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Ready for liftoff



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The U.S. Hang Gliding and Para Gliding Association's national championships begins Sunday at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Hang gliders returning to Big Spring Sunday

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer

"Strongest, smoothest, most consistent conditions of all the major U.S. competitions. Air conditioned pilot lounge, hangar, paved runways, ice cream, water and all facilities."

That's how the U.S. Hang Gliding Para Gliding Association (USHPA) describes Big Spring on its website.

According to Airpark Director Jim Little, more than 60 competitors have registered for this year's national championships, which begins Sunday, surpassing previous years.

Tandem flights will be available again this year and will be \$100 per flight, according to event coordinator Belinda Boulter. To reserve a flight or for more information con-

tact Russell Brown at 352-516-8616.

The city will provide shaded seating and food vendors will also be available at the event.

"Every year, the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) puts on a welcome dinner for pilots and their crews at the Dora Roberts (Community) Center — this year, it's Saturday, Aug. 2," Boulter said. "We'll have an

awards party Saturday, Aug. 9 at K.C.'s Steakhouse."

Divisions of the sport to be included in the Big Spring Nationals will include flex wing, sport class and rigid wing. Registration is open until Aug. 3. Pilots come from as far away as Great Britain, Mexico, Norway and Guatemala.

For those who wish to enter, there are 50 slots available

and early sign up is encouraged to reserve a spot.

Pilot entry fee and full online registration deadlines are: \$350 before July 6. Registrants after July 6 will have to pay \$400 and \$450 Aug. 2 and 3. A special discount is available to a pilot who refers anyone who has never been to Big Spring.

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Negotiators reach deal on VA health care plan

By **MATTHEW DALY**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After more than six weeks of sometimes testy talks, House and Senate negotiators have agreed on a compromise plan to fix a veterans health program scandalized by long patient wait times and falsified records covering up delays.

The chairmen of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs committees have scheduled a news conference Monday afternoon to unveil a plan expected to authorize billions in emergency spending to lease 27 new clinics, hire more doctors and nurses and make it easier for veterans who can't get prompt appointments with VA doctors to obtain outside care.

An agreement reached Sunday by Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., was a long time coming. The House and Senate approved bills on veterans health care in early June, and lawmakers from both parties said they expected a final bill by July 4.

Instead, negotiators met once in public, then disappeared or held private



meetings that produced few results. Talks reached a low point last Thursday, as Sanders and Miller had a public spat that appeared to leave the two sides far apart, with only days remaining until Congress goes on a five-week recess.

Sanders, who chairs the Senate veterans panel, and Miller, chairman of the House panel, repeatedly lashed out at each other. Sanders accused Miller of

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Gas prices keep sliding downward

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 3.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.38 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.51 per gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 13.6 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 11.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 16.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 11.7 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The national average as of today has been on decline for a month straight,"

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Obituaries

Marcia Abbott



Services for Marcia Abbott, 60, of San Angelo, will be held Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at 10 a.m. at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Steven Sweet of Sierra Vista United Methodist Church officiating.

Marcia was born Oct. 18, 1953 in Big Spring, Texas to Martin and Lillian Staggs. Marcia passed away Friday, July 25, 2014, peacefully in her home surrounded by

her loving family.

Marcia married Tom Abbott July 21, 1984 and they just celebrated 30 wonderful years together. During their loving marriage, they had two children, Katherine Gayle and Kelsey Christine and two beautiful granddaughters, Kenzie and Jaelyn.

Marcia received her bachelors degree from Texas Tech and her masters degree from North Texas State and was a speech pathologist at West Texas Rehab Center for many years. She continued her career in private practice. She helped better the lives of many children throughout the years. She was devoted to helping children and had a special interest in autistic children.

She was a published author with a book titled "A Shocking Discovery," which gave her thoughts on autism. She was voted an "Outstanding Young Woman of the Year" in 1980. In the last several years she concentrated on being a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her girls were her life.

She was a member of Sierra Vista United Methodist Church. The family would like to give special thanks to Hospice of San Angelo for their wonderful care and compassion.

Marcia was preceded in death by her father, Martin Staggs; and brother Bruce.

