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Report: Immigrant students blocked from enrolling in school

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Immigrant children living in the U.S. without legal status have been blocked from registering for school and accessing the educational services they need, according to a report on school districts in four states by Georgetown University Law Center researchers. Such students have faced

long enrollment delays and have been turned away from classrooms as the result of some districts' arbitrary interpretations of residency rules and state laws, the researchers said. All children — including those living in the U.S. illegally — must attend school through at least the 8th grade or until they turn 16 under compulsory education laws

in all 50 states. Many states allow students to enroll beyond that age, according to the Education Commission of the States. But some districts' elaborate paperwork requirements effectively have kept immigrant youth out of school, while lack of translation and interpretation services have left their families uninformed about the process, the report

found. The Obama administration's efforts to find and deport the tens of thousands of unaccompanied Central American children and families who arrived during the 2014 surge of illegal crossings have further complicated the situation, prompting some students to avoid school for fear that they will be picked up by authorities, the report's

authors said. "U.S. law is clear on this point — no child in the United States should be excluded from public education," said Mikaela Harris, a Georgetown law student who co-wrote the study issued by the university's Human Rights Institute and the nonprofit Women's Refugee Commission. See **REPORT**, Page 3

Training for the what-if situations

Big Spring firefighters prepare for the unexpected during advanced exercises

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

It may not have looked more complicated than turning a few knobs here and there, but the real-life implications of recent Big Spring firefighter training were staggering. Under the watchful eyes of trainers, Big Spring firefighters went through their paces during advanced pumping exercises at the main fire station Thursday afternoon. Simply put, the pumper engineers learned ways to better ensure that the proper amount of water or fire retardant is delivered to the proper spot at the proper time during a fire.



An instructor, left, puts a Big Spring firefighter through his paces during a training session at the main fire station Thursday afternoon.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

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Health Fair presentations

HERALD photo/Julie Bass

The 2016 Chamber of Commerce Health Fair which was held on Saturday morning brought a lot of people to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Employees with Comfort Keepers explain their purpose to a woman who visited their booth during the event. Comfort Keepers employees from left to right are: Bernice Ramirez, Debra Medrano and Angela Castillo.



Lancaster relates tales from Orphan Train

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

In a poignant retelling, Phil Lancaster brought to life the stories of children — orphans and the unwanted — shipped from the east coast to every

state in the continental U.S. during a 75-year period in hopes for a better life during a presentation Thursday at the Heritage Museum. Some of the children found homes and a new chance, others were selected by foster

parents as free household and farm labor, still others would run away back to the east in search of their families, only to find that door closed. It was an imperfect solution to a flawed problem. "There is an awful lot of

American history that we just don't know about," Lancaster said. "This is one of America's best kept secrets that over a 75-year period, 1854 to 1929, over 250,000 children were

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Obituaries

Roy Doss

Roy Doss, 53, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 9, 2016, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Colorado City Cemetery, in Colorado City, with Jim Rhodes of Compass Hospice, officiating.



He was born June 18, 1962, in Loraine to Willie Brookshire Doss and Sonny Doss. He was

a welder and fabricator. He had worked at Fiber Rod and had also worked independently building deer blinds. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son, Dalton Doss of Big Spring; mother, Willie Doss of Big Spring; two sisters, Debra Sutton of Weatherford and Carla Glenn of Arlington; two nieces, Jennifer Frick of Markham and Mylea Glenn of Missouri; and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father and his grandparents.

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

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- MARCUS EMORY STURGILL, 27, of 1216 E. 15th St. was arrested on charges of fleeing or attempting to elude police officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. REGINALD EUGENE OLIVER, 21, of 5060 Foothills Drive, Unit G, Lake Oswefo, Ore., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. AL THOMPSON III, 36, of 1201 Pickets Avenue was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces, and public intoxication. ELIAS ANGEL VASQUEZ, 21, of 105 W. 24th St., was arrested on warrants for theft of property, less than \$100 — shoplifting, and failure to appear. MARIE KENNIESHA NIETO, 21, 904 S. Aylesford, was arrested on a warrant from another agency. JESSE JAMES COLLINS, 28, 1401 Lincoln Avenue, was arrested on a charge of assault-family violence/threat or offense. JOHN DANIEL HUFFAKER, 19, of 1226 Fifth St, Kerville, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor. RILEY KENDALL BAKER, 19, of 1519 Reservation Road, Harper, Texas, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor. JEFFERY GUNNAR LATHAM, 20, of 229 Calline Mayes Run, Buda, Texas, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor. IAN TYSON FARLEY, 20, of 610 Main, Turkey, Texas, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor. MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of east I-20. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of east 12th St. THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Edwards, the 1100 block of Angela Road, the 1200 block of E 11th Place, and the 200 block of Washington Street. BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2300 block of North Birdwell. DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 100 block of Collins. The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity: Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report. RILEY KENDALL BARKER, 19, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor. DENNIS DEAN BOLT, 62, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for MTR family violence

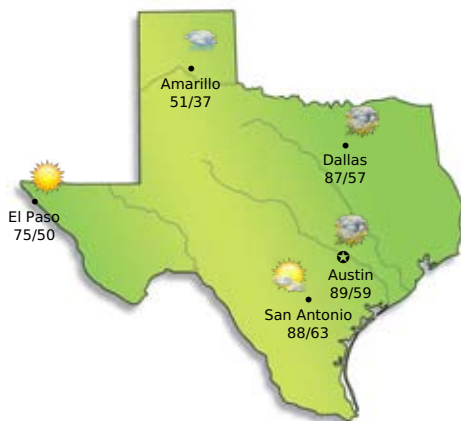
assault.

- JESSIE JAMES COLLINS, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault-family violence/threat or offensive. JODY WAYNE DAWDY, 51, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. IAN TYSON FARLEY, 20, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while under the influence — minor. RUBEN JAMES GONZALES, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of a firearm. RAMON VASQUEZ GUTIERREZ, 47, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant of MTRP/driving while intoxicated, second offense. JOE MORRIS HAYS, 60, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear. ANDREW JEFFREY HOGAN, 19, was booked by Glasscock County SO on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounce,s and public intoxication. JOHN DANIEL HUFFAKER, 19, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor. JEFFERY GUNNAR LATHAM, 20, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor. DIANE VICTORIA MENDEZ, 24, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear and evading arrest detention. JOSE ANTHONY NIETO, 35, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram and littering. KENNIESHA NIETO, 21, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear. REGINALD EUGENE OLIVER, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated. THOMAS RAY ORITZ, 17, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of assault family violence, threat. ASHLEY MICHELLE PEARSON, 25, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for operate unregistered/improperly, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violate promise to appear. AARON PENA, 19, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for MTRP/theft of property, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500; theft; and three counts of failure to appear. AMBER RENEE FAMIRESZ, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces. JUSTIN RAY RODRIGUEZ, 25, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for burglary of a habitation. MARCUS EMORY STURGILL, 27, was

Local 5-Day Forecast

Table with 5 columns: Day (Tue 4/12, Wed 4/13, Thu 4/14, Fri 4/15, Sat 4/16) and High/Low temperatures and weather conditions.

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

Table listing weather conditions for various Texas cities including Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, Houston, etc.

National Cities

Table listing weather conditions for major national cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, etc.

Moon Phases



UV Index

Table showing UV Index forecast for Tue 4/12, Wed 4/13, Thu 4/14, Fri 4/15, and Sat 4/16.

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- booked by the BSPD on charges of fleeing or attempting to elude police and possession of drug paraphernalia. A.L. TOMPSON III, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces; and public intoxication. JAMES WILSON TUBBS, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for MTR aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. ELIAS ANGEL VASQUEZ, 21, was booked by the BSPD on warrant for theft and failure to appear. SCOTT ADRIAN VELLINGA, 46, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of injury to a child/elderly, disabled. JOHNNY RAY VIERA JR., 30, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for no driver's license. ADAM LAVERNE VOGEL, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. CAMERON TREY WASHBURN, 18, was booked by the Glasscock County SO on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces; and public intoxication.

