, as an airplane engine manufacturer.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversations took place between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles (veh-SY) and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1955, the first TV production of the musical "Peter Pan" starring Mary Martin aired on NBC.

In 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was violently broken up at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, by state troopers and a sheriff's posse in what came to be known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1975, the U.S. Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Bitterman, whom they'd accused of being a CIA agent.

In 1994, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that a parody that pokes fun at an original work can be considered "fair use." (The ruling concerned a parody of the Roy Orbison song "Oh, Pretty Woman" by the rap group 2 Live Crew.)

In 2001, Ariel Sharon was sworn in as Israel's prime minister, serving until he suffered a stroke in 2006.

Ten years ago: Nobel Peace laureate Oscar Arias was declared Costa Rica's president-elect. Photographer and movie director Gordon Parks died in New York at age 93.

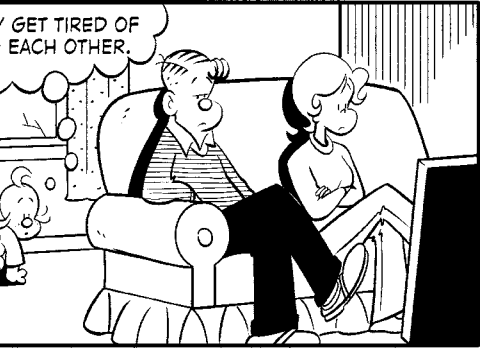
Five years ago: Reversing course, President Barack Obama approved the resumption of military trials at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, ending a two-year ban.

One year ago: President Barack Obama joined tens of thousands of people in Selma, Alabama, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the "Bloody Sunday" march of 1965, saying that America's racial history "still casts its long shadow upon us."

HI AND LOIS

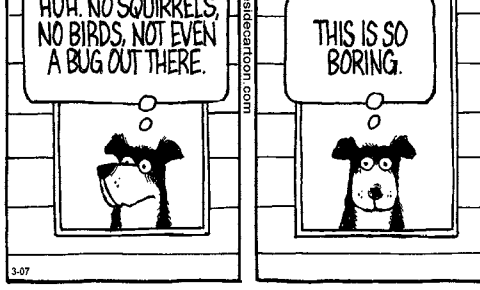


WHY DO GROWN-UPS WATCH TALK SHOWS ON TV?

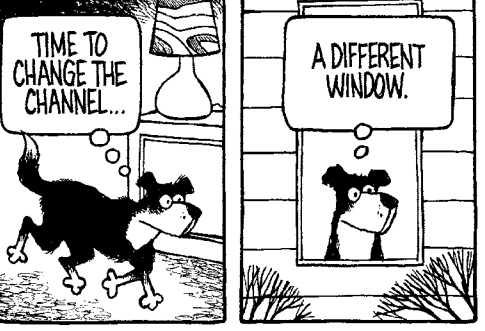


MAYBE THEY GET TIRED OF TALKING TO EACH OTHER.

THE OTHER COAST



HUH, NO SQUIRRELS, NO BIRDS, NOT EVEN A BUG OUT THERE.



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SNUFFY SMITH



ME AN' ELVINEY DECIDED TO QUIT QUARRELIN' !!



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BECAUSE YOU DO SO MANY THINGS YOU SHOULD'N'T BE DOING

Newsday Crossword

TRIO OF NUMBERS by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Dinner course with lettuce
 - 6 Skill learned by a 63 Across
 - 9 Serene
 - 13 Helpful to have
 - 14 "Scat!"
 - 15 Lotion ingredient
 - 16 Merry adventures
 - 17 Free ticket
 - 18 Male choral voice
 - 19 Wear one's best clothes
 - 22 Make dinner
 - 23 Have illegal
 - 24 Casual cotton top
 - 28 Karate stroke
 - 30 Full collection
 - 33 Take ___ (disassemble)
 - 34 Shine softly
 - 35 Feel concern
 - 36 Moves like a cat or dog
 - 39 Sgts. and cpls.
 - 40 Bouquet holder
 - 41 Fancy knotted scarf
 - 42 "I'd be glad to"
 - 43 Household cats and dogs
 - 44 Soda bottle sizes
 - 45 "Dear ___ or Madam ..."
 - 46 "You've got mail" rival of Yahoo!
 - 47 Difficult period for a tot's parents
 - 56 Keep out of sight
 - 57 Top-rated
 - 58 Serious stage play
 - 59 Suggest strongly
 - 60 End of a kite or comet
- DOWN
- 1 Offered at retail
 - 2 Worship from ___
 - 3 Entice
 - 4 Poses a question
 - 5 Dinner courses with chocolate
 - 6 Casual talk
 - 7 Ritz
 - 8 January 1st college football game
 - 9 Home made of logs
 - 10 Alda of M*A*S*H
 - 11 Be defeated
 - 12 Untidiness
 - 14 Dalmatian's marking
 - 20 Body art, for short
 - 21 Afternoon snooze
 - 24 Yellowish-brown lion color
 - 25 Parking-lot slot
 - 26 Angels' toppers
 - 27 Annoys
 - 28 Schoolroom group
 - 29 Bagel's center
 - 30 Marinara or pesto
 - 31 Mistake
 - 32 Midterms and finals
 - 34 Pesky flying insect
 - 35 Price paid
 - 37 Value too highly
 - 38 Didn't succeed in
 - 43 Boston cream or Key lime
 - 44 Cyberspace chuckle
 - 45 High-spirited horse
 - 46 Brother of Cain
 - 47 Dull sound of impact
 - 48 Take on employees
 - 49 Outer boundary
 - 50 Wander
 - 51 "What's ___ for me?"
 - 52 Factual
 - 53 Stall in a shallow stream
 - 54 Fail to mention
 - 55 Wide belt