She is survived by her loving husband, Tom; daughters, Katherine and Kelsey; granddaughters, Kenzie and Jaelyn; mother, Lillian Staggs; brother, Richard Staggs and wife Dolores; and a brother, Tindall Staggs and wife Margie. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at Johnson's Funeral Home Tuesday, July 29, 2014, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Meals for the Elderly, 301 E. Houston Harte, San Angelo, Texas 76903 or Hospice of San Angelo, P.O. Box 471, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

Family and friends may sign the online register book at www.johnsons-funeralhome.com

Paid obituary

Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

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

- **BEN RAY JOHNSON**, 47, of 903 Abrams St., was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief, impair/interrupt/divert public water.

- **KODY CHANCE JACKSON**, 28, of 3217 Fenn Avenue., was arrested on charges of criminal trespass — property/building/aircraft/vehicle and burglary of a building.

- **DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON II**, 29, of 1604 S. Benton St., was arrested on charges of criminal trespass — property/building/aircraft/vehicle and burglary of a vehicle.

- **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 74, transient, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass—property/building/aircraft/vehicle and public intoxication with three prior convictions.

- **SAMANTHA BARBARA MUNOZ**, 20, of 1007 Sycamore St., was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

- **BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA**, 32, of 1704 S. Benton, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

- **MICHAEL BENNETT FREEMAN**, 46, of 708 North Horton, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **STEVEN RAY JOHNSON**, 21, of 1120 Harris St., Odessa, Texas, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **ELIS ORLANDO GARCIA**, 27, of 5634 Olee Ave., Longbeach, Calif., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **TROY BRADLEY SMITH**, 26, of 3398 Crc 2050, Stanton, was arrested on charges of duty on striking unattended vehicle (four counts); theft of services, more than \$20 but less than \$500; and driving while intoxicated.

- **CRYSTAL LASHLE COBLE**, 27, of 2710 S. Anderson, was arrested on warrants for disregard red light and failure to appear.

- **SMYHIA MAE HILARIO**, 47, 1600 S. Lancaster St. 101, was arrested on a charge of theft, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- **CRIMINAL MICHIEF** was reported in the 1300 block of S. Gregg.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1400 block of Princeton Avenue, 3600 block of W. Highway 80 and the 400 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Highway 350 and I-20, in the area of Fourth and Owens St. and in the area of FM 700 and Goliad.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 16th and Gregg streets and in the 3400 block of E. FM 700.

- **BURLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the area of 3300 block of W. Highway 80.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 800 block of S. Aylesford St.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4700 block of Chaparral Road.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 600 block of St. Street, and in the 1800 block of S. Gregg St. and in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 900 block of Abrams St.

- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 3400 block of E. I-20.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- **BRANDON DEKOTA FEASTER**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for ran a stop sign.

- **ASHLEY NICHOLE SIGLER**, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, more than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- **SHAWTINA MARIE THORPE**, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

- **CORY ALLEN LOVE**, 54, was booked by the BSPD on a Bell County warrant for aggravated sexual assault.

- **JEFFREY PAUL CARTER**, 51, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass — habitation/shelter.

- **BEN RAY JOHNSON JR.**, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief, impair/interrupt public service.

- **KODY CHANCE JACKSON**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass—property/building/aircraft/vehicle and burglary of a building.

- **DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass—property/building/aircraft/vehicle and burglary of a building.

- **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 74, was booked by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and public intoxication with three prior convictions.

- **STEVEN RAY JOHNSON**, 21, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

- **BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

- **SAMANTHA BARBARA MUNOZ**, 20, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for parent contributing to non-attendance and failure to appear and on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

- **MICHAEL BENNETT FREEMAN**, 45, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **TROY BRADLEY SMITH**, 26, was booked by BSPD on charges of duty on striking unattended vehicle (four counts); theft of service, more than \$20 but less than \$500; and driving while intoxicated.

- **ELIS ORLANDO GARCIA**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **CRYSTAL COBLE**, 27, was

booked by the BSPD on a warrant for ran a red light.

- **SYTHIA MAE HILARIO**, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$1,500.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

FRIDAY

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to (Scenic Mountain Medical Center) SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. No transport.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry. No transport.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. No transport.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Vines. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **GAS LEAK** was reported in the 700 block of I-20. Leak was cleaned up.

