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The future of the Howard County Library

County commissioners Bailey, Long to speak about the issue at Thursday's Friends of the Library meeting

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Craig Bailey and Jimmie Long will be the guest speakers at the next Friends of the Library meeting.

Particularly, the two will speak on their vision of what the new duties of the head li-

brarian for both the Howard College and Howard County libraries should entail.

In January, the county and college signed an inter-local agreement to share a head librarian to oversee both programs. According to officials from both entities, neither has had much luck in filling the position themselves.



One of the responsibilities for the new head librarian

will be to research ways to combine the two entities' resources to create a program that fits the needs of the future. However, officials from both entities have stressed they have not made any long-term commitments toward merging the two library programs other than sharing a head librarian.

The Friends of the Library will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in the basement of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main St.

The idea has caused some concern within the community. In a February meeting,

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Chamber extends deadline for booth registration for annual health fair

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has extended the deadline to register a booth at the lowest cost for the annual health fair.

"It's time to register for a booth. Time is running out," said Chamber Executive Assistant Nancy Davenport. "The Health Fair is an excellent place for businesses to showcase the services it provides to our community."

a table cloth, and skirt, along with a trash can.

On average, the annual fair has around 50 informational booths featuring area health businesses such as Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Howard College's dental and nursing programs, and non-profit agencies like the YMCA, Davenport said.

Free health screenings will be available including blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose checks during the fair, scheduled from 8 a.m. until noon.

Returning again this year are the bicycle safety rodeo and child car seat check which will be held in the parking lot. This year, the bicycle rodeo is sponsored by Star Chrysler Dodge and teaches young riders road rules and safety tips from hand signals to how to properly put on a bicycle helmet. Parents must be in attendance with their child to participate in the bicycle rodeo.

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Davenport

Boys and Girls Club raises 'dough'



HERALD photo/Roger Clin
 Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club student Ari'anna, 12, delivers a drink to Pizza Inn diners Heidi Arriaga (center) and Heidi Cervantes, both of Big Spring, Monday night. The event, called "Double Your Dough-Nation," was a fundraiser for the club's planned new playground.

Family nurse practitioner Chang closes practice

Special to the Herald

Tommy Chang, FNP, announces he has closed his practice effective. Chang, while leaving clinic work behind, will be entering a new phase of his medical career as part of the Big Spring Hospitalist Group at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"While we are sad to see Tommy Chang, FNP, close his practice, we are excited to welcome him as part of our hospitalist group," Scenic

Mountain Medical Center Marketing Manager Amanda Duforat,said.

Patient records will be safely kept within Family Medical Center and made available to all Family Medical Center providers. All records will be kept confidential.

All current patients have the option to relocate to the provider of their choosing.

If the provider should be outside of the Family Medical Center group, a medical

record release form can be filled out and the records will be sent to the patient's provider of choice.

If the patient chooses to stay within the Family Medical Center group, the records will transferred within the group to the provider with no need for a medical record release form.

For current patients with question, please contact Family Medical Center, at 432-267-5531.

Beep, beep



Courtesy photo/Elsa Herrera
 A roadrunner, also known as a chaparral bird, was seen at Comanche Trail Park by photographer Elsa Herrera. No word yet if Wile E. Coyote was seen close behind.

GOP leaders propose health bill changes to help older people

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top House Republicans hunting votes for their health care overhaul are proposing amendments aimed at providing more help for older people, curbing Medicaid and accelerating the repeal of some tax increases.

The bill would let people deduct more medical costs from taxes. It would repeal many tax increases boosted by President Barack Obama's 2010 statute this year instead of 2018.

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Obituaries

Debra Lynn Welch Riddle

Debra Lynn Welch Riddle, 66, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, March 15, 2017 from complications that arose after surgery. Debra was born on Nov. 17, 1950 in Big Spring, Texas to parents Thomas and Edwina Welch; she was the youngest of four siblings. She graduated from Airport Elementary School, Big Spring High School, Howard County Junior College, and Texas Tech University. She married Phillip A. Riddle in 1975 and they recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. She retired from 27 years of service at AT&T in 2002 and was expecting to retire from the Univer-

sity of Texas at Health Science Center in July after 12 years of service. She loved to travel and spend time with her family.

Debra is survived by her husband Phillip Riddle and daughter Heather Riddle; brother Thomas Welch Jr., sister Sharon Ann Fisher, and sister-in-law Susie Welch; and many nieces, nephews, and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and older brother James Welch.

Visitation was held Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Sunset Northwest Funeral Home, 6321 Bandera Road, San Antonio, TX 78238. Memorial Service to be held in her name to the American Heart Association, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, or any charity of your choice.

Paid obituary

Esperanza "Hope" Rodriguez

Esperanza "Hope" Rodriguez, 82, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 18, 2017, in Lubbock. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born November 11, 1934 in Marfa, Texas to Mariaelena Jimenez Rubio and Felix Rubio.

She has been a resident of Big Spring since the age of five. She married Eliazar "Charlie" Rodriguez on December 9, 1950 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on January 1, 2010. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She was a Guadalupana, a Crusillistata

and member of Legion of Mary. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons, Eliazar "Charlie" Rodriguez Jr. and wife Irene and Samuel "Sammy" Rodriguez and wife Tina, all of Big Spring; four brothers, Felix Rubio Jr. and wife Petra of Denver, Ismael Rubio and Raul Rubio and wife Sara of Big Spring and Domingo Rubio and wife Minnie of Midland; one sister, Connie Valdez and husband Martin of Grand Prairie; 15 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Armando Rodriguez; three sisters, Elva Olague, Lilly Herrera and Viola Lopez; and two brothers, Benito Rubio and Frank "Chico" Rubio.

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

Linus M. Tucker

Linus M. Tucker, 96, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Graveside service with Military Honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2017 at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Linus was born on September 26, 1920 to Willie Watson Tucker and W.M. "Bud" Tucker. He grew up in Mingus and he came to Big Spring in 1941. He married his childhood sweetheart, Frances Sims in 1943 in Fort

Worth, Texas. She preceded him in death on June 25, 2002, after 59 years of marriage. He was member the 1st United Methodist Church. He worked for T&P Railroad and Missouri. He retired in 1985 after 44 years with Union Pacific. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Stake Plains Lodge #598 A.F. & A.M. and Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of The Eastern Star. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by two nieces, several cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Fran Mathie

Fran Mathie, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, March 17, 2017. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Lynn Robertson, of Compass Hospice, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born July 4, 1936 in Brownfield, Texas, to Mary and Nathan Townsend. She grew up at Brownfield and moved to Big Spring in 1964. Fran married Mike Mathie on March 22, 1972, in Snyder. She was a member of the Church of Christ, Eastern

Star, and D.A.V. Auxiliary.

Fran is survived by her husband: Guy M. (Mike) Mathie; daughters, Lorraine Headrick and her husband Robin of Friendswood, Pam Richards of Big Spring, and Audrey Gail Alfano and her husband Kenny of Big Spring; sons, John Mathie of Alberta, Canada, Timothy Mathie of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and Russ Mathie, of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Lynn Davis and Charles Davis; six brothers; and one great granddaughter: Zara Noah.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 63, of 1905 Wasson Road was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JAVIEL SOLIZ**, 34, of 202 NE 8th Street was arrested on a warrant for no driver's license (when unlicensed) and bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **WILLIAM TROY HOGAN**, 50, of 302 NE 2nd Street was arrested on a warrant for expired registration, driving with invalid license, failure to appear, and a warrant from another agency.