Support Groups

- 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 faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. 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 caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942
VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

- WEDNESDAY
RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
THURSDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

- 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.

National Take Back Initiative

On April 30 from 10 am- 2 pm, the Big Spring Police Department's Narcotics Division will be working with the Drug Enforcement Administration on the National Pharmaceutical Take Back Initiative at Walmart (201 W. Marcy). This provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances, dangerous drugs and other medications to law enforcement officers for

destruction. Intra-venous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens. This program is anonymous and all efforts will be made to protect the identity of individuals disposing of medications. The BSPD strongly encourages everyone who has expired medicine or medicine you no longer use to participate.

Big Spring Herald advertisement including website URL, phone numbers (432-263-7331), and contact information for staff members like Rick Nunez and Amanda Elston.

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either surrendered by parents or taken off the streets and put on trains and sent to every state in the continental U.S. It's a big story. What I enjoy about presenting this is how it affects people. It's a very powerful subject and I think it gets people to thinking."

For 18 years, Lancaster and his creative partner Alison Moore have presented the orphans' stories through song, video, pictures and story telling to venues from libraries to museums throughout the southwest and midwest region. Their presentation is called "Riders of the Orphan Trains".

"Allison, who is an author, and I met at the Kerrville Folk Festival," Lancaster said. "She had just heard about this subject from a former creative writing student. She asked if I had ever heard of it and I admitted I hadn't, so we discovered this together by going to our local library and getting the PBS documentary shown on The American Experience. We took it home

and watched and couldn't believe our ears."

"Allison knew she was going to write about the subject and she did," Lancaster continued. "We also kicked around the idea of writing a couple of songs together and we did."

The two created the program which includes excerpts of the PBS documentary with permission from the show's producer and received sponsorship by the National Orphan Train Complex in Concordia, Kan.

During a great time of poverty and starvation in New York, unwanted street children or orphans were placed on trains and sent out to rural America in hopes of finding a home. At certain train stations, the children were off loaded and were lined up on the platform for viewing by prospective parents. The transportation of the children was funded through The Children's Aid Society established by Charles Loring Brace, a ministry, and was meant to provide these children a chance at better opportunities.

"We would link this as scandalous today but at this time there was nothing being done

for these children," Lancaster said.

An estimated 5,000 children came to Texas through the orphan train. The last orphan train came into Sulphur Spring, Texas in 1929. Moore's book on the subject is call "Riders of the Orphan Train".

The presentation was given during the museum's annual meeting Thursday night in the downstairs main exhibit gallery.

After thanking his board members, Heritage Museum Board President James Johnson said the museum has made several improvements in the past year and plans more in 2016.

"We've had a very good year with lots of energy," Johnson told the crowd gathered for the evening. "We've increased membership this year and our endowment fund. We've revamped old collections and made building improvements. We are bringing in some great displays from Humanities Texas this year."

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Phil Lancaster performs on the banjo during his presentation of "Riders of the Orphan Train" at the Heritage Museum Saturday.

Take note

• Photographs of area military personnel — currently on the job or veterans — going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event. The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration. Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to popsinthepark2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours.

•Dora Roberts Community Center is hosting a clinic on May 2, 2016, at 100 Whipkey Drive for Big Spring and Howard County residents to learn about

their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious condition with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Screenings are affordable, convenient, and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 for more information.

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Of course, it isn't that simple. Say, for example, a pumper truck is delivering water to three different spots during a fire. Too much water through one hose — or worse, not enough water through

another hose — could have tragic consequences.

Those possible scenarios and more were dealt with during Thursday's training sessions.

"All of our pumper engineers have the basic knowledge they need. This is more advanced, scenario-based training," Big Spring Fire Department Chief Craig Ferguson said. "This will help them to know what to do in case there's a problem."

Thursday's training may have included a lot of "what-if" situations, but that's just what firefighters encounter on a regular basis, Ferguson said.

"At a typical house fire, we use two hose lines," he said. "But what if we're fighting something bigger? The training going on here will help us provide water for up to six lines."

BSFD has faced several atypical situations over the years, including the 2008 Big Spring Refinery fire and the wildfires that threatened the Kentwood subdivision in 2011. So, the more atypical training firefighters receive,

the better, their chief believes.

"The entire purpose of this is to make sure our firefighters have the water they need when they're fighting a fire," Ferguson said.

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vision. "That doesn't always play out in practice."

In May 2014, then-Education Secretary Arne Duncan issued joint guidance with the Justice Department reminding districts that a 1982 Supreme Court ruling gives all children the right to enroll in school, regardless of immigration status.

The report, which studied school districts in Florida, New York, Texas and North Carolina, calls for a strengthening of federal outreach to districts un-

accustomed to serving newcomer populations and better assurances that educational access continues amid immigration enforcement.

Researchers said they had presented their recommendations to the Department of Education.

"We remain vigilant about our responsibility to protect the civil rights of all students, including immigrant students, undocumented students and unaccompanied immigrant students," Education Department spokeswoman Dorie Nolt said. "We have provided a number of resources to communities in order to

do so."

The agency is committed to working with federal agencies and community organizations to address any issues, she added.

U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement spokesman Bryan Cox said he had not seen the report so could not comment on it, but said agency policy in general precludes any enforcement activity at schools and other sensitive locations.

The report analyzed barriers to education faced by the 775,000 children under the age of 18 estimated to be living in the United States without legal permission,

according to a Pew Research Center analysis of 2012 Census figures. Since fall 2013, more than 100,000 unaccompanied children from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras also have sought refuge in the U.S. and have been placed in communities across the country after being apprehended at the border.

Researchers said an additional estimated 1.6 million school-aged immigrant children who were brought to the U.S. legally may live in mixed-status families and face similar barriers. Public school districts are entitled to request and vet paper-

work to establish students' residency, but some have gone a step beyond, requiring immigration documents, researchers found.

"Under federal law, schools are not allowed to discriminate against children due to their racial or ethnic background," the report said.

"And yet, some communities have barred immigrant children from enrolling or meaningfully participating in school by creating intentional and unintentional barriers."

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Roy Doss, 53, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at the Colorado City Cemetery in Colorado City.

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Opinion

Attacking our nation's founders

During Sen. Bernie Sanders' campaign visit to Liberty University, he told the students that our nation was created on racist principles. Students at a Christian-based university, such as Liberty, do not often hear the founders-as-racists argument. But it is featured at many other universities, as well as primary and secondary schools. Most often, the hate-America teachings are centered on the fact that slavery is a part of our history. What is left untaught is: Slavery was a routine part of human history. Blacks were the last people to be enslaved. Plus, our Founding Fathers struggled mightily over the issue of slavery. Let us look at some of that struggle.



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George Washington said, "I can only say that there is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do, to see a plan adopted for the abolition of it." Thomas Jefferson, John Jay, Patrick Henry and others were highly critical of slavery, describing it as a "disease of ignorance," "an inconsistency not to be excused" and a "lamentable evil." George Mason said, "The augmentation of slaves weakens the states; and such a trade is diabolical in itself, and disgraceful to mankind." James Madison, in a speech at the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, declared, "We have seen the mere distinction of color made in the most enlightened period of time, a

ground of the most oppressive dominion ever exercised by man over man." Benjamin Rush said: "Domestic slavery is repugnant to the principles of Christianity. ... It is rebellion against the authority of a common Father."

In their effort to create a union, the delegates at the Constitutional Convention had to negotiate many contentious, deal-breaking issues. Slavery was chief among them. Southern states made clear that they would not vote to ratify a constitution that abolished slavery or ended the slave trade. Northern delegates wanted to end slave trading and did not want slaves counted at all for congressional apportionment. Southern delegates wanted slaves counted as whole people. That would have given the South greater political power in the House of Representatives.

