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Taliban claims credit for blast

Easter Sunday bomb kills 65 in Pakistan

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A bombing on Easter Sunday killed 65 people in a park in the eastern city of Lahore that was crowded with Christians, including many children.

A breakaway Pakistani faction of the militant Taliban group claimed responsibility. Ahsanullah Ahsan, spokesman for Jamaatul-Ahrar, told the Associated Press that a suicide bomber with the faction deliberately targeted the Christian community.

The explosion took place near the children's rides in Gulshan-e-Iqbal park local police chief Haider Ashraf said. He said the explosion appeared to have been a suicide bombing, but investigations were ongoing.

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Talking art



HERALD photo/LYNDEL MOODY

Nancy Michaelis and Douglas Watson talk during a public reception held Saturday at the Heritage Museum, where 15 participants in Walton's workshop showed off their hard work. Walton conducts these workshops across the nation and has held one in Big Spring a number of times.

'Worthy' recipient

Long time Big Spring resident wins award from Scouts

By JULIE BASS

Staff Writer

The atmosphere was full of laughter and Air Force memorabilia during a recent luncheon held to honor the 2016 Good Scout Award recipient.

Jerry Worthy, this year's honoree, was born in a small town in east-central Texas. At the age of 14, he developed a plan to expand his town's small airfield and bring business to the community.

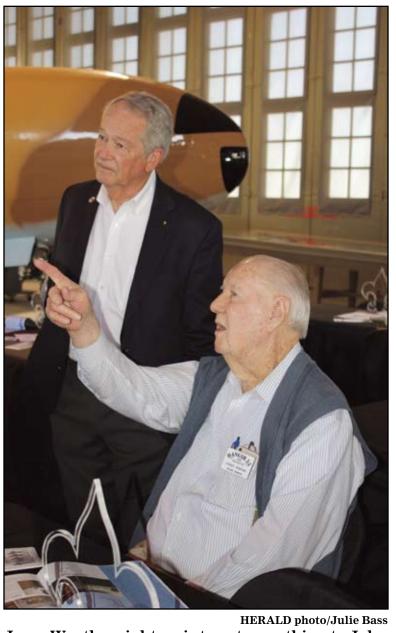
He later joined the U.S. Air Force and kept a personal journal chronicling each of his 24 combat missions he flew his B-29 bomber in during the Korean War.

While training in the Air Force, Worthy visited Big Spring and after his honorable discharge, moved to the

He soon met and married

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Jerry Worthy, right, points out something to John Scott during a luncheon honoring Worthy as the 2016 recipient of the Good Scout Award. The long time Big Spring resident was honored for his contributions to the Boy Scouts.

Saddle up!

Coahoma kindergarten rodeo returns Thursday

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — It will be an exciting time on Thursday as the Quail Dobbs' Legacy continues with the 38th annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo beginning at 9 a.m. in the elementary competition gym.

The Kindergarten Rodeo began in 1978 when a wellknown rodeo clown, and Coahoma resident, Quail Dobbs, and Dr. Sandra J. Wanner, who was an elementary teacher at the time, put their heads together and decided a rodeo was the perfect activity Texas kindergartners to showcase the student's skills they had acquired at school.

Each year the rodeo grew in events and performers as Quail would invite friends from his rodeo circuit to help

It is still a beloved community event each year, with families looking forward to their children's turn in the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo. The Kindergarten Rodeo recently underwent a name change to honor Quail Dobbs; it is now called the Quail Dobbs Legacy Rodeo.

Eighty-six kindergarteners



will entertain the crowd during seven different events including broncs, barrels, pole bending, flag relay, milking relay, bull riding and roping on stick horses. There will also be music and dancing. Guests attending the rodeo include Jim Bob Feller, a former rodeo clown, Jody Nix,

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Obituaries

Harvey H. Harris



Harvey H. Harris of Austin, formerly of Big Spring, 91, died on March 24, 2016, in Austin.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at McCoy Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater, Texas with Rick Wilson officiating. Interment will be held at the Sweetwater Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until service time.

Harvey was born in Sweetwater on Nov. 9, 1924, and grew up in Roscoe, Texas. Harvey served in the United States

Army during World War II . Harvey married Joyce Dean Kuykendall on Jan. 21,1950 in Sweetwater. They moved to Big Spring in 1953. Harvey was baptized with his wife, Joyce, on June 20,1965. He was a deacon and faithful member of Baptist Temple

Church in Big Spring, Texas and he also served 22 years in the bus ministry.

He was also a member of Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 in Big Spring.

He is survived by: three nieces, Tobie Kuykendall and wife, Maria, of Austin; Nell Carter and husband, Danny, of Whitney, Texas; and Judy Quinn of Odessa, Texas; two nephews, Tim Kuykendall and wife, Phyllis, of Fort Worth, Texas and Donald Kuykendall Jr. and wife, Christy, of Tampa, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his wife Joyce, on Nov. 8, 2011, parents, Oscar Harris on April 23, 1985, and Ida Nell (Ellison) Harris on March 9, 2002, three brothers, Alfred C.Harris, Oscar C. Harris Jr., Leonard L. Harris; and two sisters: Bertie Lea Roberts and Ida McCain.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Chapel Memories.

Paid obituary

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the tions/suspensions and bail jumping and failure to following activity: CHRISTOPHER LANCE ROBERTS, 29, of

- 2502 Carol Drive was arrested on a warrant from another agency. PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ, 37, of 1008 N.W. 2nd
- St. was arrested on warrants for theft of property. less than \$100 and bail jumping/failure to appear.
- PATRICK JAMES GIBSON JR., 28, of 608 Howard St. Mason, Texas was arrested on a charge of theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750, shoplifting.
- OSCAR MIER, 41, of 606 E. 12th St. was arrested on warrants for two counts of assault by contact and a warrant from another agency.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of W. 6th St. and the 1000 block of N.W.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Edwards and Lancaster St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 100 block of N. Johnson St. **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the
- 1800 block of Benton St. BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was report-
- ed in the 1500 block of Johnson St.