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STEERS

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weekend.

"We hit the ball well, we're getting good pitching, we're shutting out people, we're doing a lot of things the way we want to do it and the way you need to do it," he said. "One game happens sometimes. It's like I told the girls, it's not always a perfect game and sometimes things kind of snowball and don't go your

way. And we got a bad game out of the way and kind of got a wake up call."

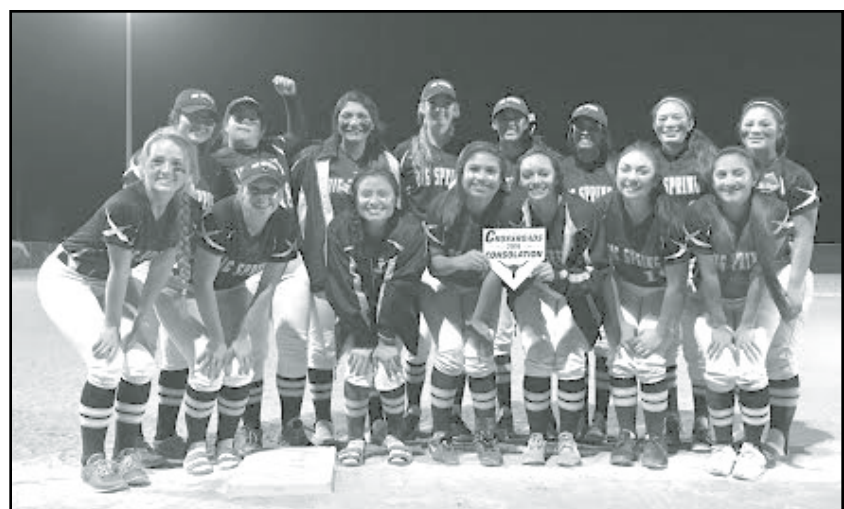
Martin, who played a big role in putting the tournament together, thought the weekend was a huge success, and said the other coaches thought the same thing.

"It's been a really good tournament. I've gotten tremendous feedback from the coaches. They've been very complimentary of the people of Big Spring and the parents that help put this on. The food has been fantastic, the

umpires have done a good job, and the coaches come by and say, 'We want to do this again next year.'"

Andrews beat Sweetwater in the championship, giving Andrews first place, Sweetwater second and Big Spring third.

The Lady Steers will look to go on another winning streak when they play their next game at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at home against the first-place finishing Andrews Lady Mustangs.



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PEYTON

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neck fusion surgery that threatened to short-circuit his career.

Instead, Manning went 50-15 in Denver, winning his fifth MVP award, surpassing Brett Favre's records for career yards, touchdowns and victories while leading the Broncos to two Super Bowls.

"I've said this a lot of times to people, he didn't get better each game. He got better every meeting, every practice, every period in practice," Fulmer said. "He was the most incredible player that I've ever seen of taking it from the film room to the practice field and then from the practice field to the game."

The knock on Manning was that he didn't win more Super Bowls. For a guy with such a great regular season record (186-79), his playoff mark of just 14-13 paled in comparison.

"People don't realize, it's hard to always be the best player," Fulmer argued. "For almost all his years, he had to be the best player. At Indianapolis, he never had a great defense around him. In my opinion, if he had been on teams like this last Broncos team — a team not even as good on defense — the guy might have six or seven Super Bowls."

Commissioner Roger Goodell called Manning "a great representative of the NFL both on the field and in his community," adding, "We are forever grateful for Peyton's unmatched contributions to the game and know his success will continue in the next phase of his life."

No one's sure what that will be.