Convention delegate James Wilson offered a compromise whereby each slave would be counted as three-fifths of a person for the purposes of determining the number of representatives a state would have in the House. This rule applied only to slaves. Freemen, whether black or white, would be counted as whole people. Another compromise was to set 1808 as the year to abolish the slave trade.

Contrary to what academic hustlers teach, the Three-Fifths Compromise was not a statement about human worth; it was an attempt to reduce the pro-slavery representation in Congress. By including only three-fifths of the total number of slaves in congressional calculations, Southern states were actually being denied a greater number of representatives in

Congress and hence electoral votes for selecting a president.

There's little question that slavery is an abomination and a gross violation of human rights, but the founders had to decide whether there would be a union or not. Had morality been their sole guide, they might have taken a hardened, nonnegotiable stand against slavery, but then the Constitution would have never been ratified and a union would not have been formed.

A question that we might ask those academic hustlers who use slavery to attack and criticize the legitimacy of our founding is: Would black Americans, yesteryear and today, have been better off if the Constitution had not been ratified — with the Northern states having gone their way and the Southern states having gone theirs — and, as a consequence, no union had been created? I think not.

Ignorance of our history, coupled with an inability to think critically, has provided considerable ammunition for those who want to divide us in pursuit of their agenda. Their agenda is to undermine the legitimacy of our Constitution in order to gain greater control over our lives. Their main targets are the nation's youths. The teaching establishment, at our public schools and colleges, is being used to undermine American values.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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DAILY PRAYER

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

The Front-Runners



Candidates walk into a bar

As someone who tended bar for a while back in graduate school, I not only believe alcohol

reveals character, I believe drinking alcohol in public reveals character publicly.

So, as I contemplate the cast of characters running for president, I wonder what they might be like as bar patrons.

Donald Trump. Drinks top-shelf liquor. Tips well, but you have to listen to him tell you about how good his business is doing, how rich he is, how hot his wife is, how well he plays golf and how he got the better of everyone who ever tried to "screw" him. Bernie Sanders. Cheap draft beer. Never buys a round. Asks you if you're in a union. Complains about the prices. Eats three bowls of the free popcorn. No tip. Tries to bond with construction workers at the bar, but they ignore him.

Hillary Clinton. White wine. Average tip. After three drinks, she cries and tells you about her husband's infidelities. After four, will go home with anyone.

Carly Fiorina. Light beer. Decent tip. Says nothing. Leaves alone. No one notices.

John Kasich. Comes in. Has one beer. Leaves without telling anyone. Comes back. Has another beer. Tips with change, but it adds up to a couple bucks.

Jeb Bush. Good bourbon. Hits on the prettiest girl in the place. Gets shot down. Calls his dad for a ride home. He doesn't tip, but when his dad shows up, he gives you \$5 for taking care of his son.

Marco Rubio. After one martini, he tells you his immigrant father was a bartender. After two martinis, he tells you his immigrant father was a bartender.

"It might be time for me to find something else. This place is much weirder than it was when I started and that's not even 10 years ago."

After three martinis, he tells you his immigrant father was a bartender. You don't care what he tips. You just want him to stop talking.

Ted Cruz. Tells you his evan-

gelical faith is opposed to alcohol. Drinks straight tequila. Makes a grab for the waitress. No tip because you throw him out. Beaten badly in the parking lot by the waitress's boyfriend.

At the end of the night, you count your tip money. The \$100 bill Trump gave you really made the night for you. Still, you hope he doesn't come back.

Five minutes till closing, Barack Obama walks in, sits at the bar, lights a cigarette. Plays "Stormy Monday" on the jukebox.

"Have I got time for one, Chief?" he asks you.

"Yeah," you say.

You pour him one and one for yourself.

"You know," you say. "It might be time for me to find something else. This place is much weirder than it was when I started and that's not even 10 years ago."

"Tell me about it," he says.

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News in brief

Poll: Clinton has edge over Trump on range of issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a stark warning for Donald Trump as he eyes a possible general election showdown with Hillary Clinton, Americans trust the Democratic front-runner more than the Republican businessman to handle a wide range of issues — from immigration to health care to nominating Supreme Court justices.

Even when asked which of the two candidates would be best at “making American great” — the central promise of Trump’s campaign — Americans are slightly more likely to side with Clinton, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll.

The survey does reveal some potential trouble spots for Clinton. Trump is nearly even with her on whom Americans trust to handle the economy, which voters consistently rank as one of the top issues facing the country. Clinton is trusted more on the economy by 38 percent of Americans, while 35 percent side with Trump.

And despite Americans’ overall preference for Clinton on a host of issues, just 20 percent say she represents their own views very well on matters they care about, while 23 percent say somewhat well.

But as with most issues addressed in the AP-GfK poll, the numbers for Trump are even worse: Just 15 percent of Americans say he represents their views very well and 14 percent say somewhat well.

Kerry makes gut-wrenching visit to Hiroshima site of A-bomb

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — A gut-wrenched John Kerry said Hiroshima’s horrible history should teach humanity to avoid conflict and strive to eradicate nuclear weapons as he became the first U.S. secretary of state to tread upon the ground of the world’s first atomic bombing.

Kerry’s emotional visit Monday to the Japanese city included him touring its peace museum with other foreign ministers of the Group of Seven industrialized nations and laying a wreath at the adjoining park’s stone-arched monument, with the exposed steel beams of Hiroshima’s iconic A-Bomb Dome in the distance.

The U.S. attack on Hiroshima in the final days of World War II killed 140,000 people and scarred a generation of Japanese, while thrusting the world into the dangerous Atomic Age. But Kerry hoped his trip would underscore how Washington and Tokyo have forged a deep alliance over the last 71 years and how everyone must ensure that nuclear arms are never used again.

“While we will revisit the past and honor those who perished, this trip is not about the past,” he told Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, a Hiroshima native. “It’s about the present and the future particularly, and the strength of the relationship that we have built, the friendship that we share, the strength of our alliance and the strong reminder of the imperative we all have to work for peace for peoples everywhere.”

Kerry’s appearance, just footsteps away from Ground Zero, completed an evolution for the United States, whose leaders avoided the city for many years because of political sensitivities.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, center, places a wreath at a memorial for the atomic bomb victims in Hiroshima, Japan, today.

Trump cries foul over process as he presses campaign forward

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is blasting the way the country chooses presidential party nominees as “corrupt” and “crooked” as he grapples with the potential of a brokered convention that he risks losing.

Speaking to thousands packed in a frigid airport hangar in western New York on Sunday, Trump ripped the byzantine fight over delegates at the heart of his party’s nominating process. He argued anew that the person who wins the most votes in the primary process should automatically be the GOP nominee.

“What they’re trying to do is subvert the movement with crooked shenanigans,” said Trump, comparing his woes to those of Bernie Sanders, who is winning states but still far behind Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton in the race for delegates that decide party nominations.

“We should have won it a long time ago,” Trump said. “But, you know, we keep losing where we’re winning.”

Trump was coming to terms with the political reality of candidates chasing delegates ahead of their nominating convention, and now he’s shifting his focus to developing a strategy akin to the one rival Ted Cruz has been pursuing for months.

Police hunt suspects in India temple fire that killed 110

PARAVOOR, India (AP) — Medical teams on Monday tended to hundreds of people injured in a massive fire that killed at least 110 people, while authorities searched for those responsible for illegally putting on the fireworks display that caused the weekend blaze at a Hindu temple in southern India.

Amid the burned wreckage of the Puttingal Devi temple complex in the village of Paravoor, rescue officials sifted through huge piles of dust, wood and concrete for clues about how an unauthorized pyrotechnic display staged before dawn Sunday sparked a fire that swept through the temple as it was packed with thousands for a religious festival.

Police detained five workers for questioning about fireworks stored at the site, hoping to learn more about who owned the fireworks and who had contracted the pyrotechnical display, police constable R. Unnikrishnan Nair said. The five were later released, but Nair did not say whether they were able to help authorities track down any of the 15 temple board members who fled after the accident.

