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Big Spring ready to Pop!

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
Staff Writer

Fireworks will once again light up the sky Thursday night.

Big Spring's annual Independence Day celebration is definitely on and thanks to generous donations made by both private citizens and local businesses, the Pops in the Park coffers are well padded.

"We have \$33,750 and \$5,000 more coming in," said Pops in the Park Committee Chair-

person Kelly Seales during the event meeting Tuesday. "We are good on funds for now and we'll start early next year," Seales continued.

This year's event is set and because of the generous donations — the largest being \$10,000 made by Superod — the fireworks have been paid for and are in the process of being delivered, according to committee member Rory Gammons.

"The second part of the show is being delivered to-

night," said Gammons. "Everything looks good and we'll be ready."

Pre-show entertainment will be provided by local band AC and the Heaters. Event organizers discussed what the band might need before, during and after their show.

"We are very low maintenance," said band leader and local businessman Adrian Calvio, who assured the committee that gourmet fare and "Removing all the 'W's' from the M&M's" wasn't necessary

for the comfort of the band.

As for the traditional patriotic chorus and symphony music program, "The chorus has been rehearsing for weeks and weeks and weeks," said Dr. Keith Grauman, Big Spring Symphony conductor. The program before the opening ceremony will be 5 minutes longer before the intermission.

A fly-over will also be featured in the program with the airplanes scheduled to appear, "Probably during

the pledge or the national anthem," Seales said.

The intermission video tribute will be a little different this year, according to officials who say that the Big Spring Medal of Honor recipient will be the focus of the film.

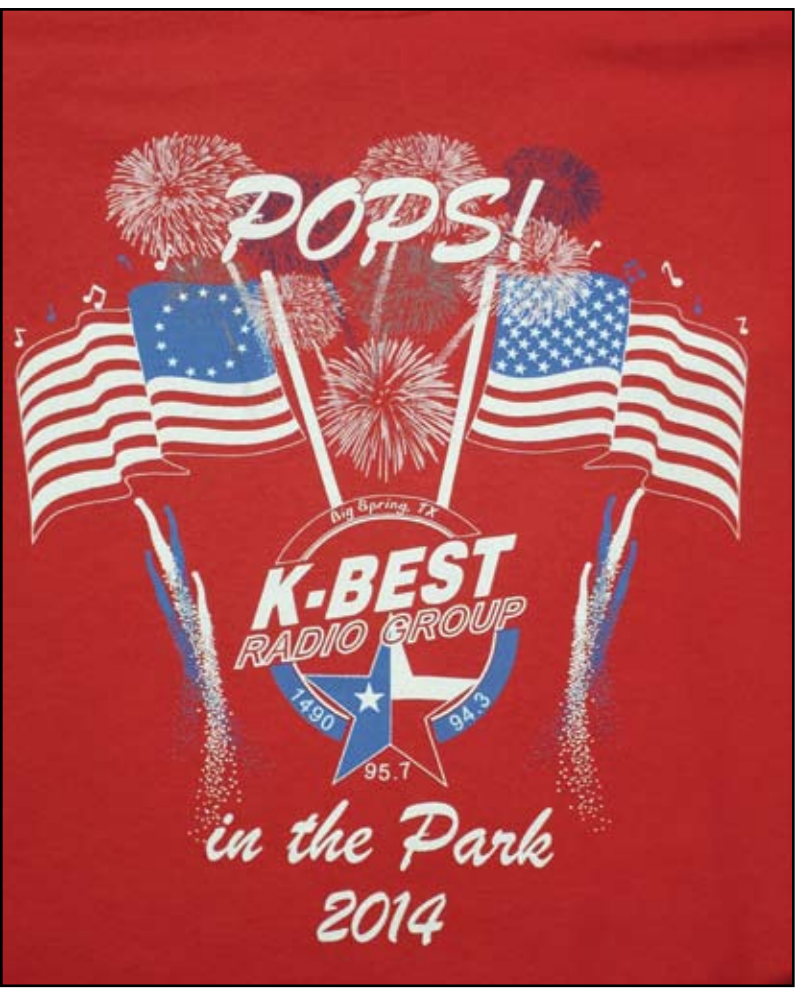
"It's not the standard pictures of veterans," Seales explained. "It will include an interview with the Big Spring Medal of Honor recipient."

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Pops schedule

Here is the schedule of events for the Pops in the Park celebration, which will be held Thursday at the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater:

- 5 p.m. — gates open at amphitheater; food and novelty booths open.
- 6 p.m. — pre-show performance by AC and the Heaters.
- 7:45 p.m. — welcome and announcements by emcee Clay "Gooney" Vickers.
- 8 p.m. — flag ceremony and performance by Big Spring Symphony.
- 9:15 p.m. — video presentation recognizing U.S. military personnel.
- 9:35 p.m. — fireworks display.



Courtesy photo

KBST offers Pops shirts for purchase

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Special to the Herald

They're back!

The Pops in the Park T-shirts are back — for the seventh year — thanks to KBEST Radio Group and 44 sponsors.

"The response was so overwhelming last year that we improved upon the process and set up an online store for preorders," Malinda Flenniken, partner of KBEST Radio Group, said.

The shirts are usually launched into the crowd during the Pops in the Park festivities, but due to popular demand, the idea came out to make them available to sell

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Senior Swim program in third year here

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

It's time for a dip in the pool.

The Senior Swim program continues at the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center although the pool will be

closed Thursday in preparation for the Pops in the Park crowds.

This is the third year for the program which allots a hour before the pool opens to the public for seniors to perform some light water exercises or just enjoy a little time in the water.

"This is a program for seniors 50 years and better," said Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director.

"It's a good time to enjoy being outside and taking in a bit of light exercise or just relaxing in the water before all the excitement that occurs when the pool is officially open to the public. If they want to take a walk around the lazy river, that is fine."

Senior Swim is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon.

Entrance cost to the pool for seniors on these days is \$4 each day or seniors can

purchase a card for eight entrances for \$32.

The exercise class is taught by Gayla Williams and Susan Markwell.

"This was something Gloria McDonald (former Big Spring city council person) started," ValVerde said. "We are a designated senior retirement community and this a program specifically aimed for that part of our community."

All the money goes back to paying for the lifeguards on

duty to support the program. The city and the Chamber do not receive any of the money."

The program will continue through the summer months until Aug. 21.

For more information, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce 263-7641.

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Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman wraps up its focus on fitness this month as it presents the final installment "Find Your

Strength" featuring Occupational Therapist Becky Carter. The program is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. July 24 at Big Spring YMCA.

"Becky did a great job last month pushing the ladies

with the first workout. This month, she is going to take it a step further and push them a little harder in hopes of finding their strength," Amanda Duforat, Healthy Woman coordinator said.

Once again, this will be an interactive event. The audience will be encouraged to get up and go through the workout with Carter,

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	69	t-storm	Kingsville	95	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	79	61	t-storm	Livingston	95	72	pt sunny
Austin	95	70	pt sunny	Longview	94	72	t-storm
Beaumont	95	72	pt sunny	Lubbock	82	63	t-storm
Brownsville	92	74	mst sunny	Lufkin	97	73	mst sunny
Brownwood	95	70	pt sunny	Midland	92	69	t-storm
Corpus Christi	91	76	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	96	73	mst sunny	Rosenberg	94	72	pt sunny
Dallas	95	74	t-storm	San Antonio	95	71	pt sunny
Del Rio	96	75	mst sunny	San Marcos	96	70	pt sunny
El Paso	94	75	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	93	71	t-storm
Fort Stockton	92	69	windy	Sweetwater	89	69	t-storm
Gainesville	90	69	t-storm	Tyler	93	72	pt sunny
Greenville	92	70	t-storm	Weatherford	94	71	t-storm
Houston	96	73	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	89	69	t-storm

POPS

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Site preparation is being concluded with final touchups, hanging banners and flags, marking vendor spaces, etc., to be done Thursday before the gates open. The Boy and Girl Scouts will serve as flag bearers, flanking the amphitheater and an honor guard featuring local members of the Big Spring police and fire departments will also be in attendance. The festival-like event preceding Funtastic Fourth was also dis-

cussed at the Tuesday meeting in reference to possibly combining the two events in the future. Gates will open to the public at 5 p.m. Vendors selling a wide variety of food and beverages will be at hand. Entertainment will begin with the pre-show around 6 p.m. when AC and the Heaters will perform. The highlight, as always, will be a performance by the Big Spring Symphony and the fireworks show. The symphony will open with a medley of popular and show tunes before providing musical accompaniment to the fireworks

display with a bevy of patriotic tunes, including "Stars and Stripes Forever." The celebration will be held Thursday at the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater and in the unlikely event that it rains, the fireworks will be rescheduled for the following Saturday. For more information on this year's event, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641. To contact Andreia Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331.

