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 The courtyard of St. Mary's Episcopal Church was flooded from the rainfall Sunday. According to the Weather.com this morning, an estimated 3.02 inches of rain has fallen in the area since Thursday, pushing the the total rainfall to 4.4 inches for the month.

Roanoke woman killed in accident

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 A 41-year-old woman was killed in a two-vehicle accident in Howard County early Saturday night. Susanna Daves of Roanoke, Texas, which is located in
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City council to mull more track at airpark

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Big Spring City Council members will consider a proposal to add even more railroad track to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark when they meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St. The council will consider a performance agreement between the city and the local economic development corporation for the construction of additional railroad spur
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Splash-In delayed until this weekend

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 The pool was closed Saturday, although few people complained. A storm system that moved through Howard County this past weekend brought some much-needed moisture, but it also caused Big Spring city officials to delay the annual Splash-In, the event which officially opens the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center for the summer. Splash-In has been moved to this Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the aquatic center, located next to Comanche Trail Golf Course in the city park. After Saturday, the center will commence summer operations. Operating hours will be Tuesday through Friday, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Daily entrance fee is \$5 for adults and children older than 2. Children 2 years old or younger are not charged. Children ages 11 and younger must be accompanied by a person that is 16 years of age or older. A parent or guardian must accompany any child that is younger than 5 years of age or under 48 inches tall at all times, whether in or out of the water. The National Weather Service is predicting more scattered showers tonight and early Tuesday morning. Some storms could be severe and produce heavy rain. Currently, Howard County is under a flash flood watch through early Tuesday morning.



HERALD photo/Andraia Medlin
 No splashing yet. Because of the recent downpour, the Splash-In has been postponed until May 31. The event will be held at the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center in Comanche Trail Park from 1 to 5 p.m.

Election polling places

Herald staff report
 Tuesday's polling places for the state and county primary runoff election are:
 • Precincts 11, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 16, 103, 104 and 105 — county road and bridge department.
 • Precincts 24, 25, 26, 205 and 208 — Springtown Plaza.
 • Precincts 32, 33, 34, 35 and 304 — First Baptist Church, Big Spring.
 • Precincts 42, 45, 46, 404 and 405 — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
 • Precincts 408 and 409 — First Baptist Church, Sand Springs.
 • Precincts 207 and 207C — Coahoma Community Center.
 Voters are reminded they will need to present
 See **ELECTION**, Page 3

Volunteer firefighters put out a couple of tank battery fires

By BILL McCLELLAN
 Managing Editor
 That much-needed rain Howard County received over the weekend also sparked a couple of tank battery fires that kept the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department busy. The first took place at about 10 p.m. Friday off Longshore Road when lightning struck a fiberglass tank, causing it to explode. "We had seven units respond and got it but out pretty quickly," said Tommy Sullivan, volunteer fire department chief. "Then Sunday morning, when the big storm hit, about 8 or 8:30, lightning struck another fiberglass tank in northwest Howard County and it blew up." Sullivan said the timing was fortunate. "The lease operator had just left the location, maybe two or three minutes before it blew up," he said. "He was lucky." Fortunately there we no injuries, and this fire, too, was
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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- DUSTIN RILEY, 24, of 1606 S. Main, was arrested on a charge of prohibited weapons-knuckles.
- ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA, 25, 1106 Ridgeroad, was arrested on a charge of urinating in a public place, public intoxication, criminal mischief, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500 and for a warrant from other agency.
- STEVEN ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, 42, 1715 E. Highway 350, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass—habitation/shelter and criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- GERARDO RUIZ, 38, 746 Woodson Circle was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3300 block of West Highway 80.
- ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in the area of 7th Street and Goliad.
- FORGERY was reported in the 1500 block of S. Gregg St.
- THEFT was reported in the 3900 block of Parkway Drive.
- CRIMINAL MICHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1600 block of Settles St.

Take Note

• Celebrate your child's birthday at fire station No. 1 by bidding in a silent auction. Firemen will serve cake and drinks; and all paper goods will be furnished. All bids must be in by noon June 1. For more information call 264-2244, ext. 211 or 213-1221 and leave a number and message. Plenty of fun for all, including water-related games during warm weather, safety instructions, demonstrations, fire trucks and ambulances, etc. The party must be scheduled on weekends, excluding major holidays. Payment is expected at time of acceptance with no refunds. This is for a maximum of 12 children plus adults. The party can be scheduled for any approved weekend until May 31, 2015. Sponsored by Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Services Chaplain Corps.

• Coahoma Scholars' Banquet will be held Tuesday at the Settles Hotel. The banquet will honor Coahoma's top 10 academic seniors, top 10 academic juniors, scholar alumni award, scholar teacher award and community pride award. For those interested in sponsoring the banquet or for further information, call Amy Jacobs or Judy Dobbs at 432-394-5000, ext. 4.

• A fund has been set up at BBVA Compass Bank to help Melinda Garcia with medical expenses while recovering from surgery. Account number is 673000597.

• Medical funds have been established for Kathran O'Brien Grant, who is recovering from a recent accident. An account is set up at Western Bank No. 1012020. Contact Donnie Baker at 432-556-2186 for more information. A medical fund has also been set up at Wells Fargo.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please accept our invitation to attend a meeting,". For more information, including meeting times and dates, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Noon — The Just For Today Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets in Room 3 at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane.

• 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.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion 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

• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new 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. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