The Press Trust of India news agency reported that police were investigating six people — missing temple board members and associates of firework contractors — for possible charges of attempted murder and culpable homicide, both punishable by life imprisonment, and illegally storing a cache of explosives.

2 years after cemetery shutdown, families still seek answers

BARTLETT, Tenn. (AP) — Jackie Hughes longs to grieve over her sister’s death in simple ways: visit her grave, lay out flowers, and pour a can of Bud Light — her sister’s favorite — on the spot. But three years after Tawana Hillard’s death, Hughes hasn’t been able to spill a drop.

Hillard is missing. Since her graveside service at Galilee Memorial Gardens near Memphis in 2012, her body has been lost, along with hundreds of others whose remains were entrusted to the cemetery.

“I want to be able to walk in, to put flowers down, to just kneel and talk with her, whatever,” Hughes says. Instead she leafs through photo albums at home, smiling as she remembers Saturday mornings spent talking with her sister about their love of blues music.

Two years ago, state officials closed Galilee. Owner Jemar Lambert was accused of misplacing hundreds of bodies, burying multiple cadavers in the same grave, and crushing caskets to fit them into single plots. Lambert received 10 years’ probation in a plea deal. He left behind disorganized records, an investigation that continues today, and families who don’t know where their loved ones are buried.

Hughes says Lambert told her family that several burials were scheduled the day of her sister’s ceremony, so he would put Hillard in her grave later. Other families say Lambert told them the same story. Hughes is among hundreds now suing Galilee and the funeral homes that sent bodies there.

Police: Ex-Saint Will Smith gunned down in case of road rage

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Former New Orleans Saints player Will Smith was shot and killed in a case of road rage by a man who had rear-ended his car, police said Sunday.

Smith was beloved by fans for his role in bringing a Super Bowl championship to New Orleans in 2009, though the defensive captain also found himself at the center of the NFL’s bounty probe in 2012.

Smith’s slaying rippled across the sports world, with figures from NBA star LeBron James to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell offering their condolences. James said on Twitter: “So sad man. Good dude he was man!”

There was no indication Smith, 34, knew 28-year-old Cardell Hayes before the deadly confrontation, or that anything except the car wreck led to the shooting. Hayes waited for police to arrive after the shooting and was arrested on a charge of second-degree murder. Police Superintendent Michael Harrison would not say whether Hayes claimed self-defense, citing the ongoing investigation.

Low-level drug offenders find new source of addiction help

SEATTLE (AP) — When pondering how to keep low-level drug offenders out of jail, officials in Albany, New York, faced a challenge: How could they pay for a case manager to coax addicts onto the straight and narrow, sometimes by tracking them down on the streets?

The money turned up in a previously untapped source: President Barack Obama’s health care law, which by expanding Medicaid in some states has made repeat drug offenders eligible for coverage, including many who are homeless or mentally ill and have never been covered before.

The idea could make the joint federal and state health insurance program for the poor into a new tool for shifting addicts out of the criminal-justice system. Advocates hope to prove that the concept works, possibly paving the way for more cities to try it as an alternative to the drug war.

Many repeat drug offenders are “precisely the population Medicaid expansion was designed to cover,” said Gabriel Sayegh, co-founder of the Katal Center for Health, Equity and Justice, an advocacy group that aims to reduce incarceration rates and promote drug war alternatives. “Down the road, we see a path for case management and many other services to be supported by Medicaid.”

Bryan Adams cancels Mississippi show, citing state’s new law

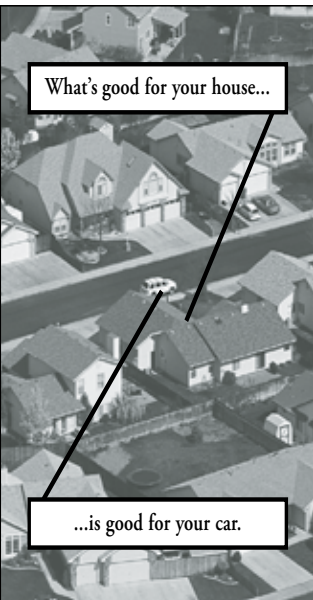
BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — Canadian rocker Bryan Adams is canceling a performance this week in Mississippi, citing the state’s new law that allows religious groups and some private businesses to refuse service to gay couples.

Adams said in a statement Sunday night that he was canceling a show Thursday at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

The singer says he can’t “in good conscience” perform in a state where “certain people are being denied their civil rights due to their sexual orientation.”

The move comes after Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band canceled a Sunday show in Greensboro, North Carolina, because of the state’s new law blocking anti-discrimination rules for the LGBT community.

The Mississippi law will take effect July 1. Supporters say it offers protection for Christians who adhere to traditional views of marriage.



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Spieth collapses, Willett soars at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Jordan Spieth couldn't bear to watch, turning his head before another shot splashed into Rae's Creek. Moments later, Danny Willett looked up at the large leaderboard at the 15th green and couldn't believe what he saw.

This Masters turned into a shocker Sunday, right down to the green jacket ceremony.

Spieth was in Butler Cabin, just like everyone expected when he took a five-shot lead to the back nine at Augusta National. Only he was there to present it to Willett, who seized on Spieth's collapse with a magnificent round that made him a Masters champion.

"You dream about these kind of days and things like that, but for them to happen ... it's still mind-boggling," Willett said.

It was a nightmare for Spieth, especially the par-3 12th hole. Clinging to a one-shot lead, he put two shots into the water and made a quadruple-bogey 7, falling three shots behind and never catching up. Instead of making history with another wire-to-wire victory, he joined a sad list of players who threw the picture away.

"Big picture? This one will hurt," Spieth said.

It was a comeback that ranks among the most unlikely in the 80 years of the Masters on so many levels.

Willett wasn't even sure he would play this year because his wife was due — on Sunday, no less — with their first child. She gave birth to Zachariah James on March 30, sending him on his amazing journey to his first major.

"We talk about fate, talk about everything else that goes with it," Willett said. "It's just a crazy, crazy week."

He became the first player from England in a green jacket since Nick Faldo in 1996, and the parallels are bizarre. Faldo shot a 5-under 67 and overcame a six-shot deficit when Greg Norman collapsed around Amen Corner. Willett also closed with a 67, with one bogey on his card, to match the best score of the weekend.

The most compelling images came from the guy who suffered.

Coming off two straight bogeys to start the back nine, Spieth still had the lead when he went at the flag with a 9-iron on the par-3 12th and saw it bounce off the slope into the water. From the drop zone, he hit a wedge so fat that he turned his head and removed his

cap, not wanting to look. He got up-and-down from the back bunker, and suddenly faced a three-shot deficit.

"I actually heard everyone grunting and moaning or whatever they do to the scoreboard when the scores go up," Willett said. "He obviously had a terrible run, which basically put it right back in anyone's hands. And fortunately enough, I was able to seize the opportunities."

He finished at 5-under 283 for a three-shot victory over Spieth and Lee Westwood (69).

Spieth was trying to become only the fourth back-to-back winner of the Masters, and the first player in 156 years of championship golf to go wire-to-wire in successive years in a major.

And it looked inevitable when he ran off four straight birdies to end the front nine and build a five-shot lead.

This didn't look like one of those Masters that would start on the back



AP photo
Defending champion Jordan Spieth, left, helps 2016 Masters champion Danny Willett, of England don the winner's green jacket at Augusta National Sunday.

nine Sunday.

But it did — quickly. Spieth made one from the bunker on No. 10. A tee shot into the trees on the 11th, missing an 8-foot par putt. He still had a two-shot lead and only needed to get past the dangerous par-3 12th to settle himself, especially with two par 5s in front of him. But he couldn't. Not even close.