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. • BRANDON SEVERIANO BAIZA JR., 28,

- was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of failure to appear, expired registration, no driver's license and assault – family violence.
- ADRIAN CAMPOS, 33, was booked by the RSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • MICHELLE LAVON DEAN, 25, was booked
- by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license. expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ADRIAN RICRDO DEHOYOS, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750.
- TERRY SCOTT DIAZ, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license inval-
- PARTRICK JAMES GIBSON JR., 28, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service, more than \$100 but less than \$750.
- ALFREDO HINOJOS HARPER, 26, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for aggravated sexual assault, unlawful restraint: exposed to substantial bodily injury and aggravated assault date/family/house member with weapon.
- ROBERT JAMES HUMPHUS, 35, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for hindering a police officer and failure to appear.
- BILLY MANN KIRK, 70, was booked by the BSPD on a warrants for bondsman off bond – driving while license invalid with previous convic-

JORDAN KOSKI, 27, was booked by the

- BSPD on a charge of possession of drug parapher-MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ, 33, was
- booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxi-
- TODD ONEIL MELTON, 28, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear and evading arrest/ detention with vehicle. • **OSCAR MIER.** 41. was booked by the BSPD
- on warrants for assault causes bodily injury and two counts of capias - assault by physical con-• JEREMIAH LEE MONCADO, 37, was
- booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxi-• AMANDA LETICIA MORENO, 26, was
- booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear, speeding in school zone, cell phone use in school zone and two counts of violate promise to appear. • JACKIE LOYD MURPHREE JR., 22, was
- booked by the HCSO on a warrant for terroristic
- MIGUEL ANTONIO PEREZ, 32, was booked by the DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - 2nd offense.
- MARISSA YVETTE PHILLIPS, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$750 but less than \$2,500.
- ISAAC DANIEL PLATT, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$750 but less than \$2,500. • JOHN M. RAMIREZ JR., 49, was booked by
- the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and fail-CHRISTOPHER LANCE ROBERTS, 29, was
- booked by the BSPD on a warrant for driving while license invalid. • BRANDON JOE ROBINSON, 30, was booked
- by the BSPD on a warrant for giving false report to a police/law officer.
- PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ, 37, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for criminal trespass, theft and criminal mischief.
- · RONALD CRAVER, 25, was booked by the RSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ANASTASIA CELESTE RUIZ, 20, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for ran stop sign and violate promise to appear.
- CHARLIE EVERRETT RYERSON, 70, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxica-LOREN PAUL SHUPE, 23, was booked by the
- BSPD on a warrant for issuance of a bad check. ANGEL JUNIOR VILLA, 18, was booked by
- the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750. ERIC ALBERTO VILLARREAL, 36, was
- booked by the RSO on a warrant for failure to appear - possession of marijuana.

Support Groups caregivers.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction.

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COLLISION CENTER

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Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

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

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-



mm@swa1pc.com e-mail

Mary Lou Gomez

Mary Lou Gomez, 52, of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 26, 2016, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast						
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Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 83F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	Windy with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.		
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Brownwood	74 52 Sunny	Midland	79 55 Sunny			
Corpus Christi	74 65 Cloudy	Raymondville	78 66 P Cloudy			
Corsicana	73 51 Sunny	Rosenberg	78 58 Sunny			
Dallas	72 51 Clear	San Antonio	76 59 Sunny			
Del Rio	69 59 Cloudy	San Marcos	75 56 Sunny			
El Paso	81 56 Sunny	Sulphur Springs	71 48 Sunny			
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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

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Take note

What's cooking?

Howard County AgriLife Extension is offering "Cooking with Friends," a four session program to help to organize the preparation of four easy and nutritious main dishes in a single session. The first lesson on Family Friendly Recipes and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 9 at the G. C. Broughton Jr. Ag Complex located on the Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. The cost for all four session is \$15. The registration cutoff date is Monday, April 4. For more information, contact Deeter at 432-264-2236 or e-mail melissa.deeter@ag.tamu.edu.

Let's go dancing!

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

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

Cost is \$8 per person.

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

Meetings

- The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.
- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.
- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 $\frac{1}{2}$ Main St. All Masons are welcome.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Estelle Howard and Douglas Walton talk Saturday during a Heritage Museum reception feating artwork produced during Walton's recent workshop.

Volunteer opportunities

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

For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery

If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

RODEO

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Ben Clements as the rodeo announcer, and Miss Rodeo Texas, along with a couple of other guests.

In conjunction with the Quail Dobbs Legacy

Rodeo, the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for Quail Dobbs Way at 11 a.m.

The Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees named the CISD campus road after Quail in honor of his dedication to the community of Coahoma and Coahoma ISD.

BLAST

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The attack killed 65 people and wounded over 300, said Deeba Shahnaz, a spokesman for Lahore rescue administration.

Punjab's chief minister Shahbaz Sharif announced three days of mourning and pledged to bring the perpetrators to justice, said Zaeem Qadri, a spokesman for the provincial government.

The park was manned by police and private security guards, police chief Haider Ashrafsaid. "We are in a warlike situation and there is always a general threat but no specific threat alert was received for this place," he added.

Schools and businesses in the city will re-

main closed on Monday, the city's schools association and the Union of Lahore Traders said.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif held a meeting to assess the security situation in Lahore, according to a government statement. Pakistan's army chief, Gen. Raheel Sharif, also convened an emergency meeting of the country's intelligence agencies to begin to track down those responsible for the attacks, said army spokesman Gen. Asim Saleem Baiwa.

Salman Rafiq, a health adviser to the Punjab government, called on people to donate blood, saying that many of those wounded were in a critical condition.

One witness, who wished to be identified only by his first name, Afzal, told AP that he

had taken 20 children to hospital and carried three dead bodies to a police car. "I can't explain to you the tragic situation," he said.

Another witness, Tariq Mustapha, said that he had just left the park when he heard an explosion. He said his friend was still missing.

Footage broadcast on local television stations showed chaotic scenes in the park, with people running while carrying children and cradling the wounded in their laps.

A witness, not identified by name on Pakistan's Geo TV station, said he was heading toward a fairground ride with his wife and two children when he heard a huge bang and all four of them were thrown to the floor. A woman was shown crying while

looking desperately for her missing 5-year-old son.

A spokesman for the U.S. National Security Council said that the United States "condemns the attack in the strongest terms," describing it as a "cowardly act in what has long been a scenic and placid park." Ned Price said the U.S. would continue to work with Pakistan and its partners to "root out the scourge of terrorism."

Vikas Swarup, spokesman for India's External Affairs ministry, tweeted that Prime Minister Narendra Moditelephoned Pakistani premier Nawaz Sharif to express his deep condolences. He said Modi "underlined the need for uncompromising efforts to fight against terrorism."

WORTHY

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the "love of his life," a Big Spring native, Louise Bennett.

During his time in Big Spring, Worthy has made many contributions to the community and especially Hangar 25. For those reasons, he was nominated by a committee and voted to be the 2016 Good Scout

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There will be another article about Worthy in the May edition of the Living Magazine.

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- By fax at 264-7205
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Daily Prayer

Dear Lord, please help us through our day and bring us safely through to this evening.

I'm selling out first chance I get ward the stiff-armed-salute end of things, I'm selling out first chance I get self-defense. I'll explain why every war is self-defense. I'll explain why prohibiting any religion other self-defense. I'll explain why prohibiting any religion other self-defense I get self-defense. I'll explain why every war is self-defense. I'll explain why prohibiting any religion other self-defense I get self-defense. I'll explain why prohibiting any religion other self-defense I get self-defense. I'll explain why every war is self-defense. I'll explain why every war is

first chance I get.