- **GRAS FIRE** was reported near mile marker 170 on Interstate 20. Fire was extinguished.

- **GAS FIRE** was reported near mile marker 196. Fire was extinguished.

- **FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 2500 block of Rebecca. False call.

Saturday

- **MEDICAL CALL** and **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2900 block of 2100 block of S. Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** and **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the on the 11th Place Extension. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. No transport.

- **GAS LEAK** was reported at the State Park and Mesa. Atmos turned off gas.

SUNDAY

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Mobile. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Lancaster. No transport.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg. Service refused.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 17th. Service refused.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Morrison. Service refused.

MONDAY

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Abrams. One person transported to SMMC.

Lucille 'Lu' Norris

Lucille "Lu" Norris, 82 of Big Spring, died Sunday in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ronnie Hodges

Ronnie Hodges, 59, of Big Spring, died Friday July 25, 2014, in Lubbock. Funeral services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

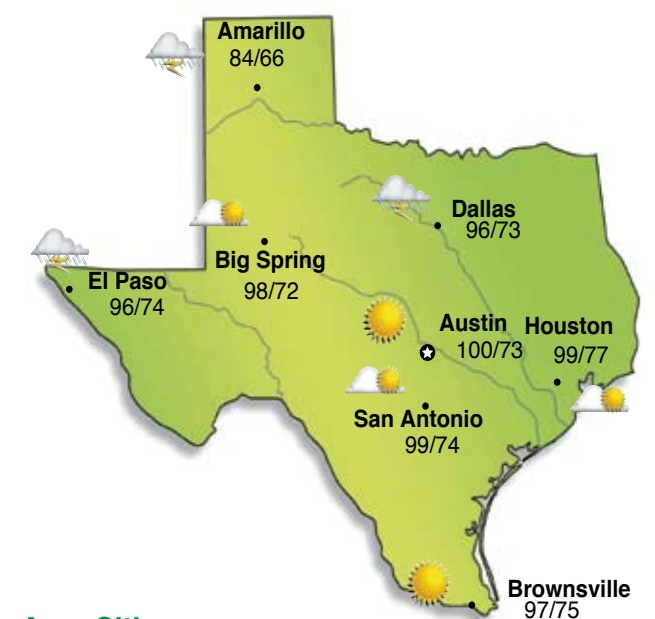
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 7/29	Wed 7/30	Thu 7/31	Fri 8/1	Sat 8/2
98/72 Partly cloudy. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High 98F.	94/73 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	101/71 Times of sun and clouds. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the low 70s.	92/68 More clouds than sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	89/70 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	73	t-storm	Kingsville	97	73	pt sunny
Amarillo	84	66	t-storm	Livingston	97	75	pt sunny
Austin	100	73	sunny	Longview	92	68	t-storm
Beaumont	95	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	90	69	t-storm
Brownsville	97	75	sunny	Lufkin	96	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	96	71	t-storm	Midland	96	73	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	94	77	mst sunny	Raymondville	100	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	96	72	t-storm	Rosenberg	98	76	pt sunny
Dallas	96	73	t-storm	San Antonio	99	74	pt sunny
Del Rio	101	79	mst sunny	San Marcos	101	74	mst sunny
El Paso	96	74	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	93	68	t-storm
Fort Stockton	98	72	mst sunny	Sweetwater	96	72	t-storm
Gainesville	93	70	t-storm	Tyler	93	71	t-storm
Greenville	93	68	t-storm	Weatherford	93	71	t-storm
Houston	99	77	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	93	70	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	65	mst sunny	Minneapolis	79	58	mst sunny
Boston	82	62	t-storm	New York	83	64	t-storm
Chicago	71	57	sunny	Phoenix	100	79	t-storm
Dallas	96	73	t-storm	San Francisco	70	57	pt sunny
Denver	84	61	t-storm	Seattle	84	60	sunny
Houston	99	77	pt sunny	St. Louis	79	61	mst sunny
Los Angeles	86	68	pt sunny	Washington, DC	85	63	mst sunny
Miami	90	78	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 7/29	Wed 7/30	Thu 7/31	Fri 8/1	Sat 8/2
11	11	11	9	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Very High	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 in brief

Coal exports help US clean up global warming pollution at home — but still pollute elsewhere

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — As the Obama administration weans the U.S. off dirty fuels blamed for global warming, energy companies have been sending more of America's unwanted energy leftovers to other parts of the world where they could create even more pollution.