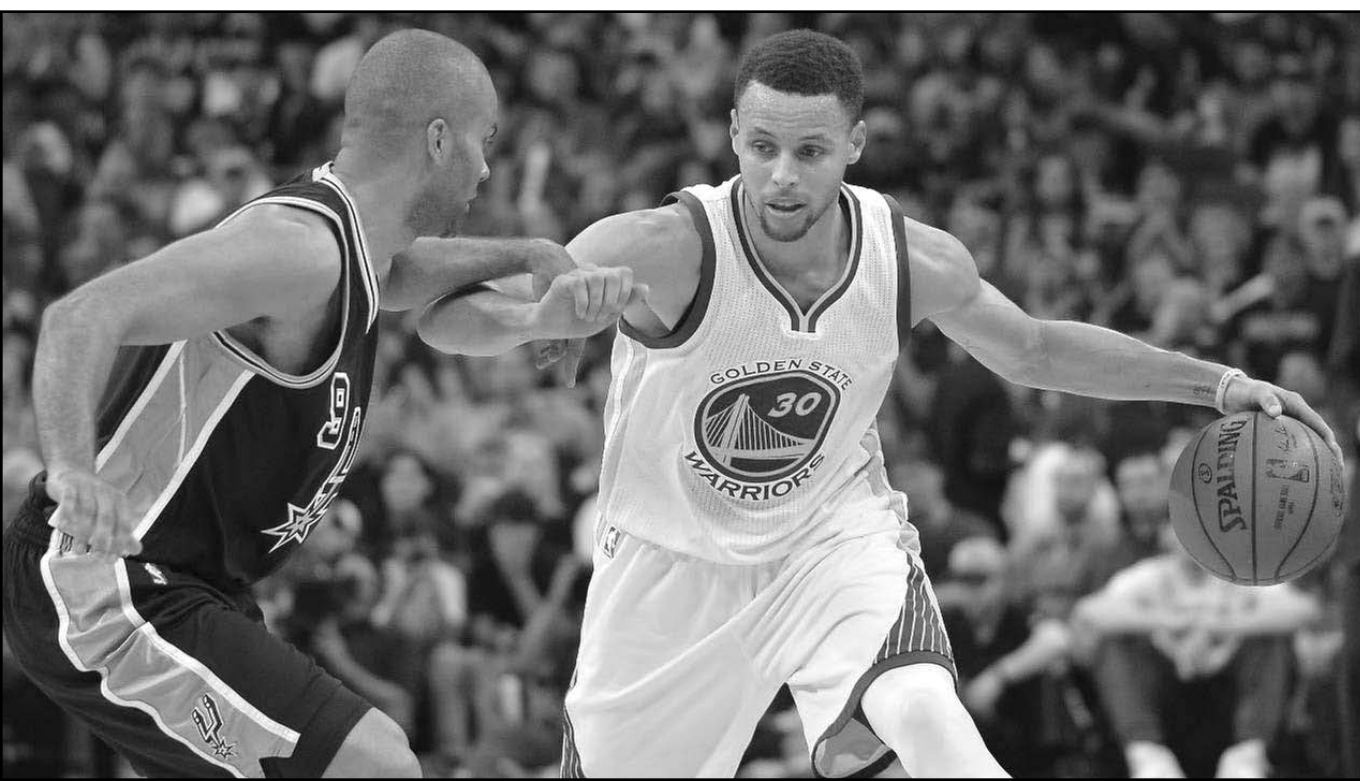
"It was a lack of discipline to hit it over

the bunker coming off two bogeys, instead of recognizing I was still leading the Masters," Spieth said.

The turnaround left him dazed. Spieth was five shots ahead on the 10th tee and three shots behind when he walked to the 13th tee.

"It was a really tough 30 minutes for me that hopefully I never experience again," Spieth said.

Willett poured it on with a shot into the 14th with about 4 feet, and a tee shot on the par-3 16th to 7 feet for a birdie that stretched his lead. Spieth still had a chance when he birdied both par 5s to get within two shots, and then hit his tee shot to 8 feet behind the hole on the 16th. But he missed the birdie putt, and when he hit into a bunker and failed to save par on the 17th, it was over.



AP photo
Golden State's Stephen Curry (30) drives around San Antonio's Tony Parker during their NBA game Sunday.

Warriors tie record with 72nd win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Golden State Warriors got a momentous victory in the one place they hadn't won in nearly two decades.

Now, they're one victory away from topping Michael Jordan and the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls.

Stephen Curry had 37 points and the Warriors beat the San Antonio Spurs 92-86 on Sunday night for their 72nd victory, tying Jordan's Bulls for the season record.

"We can get to 73," forward Draymond Green said. "That's the significance for me of 72."

The defending champions will finish the regular season at home against Memphis on Wednesday night.

"Obviously, we're in the moment, enjoying the ride," Curry said. "The goal is to win a championship. That's the goal. But we put ourselves in a great position to end the season with a win and do something no team has done in the history. That's an amazing accomplishment."

The Warriors got No. 72 by doing what nobody else had this season — beating the Spurs in San Antonio.

leading to a tense and at times sloppy game.

The Spurs had won 48 consecutive regular-season games at home, including an NBA-record 39 straight to this season. Golden State also ended a 33-game skid in San Antonio that dated to 1997.

San Antonio sat Tim Duncan for rest and was without an injured Boris Diaw. It had not lost at home since March 2015. The Spurs also fell to Golden State on Thursday night in Oakland, 112-101.

The Warriors dominated the fourth quarter in taking the season series 3-1. Curry controlled the action with a series of layups when San Antonio's defense attempted to run him off the 3-point line.

"They just exploded," Spurs forward David West said. "Steph just took over the game. We weren't able to get to him, keep bodies in front of him."

Curry had 20 points in the second half.

In their lone victory over Golden State this season, San Antonio managed to slow down the game. The Spurs tried to match the Warriors' pace Sunday, though,

LaMarcus Aldridge had 24 points to lead the Spurs, who have lost three straight for the first time this season. Kawhi Leonard added 20 points but shot 7 for 22 while continually being harried by Green.

Green got a technical for charging directly toward Monty McCutcheon at the scorer's table after the official ruled he fouled Leonard in the first half. With Andrew Bogut screaming from the Warriors' bench for teammates to grab Green, the energetic forward followed McCutcheon across the court to continue his argument. A second technical was not issued.

Green finished with 11 points, and Thompson added 14 for Golden State.

TIP-INS
Warriors: Golden State's previous victory in San Antonio was Feb. 14, 1997. Latrell Sprewell had 32 points in leading the Warriors to a 108-94 victory. The Spurs were without injured David Robinson and were months away from drafting Duncan.

Mazara homers in debut, but Rangers lose

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Nomar Mazara became the youngest player in the major leagues when he debuted Sunday for the Texas Rangers.

He handled Angels veteran Jered Weaver like a seasoned pro.

The 20-year-old Mazara homered and got two singles off Weaver, but the Rangers lost to Los Angeles 3-1 to settle for a split in the four-game series.

"It was an incredible debut for a guy who's extremely young for the major league level, and an incredible weekend for him," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said.

Mazara was called up to replace injured outfielder Shin-Soo Choo and went 3 for 4. He spent most of last season with Double-A Frisco and has played just 23 games at Triple-A, including three this season.

"Last night, he got three hits with a home run in Triple-A, and today he ... comes up to the big leagues and gets three hits with a home run here," Banister said. "Those are special days. I know it's one that he'll remember, and we'll all remember it."

Mazara batted second in the order, singling to right-center in the first and getting another hit to right in the third.

In the fifth, he smacked a first-pitch drive over the center field trees to cut the Rangers' deficit to 2-1 and become the eighth Ranger to homer in his first big league game.

"I knew nothing really about him, except that he kind of had a long swing," Weaver said. "He had a good approach today. It took me more than three at-bats to figure him out. He did a good job of keeping his hands back and dunked a couple in. The fastball in to him (on the home run) was not a bad pitch. He just did a good job of getting his hands inside of it and put a good swing on it."