• **SCOTT HERRERA**, 45, of 3906 Muriel Drive was arrested on three warrants from other agencies.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of W-120 and the 1600 block of S Gregg Street.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700.

Take Note

• Registration is now begin taken for cancer survivors/caregivers who will be attending the 2017 Howard/Glasscock County Relay for Life. To register by phone or online call 1-800-227-2345 or www.relayforlife.org/bigspiringtx. For assistance, you may contact Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582 or Beverly Grant at 432-967-0901.

• Forsan Elementary School has scheduled Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration for Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 7 in the elementary office located at 500 West Main in Forsan, Texas. The school office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

In order to be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, the student must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017, and meet at least one of the following criteria: Must be unable to speak or comprehend English; the household fully qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches; the family is homeless; one or more parents are on active-duty military service or have been injured or killed while serving on active duty; or the child is in foster care

If your child meets one of the above criteria, please bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address), proof of income (paycheck stub for ALL household income), and enrolling parent/guardian driver's license.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted to Texas A&M University for fall 2017. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 3, 2017. For more information and to find the application, visit <https://westexags.com/>. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

• The Howard County Fair thanks everyone who has picked up a crossstitch square for the annual quilt fundraiser. There are still a few squares left, so if you can do one, please see Cheryl at the Heritage Museum during regular hours, Tuesday through Saturday.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. March 20 and 21 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• 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.

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.

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

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700.

There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Symptomatic 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.

• 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.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.

Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles.

Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.



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Ban aimed at electronics in cabins of some US-bound flights

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to bolster airline security, the U.S. government is temporarily barring passengers on certain flights originating in eight other countries from bringing laptops, iPads, cameras and most other electronics in carry-on luggage starting Tuesday.

The reason for the ban was not immediately clear. U.S. security officials would not comment. The ban was revealed Monday in statements from Royal Jordanian Airlines and the official news agency of Saudi Arabia.

A U.S. official told The Associated Press the ban will apply to nonstop flights to the U.S. from 10 international airports serving the cities of Cairo in Egypt; Amman in Jordan; Kuwait City in Kuwait; Casablanca in Morocco; Doha in Qatar; Riyadh and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia; Istanbul in Turkey; and Abu Dhabi and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. The ban was indefinite, said the official.

A second U.S. official said the ban will affect nine airlines in total, and the Transportation Security Administration were to inform the affected airlines early Tuesday.

The officials were not authorized to disclose the details of the ban ahead of a public announcement and they spoke on the condition of anonymity.

High court nominee to face daylong questioning in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch faces hours of questioning from senators as frustrated Democrats are determined to press him on everything from abortion and guns to his independence from President Donald Trump.

Republicans are unanimously supporting Gorsuch, and certain to give him what cover they can as he appears before the Senate Judiciary Committee for Day 2 of his confirmation hearings on Tuesday. But Democrats made clear on the first day that they were in no mood to “rubber stamp a nominee selected by extreme interest groups and nominated by a president who lost the popular vote by nearly 3 million votes,” as Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont put it.

Gorsuch himself sought to emphasize his strong belief in the separation of powers in his opening statement, pledging to be independent or “hang up the robe.” Seeking to take the edge off Democratic complaints that he has favored the wealthy and powerful in more than 10 years as a federal judge, the 49-year-old Coloradan said he has tried to be a “neutral and independent” judge and has ruled both for and against disabled students, prisoners and workers alleging civil rights violations.

“My decisions have never reflected a judgment about the people before me, only my best judgment about the law and facts at issue in each particular case,” Gorsuch said.

The first day of the hearing was given over to opening statements, with questions saved for Tuesday, and Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, warned senators that the session could last 10 hours or more.

Martin McGuinness, Irish rebel turned politician, dies at 66

DUBLIN (AP) — Martin McGuinness, the Irish Republican Army commander who led his underground paramilitary movement toward reconciliation with Britain, died Tuesday, his Sinn Fein party announced.

Turning from rebel to peacemaker, McGuinness served as Northern Ireland’s deputy first minister for a decade in a power-sharing government.

The party said he died following a short illness. McGuinness suffered from amyloidosis, a rare

disease with a strain specific to Ireland’s northwest. The chemotherapy required to combat the formation of organ-choking protein deposits quickly sapped him of strength and forced him to start missing government appointments.

“Throughout his life Martin showed great determination, dignity and humility and it was no different during his short illness,” Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said.

Trump to Capitol in last-ditch lobbying for health care bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is rallying support for the Republican health care overhaul by taking his case directly to GOP lawmakers at the Capitol, two days before the House plans a climactic vote that poses an important early test for his presidency. Top House Republicans unveiled revisions to their bill in hopes of nailing down support.

At a rally Monday night in Louisville, Kentucky, Trump underscored what he called “the crucial House vote.”

“This is our long-awaited chance to finally get rid of Obamacare,” he said of repealing former President Barack Obama’s landmark law, a GOP goal since its 2010 enactment. “We’re going to do it.”

Trump’s closed-door meeting with House Republicans was coming as party leaders released 43 pages worth of changes to a bill whose prospects remain dicey. Their proposals were largely aimed at addressing dissent that their measure would leave many older people with higher costs.

Included was an unusual approach: language paving the way for the Senate, if it chooses, to make the bill’s tax credit more generous for people age 50-64. Details in the documents released were initially unclear, but one GOP lawmaker and an aide said the plan sets aside \$85 billion over 10 years for that purpose.

Analysis: Trump collides with reality on Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reality is catching up with President Donald Trump.

Hours after Trump dismissed reports that his campaign associates were being scrutinized for colluding with Russia as “fake news,” FBI Director James Comey confirmed the investigation is real.

The FBI chief also repeatedly insisted there was no evidence to back up Trump’s explosive claim that his predecessor wiretapped his New York skyscraper.

And Adm. Michael Rogers, head of the National Security Agency, knocked down a report about Britain helping President Barack Obama with the alleged surveillance, although the White House had pointed to the report to try to bolster Trump’s case.

Taken together, the disclosures in Monday’s lengthy House intelligence committee hearing amounted to an extraordinary undercutting of a president, whose headline-grabbing accusations and Twitter-friendly attacks crumbled quickly under the weight of sworn congressional testimony from some of the nation’s top security officials.

Venezuela’s troubles put US heating oil charity in limbo

Venezuela’s economic turmoil has placed in limbo that country’s participation in a free heating oil program run by a Massachusetts-

quirements on the program.

The bill would let the Senate approve tax credits more

generous to people age 50 to 64. Congressional analysts say the current

GOP legislation would hit many with big cost increases.

GOP leaders released the changes late Monday, three days ahead of a planned House vote on the bill.

financial restraints will force the county to close the library program.

“I would never want to get to a place where we had to decide on roads or library or something else and a library,” Bailey said at a Howard College board of trustee meeting held in January. “I think it’s our responsibility at this time to look to the future and look toward any and every opportunity we might have in order to preserve if not expand our ability to give this service to the tax payers of Howard County.”

based nonprofit that has helped hundreds of thousands of people, signaling that the program may be kaput.

This marks the second consecutive winter that Venezuela’s Citgo Petroleum Corp. has not contributed to the “Joe-4-Oil” program, part of the nonprofit Citizens Energy created by businessman and former Democratic Massachusetts Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy II.

The decision by the subsidiary of the Venezuelan national oil company coincides with plummeting oil prices and corresponding economic problems in oil-rich Venezuela.

Kennedy said hopes of a late contribution have faded with spring’s arrival this week.

“While this is not good news, it certainly isn’t surprising,” he told The Associated Press.