SHIRTS

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and has been part of the tradition for three years now. "We had no idea that we would have the response that we did when we offered the opportunity to purchase the shirts, but due to the popularity, not only did we decide to offer them again this year, we took orders online at KBestMedia.com," Flenniken said. The 2014 Pops in the Park shirt is American Flag red and features the 1776 flag — with the 13

stars in a circular formation — and the current American flag. A big splash of "Pops!" is accented with musical notes. The back of the shirt features all 44 sponsors, including a color logo of Superod flanked by a sparkling explosion of fireworks. "This shirt is about as patriotic as it gets. It represents our country's origin, as well as fun and celebration ... it's everything that is Pops in the Park," Flenniken said. Each of the sponsors on the back of this year's shirt contributed to the donation made to Pops in the Park in the name of KBest Media.

"We will continue to launch the free shirts into the crowd at Pops in the Park like always; we don't want to mess with a tradition," Flenniken said. "However, in the past couple of years we have noticed that there is a good number of community members wanting the shirts, and we want to make sure that they have an opportunity to get one if they want one." T-shirts are \$15 each and are available in youth sizes and adult sizes up to 4X. To purchase the shirts, stop by KBest Media, located at 608 Johnson, today until 5:15 p.m. or Thursday until 3 p.m.

FITNESS

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however, if there are those who just want to come and find out information and see how it's done, they are encouraged to go ahead and attend. "Last month's event went rather smoothly. She (Carter) started out going over some of the health benefits associat-

ed with a normal workout routine and then took the ladies through some stretches and from there went into the workout. It was different than the normal sit down events, but it was fun. "All the ladies who attended seemed to be having fun and were able to walk away with the ability to begin a new workout routine," Duforat said. For those who are in-

terested in attending the July event, but missed the first two, there is still plenty of time to catch up. According to Duforat, there are copies of the stretches and the workout that can be picked up at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Duforat added, "We are hoping at the end of this month's event our members will have gained some valuable information and learned some useful techniques that they will put into action." It is recommended that participants bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing. The event is free to the public, but reservations are requested. To find out more about the Healthy Woman program or reserve your spot for "Find Your Strength," call Duforat at 432-268-4699 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721.

EMS

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transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA reported at the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC. Saturday: • MEDICAL call reported at the 1600 block of Settles. One patient transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL call reported at the 200 block of Grant. Cancelled. • MEDICAL call reported at mile marker 169 and N. Service Rd. Cancelled. • MEDICAL call reported at the 2400 block of Gregg. One patient transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL call reported at the 2400 block of E. FM 700. One patient transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA call reported at the 1300 block of Lindbergh. Service refused.

Medical/TRAUMA reported at the 600 block of Holbert. One patient transported to SMMC. One patient refused service. Sunday: • TRAUMA reported at the 500 block of NE 9th St. Two patients transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL call reported at the intersection of 17th St. and Lincoln. One patient transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL call reported at the 1500 block of Sycamore. One patient transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL call reported at the 700 block of E. 6th St. One patient transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL call reported at the 1100 block of Sycamore. One patient transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL call reported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One patient transported to SMMC. • FIRE ALARM reported at the 3200 block of Fordham. False call. Monday: • TRAUMA reported at the 200 block of Circle. No transport. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported at the intersection of Rockhouse Rd. and Cauble Rd. One patient transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of E. 13th St. One patient transported to SMMC. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported at the 1100 block of Gregg. One patient transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL call reported at the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL call reported at the 1100 block of Scurry. One patient transported to SMMC. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported on Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 1000 block of Stadium. One patient transported to SMMC. • GAS LEAK reported at the intersection of 4th St. and Galveston. Referred to Atmos. Monday: • MEDICAL call reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80. Service refused. • MEDICAL call reported at the 2500 block of Wright. One patient

transported to SMMC. Tuesday: • MEDICAL call reported at the 2600 block of Ann. One patient transported to SMMC.

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Opinion

Pledge your allegiance to God

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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We are a just a couple of days away from Independence Day and I am very thankful we have the privilege to celebrate such a holiday. We live in the greatest country on the planet and God help us to never forget how blessed we are to be Americans. We have, as a nation, been abundantly favored by God and my heart is never apathetic about that fact. I love to sing “America the Beautiful” because it is true in every sense of the word. I still get goose bumps when I hear and sing the national anthem. I can still recite the Pledge of Allegiance without fumbling for one single word. While most cry out “God Bless America,” I am saying America should be blessing God for all He has done to keep us the most wonderful country in the world to call home.

Does that mean America is all she should be? Of course not. Recent years have brought radical change to our land and much of it has been bad. The moral fabric of our society has unraveled more than I could have ever imagined just a few short years ago. Things that were shameful and unacceptable a few years ago are now touted as the norm and persecution awaits anyone who dares speak out against anything. Tolerance is the new standard in our society but I for one am sick and tired of “political correctness” being the gold standard for a nation that is quickly heading for a tragic downfall because it has thrown out all sensible restraints in favor of pacifying a small number of loudmouths with an anti-God, anti-America agenda. How about a return to old-fashioned righteousness and integrity as a standard?

Truthfully, I believe that very act is all that is going to save this precious nation we all love. I do not believe we can survive if we continue to strip American citizens of their rights, remove all moral boundaries, require the people to accept things that are unacceptable,

go deeper and deeper into debt, and mock the God who has been our covering since our inception.

For years, preachers, patriots and good, upstanding American citizens have stood and faithfully proclaimed the truth of God’s Word concerning the fact that God judges sin. They have pointed out the depravity of our country, and how far it has departed from God. People often quote what Mrs. Ruth Graham said to her husband in 1965, ““Billy, if God doesn’t come soon and bring judgment upon the United States, He’s going to have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah!” I do not wish to dampen feelings of patriotism today by making these observations but America needs to be reminded it is “One Nation Under God”. On this July 4th weekend, I pray that America experiences a spiritual awakening.

I believe the prayer delivered by Pastor Joe Wright before the Kansas House of Representatives on January 23, 1996, is one of the most powerful statements of truth uttered in recent history. His prayer was, “Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to see your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, “Woe to those who call evil good,” but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

“We confess that: We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor’s possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and

women who have been sent: to direct us to the center of Your will and to openly ask these things in the name of Your son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

I’m sure that some will find that prayer offensive but I agree with it and believe he was right on target. At the risk of sounding like a preacher on a stump, I declare that Americans once again need to pledge their allegiance to the God that brought this nation into being. America needs to focus its national consciousness on God and His righteousness, rather than its rights.

The words, “In God We Trust,” have been on our coins since 1863. Later, the words became our national motto. It was that sentiment upon which this nation was founded. Our founding fathers realize that our nation’s trust in Almighty God would see her through the tough times. The sad truth is that over the last 50 years or so, America has ceased trusting God, and has placed her trust in gold, goods, technology and personal resourcefulness. There is nothing wrong with those things. But our nation cannot rely on them, for they are shaky foundations upon which to build.

George Washington said, “We are persuaded that good Christians will always be good citizens, and that where righteousness prevails among individuals the nation will be great and happy. Thus, while just government protects all in their religious rights, true religion affords to government its surest support.”