This fossil fuel trade threatens to undermine President Barack Obama's strategy for reducing the gases blamed for climate change and reveals a little-discussed side effect of countries acting alone on a global problem. The contribution of this exported pollution to global warming is not something the administration wants to measure, or even talk about.

"This is the single biggest flaw in U.S. climate policy," said Roger Martella, the former general counsel at the Environmental Protection Agency under President George W. Bush. "Although the administration is moving forward with climate change regulations at home, we don't consider how policy decisions in the United States impact greenhouse gas emissions in other parts of the world."

Over the past six years, American energy companies have sent more coal than ever before to other parts of the world, in some cases to places with more lax environmental standards.

The consequence: This global shell game makes the U.S. appear to be making more progress than it is on global warming. That's because it shifts some pollution — and the burden for cleaning it up — onto other countries' balance sheets.

Israel carries out 3 airstrikes on Gaza, breaking relative lull at start of Muslim holiday

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli jets pounded three Hamas sites in Gaza on Monday after a rocket was launched at Israel, disrupting a relative lull in the war-torn territory at the start of a major Muslim holiday.

The strikes followed an almost 12-hour pause in fighting and came as international efforts intensified to end the three-week conflict between Israel and Hamas. The U.N. called for an "immediate" cease-fire.

Israel's military said it struck two rocket launchers and a rocket manufacturing facility in central and northern Gaza after a rocket hit southern Israel early Monday. The rocket caused no damage or injuries.

Earlier, the Israeli military said it had not carried out any attacks in Gaza since 9:30 p.m. on Sunday but that troops on the ground were pressing on with efforts to destroy the cross-border tunnels constructed by Hamas for attacks inside Israel.

The military said it opened artillery fire on Beit Lahiya in northern Gaza in response to the rocket fired at Ashkelon, said the office of Israel's military spokesman. "Quiet will be met with quiet," the office statement said.

At least 8 civilians killed as hostilities in eastern Ukraine intensify

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — At least eight civilians have been killed by fighting and shelling in two Ukrainian cities held by separatist militants, officials in the rebellion-racked east said Monday.

Authorities in Luhansk that five people were killed and 15 injured by overnight artillery strikes. Three were killed in Donetsk as a result of clashes, the city's government said.

Territory between the cities has seen intensified fighting as government troops try to gain control over the area where a Malaysia Airlines plane was downed earlier this month.

Dutch and Australian police set off for the crash site Monday morning in a convoy of 20 cars, aiming to secure the area so that investigations can continue and any remaining bodies can be recovered.

Both sides in the conflict have traded accusations over the mounting civilian death toll. The armed conflict that has been raging for more than three months has displaced more than 200,000 people.

Malaysia plane shoot-down response recalls Soviet evasiveness after 1983 Korean jet downing

Those searching for the truth about what happened in the shoot-down of the Malaysia airliner over Ukraine can take little comfort from the history of another passenger jet that was blasted out of the sky over the Soviet Union more than three decades ago: The Kremlin at the time dodged, weaved and obfuscated.

Today, we still don't know what exactly happened to Korean Airlines Flight 007.

I was The Associated Press' Moscow bureau chief when a Soviet Sukhoi-15 fighter downed KAL 007 on Sept. 1, 1983. The passenger plane was about to leave Soviet airspace after more than two hours of flying off-course above super-secret military installations along the Pacific coast. Pilots on the New

York to Seoul flight via Anchorage, Alaska, had apparently put wrong navigation points into the on-flight computer. All 269 people on board were killed.

For three days, the Soviets said little. Then, on the fourth day, came a flurry of confusing and unlikely accounts.