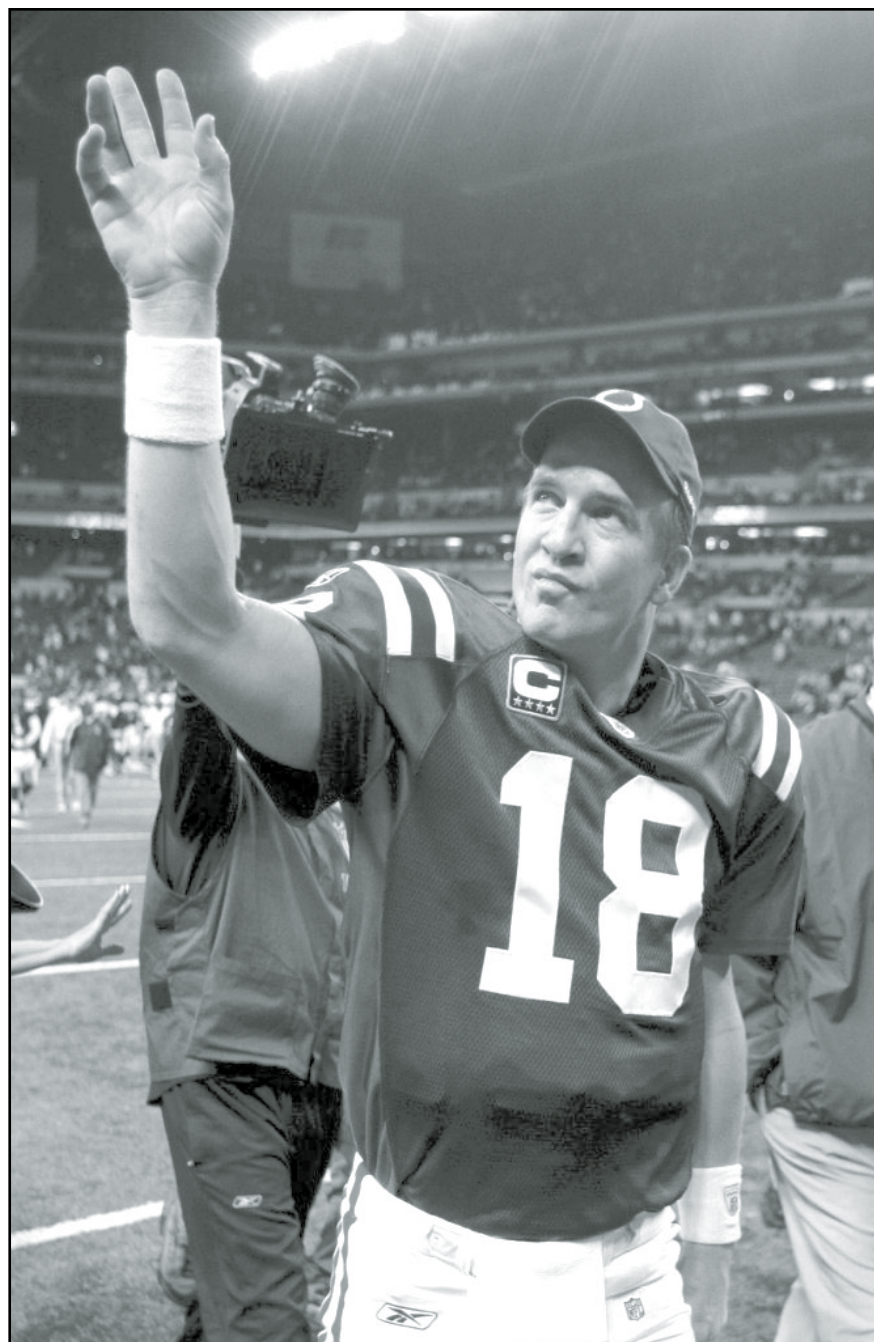
Less than 24 hours before informing the Broncos of his decision to retire, Manning said during an appearance Friday night in Florida that he had no idea what he'll do in retirement.

There are plenty of possibilities — and advice — to stay in football, from the broadcast booth to the front office.

Some believe he'll eventually be an NFL owner.

ESPN, FOX, NBC and CBS all said they would love to talk to him if he decides to go into broadcasting.

Just shy of 40, Manning will forgo \$19 million and a 19th season in the NFL, where he served as both a throwback and a transformer during a glittering career bookmarked by an un-



AP photo

precedented five MVP awards and dozens of passing records.

"Peyton was a player that guys wanted to play with," Elway said. "That made us better as a team and I'm thrilled that we were able to win a championship in his final year."

The Broncos scheduled a news conference for 11 a.m. Monday that was expected to be attended by dozens of current and former teammates.