Texas left-hander Martin Perez (0-1) was charged with three runs, seven hits and a career-worst five walks in 6 1/3 innings. Two of the hits were on line-drive singles off his body by Andrelton Simmons in the second and Yunel Escobar in the fifth.

Johnny Giavotella scored the game's first run in the third inning on Mike Trout's broken-bat groundout — his first RBI of the season. Albert Pujols followed with an RBI single.

Perez hit a batter with his 102nd and final pitch, loading the bases for Trout, who hit a sacrifice fly against Tony Barnett.

"I thought his stuff was good," Banister said.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Gemini Moon of Social Mischief

If you've HOLIDAY ever been MATHIS teased by a kind uncle or friend who is obviously on your side, you know how teasing, when very specific and lightly toned, can make a person feel loved and cared for. Furthermore, those who help us to laugh at ourselves are often our favorite people. This is the sort of social mischief that the Gemini moon is up to today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you play, you play hard: You leave it all on the field; then you move on and don't look back. You can bet that the good you leave behind will grow on without you. You're a force for happiness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Between the someone you want to be and someone you're glad you're not, there's

you, just as you are. And if you can spend the day being fine with that, it will be a day well-spent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may feel like you don't want to make your move; maybe you're tired or just unsure. Don't worry. This is happening, regardless of your feelings about it. You've an ally in fellow air signs Aquarius and Libra.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Freedom is precious. Savor it where you find it. You are free in so much of your life now, even though you've felt trapped. Push through the restrictions and you'll see that they were mostly illusions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's been suggested that there's no such thing as an ordinary cat. There's also no such thing as an ordinary Leo, which you will illustrate so aptly in the day's extraordinary accomplishments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Seeing your loved ones prosper will give you pleasure far beyond what can be

derived by your own successes now. This is just how your generous heart works at the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your excellent attitude puts you in line for financial good fortune. Quite simply, you're not afraid of the hard work, and the mess doesn't scare you, either. You'll welcome what others dread.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What a difference an outfit makes -- a considerable difference, indeed, today. Dressing the part will help you get comfortable in your role, not to mention the many practical reasons to put effort into sartorial appropriateness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone notices the obvious opportunities, but you're interested in the rare ones. This quest is what will alert you to the opportunity sitting quietly in the corner, not doing anything special to draw attention to itself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Usually when you make a list, you feel more orga-

nized. Don't be surprised if the first list you make today has you overwhelmed instead. Don't give up though. This can all be sorted through.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you're in the shower, you're solving problems. When you're driving, shopping, talking to friends, even when you're sleeping, your keen mind never stops solving and resolving all along the way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Hoping, wishing, forcing: None of it works on the flower, which opens in its own sweet time. You're the same. No matter how they might prefer you to move, your internal clock is stronger and perfect for you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 11). You know what you want, and you're bold enough to ask for it, find it, create it or do whatever you need to do to acquire it. Listening leads to wisdom, which leads to one astute choice in May that makes the entire rest of the year so much better. July brings

the travel that will help you make more money. Love signs are Aquarius and Pisces. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 23, 12, 28 and 19.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I have this feeling that he's not as happy as his girlfriend's Facebook timeline suggests. There are pictures of them at the beach, kissing, frolicking at parties and more. It looks like true love. Then why does he seem so interested in me? I swear he gives me special looks like I'm someone who is important to him. Do you think that a Sagittarius (me) and Taurus (him) could make a go of it if his Gemini girlfriend weren't -- literally -- in the picture?"

People take pictures of what they fear losing. That's why children and baby animals take up more than their fair share of digital memory: We know this stage of life is not going to last, and we miss it already. Maybe that's what the Gemini girlfriend feels too. Regardless, she has him now.

The larger ques-

tion to answer, dear roaming, adventurous, thrill-seeking Sagittarius is: "Would you still want him if he weren't taken?" You do tend to fixate on the exciting challenges of life, and it would be a shame to make your play and potentially break up a relationship for something that's not going to be very serious or last too long.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Young Aries movie star Morgan Lily began her career as a 4-year-old model. She's brought her fiery energy to such films as "X-Men: First Class" and "He's Just Not That Into You," but she's still kept some of her talents under wraps -- for instance, ventriloquism and magic. Energetic Aries planets are tempered with the wisdom of Mercury (the communication planet) in Pisces, the sign of old souls.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My ex-husband, the father of my kids, decided to date my younger sister, who is in the early stages of recovery from heroin addiction. When she wants to see her four children, she has to have a supervisor present for visitation.

My mother and stepfather support this relationship and think it will be good for her. My older sister and I do not approve. Because of this, my mother decided to disown me and my sister. We have not spoken for six months.

What I don't understand is that my mother mentioned this whole dating thing about four years ago. She asked whether I would be OK with them seeing each other and I strongly replied that I would NOT, and that it was unethical for the two of them to even think about it. Now it's happening.

How do I carry on

with no contact with my family due to this? I have been married to my second husband for 11 years. I have no feelings for my ex. My kids seem to be OK with everything, but I just can't do it. It makes everything uncomfortable. Now my older sister and I are cut off from the rest of the family. What can I do? -- Disturbed Middle Sister

Dear Sister: Obviously, this attraction has been going on for at least four years (and probably longer). We agree that dating the sibling (or best friend) of an ex can be problematic and we don't recommend it. But you don't get to control who other people date, and that includes both your ex and your sister. Expressing your opinion about it is fine. Creating ultimatums only forces an estrangement.

Your decision now is whether or not to accept

your sister's relationship (you don't have to approve), in order to remain close to the rest of the family. If the two of them split up, you've lost nothing. If they marry, you will be stuck with this, so be sure you make a choice that you can live with.

Dear Annie: I am writing about "Crying Mother," who views her formerly loving and involved daughter-in-law as "cold and distant" now that the children are older. You gave her some possible explanations. I'd like to suggest another.

Parents' days are filled with meeting the needs of their growing children, in addition to maintaining a home and keeping up with career responsibilities. This may be the busiest and most stressful time of their lives. They have less time to think about their parents, yet they need their parents' love

and support more than ever.

After our first was born, my father-in-law would call to say that he would be grilling that weekend and wondered if the baby would like some prime rib. My mother-in-law was happy to bake and decorate cookies with my second-grader for a school activity. I would suggest that "Crying Mother" step into a more supportive role. Does she invite the family over for a meal and fun activity? Does she offer to take the children so the parents can have time alone? Does she inquire about the children's activities and attend when possible? Grandparents can be very important to families, and such efforts are greatly appreciated. -- Been There on Both Sides

Dear Been There: There are always two sides to every story

(sometimes three). We hope "Crying Mother" will give your great suggestions a try.

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Contract Bridge

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Famous Hand

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
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♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ K 2
♣ A Q 4

WEST
♠ J 8 3 2
♥ J 10 9 3
♦ 10 7
♣ 6 5 2

EAST
♠ 9 7 6
♥ 4
♦ J 9 8 6 4
♣ J 10 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 4
♥ A 6 5
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ K 9 8

The bidding:
East 1 NT **South** Pass **West** 2 ♣ **North** 3 ♠
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♥
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 4 NT
Pass 5 ♣ Pass 5 NT
Pass 6 ♦ Pass 7 NT

Opening lead — six of clubs.
Anyone who's played the game long enough has learned from experience that occasionally even the most hopeless-looking situations can be salvaged.

One critical factor in such successes lies in declarer's willingness, when the outlook seems bleak, to start visualizing hands the defenders might have that would render the impossible possible.

Consider the present deal from the 1980 World Olympiad match

between Canada and Israel. South was Eric Murray of Toronto, who arrived at seven notrump after having denied four cards of either major.

West led the six of clubs (top of nothing), taken by Murray with the king. Had the hearts been divided 3-2, the grand slam would have been laydown. But when declarer cashed the A-K, East discarded a spade, leaving Murray with only 12 sure tricks.