Blight battle finds focus at Aretha Franklin’s birthplace

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The crumbling house where Aretha Franklin was born looks no different from many others on Lucy Avenue in Memphis’ Soulsville neighborhood: empty and shuttered, with plywood over the windows. A rear section has collapsed, and weeds grow all around it. No one has lived there for years.

It’s a monument to urban blight, and daunting evidence of how much work it will take to fix it.

Now, however, in historic Memphis neighborhoods like Soulsville and Orange Mound, an effort is underway to reclaim the landscape of abandoned houses and trash-strewn vacant lots.

It’s making Memphis a leader in the fight against the blight epidemic afflicting America’s cities.

“I’ve become frustrated, angry, energized, charged, fired-up, all at the same time,” said Roger R. Brown, pastor at Greater White Stone Missionary Baptist Church, which has bought abandoned properties and teamed with businesses to beautify the area. “We’re going to address this area and make a difference.”

Hamas aims to improve international image with new program

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The Islamic militant group Hamas has drafted a new political program it hopes will improve ties with neighboring Egypt and the West, and present a more moderate image that will help it get off Western terrorism lists.

The internationally isolated group, which has ruled the Gaza Strip for the past decade, characterizes itself in the manifesto as a Palestinian resistance movement against Israeli occupation, dropping references to holy war against Jews.

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Other activities include exercise demonstrations by the YMCA to how to prepare certain healthy snacks by Sandy Taylor of the Howard County Agricultural Extension Office.

Current cooperate sponsors for the Health Fair are: Alon, Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, HEB, Kindred Homes, KBST, KBYG, Park Place Rehabilitation, Park Place Retirement Center, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and Shannon Clinic - Big Spring.

For more information call Davenport at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or come by the office during business hours, Monday through Friday. The office is located at 215 W. Third St.

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Older and disabled Medicaid recipients would get more generous benefits. But states could impose work re-

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a group of home-school parents were among other members of the community who spoke their concerns. Many home-school mothers stated they use the library often to help in the education of their children.

Bailey, who has spearheaded discussions with the county and college over the issue, has stated he worries that at some time in the near future

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Accidents at Central Texas train crossings down sharply

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Safety measures installed at Central Texas railroad crossings over the years have significantly curtailed train-vehicle accidents like the one this month in Mississippi that killed four Texas tourists.

A review of Federal Railroad Administration records by the *Austin American-Statesman* found that collisions between trains and vehicles have fallen by nearly 60 percent since the 1980s.

The drop in Bastrop, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties came over the same period the region experienced explosive growth that included far more vehicles on the road.

As a result, fatalities also are down in those four counties, down to an average of fewer than one person a year. The numbers don't include deaths of people struck while walking along tracks.

New rules over the years have led to the installation of medians and gates at crossings.

Man brought to Southeast Texas jail on trespass charge dies

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A 33-year-old man brought to a Southeast Texas county jail on trespassing charges died shortly after arriving.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office says the 33-year-old man passed out in the booking area before he was processed into the county jail in Beaumont on Saturday, medical personnel began life-saving measures and an ambulance was summoned. Authorities say he couldn't be revived. He's been identified Sunday as Byron James Sessions, of Nederland.

An autopsy has been ordered and the sheriff's office and police in nearby Port Arthur are investigating.

Body in Houston rental house 3 days before police notified

HOUSTON (AP) — Police say the body of a man who likely was killed three days earlier has been found in a home in southwest Houston.

The man has not been identified but the single-story home was being rented by three people. The body was found in a back bedroom.

Police Detective Michael Cass says authorities are trying to figure out why it took three days for someone to report there was a dead body in one of the bedrooms.

Police have taken several people into custody. No motive and no cause of death have been released but authorities say they are considering the man's death a homicide.

Billboard ad by Satanic Temple takes aim at Texas school.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A group called The Satanic Temple has put up a billboard in North Texas that criticizes the use of corporal punishment in schools.

The Massachusetts-based group placed the billboard ad in Springtown, a community northwest of Fort Worth where a male assistant principal in 2012 spanked two female high school students.

The incident prompted the school board to alter its policy.

Corporal punishment is still allowed but a parent or guardian must approve its use.

Superintendent Michael Kelley tells the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* the timing of the billboard is "very odd" because administrators have opted not to use the punishment.

The billboard says, "Never be hit in school again." The Satanic Temple says its members don't worship Satan. Instead, they oppose "arbitrary authority," supernatural beliefs and superstitions.

Raucous town hall crowd often drowns out Texas congressman

RICHARDSON, Texas (AP) — A raucous crowd repeatedly shouted down U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions as he defended Republican health care and other policies at a town hall in suburban Dallas.

More than 2,000 people filled an auditorium at a high school in Richardson on Saturday for the boisterous town hall where Sessions regularly was drowned out by yelling from critics in the crowd.

At one point, while promoting Republican efforts to replace the Affordable Care Act, Sessions said, "I understand why you're so frustrated. You don't know how to listen."

When he offered extended explanations to questions posed to him, the crowd at times chanted, "Yes or no?"

The audience grew particularly animated over questions about defunding Planned Parenthood, Russian interference in U.S. elections and federal budget cuts proposed by President Donald Trump

US Muslims and Jews strengthen bonds amid acts of bigotry



AP photo

In this Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 photo, members of the Sisterhood Salaam Shalom talk after a unity vigil held at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. The Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, a national organization that brings together Muslim and Jewish women, organized the gathering as part of the organization's response to President Donald Trump's travel ban.

By RACHEL ZOLL

AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — They sat on either end of the congressmen's couch, one a Jewish healthcare executive whose parents fled Ger-

many in 1936, the other the Kashmiri Muslim chairman of a well-known American furniture chain. The men, Stanley Bergman and Farooq Kathwari, came to draw attention to an

outbreak of hate crimes. But Bergman and Kathwari hoped their joint appearance would also send a broader message: that U.S. Jews and Muslims could put aside differences and work

together.

"What drove us was the growing prejudice that has emerged in the United States," Bergman said. "What starts

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What to watch: 'Sanctuary city' bill, budget come into focus

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A bill that Republicans say would crackdown on so-called "sanctuary cities" in Texas is inching toward Gov. Greg Abbott's desk, and time is running out for opponents hoping to weaken the impact.

The sweeping proposal would give Republican lawmakers a long-sought cudgel against local governments that don't fully cooperate with federal immigration agents — threatening police chiefs and elected sheriffs with jail time, and fining defiant cities and counties up to \$25,000 a day.

But critics are more concerned by what they see as an invitation for discrimination and intimidation. Hundreds of opponents have twice packed the Texas Capitol in as many months to protest, including young children of undocumented immigrants who pleaded with lawmakers to reconsider.

The House last week began defanging some parts of the Senate bill, including a section that would cut off all state grant funding. Republican state Rep. Charlie Geren has also signaled he wants police to have the freedom to only inquire about the immigration status of people who are under arrest and not merely detained, such as during traffic stops.

Immigration attorneys called that a significant change in the right direction but getting others will be hard-fought.

"They're getting the same things they want, just in different ways. It hasn't changed the spirit or intent," said Faye Kolly, who is working against the bill on behalf of the American Im-

migration Lawyers Association. A committee could send the bill to the full House as early as this week.

Here's what else to watch for:

VOTER ID

More flexibility to Texas' strict voter ID law could be approved by the full Senate this week. A federal appeals court last year ruled that the Texas law discriminated against poor and minority voters, and ordered changed that were put in place ahead of the November elections.