Authorities said the Red Army in the Far East mistook the KAL airliner, with the distinctive 747 hump at the front, for an American RS-135 spy plane, a modified Boeing 707. At the time, the United States maintained a fleet of the RS-135s around the world, many of them flying off the Pacific coast of Siberia.

That same day, Col. Gen. Semyon Romanov was quoted by the official TASS news agency as saying, "The horror of this is that the United States sent the plane on its dirty mission." Romanov declared the "South Korean plane flew from the United States as a rude and deliberate provocation."

Police in China remove church's cross amid crackdown in region with thousands of believers

BEIJING (AP) — Hundreds of police took down a church's cross Monday in a city known as "China's Jerusalem" for its many houses of worship amid a crackdown on church buildings in a coastal region where thousands of people are embracing Christianity.

Evangelist Qu Linuo said he and about 200 others had rushed to the Longgang Huai En Church in the eastern city of Wenzhou to protect the building but peacefully made way for the police, who used a crane to remove the 3-meter-tall (10-foot-tall) red cross from its steeple.

Authorities told the church the cross violated building height limits, and returned it to the parishioners, who wept and prayed around it, said Qu, who is a member of another church. A man at the county's public security office said he didn't know anything about the incident, and the Longgang township police didn't answer phone calls.

Across Zhejiang province, where Wenzhou is located, authorities have toppled or threatened to topple crosses at more than 130 Protestant churches. In a few cases, the government has even razed sanctuaries.

Officials say they're enforcing building codes, although often they won't specify which ones. They also deny they are specifically targeting churches, and point to the demolition of tens of thousands of other buildings, religious and non-religious, that have apparently broken regulations.

VA

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acting in bad faith, while Miller said Sanders had "moved the goalposts" in talks to fix veterans' health care.

A partisan impasse loomed, even as both sides said they hoped to avoid what Miller called the "sort of bickering and name-calling for which Washington has become infamous."

Three days later, after talks by telephone from Florida and Vermont, Miller and Sanders were on the same page.

Aides to the two men said Sunday they had reached a tentative agreement. The deal requires a vote by a conference committee of House and Senate negotiators, and votes in the full House and Senate.

Miller and Sanders said in a joint statement that they "made significant progress" over the weekend toward agreement on legislation to reform the Veterans Affairs Department, which has been rocked by reports of patients dying while awaiting VA treatment and mounting evidence that workers falsified or omitted appointment schedules to mask frequent, long delays. The resulting election-year firestorm forced VA Secretary Eric Shinseki to resign in late May.

The plan set to be announced Monday is intended to "make VA more accountable and to help the department recruit more doctors, nurses and other health care professionals," Miller and Sanders said.

Louis Celli, legislative

director for the American Legion, the nation's largest veterans group, said the deal would provide crucial help to veterans who have been waiting months or even years for VA health care.

"There is an emergency need to get veterans off the waiting lists. That's what this is all about," Celli said Sunday.

Tom Tarantino, chief policy officer of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, said the agreement was good news — although several months late.

"It's about time they're doing their jobs," he said of Sanders, Miller and other members of Congress. "You don't get a medal for doing your job."

Veterans waiting two months for medical appointments "don't care

about all this back and forth" in Congress, Tarantino said. "That's what should be driving decisions."

An updated audit by the VA this month showed that about 10 percent of veterans seeking medical care at VA hospitals and clinics still have to wait at least 30 days for an appointment. About 46,000 veterans have had to wait at least three months for initial appointments, the report said, and an additional 7,000 veterans who asked for appointments over the past decade never got them.

Acting VA Secretary Sloan Gibson has said the VA is making improvements, but said veterans in many communities still are waiting too long to receive needed care. The VA provides health care

to nearly 9 million en-

rolled veterans. The House and Senate are set to adjourn at the end of the week until early September, and lawmakers from both parties have said completing a bill on veter-

ans' health care is a top

priority. The Senate is expected to vote this week to confirm former Procter & Gamble CEO Robert McDonald as the new VA secretary, replacing Gibson.

PRICES

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said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "The drop in gas prices during the middle of the summer certainly has been welcome relief to families and individuals alike who are hitting the road during the peak of the summer driving season."