Many declarers might have folded their tents at this point, but not the unflappable Murray. He saw two ways he might still make the contract. First, if West had four diamonds, he would be squeezed when the black-suit winners were cashed. Second, East might be coaxed into making a discarding error.

Accordingly, Murray next cashed the A-K-Q of spades — the suit in which he was known not to hold four cards. East parted with a diamond on the third spade, but when the heart queen was next played, East had to guess whether to discard a club or a diamond. After long thought, East opted to part with a diamond, and Murray's five of diamonds became his 13th trick.

Seven notrump was also reached at the other table, but here the Israeli declarer cashed his clubs before his spades. This clarified the club situation for East, who held on to four diamonds and so defeated the slam.

Tomorrow: Six plus seven equals 13.
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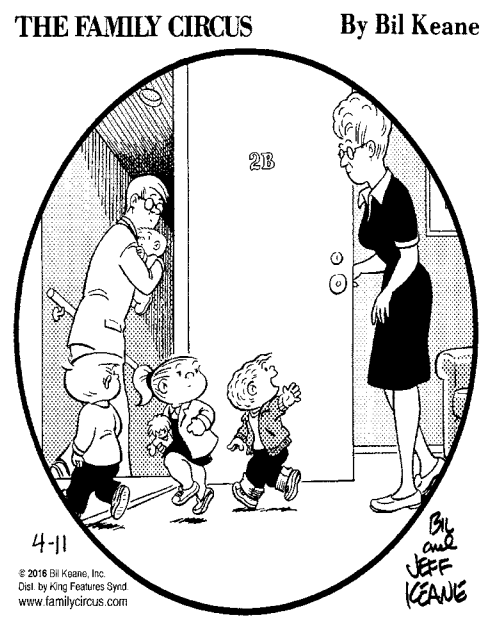
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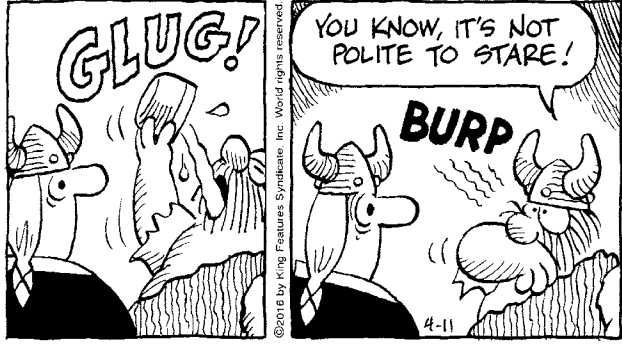


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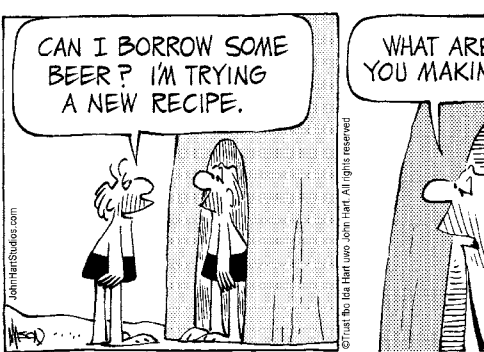
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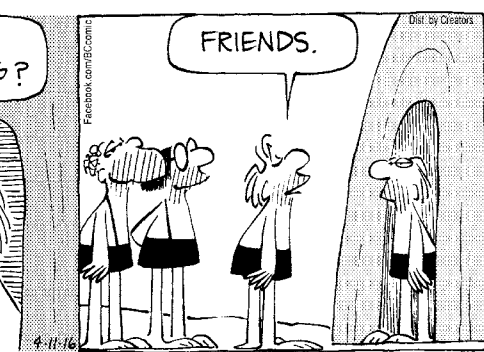
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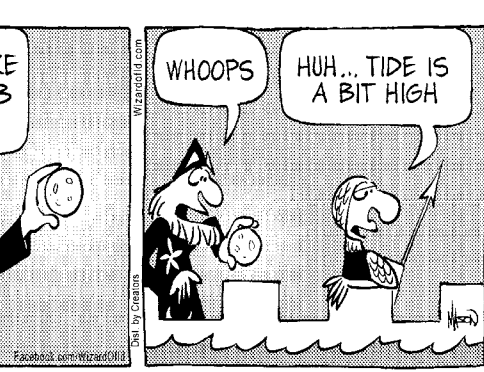
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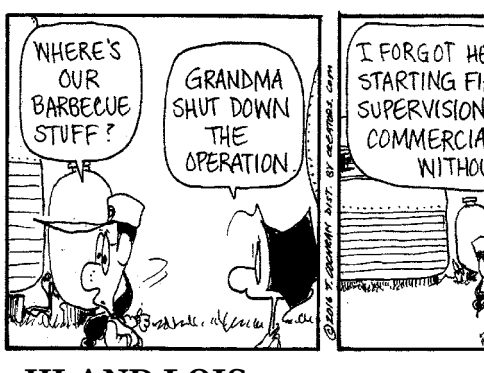
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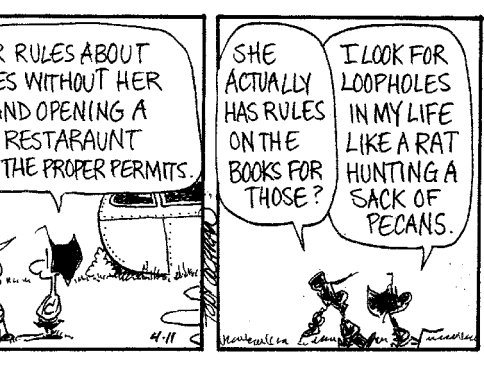
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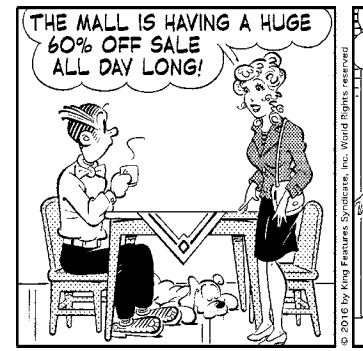
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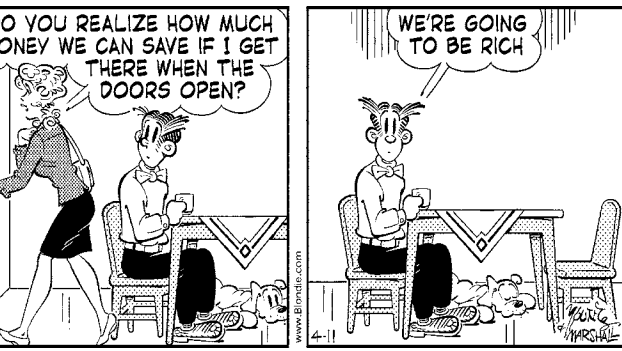
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2016. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 11, 1966, Frank Sinatra recorded the song "Strangers in the Night" for his label, Reprise Records.

On this date:

In 1689, William III and Mary II were crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain.

In 1713, the Treaty of Utrecht was signed, ending the War of the Spanish Succession.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln spoke to a crowd outside the White House, saying, "We meet this evening, not in sorrow, but in gladness of heart." (It was the last public address Lincoln would deliver.)

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax, at 2 cents a package.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his commands in the Far East.

In 1965, dozens of tornadoes raked six Midwestern states on Palm Sunday, killing 271 people.

In 1970, Apollo 13, with astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert, blasted off on its ill-fated mission to the moon.

In 1979, Idi Amin was deposed as president of Uganda as rebels and exiles backed by Tanzanian (tan-zuh-NEE'-uhn) forces seized control.

In 1989, Mexican officials began unearthing the remains of victims of a drug-trafficking cult near Matamoros; one of the dead was University of Texas student Mark Kilroy, who had disappeared while on spring break. (Several cult members were later convicted of premeditated murder and sentenced to 50 years in prison.)

In 1991, the musical "Miss Saigon," which sparked controversy over charges it was racist and sexist, opened on Broadway.