The Senate bill would give options to voters who declare they are unable to reasonably obtain one of acceptable seven forms of ID. But it also creates a criminal penalty of two to 10 years in prison for people found guilty of trying to get around the rules while casting a ballot.

REDISTRICTING

A Dallas Democrat is calling for legislative hearings after a federal court this month ruled that Republicans in 2011 racially gerrymandered some congressional districts while drawing new voting maps.

Despite the findings of inten-

tional discrimination, the three-judge panel in San Antonio didn't propose an immediate fix. The maps as originally drawn were never used in an election because the same court threw them out in 2012. Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton says that makes the ruling moot but has not yet said what the state might do next.

Democrat state Rep. Eric Johnson is now waiting to see whether the House Committee on Redistricting reviews the decision.

BUDGET

Budget-writers in both the House and Senate put the final touches last week on cost-cutting spending bills that could clear a first vote this week. Higher education in Texas is one area taking a hit as lawmakers scramble to close a shortfall of billions of dollars in wake of the oil slowdown.

The House is proposing less cuts by tapping into the rainy day fund — a state savings account where more than \$10 billion is currently socked away — while the Senate has called for greater austerity.



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Billionaire philanthropist David Rockefeller dies at age 101

By DEEPTI HAJELA

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — David Rockefeller, the billionaire businessman and philanthropist who was the last in his generation of one of the country's most famously philanthropic families, died Monday. He was 101.

Rockefeller died in his sleep at his home in Pocantico Hills, New York, according to his spokesman, Fraser P. Seitel.

He was the grandson of Standard Oil co-founder John D. Rockefeller and the youngest of six children born to John D. Rockefeller Jr. With the passing of his siblings, he became the guardian of his family's fortune and head of a sprawling network of family interests, both business and philanthropic, that ranged from environmental conservation to the arts.

To mark his 100th birthday in 2015, Rockefeller gave 1,000 acres of land next to a national park to the state of Maine.

Aspects of the Rockefeller brothers' upbringing became famous, including the 25-cent allowance, portions of which had to be set aside for charity and savings, and the inculcation that wealth brings great responsibility.

Two of his brothers held elected of-

ice: Nelson Rockefeller served as the governor of New York, hungered for the White House and briefly served as vice president. Winthrop Rockefeller was a governor of Arkansas.

David Rockefeller, however, wielded power and influence without ever seeking public office. Among his many accomplishments were spurring the project that led to the World Trade Center.

And unlike his other brothers, John D. III and Laurance, who shied from the spotlight and were known for philanthropy, David Rockefeller embraced business and traveled and spoke widely as a champion of enlightened capitalism.

"American capitalism has brought more benefits to more people than any other system in any part of the world at any time in history," he said. "The problem is to see that the system is run as efficiently and as honestly as it can be."

Rockefeller graduated from Harvard in 1936 and received a doctorate in economics from the University of Chicago in 1940.

He served in the Army during World War II, then began climbing the ranks of management at Chase Bank. That bank merged with The Manhattan Company in 1955. He was



AP photo

In this April 31, 1981, file photo, David Rockefeller poses for a photograph. The billionaire philanthropist who was the last of his generation in the famously philanthropic Rockefeller family died, Monday, March 20, 2017, according to a family spokesman.

named Chase Manhattan's president in 1961 and chairman and chief executive officer eight years later. He retired in 1981 at age 65 after a 35-year career.

In his role of business statesman,

Rockefeller preached capitalism at home and favored assisting economies abroad on grounds that bringing prosperity to the Third World would create customers for American products.

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small, from a historical point of view, often grows into something big."

The men lead the Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council, created last year by the American Jewish Committee and the Islamic Society of North America, amid a flowering of alliances between members of the two faiths. U.S. Muslim and Jewish groups have been trying for years to make common cause with mixed success, often derailed by deep divisions over Israel and the Palestinians.

But bigoted rhetoric and harassment targeting both religions since the presidential election has drawn people together. Jews have donated to repair mosques that were defaced or burned. Muslims raised money to repair vandalized Jewish cemeteries. Rabbis and imams marched together against President Donald Trump's travel ban targeting majority Muslim countries.

"I would never have thought I would see some people in conversation, or anywhere near each other. Then I saw people on Facebook standing next to each other at protests — Muslims and Jews," said Aziza Hasan, executive director of NewGround: A Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change in Los Angeles, which has run community relationship-building programs for more than a decade.

Yet despite this surge of goodwill, questions remain about whether these new connections can endure. The sense of vulnerability Muslims and Jews share, and their need for allies at a difficult time, have not erased tensions that in the past have kept them apart.

"This is a start and we'll see how it goes," said Talat Othman, a financial industry executive and Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council member, who offered an Islamic prayer at the 2000 Republican National Convention. "We are hopeful."

Jews and Muslims comprise the two largest non-Christian faith groups in the United States and have a long history of trying to work together.

The chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, the flagship institution of Conservative Judaism, initiated a dialogue with Muslims in 1956, according to documents in the school's archive. Rabbi Jack Bemporad, a pioneer in Muslim-Jewish dialogue and founder the Center for Interreligious Understanding in New Jersey, said his efforts started in the 1970s when he led a Dallas synagogue and local imams started attending his weekly Bible classes.

Over the years, many initiatives on improving relations between the two faiths were organized internationally by governments and peace groups, while some American synagogues and mosques attempted to build friendships locally. Some progress was made, yet relations were often derailed when violence, war and policy disputes erupted in

the Middle East.

In Los Angeles, Hasan said local discussions between Muslim and Jewish leaders would falter when participants from one faith would demand those of the other condemn an action in Israel and the Palestinian territories. "It would go back and forth, then eventually Jews asked Muslims to condemn something they couldn't so they walked away from the table," Hasan said.

Then came the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, prompting a backlash against American Muslims, and efforts to create connections with Jews began moving "at warp speed," said Rabbi Burton Visotzky, a Jewish Theological Seminary scholar and a longtime leader in Muslim-Jewish cooperation. Visotzky's outreach has ranged from a 2008 global interfaith meeting convened by King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to serving collard greens at a soup kitchen alongside members of a New York mosque.

Still, the deep divide over Israel and the Palestinians remained an obstacle. Some Jews and Muslims pledged to avoid any mention of the Mideast as they sought common ground. Others hit the issue up front, but their talks foundered. Yehuda Kurtzer, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, an educational organization with extensive interfaith programs, said U.S. Muslims and Jews, had become "proxy warriors" for conflicts thousands of miles away.

At the same time, advocates for building ties between the faiths regularly encountered skepticism or outright hostility from within their own communities. "Many Jews feel that Muslims around the world are a source of threat to Jews, then why be in dialogue?" Kurtzer said.

About six years ago, Bemporad organized a conference on Islamic and Jewish law, but the event was closed to the public, in part to avoid pushback against participants. "We had to break the ice somehow," Bemporad said. "We thought the way we did it, you could be free to say whatever you wanted."

He said religious leaders working on such projects are much more open now. Still, the growth of the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement against Israel and in support of the Palestinians has further complicated relations.

The movement, known as BDS, is decentralized and its supporters use different strategies, but many backers say interfaith dialogue with Zionists undermines the Palestinian cause. It has become common for American Jewish organizations to draw a hard line against working with backers of BDS — from any faith. Meanwhile, BDS activists consider it traitorous for Muslims to work with supporters of Israel.

This issue came to the fore over the Shalom Hartman Institute's Muslim Leadership Initiative, which brings American Muslims to Israel to study Judaism and Zionism. Kurtzer said the first year of the program was kept "completely under the radar." When the partici-

pants became known in 2014, Muslims who took part were accused of allowing themselves to be manipulated and violating BDS.