The national average now stands at its lowest point since March of this year and will likely

drop under \$3.50/gallon by mid-week. No states in the lower 48 feature average prices over \$4/gal, and just 4.1 percent of all stations GasBuddy tracks stand over that level, which is a drop from 8.7 percent a month ago.

"A month ago, nearly 75 percent of gas stations were charging more than \$3.50 a gallon, while today we see just 38.2 percent of all stations over that level," DeHaan said.

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The Big Spring Nationals is sanctioned by USHPA. That means that pilots who fly in the event will be awarded National Team Selection System points (NTSS) which count toward selecting the U.S. National team that goes to the World Championship.

The Flytec Americus Cup, The Big Spring Na-

tionals, and The Santa Cruz Flats Race are designated by the USHPA as meets that count toward choosing the U.S. National Champion (class 1, class 2, class 5, sport, and women's).

Previously, the U.S. National Champion was chosen at a single competition (the U.S. National Championships), but this is no longer the case. Now the results from these three competitions

(so far) will determine who is the champion.

The Flytec Americus Cup, The Big Spring Nationals, The East Coast Championship and The Santa Cruz Flats Race also have CIVL Category 2 sanctioning.

They are listed on the CIVL competition calendar. The USHPA is responsible for sending in the applications for CIVL sanctioning, which is paid for by the meet organizers.

An area marked for spectators will be available throughout the event here, beginning at 1 p.m.

Takeoff and the travel routes are decided daily. The ability to fly and how long and how far depends on the weather.

"Because of your paper, the residents of Big Spring are far more knowledgeable about our sport than any

other town I know of. I'll work with you to keep up that tradition," Boulter said.

For more information, contact the airport at 263-4362 or visit the website at ozreport.com

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Ronnie Hodges, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bryant undoubtedly top Dallas receiver

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Dez Bryant quickly turned his head toward a reporter who asked him about being the elder statesman among Dallas receivers.

"I'm not the old guy!" the 25-year-old said, raising his voice before flashing a smile. "I'm not. I'm still one of the youngest."

But Bryant is one of the oldest in the receiving group for the Cowboys, and by far the most accomplished.

He's going into the final season of his rookie contract with the potential of a big pay day looming. And his answers on that

topic sound more like a leader than the troubled rookie who didn't pay his jewelry bills four years ago.

"There is no need for me to be stressed out or worried about it," Bryant said. "I really can't have my mind focused on that because I have guys here who are counting on me and I can't be selfish."

Bryant has carried that label in the minds of many outside the Dallas locker room since he refused to carry Roy Williams' shoulder pads in his first training camp in 2010. That was around the same time he was sued

by a jeweler and caused a stir by wearing sagging pants in an upscale Dallas mall.

The most serious issue for Bryant came two years later when he was accused of hitting his mom in a domestic disturbance.

"Really, truthfully, trying to be honest, a lot of stuff I didn't understand then, was really asking myself what was going on," Bryant said in one of several candid moments during the offseason. "Like I said, just had to figure out what it was and get on the right track and remain on the right

track. I honestly feel like that's what I've been doing."

Now Bryant is the one declaring there will be no hazing of rookies in camp in California. He might not want to be called "old," but he also knows what the release of eight-year veteran Miles Austin meant for his role.

Forget the intangibles. Just take the numbers. The other 10 receivers on the Dallas camp roster have combined for barely half of Bryant's 4,104 career yards.

Bryant has 34 touchdowns in the past three seasons — twice that

of the other receivers. He has 40 scores in four years.

"Because of the experience, yeah, but other than that, Bryant has changed," Bryant said. "Everybody, in the wide receiver group, looks at each other as the same and that's how I want it and that's how they want it and that's how we're going to keep it."

Defenses won't look at it that way, which is why quarterback Tony Romo talks to Bryant about new ways of making himself better.

Bryant made more negative headlines last sea-

son with sideline antics in losses to Detroit and Green Bay that forced him and others to try to explain his behavior. He never lost the backing of Romo and tight end Jason Witten, and still stands by a passionate approach that he says fueled those emotional moments.

"I feel like I'm still rising," Bryant said. "To me, it's almost kind of scary just because of the fact of how much I love the game, not only myself, I want my teammates to be great. The way I feel, I don't hesitate to share that with my teammates."