I'm a 58-year-old white guy

with seven years to go until retirement. However, I'd be willing to stay around longer if there was, sav, a Ministry of Propaganda that needed professional writers to "explain" the new America and extol the Glorious Leader.



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It won't be a private sector job, either. I've had those jobs all my life and what I've got to show for them is bad eyesight and a worse attitude.

The Ministry of Propaganda is going to be well-funded and loaded with pension jobs that come with private offices.

I'll be the guy who writes The Glorious Leader's biography. Donald Trump's never been in the military, you say? In my biography, he'll have been wounded during the firefight that killed Osama bin Laden. I'll be the guy who explains

that the new laws aren't really "segregation." They're laws defending small businesses from having to serve people they don't like. They're laws guaranteeing the right to private property that our Founding Fathers loved so much.

than Christianity isn't bigotry; it's a "return to the Bible-based values on which this country was built." I'll explain the heroism of all military service and the sacredness of the flag.

I'll get a uniform. I know I will because the Ministry of Propaganda is a fighting unit dedicated to fighting our left-wing enemies here at home. Black is a nice uniform color. Black is powerful. Don't worry, though.

However, I'd be willing to stay around longer if there was, say, a Ministry of Propaganda that needed professional writers to "explain" the new America and to extol the Glorious Leader.

I won't be close to any shooting. Ministry of Propaganda lives are too precious to waste. If there's any kind of rationing,

you know us Ministry of Propaganda guys are going to get first dibs on the tobacco and whiskey. We'll need to smoke and drink a lot if we're going to successfully explain why rationing will guarantee total victory over our enemies.

tained communities designed for the protection of their inhabitants."

My clever (and wholly paid-for) pen will explain why our defeats are actually victories and our massacres never happened.

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Dion's latest book, "King of The World On \$14 an Hour," is a collection of his best 2014 columns and is available for Nook and Kindle. To find out more about Marc Munroe Dion and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit www.creators.com.



Trump's good news from St. Louis

🕇 teve Berman, a 59-yearold screenwriter who voted for Barack Obama in both 2008 and 2012 but enthusiastically backed Donald Trump in the March 15 Missouri presidential primary, is

of voter who, Trump supporters argue, will win the White House for Trump next November. Berman, one of a dozen St. Louisarea Republican and independent voters in a focus group convened by respected Democratic

exactly the kind



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pollster Peter D. Hart for the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania on Tuesday night, praises the Republican front-runner's "vast knowledge, toughness, brains (and) brawn." What would Berman tell Trump? "I believe in you. ... The fact that you're not a politician makes me like you even more."

But Berman concedes Trump's chronic vanity and serial discourtesy: "He's an egomaniac, even though I love him," and "if anything's going to get him into trouble, it'll be his mouth." The Trump mouth concerns Cherri Crenshaw, 48, who is in medical sales and voted for Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas in the primary. "He's very strong, but I think he comes

across as a bully," she says, not-

ing that "this should not be reality TV" and arguing that Trump "needs to show more dignity and have a presence about him that's respectable."

What would Joyce Reinitz, a 61-year-old elementary school teacher and Cruz voter, say to Trump? "As a teacher, a parent and a grandparent, I think you need a social filter."

Even restaurant manager Kevin Rotellio, 44, who proudly voted for Trump in the primary and who praises Trump "for lighting a fire in the American public and exposing all the wrongdoings of current and past political members of both parties," urges Trump to "tone it down a bit" and to "be firm, but not obnoxious."

This St. Louis group of people who had split their votes between Cruz and Trump in the primary — with a lone Ohio Gov. John Kasich backer contained some harsh Trump critics. Aron Smith, 45, who works in technology and supports Cruz, doesn't think Trump is "presidential-quality" and would tell Trump directly: "I do not believe your crass and cavalier attitude fits the role of president." That was mild compared

with what independent Cassandra Westerhold, 33, thinks. If given the chance, she would tell Trump: "I believe that you are a bully and misogynist, and I am ashamed to have you as the front-runner for the Republican

Party."

All in all, the relentlessly controversial Trump would appear to have a difficult task — especially among female voters — in gaining united GOP support for the fall campaign. That is until you hear what happened when Peter Hart brought out one of his provocative hypotheticals, asking the St. Louis group to imagine each of the candidates as a fifth-grader at school recess Ted Cruz would be "reading the Bible" or "giving the teacher an apple," "kissing butt." Trump "would be making a deal to trade lunches" or "pushing the smaller kids down." But what about the Democratic front-runner, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton? The unflattering answers from St. Louis Republicans were uniform. Clinton would be "stealing lunch money," "scheming" "tattling on somebody," "lecturing somebody" or "being a mean girl." When it came to one word to describe her, the answers included "dishonest," "evil," "powerhungry," "unethical" and "criminal." In short, with many Republicans still having doubts about their front-runner, Hillary Clinton — whom everyone in the focus group would vote against is not a divider but, as of now, a uniter for Donald Trump.

To find out more about Mark Shields and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators. com.

Oil and gas regulators keep close ties to industry

– The cozy relationship between state oil and gas regulators and the industry they monitor is typified by a revolving door of officials who leave the Texas Railroad Commission to lobby for energy companies, including several who recently departed and made six-figure salaries working the Capitol hallways last year. The ties are seen in

Railroad Commission policies that seek to shield the industry from further federal regulation, and top agency officials who beat back criticism from environmentalists on everything from seismic activity to fracking, the Austin American-Statesman (http://atxne. ws/25qXwMJ) reported Sunday.

Former Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman became a lobbyist and signed up two energy clients within four months of his state term expiring in January 2015, and also went on to work as an attorney at a firm that represents energy clients.

Other commission employees who worked just below the highest ranks found even more lucrative work. Three former chiefs of staff since 2010 have gone

on to represent energy companies, including Maxwell, Amy registered as a lobbyist within five days of leaving the Railroad Commission in 2013 and was paid as much as \$585,000 last year, according to Texas Ethics Commission filings.

Maxwell said her work ranges from regulatory advice to her clients to helping them navigate the rule process at the agency. Chris Hose, who was chief of staff to former Commissioner Elizabeth Jones upon leaving the agency in 2010, made as much as \$750,000 lobbying for energy companies last

Maxwell said agency rules insulate commissioners — the final decision-makers — from companies that have contested business before the agency. She can talk to commissioners about nonspecific matters, helping to arrange meetings between officials at the companies she represents and commissioners on broader issues.

While the relationships she forged at the commission help with her work, she said, "I don't feel like I benefit as a lobbyist because I was a chief of staff. I do well because I can give advice that's legal in nature but also because I work hard."

When lawmakers mull new oil and gas regulation, industry representatives prefer that authority go to the Railroad Commission, which has shown it is sympathetic to business interests.