Among the participants was attorney Rabia Chaudry, a specialist in countering extremism and a longtime supporter of Palestinian rights. She acknowledged the risks from participating in the program, but said she did so hoping to find a new way forward. Last October, the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago dropped plans to present her an achievement award because of her work with the Shalom Hartman Institute. Chaudry, now a member of the Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council, said she was not angry. "They felt terrible about it. They got even more criticism for rescinding it," she said.

Since Trump's election, members of both faiths seem more willing to set aside such differences as they work on civil rights and other issues, said Abdullah Antepli, who was the first Muslim chaplain at Duke University and is co-director of the Shalom Hartman Institute's Muslim Leadership Initiative.

It's impossible to know definitively whether harassment based on religion has increased. The FBI's most recent data on hate crimes is from 2015. Still, the last year or so has seen some dramatic examples of bigotry, including the waves of phoned-in bomb threats to Jewish Community Centers around the country. Mosques in Florida and Texas were recently set on fire, and authorities were investigating whether the suspected arsons could be considered hate crimes.

"It's particularly a Trump effect," Antepli said. "External forces make the Muslim and Jewish communities need each other's friendship."

When New York Arab-American activist and BDS supporter Linda Sarsour recently helped raise more than \$150,000 for the damaged Jewish cemeteries, some Jews debated whether it would be ethical to accept the donation. But in a sign of changing attitudes, several mainstream Jewish leaders who had worked with her previously defended her.

This new dynamic was evident at a recent New York vigil organized by the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, a national organization that brings together Muslim and Jewish women. The gathering at the Jewish Theological Seminary was part of the organization's response to Trump's travel ban. At their vigil, they walked to the front of the room in pairs — a Muslim and a Jew — to offer readings and prayers in Arabic and Hebrew. After the ceremony, the women hugged and posed together for selfies.

"There's a sense of immediate rapport and connection," said Donna Cephas, a national board member of the Sisterhood, which has added dozens of chapters in the past year. "There is a significant yearning to be in community with people who stand for what we stand for."



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Bufs beat Eagles in five and a half innings, 18-3

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes baseball team went on the road for a match up against the Van Horn Eagles yesterday and came out with an 18-3 victory.

The Eagles opened the ball game by putting up three runs in the top of the first, taking a quick lead over Forsan.

The Bufs responded right back with a huge nine run inning, thanks to an RBI double from Kolby Watson, four errors, an RBI triple from Austin Darden, an RBI single from Lane Schaffer, and an RBI single from Watson, who made his way back to the plate after batting a full round.

Van Horn had no response, as Forsan was able to hold them scoreless for the remainder of the game.

"We played much better tonight," said head baseball coach Stephen East. "Errors have plagued us over the past two weeks and we were able to clean that up. We still committed three errors in the first inning, but after that we settled down and played a great defensive game."

The following runs were brought in by an RBI single from Ricky Prater, A steal of home from Prater, a 2RBI single from Blaze Yeater,

a score on a passed ball by Yeater, a 2RBI single from Ehren Hillger, an RBI double from Bryce Hergert, and an RBI single from Bryscon Pineda.

"While the guys are starting to show some patience at the plate and having some quality at bats, it is our pitching that continues to be our strong point," said East. "Cutting down on errors and our hitting warming up at the right time will help us as district starts for us on Friday."

Jacob Valdez earned the win for Forsan. He threw for four innings giving up three runs, three hits, striking out four and walking only one.

The Buffaloes collected a total of 16 hits for the game. Watson, Prater, and Yeater were able to knock out multiple hits each, but it was Hillger who led the team offensively going 4-4 at the plate and bringing two runners across.

Forsan tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases each. Yeater lead the way with three.

"I am proud of the effort and focus that we played with tonight," said East. "Good things are still ahead of us."

Up next, the Forsan Buffaloes will make their way to Roby to face off with the Lions for their district opener on Friday night.

Harden hits layup with 2.4 seconds left to lift Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden isn't necessarily known for his speed. That said, he felt extremely fast on his coast-to-coast drive in the fading seconds Monday night.

"I was running so fast," Harden said. "I felt like I was Usain Bolt."

Harden drove the length of the floor for a layup with 2.4 seconds left to lift the Houston Rockets over the Denver Nuggets 125-124.

Harden had 39 points, 11 assists and was three rebounds shy of his 20th triple-double of the season. Houston outlasted Denver in a duel between the second- and third-highest scoring teams in the NBA.

"The second half just became a shootout at the O.K. Corral — who's going to score more points?" Nuggets coach Mike Malone said. "I hate those kind of games because when you're playing against the third seed in the Western Conference on their home floor and you're turning the ball over, you're going to have a hard time keeping pace with them. But we did that and gave ourselves a chance."

Harden likely saved the game for Houston, too, when he batted down an inbound pass to Mason Plumlee near the basket following his layup.

"We were trying to get the lob, and I thought it was a good play call," Plumlee said. "We just didn't convert it."

Will Barton gave Denver a one-point lead on a three-point play with less than a minute left. On the following possession, Harden missed a layup, but he got it back on the other end of the floor when he rebounded Jameer Nelson's air-ball.

Harden took the ball down the court and scored on a finger-roll layup.

In a physical matchup between

two teams that lean heavily on their ability to get to the free-throw line, neither the Rockets nor Nuggets appeared happy with the officiating in the game.

Gary Harris scored a career-high 28 points for Denver by shooting 10 for 16 from the floor and making three 3s. Nikola Jokic also gave Houston problems with his size on both ends of the floor. Jokic had 22 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists.

Denver led 65-62 at the half as it outrebounded the Rockets 30-13 in the first half and Houston made just 7 of 20 3-pointers. Houston's long-range shots finally began to fall late in the third quarter, and a 3-pointer from Patrick Beverley early in the fourth gave Houston a six-point lead that energized the Toyota Center crowd.

The Rockets finished the game 17 for 38 from 3 (44.7 percent).

Eric Gordon scored 18 points off the bench for Houston, and Beverley, Trevor Ariza, Ryan Anderson and Clint Capela all also scored in double figures for the Rockets.

The Rockets are fighting for a playoff spot in the West and entered holding the eighth seed, but they're also battling injuries. Danilo Gallinari (knee) and Wilson Chandler (groin) both participated in shootouts but did not play. Nuggets coach Mike Malone is hopeful they can be ready to play when the team



AP Photo/David J. Phillip

Houston Rockets' James Harden (13) goes up to score the game-winning basket during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Denver Nuggets Monday, March 20, 2017, in Houston. The Rockets won 125-124.

faces the Cavaliers in Denver on Wednesday night. Forward Darrrell Arthur (left knee soreness) did not travel with the team to Houston, and Malone did not have a timetable for his return.

Baylor women 9th straight Sweet 16 after 86-46 win over Cal



AP Photo/Rod Aydelotte

Baylor forward Nina Davis drives into California forward Jaelyn Brown during the second half of a second-round NCAA women's college basketball tournament in Waco, Texas, Monday, March 20, 2017. Baylor won 86-46.

WACO, Texas (AP) — Nina Davis and the Baylor women are headed back to the Sweet 16, and a very familiar spot.

Davis and Alexis Prince both scored 16 points in their last home game, and the Lady Bears earned their ninth consecutive Sweet 16 trip with an 86-46 win over California on Monday night.

"We wanted to just leave our mark here," said Davis, an undersized post player who became an AP All-American and a three-time All-Big 12 selection. "Just wanted my last game here to be a good one."