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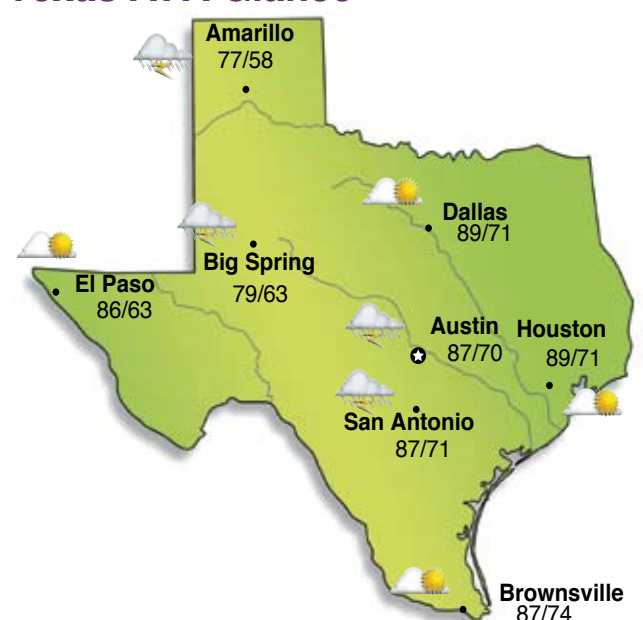
Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 5/25	Mon 5/26	Tue 5/27	Wed 5/28	Thu 5/29
 79/63 Variable clouds with scattered thunderstorms. A few storms may be severe.	 82/65 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Potential for severe thunderstorms.	 89/65 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	 90/65 Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	 88/66 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	82	65	t-storm	Kingsville	88	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	77	58	t-storm	Livingston	90	68	pt sunny
Austin	87	70	t-storm	Longview	89	66	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	69	pt sunny	Lubbock	77	61	t-storm
Brownsville	87	74	pt sunny	Lufkin	90	68	pt sunny
Brownwood	82	66	t-storm	Midland	81	65	t-storm
Corpus Christi	84	75	pt sunny	Raymondville	92	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	89	69	pt sunny	Rosenberg	90	71	pt sunny
Dallas	89	71	pt sunny	San Antonio	87	71	t-storm
Del Rio	89	70	t-storm	San Marcos	87	70	t-storm
El Paso	86	63	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	87	69	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	88	65	t-storm	Sweetwater	75	65	t-storm
Gainesville	86	68	t-storm	Tyler	87	68	pt sunny
Greenville	87	69	pt sunny	Weatherford	85	67	pt sunny
Houston	89	71	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	83	67	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	64	t-storm	Minneapolis	83	65	pt sunny
Boston	65	56	pt sunny	New York	79	62	mst sunny
Chicago	82	64	sunny	Phoenix	86	63	pt sunny
Dallas	89	71	pt sunny	San Francisco	62	54	mst sunny
Denver	70	48	t-storm	Seattle	67	52	cloudy
Houston	89	71	pt sunny	St. Louis	83	68	t-storm
Los Angeles	72	59	mst sunny	Washington, DC	82	62	mst sunny
Miami	87	75	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sun 5/25	Mon 5/26	Tue 5/27	Wed 5/28	Thu 5/29
9	10	11	11	11
Very High	Very High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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News Briefs

Candy tycoon Poroshenko wins Ukraine presidential election outright with half of vote counted

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Early returns Monday suggested candy tycoon Petro Poroshenko was elected president of Ukraine in the first round of balloting. In taking on the leadership of the bitterly divided country, he vowed to “put an end to war, chaos, crime, and bring peace to the Ukrainian land.”

The 48-year-old billionaire, who claimed victory after exit polls showed him with a commanding lead in Sunday’s vote, supports strong ties with Europe but also wants to mend ties with Russia.

He said his first steps as president would be to visit the Donbas eastern industrial region, where pro-Russia separatists have seized government buildings and battled government troops in weeks of fighting. Poroshenko also said the Kiev government would like to negotiate a new security treaty with Moscow.

Speaking to reporters on Monday, Poroshenko struck a reconciliatory tone, saying he had no “rivals or political opponents in the race” and all of the other main candidates have congratulated him on his win.

“More than ever, Ukraine now needs to be united,” he said.

Russia says it’s ready for dialogue with new Ukrainian president, no need for EU, US mediation

MOSCOW (AP) — Moscow is ready for a direct dialogue with Ukraine’s new president and doesn’t need any Western mediation, Russia’s foreign minister said Monday.

Sergey Lavrov said Russia has a positive view on Ukraine’s presidential vote and is ready to deal with billionaire candy tycoon Petro Poroshenko, who holds a commanding lead, according to early returns.

Lavrov said that Russia noted Poroshenko’s statements about the importance of normalizing ties with Moscow and the need to establish a dialogue with eastern regions, where pro-Russia insurgents have seized government buildings and fought government troops.

He said that “we are ready for dialogue with Kiev

representatives, with Petro Poroshenko.” He added that “we don’t need any mediators,” in a reference to a possible role of the United States and the European Union in such talks.

With votes from 60 percent of precincts counted early Monday, Poroshenko was leading the Ukrainian elections with about 54 percent in the field of 21 candidates. Former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko was running a distant second with 13 percent.

Thai coup leader receives royal endorsement, warns citizens not to criticize, not to protest

BANGKOK (AP) — Bolstered by a royal endorsement to run the country after last week’s coup, Thailand’s junta leader warned Monday against mounting opposition to the takeover, ordering Thais not to cause trouble, not to criticize, not to protest — or else face a return to the “old days” of street violence.

Dressed in a crisp white military uniform, Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha said he had seized power to restore order after seven months of violent confrontations and political turmoil between the now-ousted government and demonstrators who had called repeatedly for the army to intervene.

“I’m not here to argue with anyone. I want to bring everything out in the open and fix it,” Prayuth said in his first news conference since taking power last Thursday.

“Everyone must help me,” he said, before adding: “Do not criticize, do not create new problems. It’s no use.”

In a gruff, 20-minute appearance, Prayuth warned the media and social media users to avoid doing anything that could fan the conflict. He also called on anti-coup protesters who have staged small-scale demonstrations in Bangkok and several other cities for several days to stop.

Killer’s family frantically tried to intervene before deadly rampage

GOLETA, Calif. (AP) — It was Friday night when Elliot Rodger’s mother got a call from her son’s therapist that he had emailed a ranting manifesto about going on a deadly rampage.

The mother went to her son’s YouTube channel and found the video in which he threatens to kill people. She alerted authorities and set off frantically with her ex-husband to Santa Barbara.

By the time they arrived, it was too late: their son had killed six people and then, authorities say, himself.

“They’re in deep, deep grief,” family friend Simon Astaire said Sunday as he recounted the family’s ordeal. “Their grief which is nearly unbearable to be close to is as much for the loss of their son as for the victims.”

It was the second time in recent months that Rodger’s mother tried to intervene. In April, she had called one of her son’s counselors after seeing bizarre videos he had posted on YouTube, though not the disturbing one he posted shortly before the killings, Astaire said. The counselor called a mental health service, which then called police.

Pope honors Holocaust, terror victims, kisses hands of survivors in poignant gesture to Jews

JERUSALEM (AP) — Pope Francis honored Jews killed in the Holocaust and in terrorist attacks, and kissed the hands of Holocaust survivors as he capped his three-day Mideast trip with poignant stops Monday at some of the holiest and most haunting sites for Jews.

At Israel’s request, Francis deviated from his whirlwind itinerary to pray at a memorial to victims of terrorism, giving the Jewish state his full attention a day after voicing strong support for the Palestinian cause.

Visiting the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, Francis prayed before a crypt with ashes of victims and laid a wreath of yellow and white flowers in the “Hall of Remembrance.”

And then one by one, he kissed the hands of a half-dozen Holocaust survivors in a sign of humility and honor as he heard their stories and of loved ones killed by the Nazis during World War II.

“Never again, Lord, never again!” Francis said. “Here we are, Lord, shamed by what man — created in your own image and likeness — was capable of doing.”

As Afghan war draws to a close, Obama looks to reframe foreign policy approach in second term

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan (AP) — For much of President Barack Obama’s tenure in the White House, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have provided a well-defined framework for his foreign policy philosophy. He ran for the White House pledging to bring the conflicts to a close and promised the American people that he would seek to avoid unnecessary war.