As evidence mounted in recent years that fracking-related activities have contributed to an uptick in seismic activity, lawmakers were under pressure from constituents to investigate the matter. Fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, injects a high-pressure mix of water, chemicals and sand underground to break open formations containing oil and gas.

One proposal directed the University of Texas to study earthquakes, but energy companies pushed back, asking for more involvement by the Railroad Commission.

The commission is currently being sued by a former inspector who claims he was fired for voicing concerns about the lax enforcement of environmental rules. A Railroad Commission spokeswoman said the agency is prohibited from commenting on personnel issues.

News in brief

Drunken-driving cases jeopardized as courts toss blood draws

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Some motorists facing a third or fourth drunken-driving conviction in Texas could have a better shot at acquittal following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that mostly barred police from drawing blood without a warrant.

In Austin, at least 17 arrests from 2013 or earlier could be in jeopardy for prosecutors as those cases begin moving through appeals courts, where judges are suppressing results from blood alcohol tests for lack of a

Court records show that blood tests obtained without a warrant have also been tossed in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth and El Paso, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday (http://atxne.ws/1WSobfy).

It has left a growing sense that the DWI cases — all felonies because the suspects had at least two prior drunken-driving convictions — will succeed or fail based on evidence other than the blood tests.

"Blood is very good evidence for us, so when we lose that, that hurts the case," said Angie Creasy, an assistant Travis County district attorney who has been handling the appeals of the warrantless blood draws. Prosecutors feared losing the per-

suasive evidence of intoxication after the U.S. Supreme Court effectively outlawed most warrantless blood draws in drunken-driving investigations with its 2013 ruling in Missouri v. McNeely, which rejected the argument that time pressure caused by the body's metabolizing of alcohol justified blood draws without a warrant.

Instead, the high court said emergency conditions must be examined case by case to determine if a warrant was required.

Dallas police say 2 men die after drug-related gunfire

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say two men have been fatally shot when one allegedly attempted to rob the other during a drug deal.

Police had no immediate arrests following the gunfire early Monday.

A police statement says 19-year-old Derek Jordan was found dead near the entrance to a Dallas apartment complex.

Police minutes later located a wounded 19-year-old man a few blocks away near another complex. That man was transported to a hospital,

where he died. His name wasn't immediately released.

Police say it appears both teens were involved in a drug deal at the first location. Police say there was an exchange of gunfire when Jordan and an accomplice attempted to rob the other teen and a witness.

Police didn't immediately release additional information on the inves-

Houston-area sheriff's deputy fatally shoots armed suspect

SPLENDORA, Texas (AP) — Investigators say a Houston-area sheriff's deputy has fatally shot an armed man who refused to drop the gun and pointed the weapon at officers.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office says a deputy opened fire Sunday afternoon, killing 33-year-old Earl

Lt. Brady Fitzgerald says deputies were dispatched to a home in Splendora on a report of a man threatening to kill himself. Officers safely removed three people from the residence, then located Ashby in a shed.

Fitzgerald says the shed door opened, Ashby came out and deputies ordered him to drop the gun. Fitzgerald says Ashby refused, moved toward the deputies and pointed the gun at of-

One deputy then shot Ashby, who died at a hospital.

The deputy's name wasn't immediately released.

Splendora is 25 miles northeast of Houston.

Texas jail inmate who switched ID bands released, recaptured

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A Galveston County jail inmate has been recaptured after switching identification wristbands with another prisoner and then being freed on bond.

Jail records show 38-year-old Alex Washington was being held without bond Monday on bank robbery charges in a holdup last summer in Friendswood.

Sheriff Henry Trochesset (TRAHS'uh-set) says Washington was freed Saturday night after switching ID bands with another inmate, whose bond was \$100,000 in an identity theft case.

Someone on the outside posted bond, then Washington was released. Jailers realized the mistake an hour later. Washington was caught Sunday night on nearby Bolivar (BAHL'uh-vur) Peninsula.

The sheriff says Washington and the inmate who switched ID bands are similar in height, weight and other physical features. The person who posted the bond and both inmates could face charges.

3 killed in South Texas wreck involving 3 pickup trucks

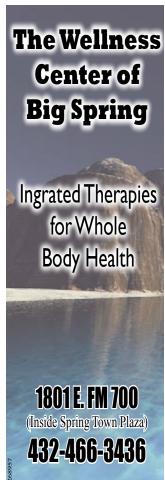
STOCKDALE, Texas (AP) — Investigators say three people have been killed and two hurt in a South Texas traffic accident involving three pickup trucks.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says the wreck

happened Sunday morning near Stockdale, about 35 miles southeast of San Antonio.

DPS says a vehicle going south on Texas 123 went out of control and into the northbound lane, striking another truck. A third pickup smashed into the accident scene.

Two people in the first vehicle and one person in the second truck died at the scene. Two survivors were transported to a San Antonio hospital.



Deweyville ISD students out until April 11 due to flooding DEWEYVILLE, Texas (AP) — Stu-

dents in a Southeast Texas district where flooding inundated much of the town won't return to school until next month.

Deweyville Independent School District Superintendent Kevin Clark said Sunday that April 11 is the target date for school to resume.

Early March rainstorms and releases from the Toledo Bend Reservoir led to flooding of the Sabine River. Much of nearby Deweyville, a town of about 1,000, was evacuated March 12 amid disastrous floods.

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Orange shocks Virginia

CHICAGO (AP) — This was never supposed to happen, really. Not after Syracuse staggered into the NCAA-Tournament. Not after the Orange needed a big rally to eliminate Gonzaga. No way, not after falling behind against mighty Virginia, which beat Syracuse in January.

And yet there was coach Jim Boeheim, cutting down the net. Freshmen Malachi Richardson and Tyler Lydon, celebrating a Texas-sized comeback.

It happened, all right, sending Syracuse to perhaps the most unlikely of the school's six Final Fours.

"I've never been prouder in all my 40 years as coach of a basketball team as I am of this team tonight," Boeheim said.

Richardson scored 21 of his 23 points in the second half, and Syracuse erased a 16-point deficit on its way to a surprising 68-62 victory over the top-seeded Cavaliers in the Midwest Regional final. Exactly two weeks after the Orange were a bubble team on Selection Sunday, they returned to the Final Four for the first time since 2013.

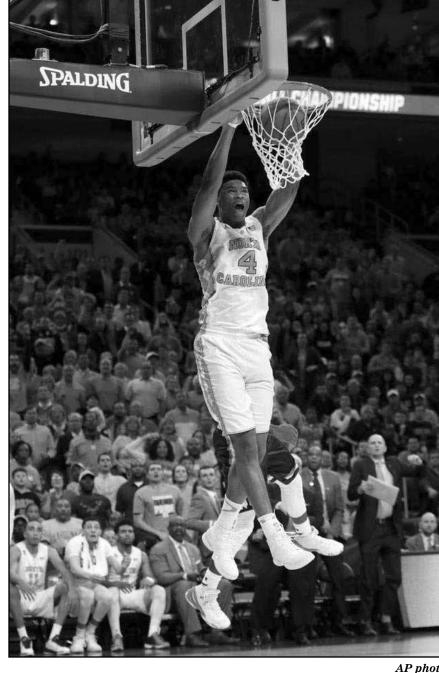
"We had a lot of doubters," Lydon said. "A lot of people who believed we shouldn't even be in this tournament. I'm sure there are still a lot of people who think that. But we know what we can do as a team and that's all that matters."