After their 12th consecutive NCAA Tournament victory at home, including that record-setting 119-30 win over Texas Southern on Saturday, the

top-seeded Lady Bears are headed to Oklahoma City to play Louisville in the Sweet 16 for the third time in nine years. The Cardinals won the first two matchups, including the last matching at Oklahoma City in 2013.

Baylor (32-3) took control with a 13-0 run in the second quarter, including freshman Natalie Chou hitting consecutive 3-pointers in a 17-second span during which coach Kim Mulkey emphatically pumped her fists. After a California timeout and then a missed shot, Prince hit a run-ending jumper that put Baylor up 35-16.

"Nat hit some key shots, and that was a huge momentum shifter," said Kristy Wallace, who had 10 points and nine assists.

Davis and Prince, among Baylor's four seniors, also combined for 11 rebounds and 11 assists as the Lady Bears won their 12th consecutive NCAA Tournament home game. Baylor had 28 assists on its 34 made baskets.

Kristine Anigwe had 20 points and 11 rebounds for ninth-seeded California (20-14), which for the second time in five seasons lost a second-round NCAA Tournament game against the Big 12 champions on their home court.

"I think it was a huge step for us to get here, and a not just to prove to people that we belonged in the tournament, but more taking a look forward," said coach Lindsay Gottlieb, who had only one senior who played. "I think this is a group that can do some special things, and we needed this experience."

There were six lead changes in the first 3 minutes of their game, including five baskets scored in a 45-second span. But Davis' strong drive for a layup put the Lady Bears up 8-7, and started a 9-0 run.

California had a longer scoring drought in the second quarter, going 6 1/2 minutes between their only field goals of the quarter while Baylor put the crowd and its coach into a frenzy.

Wallace had the ball and moved to the right side, near Chou, and motioned the freshman to move to the other corner. A couple of passes later, Chou buried the long shot from in front of the Cal bench, and then on the next trip down the court hit a 3 from the right wing.

"We played a good team game on offense. We didn't settle for just regular shots," Wallace said. "We kind of looked to find some good shots, and yeah, we made them, so that was really great."

GOING OUT TO CHEERS

With 3:28 left and Baylor up 82-40, Mulkey called timeout and brought the four seniors out of the game to a huge ovation. After the game, the four seniors — Davis, Prince, Alexis Jones and Khadijah Cave — joined hands for a victory lap around the arena.

NOT REAL TROUBLE

Kalani Brown, Baylor's 6-7 post player, got two fouls in the first 70 seconds of the game. That really didn't slow down the home team. "They have like six 6-4 players ... one went out, another one came in, took her spot, and played hard. Another one came in, and played hard," said Anigwe, Cal's center.

BIG PICTURE

California: The Golden Bears started the season by winning their first 13 games, a school record. They then went 6-13 against Pac-12 teams before a win over LSU in the first round of the NCAA. The Golden Bears have been to five NCAA Tournaments in six years under Gottlieb.

Baylor: The goal is to get to the Final Four in Dallas, which is about 100 miles from the Baylor campus. But the Lady Bears first have to win two games in Oklahoma City, where earlier this month they lost in the Big 12 Tournament championship game for the first time in seven years.

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During shootaround earlier in the day, Mulkey presented a baby gift to Gottlieb, whose first child is due in early May. "That was really thoughtful," Gottlieb said.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

#9331 March 21, 2017
A Variety of Homes Exemptions could lower Your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

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Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower SCHOOL taxes this year...and it does not matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you are disabled-or if you are 65 years old or older-you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you are also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2016 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home. **** PLEASE NOTE:** If you are a disabled veteran who receives form the Veterans Affairs (VA) - (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployment, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead. A surviving spouse does qualify as of January 1, 2012.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2015, you will not need to re-apply for 2016 unless required by the chief appraiser. However, if you have not received an exemption on your present home or if you have moved to a new home - you will need to file for an exemption for 2016. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact your appraisal district at:
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Your Appraisal District can answer any questions you may have and provide you a free copy of:
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#9328 March 19-24, 2017

AMENDED SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name):
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For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp/), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

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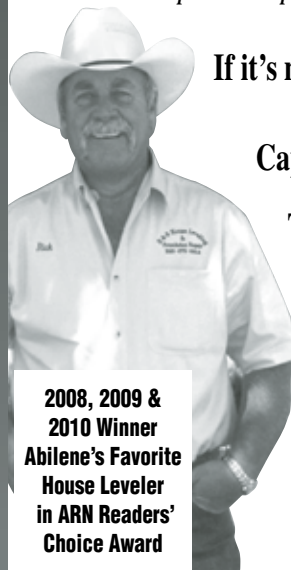
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#9310 February 28 & March 7, 14, 21, 2017

Public Notice

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable Property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?
You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, do not render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?
The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2015. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2017.

When is the deadline to file?
The last day for filing 2016 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?
File renditions at your local appraisal district:
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Public Notice

ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOMEOWNERS MAY DEFER PROPERTY TAXES

Texans who are 65 or older or who are disabled may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Howard County Appraisal District Office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred - but not cancelled- as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes continue to add up, along with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

If a tax deferral affidavit is on file, an older homeowner or one who is disabled cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent property taxes. A homeowner can halt a pending sale to foreclosure on the homestead's tax lien. No taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes. There are no penalties or delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

For further details about property tax deferral contact Howard County Appraisal District at:

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Further information is also available on the Comptroller's website, www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/ or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 ex. 2.

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When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2016 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district of-

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Do you need to reapply annually?
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♥ K J 10 9 7
♦ A J 10
♣ 8 3
EAST
♠ 9 8 7 4
♥ 8 5
♦ 9 7 5 4
♣ 10 6 2
SOUTH
♠ A Q 6 3
♥ A Q 2
♦ Q 8
♣ A Q 9 5
The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ Pass Pass Dble
Pass 2♣ Pass 2NT
Pass 3NT
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

hands into action. West leads the jack of hearts, won by South with the queen. Declarer can count seven immediate winners — one spade, two hearts and four clubs — and must try to develop two more tricks before West establishes his hearts.
Let's see how much South knows about West's hand at this point. Since West opened the bidding, it seems reasonable to credit him with all 12 of the missing high-card points. (East might have a jack, but surely not as much as a king.) Once South reaches this conclusion, it is easy for him to play the hand to best advantage.
It cannot be right to enter dummy with a club in order to lead the jack of spades and take a finesse. The finesse is certain to lose, and the contract is likely to go up in smoke after West takes the king and establishes his hearts.
Instead, South should lead a low spade from his hand at trick two, presenting West with a losing choice of plays. If West goes up with the king, South will score three spade tricks to bring his total to nine. And if West does not rise with the king, dummy's jack will win the trick. All South has to do then is to concede the king or queen of diamonds to the ace to establish trick number nine.