But as the second of those two wars winds down, Obama finds himself struggling to articulate what role he sees the U.S. playing on the world stage for the remainder of his second term. The ongoing conflict in Syria and Russia’s threatening moves have also raised questions about how the U.S. can credibly threaten consequences against international foes when Obama so clearly wants to stay out of another large-scale military endeavor.

DEATH

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Denton County, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by Justice of the Peace Linda Halfmann. The accident occurred just west of the Alon Refinery on Interstate 20, near mile marker 181.

According to Halfmann, Daves was driving west when her vehicle crossed the median and collided with a 18-wheeler heading east.

Daves’ body was sent to Lubbock for an autopsy. No information was available on the condition of the driver of the 18-wheeler.

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ELECTION

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identification before casting their ballots. Acceptable forms of ID are:

- Texas driver’s license.
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (issued by Department of Public Safety).
- Texas personal identification card (issued by DPS).
- Texas concealed handgun license.
- U.S. military ID card containing the person’s photograph.
- U.S. citizenship certificate containing the person’s photograph.
- U.S. passport.

For more information on the primary runoff, contact the elections administrator’s office at 264-2273.

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infrastructure at the airpark.

Under the agreement, EDC will provide a maximum of \$1 million to finance the construction project.

A preliminary estimate by the engineering firm of Bartlett & West put the total cost of the project at \$1,004,997, with more than half

of that estimate being taken up by excavation (\$117,250) and railroad track installation (more than \$393,000).

The project will add more than 2,300 feet of railroad track and a turnout in the north-eastern sector of the airpark, according to a schematic provided by Bartlett & West.

City officials said the project will provide a benefit to current airpark tenants and attract

new businesses to the area.

In other business Tuesday, the council will consider:

- Election of a mayor pro-tem.
- A higher education incentive program for city employees.
- An amended lease agreement with Western Container.
- An agreement to lease office space at the Polly Mays building to Howard County Teen

Court.

• Withdrawing the city’s grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Texas Capital Fund 2013 infrastructure funds.

• The city’s quarterly investment report.

• Appointments to the Colorado River Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

• Appointment of a council member to the convention and visitors bureau board.

Commissioners meet Tuesday

The Howard County Commissioners Court will hold a routine meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the county courthouse third floor courtroom.

The main agenda item states the commissioners will hold a closed session to consider an unspecified personnel matter.

In other business, commissioners will con-

sider:

- A budget work session.
- Purchase requests, invoices and budget amendments.
- Pipeline crossing and road maintenance requests.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

FIRES

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quickly extinguished.

“It took us about 35, 40 minutes to put it out. That’s all. Hey, we’re the Red Adairs of West Texas. It doesn’t take us long,” Sullivan said with a laugh, referring to the famous oil field firefighter..

Despite the fires, the long-time chief was happy to see some rainfall.

“I’m estatic about it. If there is a negative,

it’s this will cause some super high fuels (weeds, etc.). So we need more rain in the near future. But this will hold us

through the July 4 holidays and I can live with that,” Sullivan said.

He anticipates Howard County’s burn ban will be rescinded in

a short time but still urged residents to take precautions.

“Be fire wise and fire safe,” he added.

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ANSWERS

7	5	1	8	6	2	9	4	3
2	4	8	1	9	3	7	6	5
3	9	6	7	4	5	1	8	2
6	1	5	9	3	8	2	7	4
8	3	9	2	7	4	6	5	1
4	2	7	6	5	1	8	3	9
5	8	2	4	1	6	3	9	7
9	6	4	3	2	7	5	1	8
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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Remember those who sacrificed

By **MARK J. ARMSTRONG**

Kerrville Daily Times

When I was in high school, my long-time friend who lived next door moved away when his family got transferred for work. I don't remember where they moved, but I do remember the new neighbors' only child was an infant.

I also remember the scar the man had on his arm.

The man had been a pilot in the Vietnam War. My father did not serve, so for me, this was the first person I really knew who had served in that war.

Over time, the neighbor and I visited a lot and, at the time, I didn't know how unusual it was that he shared with me many stories from the war, including how he got the scar.

The man had been a helicopter pilot and was shot down during a mission. He described to me that his arm looked like it had been through a meat grinder and that he was lucky doctors had been able to save it.

The area that remained scarred looked as if several layers of skin had been peeled away and the skin under that severely burned. It covered one side of his entire forearm and no hair grew there.

I don't recall ever thanking him for his service to our county. It's not something teenage boys tend to think about.

A few years ago, while waiting in line at H-E-B, I witnessed something that in so many ways is what makes Kerrville great, but at the same time made me sad. An older gentleman walked up to a young man wearing a uniform, shook the young man's hand and thanked him for his service to our county. Seemed like the right thing to do.

What saddened me about what I witnessed was that the young

Memorial Day is the day designated to remember those who have died in service of our country. It's the day to honor the men who's names are etched on the monument at the courthouse, those whose name will be added soon and those whose names were forgotten to history.

man, a local high school teenager, was wearing a Junior ROTC uniform, and while we can appreciate that this might be a commitment to join the military, it isn't quite the same thing.

At the same time, a few registers over, I saw another older man gathering his groceries. It wasn't much, and I suspect this man lived alone. He was otherwise indistinguishable from the other customers except for the hat he wore, which bore the name of a U.S. Navy ship and the dates during World War II this man served onboard. I didn't see anyone thanking him that day.

Looking back on my neighbor, and thinking about my grandfather, a World War II Marine, I don't think either of them ever really expected or even wanted to be thanked. They did their duty, same as countless men before them and thousands of men and women today. More importantly, they understood that they were the lucky ones — the ones who got to come home, have families and live out their lives.

For many of us, Memorial Day is an opportunity to go to the lake, the beach or stay home

and attend one of this weekend's many festivals and art shows. It's time to blow off our winter worries and enjoy the start of another long, hot summer.

When I think about the combat veterans I have known and the ones I've interviewed over the past 15 years as a reporter, I've never met one who complained about Memorial Day weekend celebrations and events. I think for most veterans, the right to go fishing or to a music concert over a long weekend is part of the very freedom they were fighting for.

But what bothers me about Memorial Day is that so many people forget what it is about. It's not Veterans Day, which is in November, and it's not just a day off from work.

Memorial Day is the day designated to remember those who have died in service of our country. It's the day to honor the men who's names are etched on the monument at the courthouse, those whose name will be added soon and those who's names were forgotten to history.

Our veterans deserve to be thanked every day for what they have done for our country, especially those who have sacrificed limbs and their bodies in the name of freedom. Voters can do even more by asking candidates for public office to commit their support for veterans and the VA hospital at every election.

But today, let us not forget those who never made it home. Their sacrifices and their families loss are the reason we have the rights and freedoms we enjoy every day.

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Blame socialism, not Shinseki

The VA problem is not Shinseki; it's socialism.

The Veterans Affairs health care system is completely government run. It is a pure single-payer program. National Review Editor Rich Lowry calls it "an island of socialism in American health care." He is right. I've been arguing this all week.