It is perhaps the strangest turn of a topsy-turvy season. The Orange (23-13) dropped their first four ACC games. Boeheim was suspended for nine games as part of an NCAA investigation that found a history of improper benefits and academic misconduct stretching back years.

Then Syracuse lost five of six toward the end of its schedule, including a 72-71 loss to Pittsburgh in the conference tourney. But once the Orange got their at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, they found a way to turn it around.

"I think as a team collectively, we've been great teammates to one another, through all the highs and lows," said Michael Gbinije, a graduate student who had 11 points and six assists against the Cavaliers. "I think it's finally starting to pay off. We've got great chemistry on and off the court.'

Syracuse becomes the first 10 seed to make it to the Final Four and just the fourth double-digit seed to accomplish the feat.



North Carolina's Isaiah Hicks dunks the ball during the second half of a regional final men's college basketball game against Notre Dame Sunday.

'Heels head to Final 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Roy Williams will take his postgame injuries as long as he and the North Carolina Tar Heels are headed to the Final Four. The Hall of Fame coach bit his tongue and cut

a finger during the net-cutting ceremonies after the Tar Heels beat Notre Dame 88-74 on Sunday night, leaving them as the only No. 1 seed in the Final Four. "I was screaming. I started to take a step back

and I felt like the ladder moved and I grabbed. When I grabbed I grabbed the end of the scissors and it started bleeding," he said.

That's OK since his team will head to Hous-

"Never in my life have I wanted something for someone else as I wanted to get these guys to Houston," he said. Brice Johnson had 25 points and 12 rebounds

as the Tar Heels reached the Final Four for a record 19th time and the first since 2009, when they won the last of their five national champi-

North Carolina (32-6) will face Syracuse, the 10th seed from the Midwest Regional, in another all-Atlantic Coast Conference matchup in the Final Four on Saturday. The Orange beat top-seeded Virginia 68-62.

"He should be used to cutting nets," senior point guard Marcus Paige said of Williams. "He said 'I'll bleed for you guys if you keep playing the way we're playing."

Sunday's halves were very different. In the first, the teams went shot for shot with both teams shooting over 58 percent and neither leading by more than six points. The second half was run for run and the Tar Heels, taking control of the boards, had the last and biggest one to seize control over the final 10 minutes.

Elite 8 not enough for Baylor women

DALLAS (AP) — Baylor players have been wearing those green "Eight Is Not Enough" bracelets so long that Nina Davis figures she probably has a permanent mark on her arm.

Those rubbery bands are a reminder of where the Lady Bears ended their last two seasons — in a women'sNCAA Tournathis season.

They have made it to the Elite Eight for the third year in a row, this time against Pac-12 champion Oregon State on Monday night.

"The job is not done yet," said point guard Niya Johnson, one of three Baylor seniors with their last shot at getting to a Final Four after losses to Notre Dame at this to expect, and they have point in each of the past two years.

As the No. 1 seed in the Dallas Regional, Big 12 champion Baylor (36-1) is playing only about 100 miles from its Waco campus. The Lady Bears are in the same NBA arena where they lost a regional final five years ago against Texas A&M, the ment regional final — and eventual national champimotivation to go farther on they beat three previous and seven 3-pointers in the title with Arizona State aftimes that season.

The Big 12 champion Lady Bears are in their seventh regional final, and have been to three Final Fours under coach Kim Mulkey. Second-seeded Oregon State (31-4) had never gotten this deep in the NCAA Tourna-

"They have a confidence and they know what at that been there and they've played the biggest stage," Oregon State guard Jamie Weisner said.

"But I think we have confidence, too. We're going places we've never been before, and that alone is a lot of confidence we can ride

Weisner, who had career highs with 38 points Beavers' Sweet 16 win over DePaul, is among a senior group that as freshmen won only 10 games and endured a 10-game Pac-12 losing streak.

"Seems like a lifetime ago in some regards because we've come so far and developed the program so far since then," 6-foot-6 senior center Ruth Hamblin said. "But we have really experienced it all just climbing up this mountain and I think we're excited for the next step."

The Beavers are one win away from joining fellow Pac-12 team Washington in the Final Four. Oregon, under sixth-year coach Scott Rueck, won the conference tournament this year while sharing the regular-season ter winning it outright last season.

"I think everybody is watching each other closely," Rueck said. "We would be lying if we didn't say it was giving each other confidence watching each other succeed."

A few tidbits before Oregon State and Baylor play for the first time since 1995:

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Rangers: Lewis threw

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Fielder's homer paces Rangers to spring win over Arizona

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) – Prince Fielder hit a three-run homer, Colby Lewis pitched effectively into the seventh inning and the Texas Rangers beat an Arizona Diamondbacks' split-squad 5-4 Sunday.

Fielder homered to right-center field in the fourth on the first pitch from Josh Collmenter, who was the Diamondbacks' 2015 opening day starter. Robinson Chirinos went 3 for 3 and led off the four-run inning with a single.

Lewis gave up four runs on six hits, including home runs to Chris Owings and Phil Gosselin, and struck out six in $6\,2/3$ innings.

"Colby was much sharper today," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "He had more success throwing first pitches, getting his pitches to where he wanted to. His breaking stuff was measurably sharper. I thought he used the changeup



Prince Fielder's three-run home run helpd the Texas Rangers take a 5-4 win over Arizona in a spring training game Sunday in Surprise, Ariz.

when he needed to. He was able to work both sides of the plate, quick outs, quick innings and limited any damage that he got himself into. It was a really good outing for Colby."

Yoan Lopez, a 23-yearold Cuban right-hander the Diamondbacks signed for \$8.27 million in January 2015, tossed three scoreless innings, allowing four hits, walking one and striking out four. Lopez, who has a 1.29 ERA in four outings, went 1-6 with a 4.69 Double-A Mobile.

ERA last season with "I grew a lot last year," Lopez said through an

interpreter. "This is my

second year in America. loaded situation in the I feel ready."

Matt Bush made his second spring appearance and worked a scoreless eighth, allowing a leadoff double and a walk.

Bush was the first overall pick in the 2004 draft and signed with the Rangers on a minor league deal in December after being released from prison in October.