I love America and will celebrate freedom right alongside you and millions of others this weekend. And in the midst of it all my heartfelt prayer is for God to be honored once again in these wonderful United States. If you want more enlightenment about this concept, read 2 Chronicles 7:14.

You may not agree with anything I’ve said, but I column as I see ‘em.

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DAILY PRAYER

Walk with us as we make life choices, dear Lord. Amen

Free to choose vs. cost-free access

How did women get birth control before President Barack Obama’s Affordable Care Act? Before Obamacare, a woman could go to a doctor and get birth control. She often had to pay or make a copayment for contraception. But in the 2014 political lexicon, that means she had no access.

On Monday, the Supreme Court issued its 5-4 Hobby Lobby decision, which recognized family-owned corporations’ religious right to not offer contraception mandated under the Affordable Care Act in their employee health insurance plans. In her dissenting opinion, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg charged that the ruling would “deny legions of women who do not hold their employers’ religious beliefs access to contraceptive coverage that the ACA would otherwise secure.”

The Obama administration broadly prescribed what constituted health insurance coverage in 2012 when the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that contraception constituted essential preventive care. Hence, under Obamacare, birth control is exempt from copayments and mandatory in most employer-

sponsored health plans.

What if employers have deeply held religious objections against contraceptive methods that they consider to be abortion-inducing? Surely, the Obama administration expected resistance.

It came from Hobby Lobby CEO David Green, who, as a devout Christian, had been providing health care to his 13,000 full-time workers for years. The company plan included contraception — but not four methods that Green and his family believe “risk killing an embryo.” In a court brief, Hobby Lobby objected to being forced to be “complicit in abortion.”

If the Obama administration were tolerant, then the White House could have worked to accommodate dissent by allowing employers with demonstrated religious beliefs to opt out of Obamacare.

Indeed, the Affordable Care Act already exempts grandfathered employer-sponsored health plans — which means about a third of workers have health coverage that does not include birth control.

Obamacare also exempts small employers from the contraception mandate. Surely, if the Obama administration can exempt millions of workers for reasons of political expediency, then it can find a way to exempt the rare corporation with strong moral objections.

Mark Rienzi — senior coun-

sel of The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which represented Hobby Lobby in court — hailed the ruling as “a great decision for freedom and diversity.” In a free country, he argued, the government knows that “the answer is not to crush people for having different beliefs.”

Justice Samuel Alito Jr. wrote for the majority: “There are other ways in which Congress or HHS could equally ensure that every woman has cost-free access to the particular contraceptives at issue here.”

Here’s a radical idea: If Washington wants to make birth control free, let Washington pay for it.

Here’s another radical idea: To paraphrase the U.S. Constitution, let Washington pass no regulations prohibiting the free exercise of religion.

The whole push for reproductive rights started as a quest to establish a woman’s right to choose. Now family-owned corporations have choice, too.

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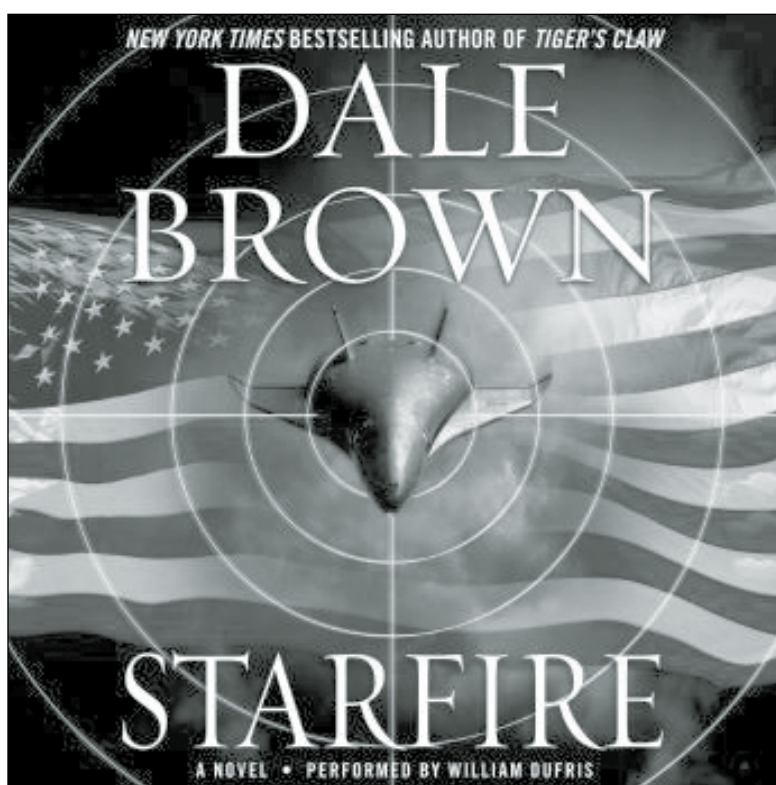
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Women, if you have researched your genealogical history and think you have found that you have a family ancestor that fought in the Revolutionary War or supported the Revolutionary War effort, you may be eligible to join the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. There is an active chapter here in Big Spring and we welcome new members. You may contact me here at the Library and I will put you in contact with a volunteer NSDAR genealogist who will work with you to prove your line.

Texas women, there is also an organization that if you have researched your genealogical history and think that you have found that you have a family ancestor that came to Texas before February 1846 (I think that is the date), then you may be eligible to join the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. There is an active chapter in Odessa and they welcome new members. You may contact me here at the library and I will put you in contact with someone who will work with you to prove your line.

In "The Ogallala Road: A Memoir of Love and Reckoning" (B BAI J) by Julene Bair, she will bring the Ogallala aquifer crisis home with a spiral back into her past, her tangled feelings for her family and the farm that supports her — a farm that now pumps the Ogallala to harvest the subsidies from corn and soybeans instead of growing dryland wheat and grazing native pasture as in years past. She weaves in the love affair and writes of her eventual realization after he leaves her that what she loved was not the man she thought might be a father to her struggling son and a partner in helping save her family farm, but what he represented: Kansas, the prairie and the culture of the people she grew up, the wind, the space, and beneath it all, that disappearing aquifer.

Bair mines her life as she works deeper into understanding the aquifer, agriculture on the western



plains, what draws her back to the Kansas she left as a young single mother, her family and her choices. The Ogallala Road is a complex story, a lyrical tribute to a place and the human cultures that have inhabited it, as well as a thorough and personal examination of an environmental crisis that,

it seems," a shocking secret that is passed down from president to president finally comes to Abraham Lincoln. As the first bloody clashes of the Civil War unfold, Lincoln alone must decide how to use this volatile knowledge — save thousands of young men or keep a nation from tearing

apart? The present day — four hot situations have heated up and Cotton Malone has gone from sorting books in Denmark to dodging bullets and seeking to save the United States.

A continuation of the Patrick McLanahan character (think he died in "Tiger's Claw"), his son Bradley McLanahan must now fly solo, leading a team of young engineers designing Starfire, the world's first orbiting solar power plant. Starfire will not only deliver unlimited and inexpensive electricity anywhere on Earth, but also to the moon, but is also a crucial first step in the exploration of the solar system.

But, ya know, there is always a fly in the ointment, and the biggest fly of them all is United States' President Kenneth Phoenix, whose plan is to militarize and industrialize earth's orbit. This sets off an arms race that makes the Cold War look like a chilly day. Bradley McLanahan and his team are caught in the center of a battle that threaten to become an all-out global war

for control of space. Check out "Starfire" (F BRO D) by Dale Brown and wait for a surprise ending.

Lou Dobbs and James O. Born have written "Border War" (F DOB L), a thriller that takes place, oddly enough, on the border (hence the title). Tom Eriksen is an FBI agent that has messed up enough times that he

has been reassigned to "The Island of Misfit Cops," the FBI office in El Paso, Texas. When his partner is murdered, Eriksen must take charge and solve the case, wading through a morass of corruption, drug

cartels and betrayals. It is when he teams up with a resourceful NSA agent that his luck begins to change. As the web of deceit and betrayals winds tighter and tighter, they race against the clock to stop an assassin whose target is someone very close to Erik.