In 1996, seven-year-old Jessica Dubroff, who'd hoped to become the youngest person to fly cross-country, was killed along with her father and flight instructor when her plane crashed after takeoff from Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Ten years ago: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (mahk-MOOD' ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahd) announced that his country had succeeded in enriching uranium on a small scale for the first time. June Pointer, the youngest of the Pointer Sisters, died in Los Angeles at age 52.

Five years ago: A bloody, four-month standoff in the West African nation of Ivory Coast ended when troops loyal to the elected president, Alassane Ouattara (ah-lah-SAHN' WAH'-tah-rah), routed and captured his rival, Laurent Gbagbo (loh-RAHN' BAHG'-boh), the long-time strongman who'd lost the vote but refused to give up power.

Thought for Today:

"We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be."

Kurt Vonnegut

American author born 1922, died this date in 2007

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Answer to previous puzzle

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News in brief

Top cartel leader appeared to find temporary haven in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A man who was slain at an upscale suburban Dallas shopping center is identified in federal court documents as the acting leader of a notorious Mexican cartel, a claim that would run counter to the long-held belief that drug kingpins seldom try to hide in the United States.

Juan Jesus Guerrero Chapa moved into a million-dollar home in Southlake in 2011, two years before he was fatally shot by three men who prosecutors say had been stalking him for months.

According to a recent court filing submitted by the lawyers for Jesus Gerardo Ledezma-Cepeda — one of three suspects slated to stand trial for Chapa's killing — Chapa became the interim head of the Gulf Cartel — one of Mexico's most violent drug-trafficking rings — following the arrest of predecessor Osiel Cardenas-Guillen, who was extradited to the U.S. in 2007 and later sentenced to 25 years in prison.

As head of the Gulf Cartel, "Chapa ran a large criminal enterprise whose activities included murders, narcotics trafficking, kidnapping, extortion, bribery, money laundering and torture," the court filing says.

It appears Chapa in part was seeking anonymity with his family in moving to the Dallas metro region. Court records said he had been living in fear because "he had been found by people who wanted to kill him."

Federal officials say it's unusual to find high-ranking gang leaders like Chapa in Texas, and particularly North Texas, a region the cartels over the years have used as a jumping off point to spread their drug distribution network. The Dallas region, fed by several freeways and small airports, allows for direct routes into the Midwest and beyond.

Ledezma-Cepeda and the two other defendants are scheduled to stand trial later this month on charges including conspiracy to commit murder for hire and interstate stalking.

Man drowns trying to rescue daughter from canal

MERCEDES, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a man has drowned in a South Texas canal while trying to rescue his 5-year-old daughter.

Police in the town of Mercedes, located to the west of Harlingen, say that both the girl's mother and father jumped into the canal to save her on Sunday afternoon. The family had been fishing on a canal bank when the girl fell in.

Police Chief Olga Maldonado tells the Valley Morning Star in Harlingen that when officers arrived, the family was still in the canal. She says two officers jumped in and managed to get the girl and her mother out of the canal, but the father had already been swept away.

He was later pulled from the water.

Southwest Airlines flight diverted to Kansas airport

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A Southwest Airlines flight traveling from Dallas to Kansas City, Missouri, has been diverted to a Kansas airport after cabin pressure dropped.

The airline said in a news release that Flight 50 landed safely Sunday night at Eisenhower National Airport in Wichita. The Boeing 737 was carrying 143 passengers and five crew members.

The release said the airline worked with passengers to get them to their final destinations.

Man walking along North Texas road fatally hit, driver flees

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — Police in the North Texas town of Sherman are looking for a driver who fled after fatally hitting a man walking along a roadway.

Sherman police say the body of 27-year-old Jeren Dorshawn Green was found Sunday morning in the grassy median between U.S. Highway 75 and an access road.

Police say evidence from the scene shows that the man was walking northbound on the access road when he was struck by a northbound vehicle. The driver then fled.

Police say the suspect vehicle is a dark gray sedan with significant damage to the front grill, fog lights and windshield.

Sherman is located about 65 miles north of Dallas.

East Texas woman arrested in fatal shooting of husband

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a 71-year-old East Texas woman has been arrested in the shooting death of her husband.

Tyler police say officers responding to a

family disturbance at a home on Saturday afternoon found 74-year-old Richard Ivy dead with a gunshot wound.

Police say his wife, Car Ivy, was taken to the police department for questioning. She was later arrested and booked into Smith County jail on a murder charge.

She remained in jail on \$250,000 bond on Sunday. Jail records did not list an attorney for her.

Man charged after shooting Texas deputy in bulletproof vest

FREEMONT, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a man has been charged with attempted capital murder of a peace officer after firing a gun at a Southeast Texas sheriff's deputy whose bulletproof vest stopped the bullet.

The Brazoria County sheriff's office says Deputy Brian Harper was dispatched Saturday to a report of a suspicious person in Freeport.

Authorities say as Harper checked 26-year-old Brian Spinks for weapons, Spinks started to pull away. When Harper took Spinks to the ground to control him, Spinks pulled a handgun and shot Harper.

Authorities say Harper then gained control of the handgun and Spinks tried to run, but citizens helped restrain Spinks.

Harper was taken to a hospital and later released.

Spinks was in jail Sunday on \$1 million bond. Jail records don't list an attorney for him.

4 dead in North Texas wrong-way crash

ARGYLE, Texas (AP) — Four people have died in a wrong-way crash in North Texas.

Denton police say that Saturday evening a Nissan traveling southbound near Argyle crossed into a northbound lane and crashed head-on into a Volvo.

Police say the woman driving the Nissan and a young passenger in the Volvo died at the scene. A child from the Nissan and the female driver of the Volvo were taken to hospitals where they later died.

Police say neither alcohol nor high speed is believed to have been a factor in the crash.

Argyle is located about 30 miles north of Fort Worth.

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Sheriff: Cow tramples to death Central Texas rancher

WACO, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a 70-year-old Central Texas rancher was trampled to death by a cow he was apparently trying to load into a trailer to take to a veterinarian.

McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara tells the Waco Tribune-Herald that Eddie Curtis was trampled by the cow in a loading chute Friday in a community northeast of Waco. Curtis' son found him and called authorities. Curtis was pronounced dead at the scene.

McNamara said he didn't know if the cow attacked the man or the incident was accidental.

He says, "It's just a reminder of how dangerous large animals can be."

McNamara said he did not know whether the family had decided on what to do with the cow.

Sabine River residents consider suing against dam operators


VINTON, La. (AP) — Some people whose homes along the Sabine River were flooded last month say they're considering suing the operators of the Toledo Bend Dam.

KPLC-TV reports that Vinton residents gathered Thursday to discuss a possible lawsuit. The dam is jointly run by two Sabine River Authorities, one each from Texas and Louisiana.


Adam Nichols, a lawyer from Beaumont, Texas, says the government agencies improperly took residents' property.

Dam operators say Toledo Bend isn't designed for flood control and they were following engineering rules to protect the dam from being damaged.

Nichols says the Louisiana and Texas state constitutions both call for governments to pay compensation when they take property.



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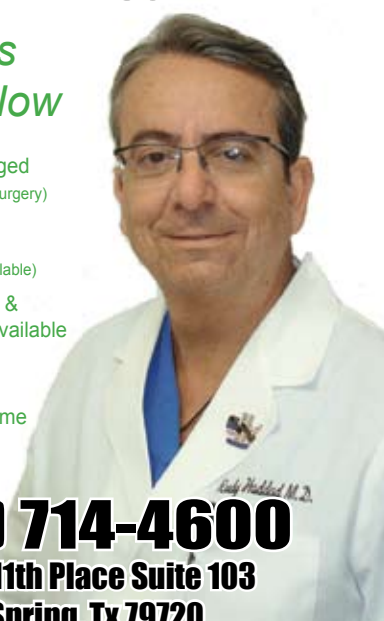
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