"Anytime you see an arm like Matt's, 97 to 100 (mph) with the combo of the breaking ball and what's more impressive is it's at the knees and carries the velocity all the way through," Banister said. "He's also pretty impressive. It's fun to watch. When you've got power stuff like that, your margin of error is a little bigger. The breaking ball is still a power pitch, also. He's going to be a tough cus-

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The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, April 7th, 2016, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Center, 115 East 3rd St., Big Spring, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for comment on a proposed amendment to the current 2015-2018 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the draft 2017-2020 Rural TIP for the Abilene District. The TIP, as required by Title 23, US Code, Section 135 -Statewide Transportation Planning, is required to demonstrate use of federal, state, and local funds to develop, maintain, and operate intermodal transportation systems and facilities. The Abilene district includes Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties.

This meeting is being held pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Section 16.102, which calls for an opportunity for public comment concerning the program. A copy of both the amendment and the draft TIP is available at the Abilene District office, see address and contact info below.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aides or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact Mary Belle Turner at (325) 676-6817 five (5) days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attention: Michael Haithcock, P.E., 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, TX 79601, or email at "Michael.Haithcock@txdot.go v". A 10 day public comment period to submit written comments will close at the Abilene District Office by 5:00 p.m. on April 17th, 2016.

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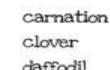
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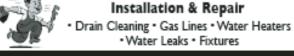
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These skies cry out for the freedom to be who

HOLIDAY we are, no $_{Mathis}$ conformity necessary.

Freedom has its price, though, and in today's case, liberation will require us to leave the safety of what is known for the scary realms of the unfamiliar. The outgoing Sagittarius moon is up to the challenge, heartily encouraging us to leap forward.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Problems are gifts. You're better for having to solve them. Today's puzzle will seem to be about a very narrow focus of life, but the solution to this is applicable to the larger issues you'd like to handle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're drawn to the beauty of mountains and other quiet, unchanging landmarks that were there before you and will remain after you for hundreds of years.

Dear Annie: I adopt-

ed two older children

from different orphan-

both suffered depriva-

tion and abuse in their

early childhood years,

but overall seem to be

"Rose," married a man

with a gambling addic-

tion and an attraction

Rose has a new baby

keep the baby's father

costs. She goes along

with whatever he says

behavior as acceptable

and rationalizes their

and normal. I strongly

suspect they deal in

child pornography to

supplement their in-

and apparently wants to

for young children.

in the picture at all

achieving more than

My older child,

expected.

grown adults. They

ages and now they are

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Are you hopelessly entangled in a quest for true love? Well, life will spray some detangler on you today. Love suddenly isn't difficult or painful to work out. It's a smooth journey.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Like a marathon athlete, you've pushed through many painful moments in your training. Now, as you huff and puff around the track, you'll suddenly break through the hard part and run like the wind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've a tendency to talk about the solution instead of the problem. Fine, but if it's the wrong solution, even if it works, you'll still have the problem. So talk about the problem, and your breakthrough will come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be settling unfinished family business. Your identity is more closely tied into this than you'd like it to be. You are your own person! Keep reminding yourself that you can always choose your

come, as this has been

My youngest daugh-

a problem in the past.

10-year-old daughter

who was molested by

these two when she

was 5 years old. The

family decided never

alone with Rose and

her husband, and told

the incident to the po-

lice and someone con-

tacted child protective

services. Unfortunately,

the facts of the case got

mixed up and Meg was

found guilty of failing to

protect her daughter,

while the perpetrators

were never even inter-

viewed. Rose and her

husband moved out of

Meg went back to

school and is finally

them why. Meg reported

to allow the child to be

ter, "Meg," has a

Tomorrow's Horoscope

reactions to things. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Awards have been given and there is still some disagreement over the justice of that contest. You might be surprised by the true feelings that will be aired in today's discussion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Because you've experienced love, you recognize love's joy and pain everywhere -- in music, art and the eyes of your conversation partner, even if he or she isn't speaking of love per se.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Yours is like any other story out there: It can be rewritten. Don't let another person do this for you. Take hold of the pen and start the creative process. How do you want this to go?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't influence people if you don't know them well enough. Strategize if you must, but the real power move is to hang out with your subjects in their own environments, trying to figure out what they really need and

want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Once you realize that it's not as hard as you were making it, you'll have to look at the real reason you weren't willing to move forward. This is also not as hard as you're making it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not your style to merely say that you love someone and leave it at that. You will show your love in a way that your beloved can see, touch and quantify.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (March 28). You'll go into this solar return feeling lucky, rich and beloved, thus attracting even more of the dynamic. April alters the work rules. The financial leg-up in May will help you realize a long-held goal. Your social plans turn into big adventures in July. New responsibility in December will ultimately improve your prospects. Taurus and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 43, 3 and 28.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Long ago, I was told by an

Pisces on the seventh house and that it signifies problems being understood by others. I also have Venus in the seventh house, and the astrologer said that it would soften the negative effects of Pisces on the seventh house. I have been through a lot in my love life. I lived with a man for seven years waiting for him to ask me to marry him, and ultimately he dumped me for someone he met at work. I don't think I could love or trust anyone again. I'm haunted by the idea that no one will ever truly understand me. Is

astrologer that I have

If you ever hear a message from an astrologer or anyone else that makes you feel limited in your ability to have the kind of life you want, disregard it. You are the authority in your own life. The seventh house relates to partnership, joint ventures and marriage. I interpret Pisces on the seventh house as a positive omen, signifying an ability to make a soulful connection with

separated. Near the

one ran into me and

end of the ride, some-

down I went. Numerous

volunteers helped me

get up, checked my

bike and bandaged

my wounds. But then

cellphone. I said yes,

and that it was in the

every necessary item

was in his backpack.

my husband always

carried our backpack.

We'd never been sep-

arated before, so there

had never been a need

to change the arrange-

ment. I now make sure

own fanny pack, just in

to have the basics in my

backpack -- the one my

husband carried. In fact,

It occurred to me that

one asked if I had a

it true?"

your chosen partner. Pisces energy is also highly creative, which suggests that you instinctively know how to turn a relationship into something unique and special. Your closest relationships are an opportunity to apply and cultivate your talents.

CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: Fiery Aries country star Reba McEntire was born under a versatile Gemini moon, promising a razor wit and a knack for creating easy rapport with all different types of people -- a skill that's served well in her multifaceted career. In addition to being a singer, McEntire is an actress, author and clothing designer, among other titles. Venus in Aquarius reveals that her first

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Annie's Mailbox ®

getting her college degree, but she is panicked about finding a job. She is talking about moving near Rose. My granddaughter doesn't remember the earlier abuse and seems excited to be with her new cousin. Meg says she wants to be closer to her sister, and promises never to leave her

daughter unsupervised. I worry constantly about the new baby's safety and what could happen to Meg's daughter. Meg is planning a visit soon, and I'm sure they'll be staying with Rose while she looks for nearby housing. How can I protect my granddaughter if she moves out of state? --Frightened Grandma

Dear Grandma: This

situation is reprehensible. Surely, Meg can find a job in another city just as easily as she can in Rose's area. We wonder why she is so determined to go there, knowing the risks. If Meg moves to Rose's town and stays in her home, report the situation to their local child protective services. You can do so anonymously. They will investigate the home and determine what's going on. And if there is any chance they may be abusing the baby, call child protective services imme diately.