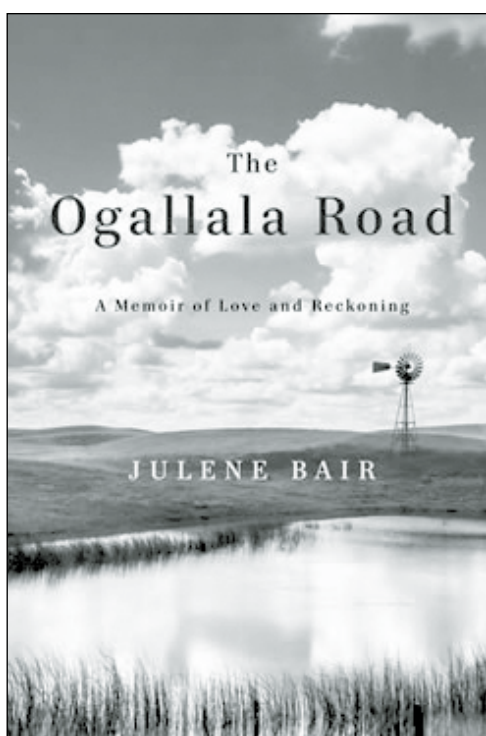
Bob Lee Swagger is old. "He was an old man in a dry month. Swagger sat on his rocker on the porch, hard, stoic, isolate, unmelted." Until he gets a message from Kathy Reilly, a correspondent for the Washington Post, in Russia, asking about a Mosin-Nagant 91. Now why would she be asking about guns? As the emails go back and forth, Bob Lee comes alive again. In "Sniper's Honor" (HUN S), Stephen Hunter's latest novel, the hunt is on for the elusive Ludmila Petrova, a Russian woman sniper who

disappeared sometime in mid-1944 and was never seen again. Stalin made her disappear not only as a person but as a personage. Bob Lee wants to know why.

The library will be closed for the Independence Day Holiday, Friday July 4 and Saturday, July 5. We will re-open on Monday, July 5, at 9 a.m. If you see any veterans, please shake their hands in gratitude for the keeping safe the freedom that our Revolutionary War heroes fought for.

We are open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.; the internet/video room closes at 5:30 p.m. You may reach us at 264-2260; fax number is 264-2263. Our website is <http://wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/howard-county>.

Hollis McCright is Howard County librarian.



for most of us, remains unseen. (review taken from Amazon.com).

Richard A. Clarke has written "Sting of the Drone" (F CLA R) and Clarke has drawn on his decade-long experience at the very highest level of national security to craft a novel that could be drawn from today's headlines. In Washington D.C., the Kill Committee will gather in the White House's Situation Room to select the next target for the United States' drone program. At Creech AFB, just outside Las Vegas, NV, a team of pilot, military personnel and intelligence officers, follow through on the committee's instructions, and will direct air strikes to targeted enemies. But enemy has decided to fight back, not just against the drones, but

against the Americans at home who control them.

Another great book from Steve Berry: "The Lincoln Myth" (F BER S). In September 1861, the phrase "all in not what



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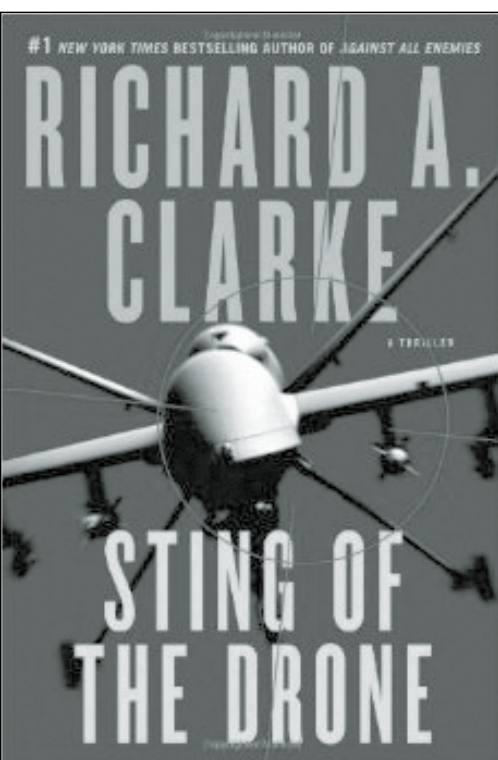
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US World Cup ends with 2-1 OT loss to Belgium

SALVADOR, Brazil (AP) — They captured the hearts of America — from coast to coast, big towns and small, all the way to the White House. Capturing the World Cup will have to wait. Just like four years ago, the United States is going home after the round of 16, beaten when Belgium scored twice in extra time Tuesday and then held on for a 2-1 win. “Thirty-one teams get their

heart broken,” goalkeeper Tim Howard said. “It has to end sometime. It ended a little bit early for us.” Playing the finest game of his career, Howard stopped a dozen shots to keep the Americans even through regulation and force an additional 30 minutes. He wound up with 16 saves — the most in the World Cup since FIFA started keeping track in 2002. Before exiting, the U.S.

showed the spunk that won America’s attention. The Belgians built a two-goal lead when Kevin De Bruyne scored in the 93rd minute and Romelu Lukaku in the 105th. But then Julian Green, at 19 the third-youngest player in the tournament, stuck out his right foot to volley in Michael Bradley’s pass over the defense in the 107th, two minutes after entering. “I was sure that we would

make the second goal and we would go to the penalty shootout,” Green said. The Americans nearly did. In the 114th, Clint Dempsey peeled by Bradley, a 30-yard free kick to Chris Wondolowski. He fed Dempsey, and goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois bolted off his line to block the 6-yard shot. At the final whistle, the U.S. players fell to the field in their all-white uniforms like so

many crumpled tissues. “They made their country proud with this performance and also with their entire performance in this World Cup,” former Jurgen Klinsmann, the former German World Cup champion who took over as coach three years ago. The Americans advanced from a difficult first-round group to reach the knockout

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File photo

Getting close ...

The 2014-15 high school sports season will get under way in less than a month when the Big Spring High School Lady Steers’ volleyball squad takes to the court for preseason drills. The Lady Steers’ first scrimmage will be Aug. 8 in San Angelo.

Orioles cruise past Rangers

BALTIMORE (AP) — The rookie pitcher yielded a career-high three home runs and didn’t get past the fifth inning. The veteran shortstop botched a grounder, paving the way for a four-run inning that all but decided the issue. Just another bad night for the Texas Rangers — one of many in recent weeks. Nelson Cruz hit his 26th home run, and Steve Pearce and Caleb Joseph also went deep as the Baltimore Orioles cruised past the Rangers for an 8-3 victory Tuesday night.

Martinez (1-6) gave up eight runs, six earned, and seven hits in five innings. The right-hander is 0-5 with an 8.10 ERA in seven starts since earning his lone career win at Detroit on May 24. “I feel like I pitched better than what it showed,” Martinez said. The numbers might have been better if not for a miscue by shortstop Elvis Andrus. Holding a 4-2 lead in the fourth, Baltimore loaded the bases with one out when Joseph hit a potential double-play grounder. Andrus fumbled the ball, letting in a run. Nick Markakis followed with a two-run double and Pearce hit a sacrifice fly. “That’s just a matter of trying to get the double play before you secure the ball,” Rangers manager Ron Washington

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Cano, Seager lead Mariners past Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Jarrod Cosart (AP) — baseball is usually a pretty reliable pitch. That wasn’t the case Tuesday night, when five of the nine hits Houston’s starter allowed in a 13-2 loss to the Seattle Mariners came on curves. Robinson Cano and Kyle Seager had three RBIs apiece, James Jones added two more and a seven-run sixth inning helped the Mariners score a season high in runs. Cosart (8-6) tied a season high by allowing six runs on nine hits in 5 2-3 innings to end a four-game winning streak.