Tomorrow: Partnership manipulation.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. This means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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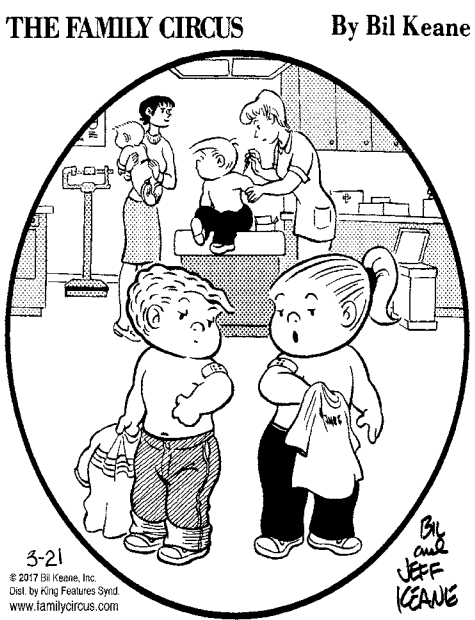
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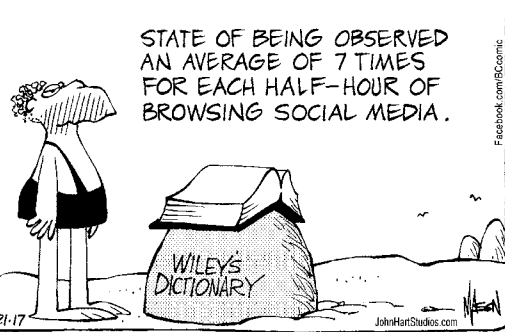
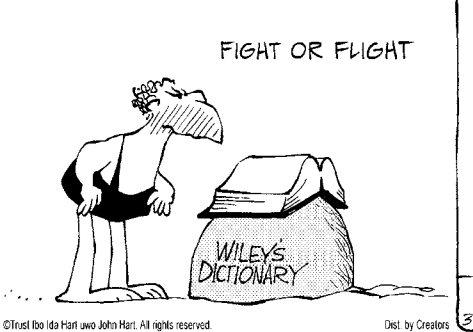
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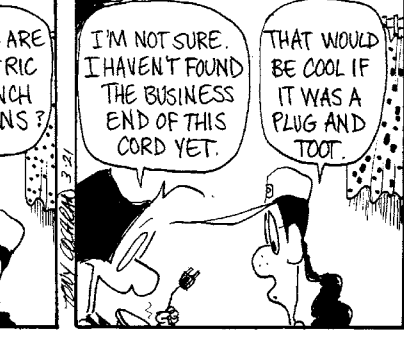
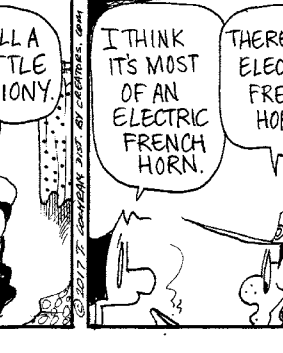
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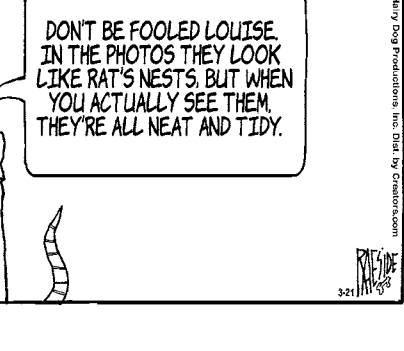
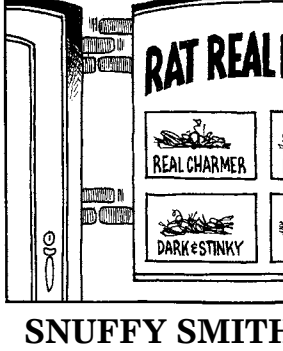
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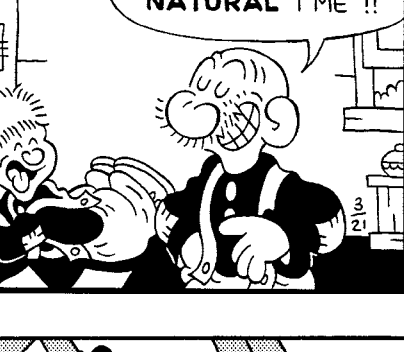
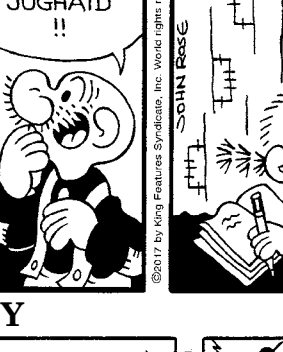
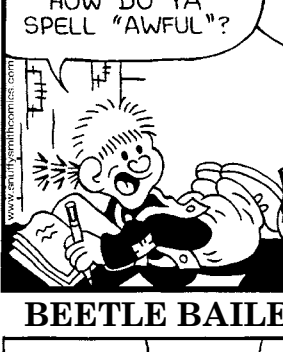
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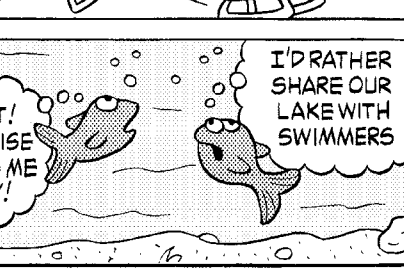
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 21, the 80th day of 2017. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 21, 1952, the Moondog Coronation Ball, considered the first rock and roll concert, took place at Cleveland Arena.

On this date:

- In 1556, Thomas Cranmer, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was burned at the stake for heresy.
- In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.
- In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted.
- In 1925, Tennessee Gov. Austin Peay (pee) signed the Butler Act, which prohibited the teaching of the Theory of Evolution in public schools. (Tennessee repealed the law in 1967.)
- In 1935, Persia officially changed its name to Iran.
- In 1946, the recently created United Nations Security Council set up temporary headquarters at Hunter College in The Bronx, New York.
- In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan

began a four-day conference in Bermuda.

In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates and closed at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1972, the Supreme Court, in *Dunn v. Blumstein*, ruled that states may not require at least a year's residency for voting eligibility.

In 1981, Michael Donald, a black teenager in Mobile, Alabama, was abducted, tortured and killed by members of the Ku Klux Klan. (A lawsuit brought by Donald's mother, Beulah Mae Donald, later resulted in a landmark judgment that bankrupted one Klan organization.)

In 1997, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin wrapped up their summit in Helsinki, Finland, still deadlocked over NATO expansion, but able to agree on slashing nuclear weapons arsenals.

In 2006, the social media website Twitter was established with the sending of the first "tweet" by co-founder Jack Dorsey, who wrote: "Just setting up my twttr."

Ten years ago: Former Vice President Al Gore made an emotional return to Congress as he pleaded with House and Senate committees to fight global warming; skeptical

Republicans questioned the science behind his climate-change documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth."

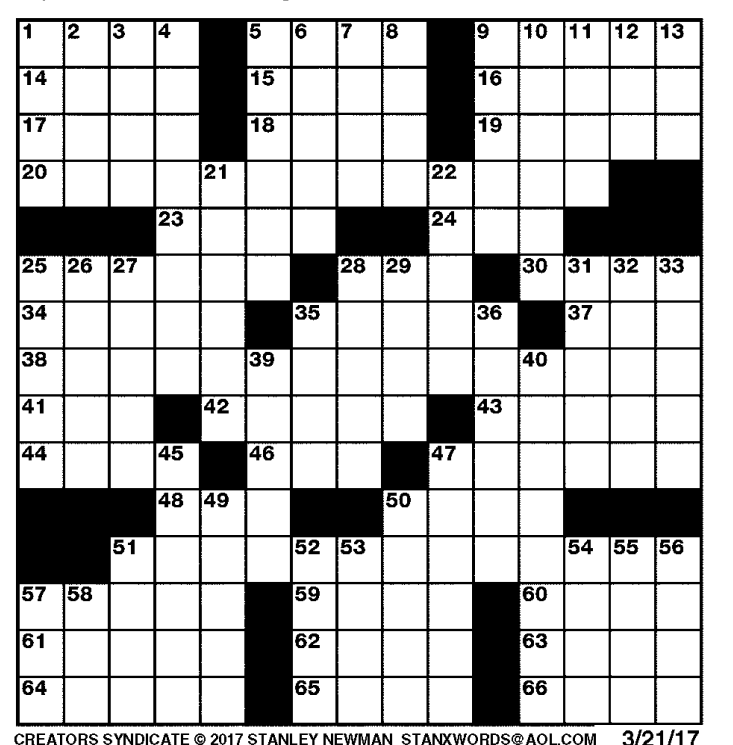
Five years ago: A previously divided U.N. Security Council sent a strong and united message to the Syrian government and opposition to immediately implement proposals by international envoy Kofi Annan to end Syria's yearlong bloodshed. Meeting out unprecedented punishment for a bounty system that targeted key opposing players, the NFL suspended New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton without pay for the coming season and indefinitely banned the team's former defensive coordinator; in addition to other sanctions, Commissioner Roger Goodell fined the Saints \$500,000 and took away their second-round draft picks for the current year and the next.