Dear Annie: You're good about passing along wisdom from readers. Several weeks ago, my husband and I participated in a bike

ride that included 8,000 case. -- Oregon other people. It didn't take long for us to get

Dear Oregon: Thank goodness for the wonderful volunteers, and thank you for the reminder. When cycling. one should always have a cellphone, ID, a bit of cash, a list of medications and allergies and bottled water.

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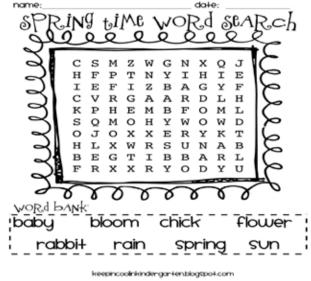
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Famous Hand

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Both sides vulnerable

This deal occurred in the 1975 world championship match between France and the United States. At the first table, with a U.S. pair North-

South, the bidding went as shown.

The first two bids were artificial, but from then on the bidding was natural. North wound up in six spades, East led a heart, and the vulnerable slam quickly went down one.

At the second table, with a French pair North-South, the bidding went:

South West North East Pass Pass 2 NT Pass Pass PassPass 5♥ Dble Pass 6 NT

The U.S. West chose the harmlesslooking but ultimately disastrous lead of the club five. Declarer won East's jack with the ace and cashed the A-K-Q of diamonds and five spades, producing this position:

North West East **V**10 **4**96 South **♥**KJ **♣**K 10

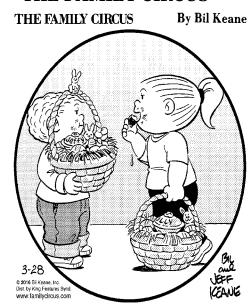
When declarer next played dummy's last spade and discarded the jack of hearts, poor West was in deep trouble. He realized that if he discarded a heart, declarer would lead a heart and endplay him. So West discarded the eight of clubs instead. This availed him naught, as declarer read the position perfectly and led a club to the king, dropping West's queen. The ten of clubs then scored the slam-going trick to give France a 1,540-point gain.

Tomorrow: Abnormal procedure. ©2016 King Features Syndicate Inc





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YOU'VE TRIED IT, HAVEN'T YOU?

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This Date

Today is Monday, March 28, the 88th day of 2016. There are 278 days left in the year.

In History

Today's Highlight History:

On March 28, 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf, 59, drowned herself near her home in Lewes, East Sussex, England.

On this date:

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Andrew Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States. In 1854, during the Crimean

War, Britain and France declared war on Russia.

In 1896, the opera "Andrea Chenier," by Umberto Giordano, premiered in Milan, Italy.

In 1898, the Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen. In 1930, the names of the

Turkishcities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

In 1935, the notorious Nazi propaganda film "Triumph des Willens" (Triumph of the Will), directed by Leni Riefenstahl, premiered in Berlin with Adolf Hitler present.

Harlan II was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1965, an earthquake of

dead or missing, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1969, the 34th president of

Washington, D.C. at age 78. In 1979. America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred with a partial meltdown inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant

died

In 1987, Maria von Trapp, whose life story inspired the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music," died in Morrisville, Vermont, at age 82.

In 1990. President George H.W. Bush presented the Congressional Gold Medal to the widow of U.S. Olympic leg-

wide protest over a youth labor law. Former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger died in Bangor, Maine, at age 88.

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with

12 Whirlpool

15 CPR expert

21 Ancient fable

25 Publicity piece,

26 Threaded one's

for short

sneakers

29 Potato bag

30 Walk inside

31 "Get lost!"

32 In a timid

34 Defeat

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manner

27 Banquet host

28 Share a border

declared in a nationally broadcast address that the United States intervened to prevent a slaughter of civilians; yet he ruled out targeting Moammar Gadhafi, warning that trying to oust him militarily would be a mistake as costly as the war in Iraa.

One year ago: Afghanistan's highest court ruled that the police officer convicted of murdering Associated Press photographer Anja Niedringhaus (AHN'-yuh NEE'-dring-hows) and wounding AP correspondent Kathy Gannon should serve 20 years in prison.

Thought for Today: "You cannot find peace by avoiding life.'

> Virginia Woolf 1882-1941

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Answer to previous puzzle

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WIZARD OF ID

STOP IT

RIGHT THERE!

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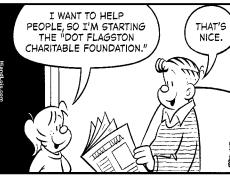
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IT LIKE I HAVE NO SENSE

AGNES





GOOD POINT.

IWILLGET

RICH THEN

KNIT IN A

PADDED ROOM

THE OTHER COAST









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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Short-lived fashions
- 5 Is the owner of
- 8 British teacake
- 13 Ink stain
- 14 Have sore muscles
 - secret message
- Moines is
- one's feet
- wedding soon
- crossers: Abbr. 30 Double-curve
- 33 Stallone's
- **34** Ball on a

- necklace
- **37** Nation overrun
- 41 Catcher's facial
- 46 Health club
- 47 Prefix meaning
- 'eight'
- laboriously

- 58 Kitchen or den
- hammer
- in bottles
- - town
- 16 Like a spy's Abbr.
- 17 Where Des
- 18 Small metric
- weight
- (sit down)
- 23 Otherwise 24 Increases, as
- an ante
- 29 Avenue
- letter
- commando role

- 36 1/12 of a foot
- in wartime
- 40 Encounter
- protection
- 42 Incredible
- 44 Full collection
- **56** To no .

ICE CR

- (come out even)
- (useless) **57** End in

- 60 Courtroom
- 61 Shower soaps
 - 62 No longer in
 - 63 Snow vehicles

1 Most Wanted

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3 Elevator

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5 Negotiate a

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4 Guys-only party

2 Skin-lotion

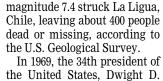
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64 Auto routes:

DOWN

- 65 Adam and Eve's 22 Perform better home
- 19 Take _
- 20 Having a
- 25 Gratify

- bargain 43 Poem of praise
- 45 Turbulent, as weather
- 49 Solving



Eisenhower,

Middletown, near Pennsylvania.

end Jesse Owens. Ten years ago: More than a million people poured into streets across France while strikers disrupted air, rail and bus travel in the largest nation-

Libya, President Barack Obama

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY by Gail Grabowski

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- (become) 38 "That is to 9 Coke and Pepsi

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- also" 44 Milk mishaps
- 46 Glided on snow
- 47 Playful aquatic
- 49 Dog's tail
- movements
- 51 Rant and (show anger)
- 52 One-liner
- recommend
- 54 Well-behaved
- knife

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News in brief

Test scheduled for partial reopening of Brussels airport

BRUSSELS (AP) — A week after devastating suicide bomb attacks, Brussels Airport will test its capacity to partially resume passenger service. But it's too early to say when service might actually resume, an airport official said Monday.