So perhaps Democrats and Republicans will get together to sack VA Secretary Eric Shinseki. But that won't change a thing.

In fact, it's a distraction.

The long waits for treatment, with excessive delays resulting in as many as 40 deaths, are a tragically predictable outcome. This is the result of bureaucratic rationing, price controls, inefficiencies and the inevitable cover-ups.

It was the late James Buchanan, the Nobel Prize-winning economist, who taught us all about bureaucratic incentives in his seminal work on public choice.

So if Congress thinks it can find somebody who can tame the VA bureaucracy, it should go right ahead.

But the statist VA health care system, which in so many ways mirrors the government-run health care problems in Britain, Europe and Canada, must be completely changed.

We owe it to our brave veterans.

Think of it on e Memorial Day, when we honor all of our veterans who fought bravely for our freedom.

Returning vets today deserve an efficient health care system, not this slipshod failure. And the only way to do that is to deliver choice and market competition.

Market competition will control costs and more efficiently distribute services.

Profit motive, not run-amok bureaucrats, will discipline the system.

Better doctors and health specialists will be attracted to this profit-based system.

And our veterans at long last will get the medical care they deserve.

Don't tell me the problem is not enough government money. That is nonsense.

Everyone should go read John Merline's article in Investor's Business Daily headlined "VA Health Spending Soars as Vets Decline."

Here are some of his numbers: From 2000 to 2013, VA outlays nearly tripled while the population of veterans declined by 4.3 million.

And Medicaid-care spending, which consumes about 40 percent of the VA's budget, has climbed 193 percent over those years, while the number of patients served by the VA each year went up only 68 percent.

In another informative article, John Fund, citing Michael Tanner of the Cato Institute, notes that 344,000 veterans' care claims are now backed up and waiting to be processed, that it takes an average of 160 days for health-benefit approval, and that according to VA figures for 2012, veteran appeals face an average wait time of 1,598 days, or more than four years.

Study after study from the CBO and various inspectors general has been consistently critical of the VA operation.

And as a Wall Street Journal editorial points out, various VA centers fudge their data.

For years, President Obama has been talking about fixing the VA.

But he never stayed with it. And now he says he's angry and wants accountability. But he will never understand that the

single-payer government-run system is the real problem.

Of course, the Paul Krugmans of the world and their leftist allies call VA health care a triumph of socialist medicine.

But once again we find out that this triumph is a defeat and that socialism doesn't work. As others have suggested, a system of government vouchers which permits veterans to choose their own health care plans, especially private health care plans, would be one giant step toward solving this problem.

Avik Roy points out that Republicans have not stood up for private-sector competition. And the Veterans of Foreign Wars has always opposed market choice and competition.

But perhaps this is changing. Sens. John McCain, Tom Coburn and Richard Burr are putting forth a reform plan that will give veterans health care choice for the first time.

And there's another warning here.

Contrary to the wishes of Sen. Harry Reid and House Democratic leader, Nancy Pelosi, Obamacare must not become a major step toward single-payer health insurance.

Instead, Republicans should fight for thorough Obamacare reform. Get rid of the mandates. Institute real consumer choice. Stop the job-destroying tax and regulatory provisions. And let Americans keep their doctors and insurance plans.

This VA scandal is a reminder that government-run single-payer health care does not work. And it makes it clear that the entire system must be changed. We owe it to our veterans, and everyone else, too.

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Ibaka, Thunder rally for win over Spurs

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Serge Ibaka scored 15 points in a dramatic return from what was thought to be a season-ending left calf strain to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the San Antonio Spurs 106-97 on Sunday night in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals.

Russell Westbrook had 26 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, and Kevin Durant added 25 points and 10 re-

bounds to help the Thunder cut the Spurs' lead to 2-1.

Ibaka started after missing the first two games of the series. The Thunder had said he likely would miss the rest of the playoffs, but the team changed course Friday.

Manu Ginobili scored 23 points and Tim Duncan added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs.

Game 4 is Tuesday at Okla-

homa City.

Ibaka, who also had seven rebounds and four blocks, pointed to the sky as he left the game to cheers with 3:17 remaining and the Thunder ahead by 20 points.

The Thunder outrebounded the Spurs 52-36 after losing the battle of the boards in the first two games. San Antonio, which shot at least 50 percent in the first two games, shot just

40 percent on Sunday night.

San Antonio won the first two games by a combined 52 points, but things were different from the start with Ibaka's return. Thunder coach Scott Brooks also inserted speedy Reggie Jackson into the starting lineup in Thabo Sefolosha's place. Jackson finished with 15 points.

The crowd roared when Ibaka's name was announced

during pregame introductions, and it got even louder when he started playing. He had eight points, three rebounds and two blocks in just over six minutes of play in the first quarter.

Twice in the final minute of the first half, Ginobili hit 3-pointers, and both times, Westbrook answered with a 3-pointer. The last one, with 0.6 seconds left, gave the Thunder a 57-53 lead.

Hunter-Reay wins Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ryan Hunter-Reay peeked around Helio Castroneves, then reversed course and dipped inside for a daredevil pass and the lead in the Indianapolis 500.

Castroneves charged back to the front, winning a drag race down the frontstretch at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. And then, in a stirring wheel-to-wheel battle between a pair of bright yellow cars, Hunter-Reay seized the lead once more Sunday as the drivers hurtled across the Yard of Bricks with a single, 2.5-mile lap remaining.

With nobody in front of him, Hunter-Reay used the entire track to keep Castroneves in his rearview mirror. He nipped him at the line by less than half a car length, denying his Brazilian rival a chance at history Sunday and becoming the first American in eight years to win the Indy 500.

"The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" had lived up to its nickname.

"This race was ridiculously close and competitive," Hunter-Reay said. "Just glad I picked the right time to go."

The finish was well worth the wait — to the fans who watched 150 laps of caution-free racing, to the drivers who bided their time unsure of when they should charge to the front and to Hunter-Reay, who finally got to drink the celebratory milk in his seventh try. He beat Castroneves by just 0.060 seconds — only the 1992 race had a closer finish when Al Unser Jr. beat Scott Goodyear by 0.043 seconds.

Snyder advances to state

LUBBOCK — The Snyder Lady Tigers earned their first-ever trip to the Class 3A state softball tournament on Saturday by pounding out a 14-3 win over the Pampa Lady Harvesters in the Region I semifinals at Lubbock Cooper High School.

With the win, the Lady Tigers completed a 2-game sweep of Pampa in their best-of-three series.

Snyder, the District 4-3A champion, improved to 36-5. Pampa ended its season at 33-10.

The Lady Tigers will open the state tournament on Thursday



The Forsan High School Buffaloes finished the 2014 season with a sparkling 20-11 record following a loss to Stamford on Saturday in the regional semifinals.