It's all over but the arguing in Sterling trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Only final arguments and a ruling remain in the trial to determine whether Donald Sterling's estranged wife can sell the Los Angeles Clippers to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for \$2 billion.

Lawyers for Sterling plan to argue Monday that Shelly Sterling had no right to make the deal with Ballmer, even though Donald Sterling had given her written authority to pursue a sale.

The attorneys also say she tricked Donald Sterling into taking mental exams that found he had signs of the onset of Alzheimer's disease.

That finding was sufficient for Sterling to be removed as a trustee of the Sterling Family Trust and to allow Shelly Sterling to move forward with the sale of the team.

Later in the process, however, Donald Sterling tried to stop the sale by dissolving the trust.

Lawyers for Shelley Sterling urged the judge to allow the sale to go forward so a contract can be in place before NBA owners meet on Aug. 15.

Lawyers spent the better part of a month questioning witnesses at the trial, and on Monday will try to persuade a judge to agree with their respective positions.

Shelly Sterling's lawyers along with an attorney for Ballmer filed a voluminous legal brief citing case law that they say proves that Donald Sterling did not have the right to dissolve the trust that owned the

Clippers.

They urged the judge to allow the sale to occur and reject any delay if appeals are filed.

"The trust has a golden bird in the hand," the brief said. "A sale of the Clippers for \$2 billion is indisputably a bonanza for the Sterling family. Donald's strident opposition is motivated by only selfish considerations. This court has the power to make this precedent-setting sale happen."

The 49-page document notes that if the sale is ordered, it also could be delayed by numerous legal provisions in the probate code allowing review of the ruling. The lawyers urged Superior Court Judge Michael Levanas to streamline the procedure.

They cited 80-year-old Sterling's vow on the witness stand to continue suing the NBA for the rest of his life and noted his threat to seek an injunction to stop the sale if the judge rules against him.

Donald Sterling was removed as a trustee after his wife had him examined by two doctors who found he lacked the mental capacity to handle his own business affairs.

His lawyers filed a 70-page brief that focused heavily on that point. They said the doctors were hand-picked by lawyers for Shelly Sterling and did not do adequate exams.

Donald Sterling maintained he didn't know his competency as a trustee was being evaluated.

Dodgeball tourney set for Aug. 2 at YMCA

A dodgeball tournament has been slated for Aug. 2.

The tournament is sponsored by the Scenic Mountain Medical Center/Family Medical Center Cancer Crushers Relay for Life team.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the game starts at 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA. Each team is limited to 10 people and the cost is \$6 per person. Pre-registration is available. Prizes will be

given for first and second place. Concessions will be available during the tourney. On tourney day, please wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the annual Relay for Life, the largest American Cancer Society fundraiser.

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Jaso has 3 RBIs as A's beat Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — It doesn't matter to John Jaso whether he's Oakland's lead-off batter, as long as he's playing. For the Athletics, he's extremely important at the top of the order, especially with Coco Crisp hurting.

Jaso drove in three runs Sunday night, helping Scott Kazmir and Oakland beat the Texas Rangers 9-3. The A's catcher had a run-scoring single during a five-run second inning and added a two-run double in the fifth.

"I like (leadoff) because I'm in the lineup," Jaso said. "I don't care where."

Manager Bob Melvin said Crisp, who has led off in 69 of the Athletics' 105 games, was going back to Oakland to be examined by the doctors who have been treating a recurring neck injury.

"When Coco's out, we certainly need a guy against right-handers," Melvin said. "(Jaso) takes a lot of pitches, and he can be aggressive."

Jaso was leading off for the 15th time this season and had at least one hit each game

while batting .380 (19 for 50) in that role. He entered the game with an overall .360 on-base percentage.

The Athletics' first three batters — Jaso, Stephen Vogt and Yoenis Cespedes — each had a double and a single.

Kazmir (12-3) moved into a tie for the American League lead in wins while allowing seven hits in five innings.

He walked two and struck out two.

"It was maybe not his best command at times," Melvin said. "But seeing him be so good this season, that five-inning outing doesn't look so good."

Kazmir would not use the 100-degree temperature at game time as an excuse.