“I just was getting behind hitters, and they got five hits on curveballs,” he said. “I have to go watch the video and see if they are bad or I am tipping my pitch or something, but I don’t think I ever gave up that many hits on the curveball. My guess is they weren’t good.” Manager Bo Porter said Cosart simply didn’t pitch on Tuesday night like he did during his winning streak. “Just one of those days,” he said. “A lot of pitches up in the zone. When he was on the streak that he was on, he was really finishing his breaking ball and

inducing weak contact, but today, there were just a lot of pitches up in the zone.” Cano drove in two to give Seattle the lead in the first and hit the first of the five doubles in the sixth inning that tied a franchise mark and pushed the lead to 10-1. Hisashi Iwakuma (6-4) went six innings, giving up a run on seven hits while striking out seven. Jones’ three hits included a triple. The rookie has seven hits in the first two games of this series. Seager doubled and hit a solo homer in the ninth as the Mariners also set

a season-high with 18 hits. Darin Downs relieved Cosart and allowed five consecutive hits, with four doubles, and the Mariners scored in double digits for the second straight game after winning the opener 10-4. All of the Mariners’ runs in the sixth came with two outs to mark the first time they’ve had six straight run-scoring hits with two outs in an inning with franchise history, according to STATS. It’s also the first time they’ve scored at least 10 runs in consecutive games since June 19-20, 2012. Jose Altuve had two

hits for his MLB-leading 36th multi-hit game and Matt Dominguez drove in a run for Houston. Jones singled in his first two at-bats to give him a hit in six straight plate appearances. He had an RBI in the second and his second one in the seventh made it 11-1. Domingo Santana, Houston’s eighth-rated prospect by Baseball America, went 0 for 4 in his major league debut after being called up from Triple-A Oklahoma City on Monday. Santana reached on an error in the seventh inning and scored on a ground-rule double.

Referee dies after being punched at soccer match

DETROIT (AP) — A man who was punched in the head over the weekend while refereeing an adult-league soccer match in suburban Detroit died Tuesday, authorities and a longtime friend of the referee said. John Bieniewicz, who was attacked Sunday at a park in Livonia, died at Detroit Receiving Hospital, said hospital

spokesman Alton Gunn, Livonia police and the man’s longtime friend, Jim Acho. Police Lt. Tom Goralski said a 36-year-old man punched Bieniewicz in the head after the referee indicated he planned to eject the man from the game. Baseel Abdul-Amir Saad of Dearborn was charged with assault with

intent to do great bodily harm. The Wayne County prosecutor’s office said the charges would be reviewed and possibly amended when it had the necessary documentation. Bieniewicz, 44, was a dialysis technician at Mott Children’s Hospital who lived in the Detroit suburb of Westland with his wife and two sons, said Acho.

Cowboys get McClain, put Lee on IR

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have acquired the rights to former Baltimore linebacker Rolando McClain and are placing Sean Lee on season-ending injured reserve with an injured knee.

The team reported on its website Tuesday that it also would send a sixth-round pick in next year’s draft to the Ravens while getting a seventh-round pick in return. McClain was the eighth overall pick by Oakland

in 2010, but off-the-field issues, including multiple arrests, shortened his career. He has been retired and hasn’t played since 2012. McClain, who turns 25 this month, has 173 tackles and 6 1/2 sacks.

Spezza, Hemsky join Dallas after Ottawa stint

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Jason Spezza and Ales Hemsky are going to find out if what they started in Ottawa can lead to something special in Dallas. Briefly teammates with the Senators last season, both forwards were acquired by the Stars on Tuesday — Spezza in a trade just before free agency opened and Hemsky on a 3-year contract after deals could be done. Spezza, who agreed to the Dallas deal a few days after using his no-trade clause to turn down a proposal from Nashville, was on a teleconference when one of the re-

porters told him Hemsky might be joining him again. “I’m thrilled because we had great chemistry at the end of the year,” said Spezza, who will become a free agent next year unless he signs an extension with Dallas. “So it’s nice to hear. We got to know each other pretty well.” Spezza was a first-time captain for what turned out to be a rough year in Ottawa, the last of 11 straight seasons with the Senators to start the 31-year-old’s career. Ottawa missed the playoffs after going to the second round in 2013.

Spurs’ Mills may miss 6-7 months

(AP) — Australian media reported that NBA champion San Antonio Spurs point guard Patty Mills will be sidelined for up to seven months with a right shoulder injury. Fairfax Media reports Wednesday that Mills has withdrawn from Australia’s campaign for the Aug. 30 to Sept. 14 World Cup in Spain and will undergo surgery in the next few days to repair the rotator cuff in his shoulder. The report says Mills played through pain during the NBA season and scans revealed the wear and tear just two weeks after he helped the Spurs win the title.

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Sudoku Answer On Page 3

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Active or Passive Defense?

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ K Q 6
♥ A
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ J 9 5 4 3
WEST
♦ J 5 4
♥ 9 7 3
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ Q 8 2
EAST
♦ A 10 8 2
♥ 8 5 2
♦ A Q 10 4
♣ 10 7
SOUTH
♦ 9 7 3
♥ K Q J 10 6 4
♦ K
♣ A K 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
3♥ Pass 3NT Pass
4♥

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

The question the defenders must resolve on each deal is whether to adopt an active or passive defense. Every deal has its own characteristics, and, even though general rules are frequently helpful, the most reliable guide usually is plain common sense.

Assume you're East and partner leads a diamond against South's four-heart contract. When you play the ace, declarer produces the king, obviously a singleton.

Tomorrow: A matter of compression.
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- Order Up: All-American diners serve classic comfort food with a heaping side of nostalgia
- Blueberry breakfast cake
- Car care tips for summer

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Moon of Organization

The Virgo moon calls for an organizational effort. Now that Mercury is revving up in forward motion, there's an opportunity to get those ducks lined up in a row. Once you do, they'll follow one another into the pond. Even with all of the hours spent in planning and preparation, this will be the most productive moment of the week, so make the most of it!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone who doesn't seem to be working hard or logically is finding success, and you're interested. Maybe there's a trick to work out or a value to uphold. Whatever it is, you're ready to learn.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll feel like putting off the errands, the phone calls, the handling of nagging details and more in order to accomplish some bit of unnecessary pleasure. It's a lucky move, indeed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're constantly improving, and things don't have to be bad in order for you to make them better. Just make sure the others feel supported. Discretion is key.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a

rebel today, but the fight won't look like a fight. This is a war of art and/or alliances. You know what you're up against, but do you know what you're for?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A foreign place will capture your curiosity. You'll spend time in study or travel, and when it's time to leave the experience, you'll take something of it with you or within you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Ideas are plentiful today, so be sure to write them down. Some of these gems could be taken to the marketplace later or applied to making the world a better place. For now, it's good just to keep track.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You feel ready to expand, to take educated risks and move forward. Do consider simplifying instead. There's a good chance that progress will involve concentrating and contracting, not expanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Much boils down to the food and drink you choose. If the food gives you energy instead of bogging you down, this will help you increase your productivity and make more money, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The change you want cannot be made instantly. But if you change what you do, you will see a difference over time. Make the effort, and then think about what it would take for you to repeat it over the next week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This will be a day of problem solving. You're good at it because you're willing to

experiment. Within a few reasonable attempts, you will be able to help yourself and others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Avoid making social commitments, because there's a good chance that when it's time to go out, you won't be in the mood for conversation and mingling. Tonight you will prefer the solace of your own mind and imagination.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your emphasis on business and the material world makes it difficult to spend time in the realm of romance. You feel like you need to get a few things handled before you make a heart connection.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 2). You will be driven by an overwhelming need to care for others through the first part of your solar year. The difference you make this month will change lives. August brings an award. You'll take a break from your philanthropy in September in order to give yourself something you really want. Taurus and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 21, 24 and 36.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "How do you know the difference between love and infatuation? I've been with a Capricorn for three weeks, and I think it's love. I'm ready to be exclusive with him. He says I'm taking it too fast and that I'm still in the infatuation phase. He says he doesn't want to get hurt. Should I slow my roll? This is the most exciting, passionate, romantic relationship I've ever been in. I'm an Aries."