Rain, errors doom Buffaloes in Game 3

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

HERMLEIGH — The Forsan Buffaloes finally ran into someone they couldn't outslug on Saturday afternoon at Cardinal Field. ... Mother Nature.

Hampered by cold, gusty winds, rain and a tired pitching staff, Forsan committed four errors en route to suffering a tough 18-6 loss in the final game of their three-game regional semifinal playoff series against the Stamford Bulldogs.

With the win, Stamford won the best-of-three series by a 2-1 margin. The win also enabled the Bulldogs to earn a trip to the Region I finals for the fifth straight year.

Stamford, now 21-3, got its offense in gear early against the Buffaloes, who were forced to scratch plans to throw staff ace Clayton Galloway in Game 3 after his Herculean 149-pitch effort on Fri-

day in the first game of a doubleheader. Stamford opened the game by pounding out four runs in their first at-bat of the contest.

Forsan proved it had quick-strike ability of its own in the bottom of the first. The Buffaloes used a double by Ryan Pearson to score two runs in their first trip to the plat.

Unfortunately for Forsan, the second inning wasn't as kind. Stamford tacked on three runs in the inning and raced into the top of the fourth with a comfortable 7-2 advantage.

The Bulldogs, who had advanced to the Class A state tournament in each of the previous four years, threatened to blow the game wide open in the fourth. Stamford cranked out four hits while utilizing four walks and a hit batsmen to race to a 14-2 cushion.

Stamford, which had just eight hits in

the game but benefited for 14 FHS walks, put together another big run in the top of the fifth, scoring four more times to push its lead to 18-2.

Forsan, thanks to three errors on the Stamford defense, rallied to score four runs in the bottom of the fifth in an effort to avoid the 10-run mercy rule.

Stamford's Bo Wimblery worked four innings on the mound to collect the victory. Braden East pitched 4 1/3 innings for the Buffaloes, who were forced to use four pitchers in the contest. Also throwing for the FHS squad were Caleb Stanley Blaze Yeater and Jesse Cervantes.

With the win, Stamford improved to 21-3 and will now advance to face Anson in the Region I finals. The best-of-three series will begin on Thursday at McMurry University in Abilene.

Forsan finished the season with a sparkling 20-11 record.

Another Rangers romp: Texas beats Detroit, 12-4

DETROIT (AP) — If the rest of the Texas Rangers keep hitting like this, Prince Fielder's injury may not be so hard to overcome.

Alex Rios tripled and drove in three runs, and the Rangers rolled to another rout of Detroit, beating Justin Verlander and the Tigers 12-4 on Sunday.

Texas took three of four in the series, scoring 35 runs in the process.

The question now is whether the Rangers can possibly keep this up after learning Thursday that Fielder would likely miss the rest of the season because of a neck problem.

"We've got to continue to play baseball," manager Ron Washington said. "We miss Prince, and we're not

going to even dream that we don't need him in our lineup. We certainly would like to have him in our lineup, but we don't, so we've got to go with what we've got."

The Tigers have lost six of seven, and even Verlander (5-4) couldn't come close to stopping the slide. The Detroit right-hander allowed nine runs — six earned — in 5 1-3 innings in one of the worst starts of his career.

"Right now, I'm not in a place where I can repeat my delivery every time, and that's what I need to fix. But I'll get it straightened out. I'm not worried about that," Verlander said. "It's a rough patch, but this is a great baseball team. That hasn't changed."

Michael Choice homered for the Rangers in the second, and Texas broke the game open with five runs in the fifth.

Colby Lewis (4-3) allowed two runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Mitch Moreland had three hits and three RBIs for the Rangers, and Adrian Beltre and Robinson Chirinos had three hits apiece as well.

"Everybody on this team has contributed so far, has stepped up in one way or another," Moreland said. "I think this was just a big series for us overall, to kind of right the ship, get it going."

Detroit slugger Miguel Cabrera left the game in the seventh with a right hamstring cramp.

Volleyball skills camp set for July 28

The summer sports camp season will officially get under way in the Crossroads on July 28 when Big Spring ISD hosts its annual volleyball skills camp in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.

The camp, which is open to all athletes in grades 3-9, will run through July 31. The camp is divided into three grade divisions and will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

According to camp information, athletes in grades 3-5 will attend the camp from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Campers in

grades 6-8 will participate from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Freshmen will attend the camp from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

The cost for the camp is \$25 per person. A T-shirt can also be purchased for \$10. No checks will be accepted as a method of payment.

Campers attending the skills camp will need to inform instructors of any physical problems they may have prior to participating in the event.

To enter, or for more information, contact Lynn Osbourne at (254) 246-2148.

Oregon State to host regional

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — The top-ranked Oregon State Beavers will host next weekend's Corvallis Regional, one of sixteen sites selected for the first round of the NCAA baseball tournament.

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The 64-team field for the postseason tournament will be announced on Monday. Oregon State is expected to earn one of the eight national seeds.

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Dear Annie: For the past 30 years, my wife and I have enjoyed a friendship with another couple who are childless. They had no family nearby, so they were fixtures at our table for all of the major holidays. We genuinely liked their company. We vacationed together on several occasions, and we came to treat them like family. We hadn't heard from them in a while, so I decided to phone. Imagine my shock when they casually mentioned that they had left Seattle and moved to Florida without a word of goodbye. Their coolness on the phone made it clear that they no longer have any interest in being in our lives. I am deeply hurt by their behavior and am at a loss to understand what on Earth we could have done to deserve this callous treatment. I will not attempt to rekindle this relationship, but I still find it distressing and unfathomable. What is your take on this? -- *Upset in Seattle*

Dear Seattle: We agree that this behavior is both surprising and unkind, but consider yourself well rid of a couple who obviously did not value the friendship as much as you did. Moving away without informing you means you are not very high up on the list of people they care about. Sorry.

Dear Annie: I hope this may be of some help to senior citizens. My brother's wife died last year, and he has been lost ever since. He started calling me to ask what the date is. I came up with the idea of giving him an extra cellphone and charger that I didn't need. I showed him how to plug it in to charge every Sunday night. Now when he can't remember the date, all he has to do is open the phone. It also helps in case of emergency, because the phone allows him to call 911. He can't make any other calls on it, but he feels much more secure, and the phone does not need to be activated. -- *Cadyville*

Dear Cadyville: Some readers may ask how this is different from a calendar and a landline, but we think it's a great idea because your brother

can take the phone with him wherever he goes. (When calling 911 from a deactivated phone, however, the operator will not be able to determine your location without your giving it.)

Dear Annie: I would like to commend "Newbury Park, Calif.," on his success in turning his life around by taking responsibility for his health and making the necessary changes for his weight loss.

Having been an operating room nurse since 1979, I have seen the results of our obesity epidemic. The health problems caused by obesity and smoking are debilitating to the person and extremely sad to see. Kidney disease, vascular insufficiency and cardiac disease are serious health problems that lead to myriad treatments with varying degrees of success.