Florence Muls, the airport's external communications manager, said 800 staff members on Tuesday will test temporary infrastructure and new arrangements designed for passenger check-in. The Belgian government must approve the new system, Muls said, before Brussels Airport can resume handling passenger traffic.

Two suicide bombers on March 22 caused great damage to the airport's departure hall, and along with another suicide bomber who blew himself up on a Brussels subway train, killed at least 31 people and injured some 270.

Trump ready to visit Wisconsin, but Cruz has head-start

OSHKOSH, Wisconsin (AP) — Donald Trump is planning to make his first campaign visit to Wisconsin on Tuesday, where the upcoming Republican presidential primary could mark a turning point in the unpredictable GOP race.

But rival Ted Cruz has gotten a jumpstart on the contest, racking up influential endorsements, campaigning in key regions and supported by bullish advertising campaign.

A solid Cruz win in Wisconsin would narrow Trump's path to the nomination, heap pressure on the billionaire to sweep the remaining winner-takeall primaries this spring, and increase the chances of a contested party convention in July.

"The results in Wisconsin will impact significantly the primaries to come," Cruz told The Associated Press after a rally in Oshkosh Friday. "Wisconsin, I believe, will play a critical role continuing to unify Republicans behind our campaign. The only way to beat Donald Trump is with unity."

Cruz is positioning himself to win Wisconsin, next Tuesday's only contest, and the first primary since he began collecting the backing of establishment Republicans, such as former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, adamant about eliminating Trump.

Syria troops remove mines, bombs after Palmyra taken from IS

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) - A Syrian military

official says bomb squads are working on removing mines and bombs planted by the Islamic State group in the historic town of Palmyra. The official says the explosives have been planted

across much of Palmyra, including residential areas as well as the historic quarter that is home to some of the Mideast's most valuable archaeological

The official spoke Monday on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

Syrian troops and pro-government militiamen

captured Palmyra Sunday under the cover of Russian airstrikes ending a 10-month control of the town by the extremists.

During its rule of Palmyra, IS killed scores of people and destroyed invaluable artifacts dating back more than 1,800 years, along with a famed Roman triumphal archway.

Fake CEO scammer is 'seduction' machine,' director says

PARIS (AP) — The man who nearly stole over 70 million euros from France's business and banking elite is a serial manipulator who sees fraud not as a crime but as a way of life, according to those behind a new film based on the con artist's exploits.

"Je Compte sur Vous" — released in English as "Thank You for Calling" — is based on the exploits of the French-Israeli Chikli, who engineered rogue payments by phoning companies and pretending to be the firm's CEO or a French intelligence agent. Those behind the film, which was released in France on Dec. 30, describe Chikli as a chameleon of a man, a brazen charmer whose boasts suggest he has yet to abandon his criminal career.

"Chikli is an unstoppable seduction machine," said director Pascal Elbe in a recent interview in



Belgian Army soldiers patrol at Zaventem Airport in Brussels.

Paris. "For him it's a job, it's definitely not a con." Chikli's heists were astounding in their dar-

ing. With a little background research and a wellplaced phone call, Chikli could cajole or bluster his way into organizing the transfer of several hundred thousand, a million or even millions of euros to bank accounts in Dubai, Russia, China or Hong Kong.

His victims put down the phone convinced they were speaking to their boss or to a genuine French spy. One spoke of being taken in by a man with "an extremely powerful tone of voice and self-assurance." Two more were convinced — somehow — to withdraw cash and hand-deliver it to bars in Paris. When tricks or charm didn't work, Chikli turned to bullying; another employee was threatened with losing her job if she didn't immediately organize the transfer of nearly \$2 million to the U.K.

Looking for calorie labels on menus? Not until 2017

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wondering how many calories are in that hamburger? Chain restaurants still don't have to tell you, despite a 6-year-old law requiring calorie labels on menus.

Passed as part of the health care overhaul in 2010, the rules will eventually require restaurants and other establishments that sell prepared foods and have 20 or more locations to post the calorie content of food "clearly and conspicuously" on their menus, menu boards and displays.

This month, the Food and Drug Administration said it will delay the rules — again — until 2017.

The years of delays have come as supermarkets. convenience stores and other retailers that are covered by the rules but never wanted to be part of the law have fiercely lobbied against them. The move will leave the final step to a new president, despite the Obama administration's staunch support of menu labeling and other food policy to help Americans eat more healthfully. And it will give opponents more time to gather support for legislation that would roll back some of the requirements.

Restaurants and other retailers originally had until the end of 2015 to comply. Last summer, the FDA pushed that deadline back to the end of 2016. This month, they pushed the deadline back again.

Global Catholic Network founder Mother Angelica has died

HANCEVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Mother Mary Angelica, a folksy Roman Catholic nun who used a monastery garage to begin a television ministry that grew into a global religious media empire, has died. She was 92.

Known to millions of viewers simply as "Mother

SPRING FEVER!

2010 GMC Denali

sion Network died Easter Sunday at the rural Alabama monastery where she lived about 45 miles north of Birmingham, according to EWTN Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Michael P. War-"Mother has always, and will always, personify

Angelica," the founder of the Eternal Word Televi-

EWTN, the Network which she founded. In the face of sickness and long-suffering trials, Mother's example of joy and prayerful perseverance exemplified the Franciscan spirit she held so dear. We thank God for Mother Angelica and for the gift of her extraordinary life," Warsaw said in a news release late Sunday.

Mother Angelica had been in declining health since suffering a severe cerebral hemorrhage on Christmas Eve 2001. She never regained her full speaking ability and had other, less-severe strokes through the years.

Bedridden for months, Mother Angelica was placed on a feeding tube this fall as her health slowly declined, fellow nuns at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery said in an announcement released in November.

Volcano erupts in southwest Alaska; sends ash 20,000 feet

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The U.S. Geological Survey reports that a volcano on Alaska's Aleutian Islands erupted Sunday afternoon and sent ash 20,000 feet into the air.

The agency says the Pavlof Volcano, which is about 600 miles southwest of Anchorage, erupted at 4:18 p.m. local time. The agency says the eruption also led to tremors on the ground.

The USGS has raised the volcano alert level to "Warning" and the aviation warning to "Red."

The agency says the volcano, which is about 4.4 miles in diameter, has had 40 known eruptions and "is one of the most consistently active volcanoes in the Aleutian arc."

The USGS says that during a previous eruption in 2013, ash plumes rose 27,000 feet. Other eruptions have generated ash plumes as high as 49,000 feet.





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