Fiery Aries thrives on excitement,

impulse and risk. Can you savor this fun without being pushy? Like your practical Capricorn beau, I, too, believe that you're infatuated, but that's beside the point. Whether you're infatuated or in love, you're still creating this relationship with another person. If he's feeling pushed or pulled, that's repellant. He's going to be less attracted to you because you're asking him to make decisions he's not ready to make. My advice in this early stage is to build the fun, have experiences, get to know each other and bond like crazy. For now, don't worry about defining your feelings; just let them grow naturally through the dating process.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Larry David is rumored to be working on a gigantic Broadway project with longtime friend and collaborator Jerry Seinfeld. This crabby comedian is a Cancer who was born when Mercury was in Cancer, as well, indicating that under his shell of humor is an extremely sensitive, caring and even nurturing person. David's natal moon is in Capricorn, the sign of moguls.

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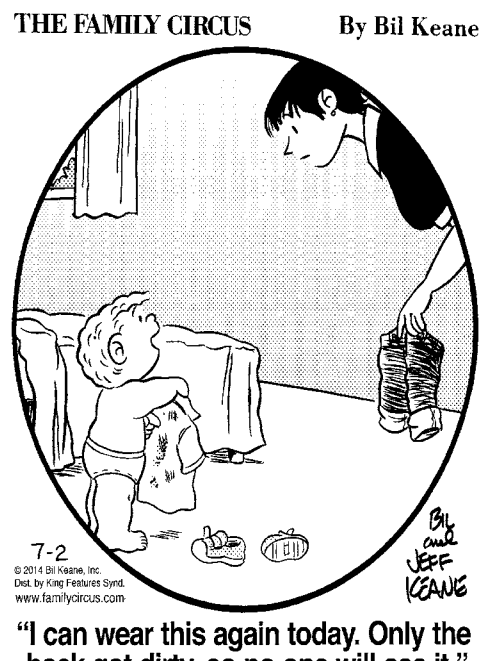
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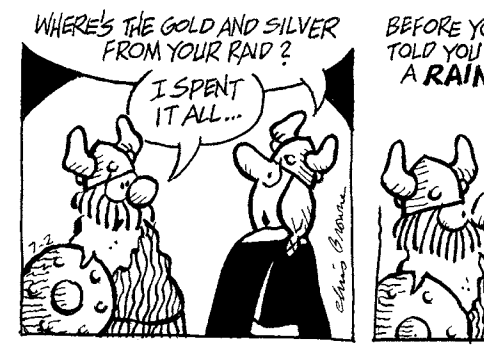
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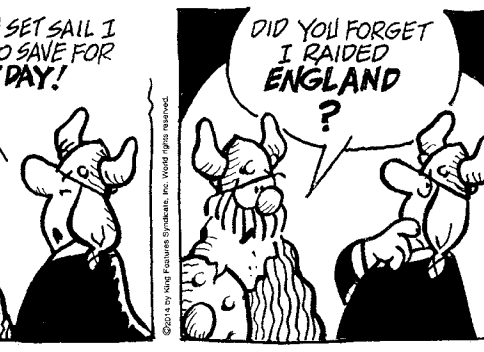


"I can wear this again today. Only the back got dirty, so no one will see it."

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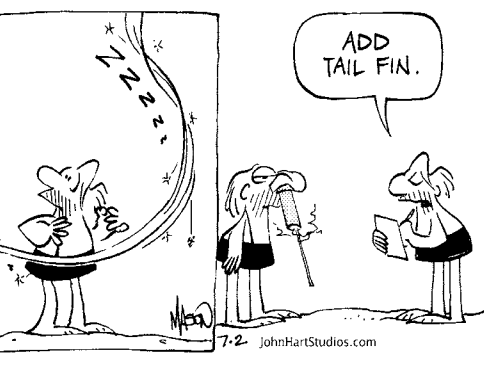
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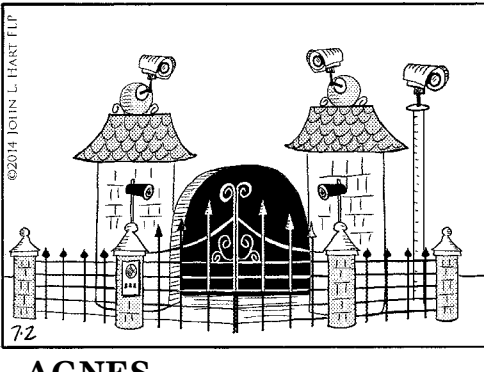
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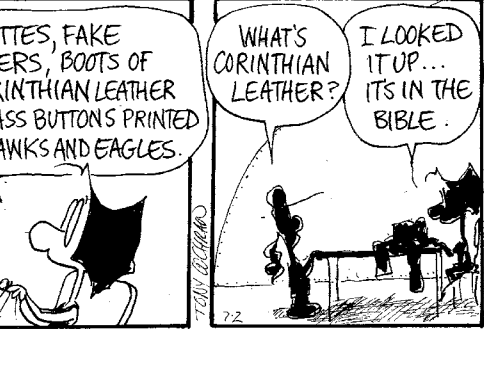
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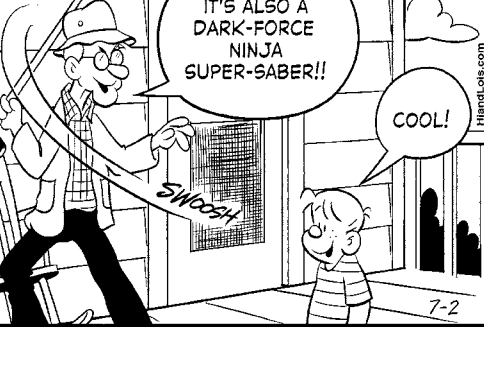
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, July 2, the 183rd day of 2014. There are 182 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress. On this date: In 1714, German composer Christoph Willibald Gluck was born in Erasbach. In 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies

are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure establishing the National Statuary Hall inside the former House Chamber of the U.S. Capitol. In 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September. (Guiteau was hanged in June 1882.) In 1926, the United States Army Air Corps was created. In 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific

Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator.

In 1943, Bing Crosby and the Ken Darby Singers recorded "Sunday, Monday or Always" for Decca Records. In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.

Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Goblet part
- 5 Bills and coins
- 9 Of the Arctic or Antarctic
- 14 Out of town
- 15 Sore spot
- 16 Finely honed
- 17 Main idea
- 18 Leeway
- 19 Bird homes
- 20 With only the slightest urging
- 23 Period after Mardi Gras
- 24 Large vase
- 25 Filament
- 29 Farm pen
- 30 Major car-racing sponsor
- 33 Flinch, perhaps
- 34 Take on cargo
- 36 Train for a bout
- 37 Not a moment too soon
- 40 Not fooled by
- 41 Gobbles down
- 42 Draws in
- 43 For example
- 44 Dinghy tool
- 45 Unsocial ones
- 46 Toward the stern
- 47 Commandments pronoun
- 49 Good value
- 57 Assumed name
- 58 Composer's work
- 59 Quote-book abbr.
- 60 Aladdin's pal

DOWN

- 1 Heroic tale
- 2 Tease
- 3 Dawn's direction
- 4 Ancient legend
- 5 Asked for ID
- 6 Squirrel snack
- 7 Take a photo
- 8 Burlap material
- 9 Sauté in a skillet
- 10 Mermaid's home
- 11 Luxurious
- 12 "___ girl!"
- 13 Take a break
- 21 Fill with joy
- 22 Surpass
- 25 Threesomes
- 26 Temporary tattoo dye
- 27 Well-worn
- 28 Resound
- 29 Ritzy retail chain
- 30 Cathedral topper
- 31 Performer with lions
- 32 Put the squeeze on
- 34 Whopper teller
- 35 Fall mo.
- 36 Astonish
- 38 "That's swell!"
- 39 Bakery's buy
- 44 Compensate for
- 45 Scoundrels
- 46 Once more
- 47 Competitive personality
- 48 Store-door posting
- 49 Luggage
- 50 Guinness of Star Wars
- 51 Supreme Court count
- 52 Easy victory
- 53 Chocolate shapes
- 54 Last part of BTU
- 55 Last part of UPC
- 56 Had no doubt about

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Chicago Bulls making hard run at signing Carmelo Anthony

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bulls made the hard sell for Carmelo Anthony and brought their stars along for the presentation on Tuesday. That included Derrick Rose, no fan of recruiting. Joakim Noah and Taj Gibson were there, too, trying to convince the New York Knicks' free agent to choose the Bulls. Anthony arrived at a decked-out United Center in the afternoon with agent Leon Rose and coach Tom Thibodeau, a police SUV trailing their oversized limousine.