The best thing a person can do for themselves is exactly what Newbury

Park and his wife did, which is take responsibility for their own health. I can only imagine how difficult it was for them to lose so much weight and change their eating and exercise habits, but the results speak for themselves.

If more people were willing to take charge of their own health and help reverse the large amount of money spent dealing with these preventable diseases, we might help bridge the regrettable divide in our country caused in part by the issue of health care. -- *RN, CNOR, CRNFA*

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9
♥ 8 5
♦ A K Q J 10 8 6 2
♣ A

WEST
♠ A K Q 7 5 4 3
♥ —
♦ 9 4
♣ 6 4 3 2

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

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A K Q J 9 7 6 4 2
♦ 7
♣ K Q 5

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

Opening lead — king of spades. This remarkable deal occurred in the 1964 national Open Pairs. At one table, believe it or not, the bidding went as shown, and South became declarer at seven notrump redoubled. Needless to say, West was not frightened in the slightest by North's redouble. He cashed his seven spade tricks, and the damage for North-South came to 4,000 points! This catastrophe was caused in

part by West's interference bid of five spades over South's Blackwood four-notrump bid. Apparently, South interpreted his partner's six-club response as showing two aces and hoped they were in the minor suits, in which case seven hearts would be laydown.

South was right, but unfortunately North misread the situation and decided to shoot for a top score by bidding seven notrump.

Incredibly, the same redoubled contract was reached at another table, but this time North wound up as declarer after this auction:
South West North East
2♣ 3♠ 4NT Pass
6♥ Pass 7NT Pass
Pass Dble Redble

Here North interpreted his partner's six-heart bid as showing two aces and a void in an unspecified suit, the treatment used by most players at the time the deal occurred.

Despite the misunderstanding, the North-South pair at this table fared a bit better. East thought his partner's double was conventional and forbad a spade lead, so he led the jack of clubs.

As a result, North made the grand slam and scored 2,930 points — 6,930 points better than the North-South pair at the other table!

Tomorrow: The wrong tree.
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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. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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			6		3		7	1

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Appetite Moon

The Taurus moon is a moon of appetites, and so it's a favorable time for indulging yours. This moon isn't just about food; it's about any aspect of life that commands attention and puts our senses on alert. In all things, a small taste of something spectacular is better than a whole bucket of boring.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES

(March 21-April 19). Victory and defeat are two sides of the same coin. Since you can't pay with only one side, in order to buy a new future, you have to first accept that sometimes you win and sometimes you lose.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20). You're not afraid of the dark; you just prefer to see where you're going. A discussion with a bright fire-sign friend (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius) will illuminate new options.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 21). You're ready to get real about what's not working so that you can change it. There's no room for shame or blame. They only muddy up your list of what needs to happen next and next and next.

CANCER

(June 22-July 22). You'll celebrate the things you like. This is more fun with friends who like the same things. You'll get deeper into a topic or interest and delight in the details.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be required to make a brief tribute to a person, organization or idea -- a kind of toast. Even though you're mighty fine extemporaneously, you'll do even better if you rehearse this a bit.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be admired for your talent and praised for your ambition. Before that glorious part of the day, there's quite a lot of work to accomplish, and some of it is quite physical, so the proper nutrition and drink will be key.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You feel so appreciative for all you have. Because you are loving more about your life, you are clinging less to your wants and needs. This easier grip helps things come to you freely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll find that someone you love is further along than you thought in their evolution toward a new incarnation. This will be motivating to you. You'll progress quickly, too, once you decide to.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even though you're a confident person, groups sometimes still give you the jitters. The good news is, you don't have to get over that in order to make a stellar first impression.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Familiarize yourself with a person's background and experiences before you attempt to impress. The most impressive thing you could do is to remember the details of his or her story.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be compelled to do a few

things differently to pull some romance into your world. Guided by a strong sense of whimsy, what you do in the name of love will surprise even you.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20). To clean a floor is a fine endeavor, but it's not like finding the cure for cancer. Around noon, it will benefit you to stop and reorder your day. Put the most time into the most important and enjoyable tasks.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (May 26).

Personal development is the focus for the next seven weeks, and it happens in unusual ways. The pursuit of pleasure somehow leads you down a highly productive path, and you'll wind up contributing to others in unexpected and much-needed ways. New relationships form in July. August plays out like your favorite movie. Capricorn and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 22, 35, 1 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I feel like my girlfriend is lying to me, but I haven't caught her in a lie. Do you think it's in

my head? She tells me she's at work, but then she gets home much later than closing time and smells like she's been to a party at a bar. Why does she feel she has to lie about going somewhere with her friends? How do I get my Pisces to tell the truth?"

Dishonesty isn't indicative of one sign or another; it's indicative of human nature. Our species evolved to be clever as a survival mechanism. At a very young age, children learn that giving the acceptable answer may keep them out of trouble temporarily. Then hopefully they learn that the trouble that follows a lie is usually much worse than the original trouble they were lying about.

Your Pisces is lying because she doesn't want to have an uncomfortable conversation with you. She wants her after-work party life to herself and doesn't want to have to be accountable to what you think about it. Call her out. If you're not willing to have an uncomfortable confrontation, the dishonesty will quickly

erode your relationship.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

Helena Bonham Carter joins fellow acting greats Meryl Streep and Carey Mulligan in the movie "Suffragette," an account of the British suffrage movement that helped women acquire the right to vote. Bonham Carter was born under a theatrical Leo moon and has both the sun and Mercury in the versatile sign of the twins. Her lucky Jupiter is in Cancer, the sign of mothers.

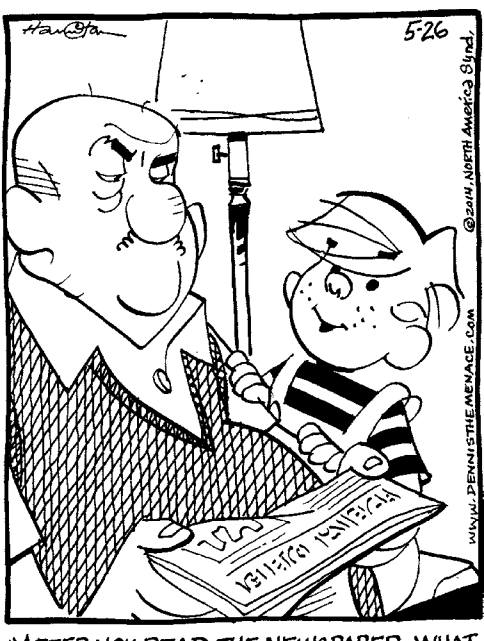
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7:PM	The Bachelor	Por Siempre	MasterChef	Broke Girl	La Impostora (SS)	Ninja Warrior	Fam. Guy	Upd	Antiques Roadshow	Gilligan	BikerLive		Cops	Castle (DVS)		Movie: Teen Beach Movie	March to Brazil	NBA Countdown
8:PM		Lo Que la Vida	24: Live Another Day	Mike	El Señor de	American Ninja Warrior (DVS)	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	Death and the Civil War Experience	Heroes	BikerLive		Cops	Castle (DVS)	Movie: Life, Obba Babatundé	Jessie	Inside	NBA Basketball
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10:PM	News	Impacto	Arsenio Hall	News	Tele	News	Conan	House	Charlie Rose	Twi. Zone	BikerLive		Cops	Law & Order		Austin	Olbermann	SportsCenter
11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Familia-Suerte	How I Met How I Met	Ferguson	El Señor de	Holmes	Conan	Rocks	World	Dragnet	Vegas Rat		Jail	Law & Order	Wendy Williams	Good	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter
12:AM	Extra	Amorcito Corazón	Raymond	Insider	El Señor de los	News	Holmes	1st Fruits	(Off Air)	Hitchcock Hr.	BikerLive	Movie: Hamburger Hill, Don Cheadle	Jail	Law & Order	Queen Latifah	Shake It	NBA	SportsCenter
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"AFTER YOU READ THE NEWSPAPER, WHAT DO YOU DO FOR THE REST OF THE DAY?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