Newsday Crossword

START OF SPRING by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Paper coffee holders
 - 5 Performs in a play
 - 9 Rascal
 - 14 Norway's capital
 - 15 Larger ___ life
 - 16 Pay tribute to
 - 17 Had observed
 - 18 ___ fish sandwich
 - 19 "Are not!" comeback
 - 20 Spring ___ (baseball preseason activities)
 - 23 Shaving mishap
 - 24 Animal doc
 - 25 Overcharges for tickets
 - 28 Land between Mex. and Can.
 - 30 Nine-digit IDs
 - 34 False name
 - 35 Concave bellybutton
 - 37 Spy org.
 - 38 Spring ___ (clock-setting reminder)
 - 41 Adam's wife
 - 42 Dutch flower
 - 43 Big brawl
 - 44 Scarlet and crimson
 - 46 Encountered
 - 47 Bar patrons
 - 48 Bar bill
 - 50 That woman's
 - 51 Spring ___ (college student's getaway)
 - 57 Total disorder
 - 59 Aroma detector
 - 60 Outer boundary

- 61 "I've got this!"
 - 62 When planes are due in: Abbr.
 - 63 Competent
 - 64 Having a sharp incline
 - 65 Dampens
 - 66 Homeowner's document
- DOWN**
- 1 Purchase price
 - 2 Software buyer
 - 3 "Not guilty," for one
 - 4 Daughter's husband
 - 5 Houses' top stories
 - 6 Thick piece
 - 7 Zesty flavor
 - 8 Unexpected problem
 - 9 Strong regretful feeling
 - 10 Heavenly bodies with tails
 - 11 Hill-building insects
 - 12 Cow sound
 - 13 Paid athlete
 - 21 Tries to bite
 - 22 To no ___ (fruitless)
 - 25 Less risky
 - 26 Piece of garlic
 - 27 Was broadcast
 - 28 Not suitable
 - 29 Fastener on a tot's jacket
 - 31 On a ___ of one to ten
 - 32 More pleasant
 - 33 "For goodness ___"
 - 35 Not doing anything
 - 36 City northwest of the Big Apple
 - 39 Cuban dance
 - 40 Mattress frame
 - 45 Took long steps
 - 47 Courtroom break
 - 49 Source of ancient fables
 - 50 Attacks vigorously
 - 51 Constant annoyance
 - 52 Was sure of
 - 53 Cast a ballot
 - 54 "___ happy to!"
 - 55 Stare at
 - 56 Have to have
 - 57 Liquid dosage amts.
 - 58 Sombrero or берет



Texas-Arlington routs Akron 85-69 in NIT second round



AP Photo

Akron guard Noah Robotham (14) drives in for a shot under the basket against Texas-Arlington.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Kaelon Wilson scored 18 points, Erick Neal added 13 points and nine assists and Texas-Arlington routed Akron 85-69 on Monday night in the second round of the NIT.

No. 6 seed Texas-Arlington (27-8) will host eighth-seeded Cal State Bakersfield (24-9) in a quarterfinal. The Mavericks have won 14 straight at home.

Neal, who is second all-time in assists at Texas-Arlington, assisted on two spectacular dunks. He threw an underhanded pass from midcourt to Wilson that split two defenders. Wilson capped the play with an emphatic one-handed

dunk. In the second half, Neal picked off a pass at midcourt, dribbled the floor then slammed a bounce pass to Nathan Hawkins who finished with a two-handed slam.

Senior guard Jalen Jones, who is out of the postseason after injuring his right hand in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, came into the game with about two minutes left for a possession and an ovation from the home court crowd. Since he was not in the scorekeeper's official book, the Mavericks were issued a technical foul.

Jimond Ivey scored 14 points to lead No. 7 seed Akron (27-9).

Spieth looking forward to get through this Masters

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Two weeks before the Masters begins, Jordan Spieth is looking forward to it being over.

Spieth was on the verge of becoming only the fourth player to win back-to-back at Augusta National when he took a five-shot lead to the back nine. He dropped six shots over the next three holes, including two balls in Rae's Creek on the 12th hole for a quadruple bogey, and wound up three shots behind Danny Willett.

As the Masters looms, Spieth has been fielding more questions about that collapse on the back nine.

"No matter what happens at this year's Masters, whether I can grab the jacket or I miss the cut or I finish 30th, it will be nice having the Masters go by," Spieth said Monday night during the draw for the Dell Technologies Match Play.

"The Masters lives on for a year. It brings a non-golf audience into golf. And it will be nice once this year's finished from my point of view, to be brutally honest with you."

Spieth has never finished worse than second in the Masters in his three appearances. He was runner-up to Bubba Watson in 2014 after having a two-shot lead with 11 holes to play in 2014, and then he won the green jacket in 2015 by tying the 72-hole scoring record held by Tiger Woods.

He had said after last year's Masters, "This one will hurt."

Spieth won the Colonial a month after the Masters, and he already has won this year with a dominating performance at Pebble Beach. The Las Vegas Westgate SuperBook lists him as the 6-1 favorite, slightly ahead of world No. 1 Dustin Johnson.

"It would be best if I could re-



AP Photo/David J. Phillip, File

In this April 10, 2016, file photo, Jordan Spieth waits to putt at the 18th green during the final round of the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga. two weeks before the Masters begins.

claim the jacket," Spieth said. "But I believe that I'll be back up there sooner or later, just the way that we play the golf course, the success we've had and the comfort level I have there. Whether it happens this year or not, but it will just be nice because that tournament, it's a 365-day thing. There's no other Masters."

Spieth said the Masters did not affect him while he was on the golf course, and that he answered those questions with victories at Colonial, the Australian Open and Pebble Beach.

"But as far as just having all the questions done, I'm pretty sure they will be," he said.

Rory McIlroy isn't so sure. McIlroy had a four-shot lead going into the final round in 2011 at the Masters and shot 80. McIlroy bounced back to win the U.S.

Open two months later, and he since has added three more majors.

"It's not as if it's going to be the last year he gets questions about it," McIlroy said. "That might be the way he's approaching it. But if he doesn't banish those demons or win this year, the questions will always still be there."

"I still get questioned about the back nine at Augusta in 2011. It's just something you have to deal with. It's something that happened. It's not going to go away. It's there and it always will be."

McIlroy said there is one big difference between him and Spieth at the Masters — Spieth has a green jacket.

"He can console himself by opening up his wardrobe and seeing one hanging there," McIlroy said.



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