He walked past the Michael Jordan statue, waving to a small group of cheering fans as he went inside, where he spent much of the afternoon before getting a look at the soon-to-open practice facility across the street. The Bulls believe they have a strong pitch and a simple selling point: Anthony can transform a playoff team into a championship contender. They believe uniting Anthony with Rose and Joakim Noah would put them in position to contend for their first

title since Jordan and Scottie Pippen led the way to two three-peats in the 1990s. And they certainly made their feelings clear on Tuesday, turning the arena into one big welcome mat. Two giant digital images above the entrance on Madison Street showed Anthony in a Bulls No. 7 jersey dribbling next to a championship trophy, fans stopping to take pictures. Another image around the corner also showed him in a jersey dribbling. Signs wrapping around

corners of the building and stacked on top of each other read, "Carmelo Anthony and Chicago basketball" and "Melo" with a cropped Bulls logo. Anthony, a top target in NBA free agency, is expected to visit other teams. If he signed elsewhere, it would probably bring back memories for Bulls fans of failed attempts to woo stars. "It should work out," said James Babbitt of Chicago, who stopped to take pictures of the images above the en-

trance on Madison. "He can go anywhere and win now — or maybe later. But if he comes here, he can win now and later." The Bulls tried to reel in Tracy McGrady under Jerry Krause in 2000, with mascot Benny the Bull and the Luv-abulls dancers greeting him at the airport, only to lose out to the Orlando Magic. In 2010, Chicago had enough salary-cap room to land two stars and went after LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL				
WNBA				
Eastern Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	11	5	.688	—
Chicago	8	8	.500	3
Connecticut	8	9	.471	3½
Indiana	7	9	.438	4
Washington	7	10	.412	4½
New York	6	11	.353	5½
Western Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Phoenix	11	3	.786	—
Minnesota	12	5	.706	½
San Antonio	9	8	.529	3½
Los Angeles	6	9	.400	5½
Seattle	7	11	.389	6
Tulsa	6	10	.375	6
Tuesday's Games				
San Antonio 74, Connecticut 71				
New York 90, Tulsa 74				
Indiana 77, Atlanta 70				
Chicago 90, Los Angeles 83				
Wednesday's Games				
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.				
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.				
Thursday's Games				
Tulsa at Connecticut, 7 p.m.				
San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				
L.A. at Seattle, 10 p.m.				

Kansas City	43	40	.518	4½
Cleveland	40	43	.482	7½
Minnesota	38	44	.463	9
Chicago	39	46	.459	9½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	51	32	.614	—
Los Angeles	47	35	.573	3½
Seattle	46	38	.548	5½
Texas	37	46	.446	14
Houston	36	49	.424	16
Tuesday's Games				
Toronto 4, Milwaukee 1				
L.A. Angels 8, Chicago White Sox 4, 1st game				
Tampa Bay 2, N.Y. Yankees 1				
Baltimore 8, Texas 3				
Detroit 3, Oakland 0				
Chicago Cubs 2, Boston 1				
Minnesota 10, Kansas City 2				
Seattle 13, Houston 2				
L.A. Angels 7, Chicago White Sox 5, 2nd game				
Cleveland 10, L.A. Dodgers 3				
Wednesday's Games				
Milwaukee (W.Peralta 9-5) at Toronto (Happ 7-4), 12:37 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 3-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Nuno 2-4), 1:05 p.m.				
Oakland (J.Chavez 6-4) at Detroit (Verlander 6-7), 1:08 p.m.				
Kansas City (Vargas 7-3) at Minnesota (Correia 4-9), 1:10 p.m.				
Seattle (C.Young 7-4) at Houston (Peacock 2-4), 2:10 p.m.				
Cleveland (Bauer 2-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 9-4), 3:10 p.m.				
Texas (Mikolas 0-0) at Baltimore (Tillman 7-4), 7:05 p.m.				

Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-6)	at Boston (Workman 1-1), 7:10 p.m.			
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 4-4)	at Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 7-6), 8:10 p.m.			
National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	46	38	.548	—
Washington	45	38	.542	½
Miami	40	43	.482	5½
New York	37	47	.440	9
Philadelphia	36	47	.434	9½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	51	34	.600	—
St. Louis	44	40	.524	6½
Cincinnati	43	40	.518	7
Pittsburgh	43	40	.518	7
Chicago	36	46	.439	13½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	47	36	.566	—
Los Angeles	48	38	.558	½
San Diego	37	47	.440	10½
Colorado	36	48	.429	11½
Arizona	35	50	.412	13
Tuesday's Games				
Toronto 4, Milwaukee 1				
Pittsburgh 3, Arizona 2				
Washington 7, Colorado 1				
Chicago Cubs 2, Boston 1				
Atlanta 5, N.Y. Mets 4				
Miami 5, Philadelphia 4, 11 innings				
San Diego 8, Cincinnati 2				
Cleveland 10, L.A. Dodgers 3				
San Francisco 5, St. Louis 0				
ChiSox at L.A., late				
Wednesday's Games				
Milwaukee (W.Peralta 9-5) at Toronto (Happ 7-4), 12:37 p.m.				

Cleveland (Bauer 2-4)	at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 9-4), 3:10 p.m.			
Cincinnati (Cueto 8-5)	at San Diego (T.Ross 6-8), 3:40 p.m.			
Colorado (Matzek 1-2)	at Washington (Fister 6-2), 6:05 p.m.			
Arizona (C.Anderson 5-3)	at Pittsburgh (Morton 4-9), 7:05 p.m.			
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-6)	at Boston (Workman 1-1), 7:10 p.m.			
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 1-4)	at Atlanta (Teheran 7-5), 7:10 p.m.			
Philadelphia (Hamels 2-4)	at Miami (Koebler 5-6), 7:10 p.m.			
St. Louis (Wainwright 10-4)	at San Francisco (Vogelsong 5-4), 10:15 p.m.			
Texas League				
North Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Arkansas	8	4	.667	—
NW Arkansas	6	6	.500	2
x-Tulsa	6	6	.500	2
Springfield	5	7	.417	3
South Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	8	4	.667	—
x-Frisco	5	6	.455	2½
Midland	5	6	.455	2½
Corpus Christi	4	8	.333	4
Tuesday's Games				
No games scheduled				
Wednesday's Games				
Tulsa at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.				
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 8:05 p.m.				
Springfield at Corpus Christi, 8:10 p.m.				
Frisco at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.				

on minor league contracts. Sent 1B Mark Trumbo to the AZL Diamondbacks for a rehab assignment. ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed C Evan Gattis on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Recalled RHP Juan Jaime from Gwinnett (IL). CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Fabio Castillo and Hector Nelo and LHP Scott Maine on minor league contracts. LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent LHP Scott Elbert to Albuquerque (PCL) for a rehab assignment. MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned LHP Donnie Joseph to New Orleans (PCL). Designated OF Brent Keys for assignment. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned OF Zach Collier outright to Reading (EL) and RHP Sean O'Sullivan outright to Lehigh Valley (IL). WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Traded 1B Brock Peterson to the L.A. Dodgers for cash. **BASKETBALL** **National Basketball Association** CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Agreed to terms with G Kyrie Irving on a five-year contract extension. WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Agreed to terms with C Marcin Gortat on a five-year contract. **FOOTBALL** **National Football League** DALLAS COWBOYS — Acquired the rights to LB Rolando McClain and a 2015 seventh-round draft pick from Baltimore for a 2015 sixth-round draft pick. Placed LB Sean Lee on injured reserve. MIAMIDOLPHINS — Released LB Marcus Thompson.