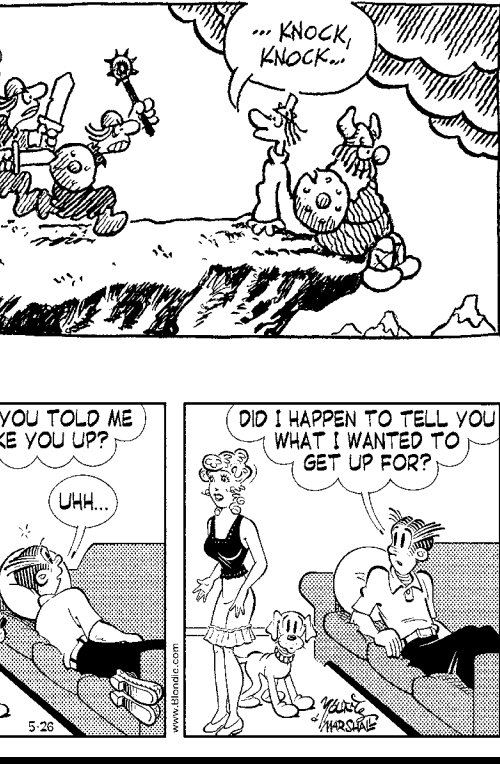


"I'd hit a lot better if they didn't get to throw the ball all the time."

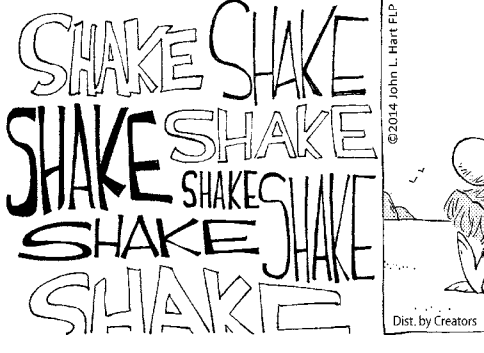
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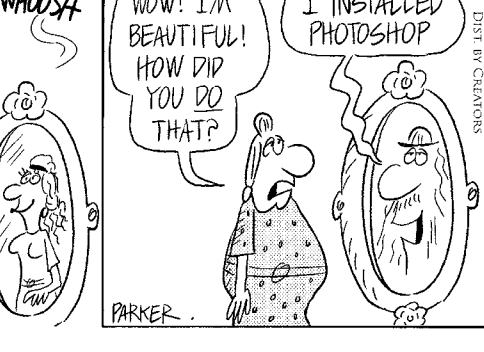
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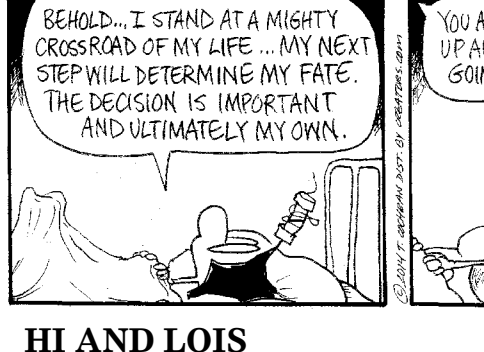
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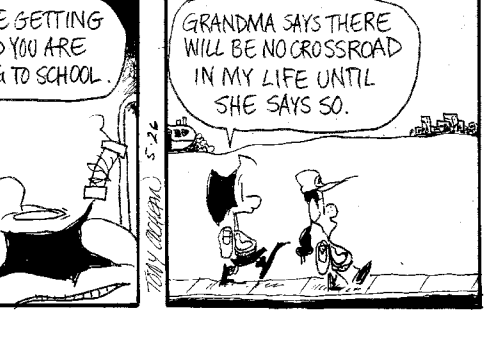
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 26, the 146th day of 2014. There are 219 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day observance. Today's Highlight in History: On May 26, 1954, explosions rocked the aircraft carrier USS Bennington off Rhode Island, killing 103 sailors. (The initial blast was blamed on leaking catapult fluid ignited by the flames of a jet.) On this date: In 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms (vohrms) because of

his religious beliefs and writings. In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure creating the Montana Territory. In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on the remaining charges. In 1913, Actors' Equity Association was organized by a group of actors at the Pabst Grand Circle Hotel in New York. In 1938, the House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress. In 1940, the evacuation of more than 338,000 Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.

In 1942, the U.S. War Department formally established the Armed Forces Radio Service (AFRS). The Tule (TOO'-lee) Lake Segregation Center for Japanese-American wartime internees opened in northern California. In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

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Newsday Crossword

FOLLOW THE HERD by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Frequently
- 5 Molecule part
- 9 Swiftness
- 14 Take a bus or train
- 15 Kingly address
- 16 ___ water (facing trouble)
- 17 "We gotta get going!"
- 18 Observed
- 19 Without letup
- 20 Play boisterously
- 23 Letter before tee
- 24 "Half" prefix for final
- 25 Transition point
- 27 Top NFL player
- 31 "Semper Fi" military org.
- 34 Synagogue leader
- 38 Historical times
- 39 Hop, ___ and jump
- 40 Same-old
- 41 Enthusiasm
- 42 Beijing's country
- 43 Textile factory
- 44 Sound of a pager
- 45 Pigten sounds
- 46 Good buddies
- 47 Teaching session
- 49 Go out with
- 51 Wedding vow exchanges
- 54 ___-cone (summer treat)
- 56 Spicy chicken appetizer
- 62 Informal musical instrument
- 64 Green citrus fruit
- 65 Slanted typeface: Abbr.