Manning leaves the league as its career passing leader and winningest starting quarterback, the only one in NFL history to win Super Bowls with two franchises.

His first came in 2007 with the Indianapolis Colts, who drafted him No. 1 overall in 1998. The Colts gave up on him after a series of neck surgeries forced Manning to

miss all of the 2011 season and left him without feeling in the fingertips of his right hand.

A rare superstar quarterback on the open market in 2012, Manning resettled in Denver, where he threw 140 of his NFL-high 539 TD passes, including a record 55 in 2013.

"I get asked a lot about my legacy," Manning said before the Super Bowl. "For me, it's being a good teammate, having the respect of my teammates, having the respect of the coaches and players. That's important to me. I am not taking this for granted. I just love football."

The 18th season for No. 18 was by far his most trying on the field. He had to adjust to new coach Gary Kubiak's run-based offense and to unrelenting health issues on his way to winning

his second Super Bowl. Off the field, he faced questions about his character, too.

Manning, whose dry wit and star power has made him a staple of commercials and late-night television for nearly two decades, had his squeaky-clean image take a beating as the final pages were flipped on his storied career.

The NFL is investigating allegations that human growth hormone was shipped to his home in his wife's name following an Al Jazeera report — Manning dismissed the story as "garbage." And in a new lawsuit filed last month claiming a hostile work environment for women at the University of Tennessee, Manning was cited for his alleged harassment of a female trainer in 1996.

A torn ligament in his left foot hampered Manning all the way back to August. It led to his worst statistical season and sidelined him for six weeks before that fairy tale finish in Santa Clara, California, when his defense carried him across the finish line.

Constantly harassed, never quite comfortable — sort of the way the whole season played out — Manning walked away with his second NFL title after Denver's defense, with seven sacks and four takeaways, all but handed him the Lombardi Trophy in a 24-10 victory over the Carolina Panthers.

"He had to do several things different this year," said his dad, Archie, a former star quarterback himself. "Had to take off during the season, which he'd never done before. He ran the scout team, which I don't think he'd ever done, and he dressed out as a backup, which he'd never done."

Manning also had to play the role of game manager for the first time during Denver's defense-fueled run to the title. "I'm just glad I was on the same team as our defense," he said.

Manning's retirement leaves the Broncos with \$19 million in salary cap relief they can use to try to sign his long-time backup, Brock Osweiler, who's set to become a free agent Wednesday.

Manning finished in a tie with Favre for most regular-season wins with 186. His victory in Super Bowl 50 was his 14th in the postseason, one more than Favre, making him the NFL's only 200-win quarterback.

Former Cowboy RB Randle arrested again

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A former Dallas Cowboys running back has been arrested in his Kansas hometown for failure to appear in court.

Sedgwick County Jail records indicate 24-year-old Joseph Randle of

Wichita was booked at 1:44 a.m. on Sunday. Bond is set at \$150,000.

Randle was charged Feb. 22 with four counts of aggravated battery and other charges after police say he backed his car into three people the

previous day while leaving a party.

Police say he later returned to the Wichita home he'd been asked to leave and forced his way inside.

A judge rejected his request to reduce his

\$100,000 bond because Randle hadn't hired an attorney or applied for court-appointed counsel. Randle posted bond and was released early last week.

The Cowboys released Randle last year.

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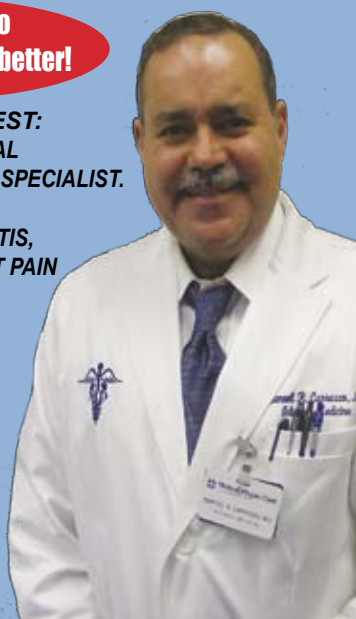
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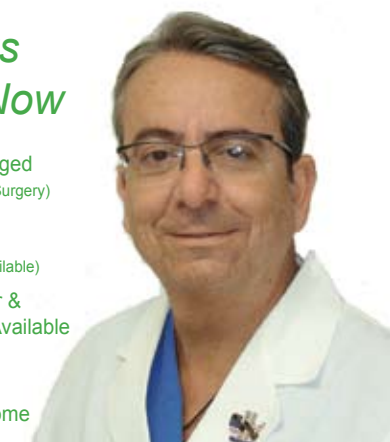
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