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WORLD

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rounds of consecutive World Cups for the first time. Four years ago, they were eliminated by Ghana 2-1 on a goal in the third minute of extra time.

"Getting to the round of 16, if we don't do that, we're very, very disappointed," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said. "We get here and it's kind of the swing game. We get beyond here, then it's generally viewed as very successful — this year was a little different because of the group we had in the first round, so that I think is already a success."

The crowd of 51,227 at Arena Fonte Nova appeared to be about one third pro-U.S., with 10 percent backing the Belgians and the rest neutral. Back home, millions watched in offices, homes and public gatherings that included a huge crowd at Chicago's Soldier Field.

President Barack Obama joined about 200 staffers in an Executive Office Building auditorium to watch the second half.

"I believe!" he exclaimed as he walked in at the front of the hall. "I believe!"

Belgium outshot the U.S. 38-14. The 35-year-old Howard kept the ball out with slides, with dives and with leaps. But he never felt it was his special night.

"If this continues, then we're in trouble," he recalled thinking.

With forward Jozy Altidore still not recovered from the strained hamstring that had sidelined him since the June 16 opener, Klinsmann inserted Wondolowski as a second striker in the 72nd minute. He appeared to have a chance to win it in stoppage time when Jermaine Jones flicked the ball to him at the top of the 6-yard box, but with Courtois coming out, Wondolowski put the ball over the crossbar. While the linesman put out his flag, it was unclear whether he was signaling goal kick or offside.

In the third minute of extra time, Matt Besler

United States
World Cup History

- 1930 (Uruguay)**
First Round
July 13 at Montevideo: U.S. 3, Belgium 0
July 17 at Montevideo: U.S. 3, Paraguay 0
- Semifinal**
July 26 at Montevideo: Argentina 6, U.S. 1
- 1934 (Italy)**
First Round
May 27 at Rome: Italy 7, U.S. 1
- 1950 (Brazil)**
First Round
June 25 at Curitiba: Spain 3, U.S. 1
June 29 at Belo Horizonte: U.S. 1, England 0
July 2 at Recife: Chile 5, U.S. 2
- 1990 (Italy)**
First Round
June 10 at Florence: Czechoslovakia 5, U.S. 1
June 14 at Rome: Italy 1, U.S. 0
June 19 at Florence: Austria 2, U.S. 1
- 1994 (United States)**
First Round
June 18 at Pontiac, Mich.: Switzerland 1, U.S. 1
June 22 at Pasadena, Calif.: U.S. 2, Colombia 1
June 26 at Pasadena, Calif.: Romania 1, U.S. 0
- Second Round**
July 4 at Stanford, Calif.: Brazil 1, United States 0
- 1998 (France)**
First Round
June 15 at Paris: Germany 2, United States 0
June 21 at Lyon: Iran 2, U.S. 1
June 25 at Nantes: Yugoslavia 1, U.S. 0
- 2002 (South Korea)**
First Round
June 5 at Suwon: U.S. 3, Portugal 2
June 10 at Daegu: U.S. 1, South Korea 1
June 14 at Daejeon: Poland 3, United States 1
- Second Round**
June 17 at Jeonju: United States 2, Mexico 0
- Quarterfinal**
June 21 at Ulsan: Germany 1, United States 0
- 2006 (Germany)**
First Round
June 12 at Gelsenkirchen: U.S. 0, Czech Republic 3
June 17 at Kaiserslautern: Italy 1, United States 1
June 22 at Nuremberg: Ghana 2, United States 1
- 2010 (South Africa)**
First Round
June 12 at Rustenburg: England 1, United States 1
June 18 at Johannesburg: Slovenia 2, United States 2
June 23 at Pretoria: United States 1, Algeria 0
- Second Round**
June 26 at Rustenburg: U.S. 1, Ghana 2
- 2014 (Brazil)**
First Round
June 16 at Natal: U.S. 2, Ghana 1
June 22 at Manaus: Portugal 2, United States 2
June 26 at Recife: Germany 1, United States 0
- Second Round**
July 1 at Salvador: Belgium 2, U.S. 1

Cardinals officially become member of new Atlantic Coast Conference

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich just smiled while looking over the housewarming package the Atlantic Coast Conference had waiting for the Cardinals.

It confirmed his belief that his school made the right move.

There was the crystal-wood championship trophy the school aims to win, a backdrop featuring the Cardinal and league logos, and a black-and-white welcome plaque. After bouncing around in three other leagues over 19 years, Tuesday marked Louisville's official entry into the ACC. The Cardinals are replacing Maryland after it joined the Big Ten

along with Rutgers. In a news conference that included ACC Commissioner John Swofford and Louisville President James Ramsey, Jurich said, "We're not the biggest, we're not the best, but we're going to work our butts off to make you very, very proud."

Jurich stressed Louisville's long-term commitment to that end, and Swofford expressed confidence that this will be a permanent relationship.

The commissioner already believes the Cardinals' presence bolsters the ACC's strong resume' including men's basketball powerhouses North Carolina and Duke and defending BCS football cham-

pion Florida State. "It's more than fair to say from an historical and success standpoint, we are now the strongest collection of basketball programs that have ever been assembled," Swofford said, "and we will have four of the five active Hall of Fame coaches on the sidelines this year."

That list includes Cardinals men's coach Rick Pitino, who was absent from the news conference. But he echoed Swofford's belief in a statement that said "we're very, very excited to be joining the ACC."

Louisville football coach Bobby Petrino was also absent, but said in a release that "we are thrilled this day

has finally arrived." Though Maryland's departure for the Big Ten opened the door for Jurich to call Swofford and ask that Louisville be considered as a replacement, the commissioner said the school had been on its radar as a candidate for expansion.

However, the sudden vacancy created an urgency in which the conference weighed Louisville's academic and athletic qualities over 11 days.

Swofford said Louisville's strengths in both areas made the decision obvious. The ACC's invitation ended up sparking a remarkable run of success that's been called "The Year of the Cardinal."

Rutgers holds party to celebrate joining Big 10

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — Rutgers marked its first day in the Big Ten with a party at its football stadium.

Tuesday's celebration attracted a crowd of about 2,000 fans, who listened to music from a cover band and watched as fireworks went off

at the end of the night. There also were big inflatable houses for the kids.

"I think today is going to be like an anniversary," Rutgers football coach Kyle Flood said.

"Whether it's a wedding anniversary, something like a birth-

day, I think this will be a date throughout history that the Rutgers family is really going to remember," Flood added.

Rutgers and Maryland announced in November 2012 that they were leaving their respective conferences for the Big

Ten. But it wasn't until Tuesday that they officially became members of their new league.

Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany, Rutgers President Robert Barchi and athletic director Julie Hermann addressed the stadium party.

RANGERS

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said. "It happens. We wish it wouldn't happen, but it does."

Andrus said, "No excuse about it. I have to make that play."

The Rangers (37-46) have lost 11 of 13 overall to fall nine games under .500 for the first time since they were 9-18 on

April 29, 2008. Texas has dropped seven straight on the road, its longest such skid in six seasons.

"It's always tough when you don't win," Washington said. "But you find out what you're made of. I believe in those guys in the clubhouse, and we'll just keep fighting. That's all we can do."

T.J. McFarland (1-1) allowed two runs in a

career-high five innings to win his second career start compared to 51 relief appearances.

For the second game in a row, Baltimore homered twice in the first inning.

Pearce hit a liner in front of the left-field foul pole that glanced off the glove of Shin-Soo Choo and dropped over the wall.

One out later, Cruz

the center-field wall.

Texas pulled even in the second when Adam Rosales hit a two-run double in his first at-bat of the season. In the bottom half, Joseph drove a 3-1 pitch into the front row of the left-field seats with a man on for a 4-2 lead.

The Orioles used three hits, a walk and an error to pull away with a four-run fourth. The error, of course, was the key.

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