- 66 "That is to say ..."
- 67 In excess of
- 68 Prohibited thing
- 69 Brief in speech
- 70 Ballpoints
- 71 Chew like a squirrel
- DOWN
- 1 Curved part of the foot
- 2 Chauffeured car, for short
- 3 Aromas
- 4 Feeling jittery
- 5 Attack vigorously
- 6 Wedding-cake level
- 7 Black-and-white cookie
- 8 Diner list
- 9 Typical pious person of India
- 10 "It's ___-win situation"
- 11 Diploma, slangy
- 12 Heavy weights
- 13 Approximate takeoff hours: Abbr.
- 21 Online message
- 22 Sgts. and cpls.
- 26 Raw fish dish
- 28 River biker
- 29 Acts nosy
- 30 Expressway exits
- 32 Expensive fur
- 33 IRS experts
- 34 Beef-roast cut
- 35 Cambodia's continent
- 36 Earth-moving machine
- 37 Model-plane wood
- 42 Time-share apartment
- 44 ___cheese dressing
- 48 Petroleum tankers
- 50 Steakhouse order
- 52 Having unpaid bills
- 53 Use, as a chair
- 54 Variety show segment
- 55 Specify
- 57 Box-office failure
- 58 Late afternoon hour
- 59 End of a prayer
- 60 Grandma
- 61 Shine softly
- 63 Western Hemisphere alliance: Abbr.

Answer to previous puzzle

STOPSOVER	MUMM
VERBOSELY	DANIO
GLASSCASE	WRIST
SEL	WALE
PERM	THECARS
WALLE	ACROBATIC
INUIT	ROUTS
EDGE	LSATS
TRON	NEATH
AWARE	IMBROGLIO
WILDS	EURASIA
RIEN	RIPAT
PDFS	JFK
PIANOSOLO	MAUDE
AEROMETER	WYSS
PRETENSES	

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
American League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	26	22	.542	—
New York	24	22	.522	1
Baltimore	23	22	.511	1½
Boston	20	26	.435	5
Tampa Bay	20	28	.417	6
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	27	16	.628	—
Minnesota	23	21	.523	4½
Kansas City	23	23	.500	5½
Chicago	24	25	.490	6
Cleveland	23	25	.479	6½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	30	17	.638	—
Los Angeles	26	20	.565	3½
Texas	23	24	.489	7
Seattle	22	23	.489	7
Houston	17	30	.362	13
Thursday's Games				
Texas 9, Detroit 2				
Toronto 7, Boston 2				
Tampa Bay 5, Oakland 2, 11				
innings				
Cleveland 8, Baltimore 7, 13				
innings				
Chicago White Sox 3, N.Y. Yankees 2				
Houston at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Cleveland (House 0-0) at Baltimore (B.Norris 2-4), 7:05 p.m.				
Oakland (Kazmir 5-1) at Toronto (Hendriks 0-0), 7:07 p.m.				
Texas (S.Baker 0-0) at Detroit (A.Sanchez 1-2), 7:08 p.m.				
Boston (Lackey 5-3) at Tampa Bay (Archer 3-2), 7:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Noesi 0-4), 8:10 p.m.				
Kansas City (Duffy 2-3) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 5-3), 10:05 p.m.				
Houston (Peacock 1-4) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 5-1), 10:10 p.m.				
Minnesota (Gibson 4-3) at San Francisco (Lincecum 3-3), 10:15 p.m.				
National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	26	20	.565	—
Miami	25	23	.521	2
Washington	24	23	.511	2½
New York	21	25	.457	5
Philadelphia	20	24	.455	5
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	28	20	.583	—
St. Louis	26	21	.553	1½
Cincinnati	21	24	.467	5½
Pittsburgh	20	26	.435	7
Chicago	16	28	.364	10
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	29	18	.617	—
Colorado	26	21	.553	3
Los Angeles	25	23	.521	4½
San Diego	21	26	.447	8
Arizona	18	31	.367	12
Thursday's Games				
Miami 4, Philadelphia 3				
Colorado 2, San Francisco 2, tie, 6 innings, susp., rain				
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 1				
N.Y. Mets 5, L.A. Dodgers 3				
Atlanta 5, Milwaukee 4				
St. Louis 4, Arizona 2				
Friday's Games				
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-1) at Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 2-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Washington (Zimmermann 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Morton 0-6), 7:05 p.m.				
Arizona (C.Anderson 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (Colon 3-5), 7:10 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Estrada 3-2) at Miami (Koehler 4-3), 7:10 p.m.				
St. Louis (S.Miller 6-2) at Cincinnati (Bailey 3-3), 7:10 p.m.				
Colorado (Lyles 5-1) at Atlanta (Floyd 0-1), 7:35 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 3-3) at San Diego (Stauffer 1-0), 10:10 p.m.				
Minnesota (Gibson 4-3) at San Francisco (Lincecum 3-3), 10:15 p.m.				
Texas League				
North Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Tulsa	26	23	.531	—
Arkansas	24	24	.500	1½
Springfield	23	26	.469	3
NW Arkansas	17	31	.354	8½
South Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Frisco	29	20	.592	—

Midland 27 22 .551 2
Corpus Christi 26 23 .531 3
San Antonio 23 26 .469 6

Sunday's Games
Tulsa 2, Midland 1
Frisco 3, Springfield 2
Arkansas 3, San Antonio 1
NW Arkansas 7, Corpus Christi 4

Monday's Games
Corpus Christi at NW Arkansas, 2:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Midland, 3 p.m.
Springfield at Frisco, 3:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Arkansas, 3:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLAS — Placed 1B Chris Davis on paternity leave. Optioned INF Steve Lombardozzi to Norfolk (IL). Recalled RHP Preston Guilmet from Norfolk.
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 1B Mike Napoli on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Recalled RHP Brandon Workman from Pawtucket (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Assigned RHP Frank Francisco outright to Charlotte (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Sent 3B Ian Stewart to Salt Lake (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Assigned OFs Chris Colabella

Johnson ends racing streak at Coca-Cola 600

Defending Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson passed Matt Kenseth with nine laps to go and won the Coca-Cola 600 on Sunday night for his first victory of the season.

Johnson broke a tie with Darrell Waltrip and Bobby Allison for Cup victories at the track with seven. It was Johnson's fourth triumph in the 600, each year the most grueling test for NASCAR drivers, and his 67th overall victory.

Whenever Johnson fell behind it wasn't long before he got back on top, leading 10 times during the race. The final push came when he swept past Kenseth in Turn 4 and was never pressured the rest of the way. Johnson broke a 13-race winless streak that seemed more of a concern for others than for the six-time champion.

Still, he was happy to celebrate in Victory Lane once again — and give competitors something to think about.

Johnson was dominant at Charlotte Motor Speedway, winning the pole Thursday night and leading 165 of 400 laps in NASCAR's longest race.

Kevin Harvick was second, followed by Kenseth and Carl Edwards. Jamie McMurray, the All-Star race winner last weekend at the track, was fifth.

Kurt Busch's attempt at motorsports history ended with 129 laps to go when he blew an engine. Busch finished sixth in the Indianapolis 500, but could not complete the 600.



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