"It's tough to have nice weather in Oakland and come here to pitch. It kind of drains you in the beginning. I felt great. I was just inconsistent."

Kazmir got out of the third and fifth innings by striking out Texas' J.P. Arencibia for the final out each time with a total of five runners on base.

Jones and Ozuna lead Marlins over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Take away his first inning, and Collin McHugh might have helped the Astros avoid a sweep against the Miami Marlins on Sunday.

Instead, McHugh's early struggles hurt the Astros in a 4-2 loss to Miami.

Garrett Jones' homer capped the three-run first for the Marlins,

and Marcell Ozuna padded the lead with his solo shot in the sixth.

The Astros, who had never previously been swept at home by the Marlins, have lost seven of nine since the All-Star break and eight of 10 overall.

"As a starter, I pride myself on giving my team a shutdown inning to start the game so they can come up to

bat with a fresh slate," McHugh said. "Not exactly how you want to draw it up."

McHugh (4-9), back from a disabled list stint caused by a finger blister, made his first start since July 6 and gave up four runs and seven hits 6 1-3 innings with nine strikeouts. He has lost six straight starts.

"When you start talking ... (records) for a starting pitcher, a lot of things have to go right," Astros manager Bo Porter said. "You can pitch well and still not factor into the decision. We've got to score runs. That's pretty much the difference in the game."

Jacob Turner (4-6) allowed one run and six hits in 5 2-3 innings to win his second start since moving from the

bullpen. Steve Cishek allowed one run in the ninth before getting his 26th save.

Jose Altuve hit a leadoff homer, and Jon Singleton had a solo drive in the ninth for the Astros, who have lost five in a row.

Altuve homered and singled twice for his second straight three-hit game and 18th this year. He leads the major leagues with a .344 average and 148 hits, and he also swiped his AL-best 42nd base.

Altuve's second lead-off homer of the season and third of his career cut the lead to 3-1 in the bottom half. His batting average after Sunday's game was 70 points higher than the Astros' next best hitter in the starting lineup.

"You have to score runs," Porter said.

"Right now, we're just not getting the big hit. Altuve continues to swing the bat well, but we need some other guys to get it going."

Miami's Giancarlo Stanton entered hitting .303 with two homers and six RBIs since the break, but after the 0 for 4 day with four strikeouts, Stanton has fanned in six straight at-bats.

"Stanton is one of the best players in the game, and you won't see that too often," Porter said.

Christian Yelich hit a leadoff single and scored on a triple by Jordany Valdespin, who came home on Casey McGehee's sacrifice fly. Jones made it 3-0 with his 11th homer, a drive about five rows into the eight-field stands.

The 'Big Hurt' and Joe Torre headline HOF class

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Frank Thomas choked back tears, Joe Torre apologized for leaving people out of his speech and Tony La Russa said he felt uneasy.

Being enshrined in the Hall of Fame can have those effects, even on the greats.

Thomas, pitchers Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux, and managers Bobby Cox, Torre and La

Russa were inducted into the baseball shrine Sunday, and all paid special tribute to their families before an adoring crowd of nearly 50,000.

"I'm speechless. Thanks for having me in your club," Thomas said, getting emotional as he remembered his late father.

"Frank Sr., I know you're watching. Without you, I know 100 percent I wouldn't be here

in Cooperstown today. You always preached to me, 'You can be someone special if you really work at it.' I took that to heart, Pop."

"Mom, I thank you for all the motherly love and support. I know it wasn't easy."

The 46-year-old Thomas, the first player elected to the Hall who spent more than half of his time as a designated hitter, batted

.301 with 521 home runs and 1,704 RBIs in a 19-year career mostly with the Chicago White Sox. He's the only player in league to log seven straight seasons with a .300 average, 20 homers, 100 RBIs and 100 walks.

Ever the diplomat as a manager, Torre somehow managed to assuage the most demanding of owners in George Steinbrenner.

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0004872000

APPLICATION. Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79720, which owns a water reclamation facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0004872000 (EPA I.D. No. TX131857) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 525,000 gallons per day. The facility is located at 3500 East Farm-to-Market Road 700, Big Spring, in Howard County, Texas 79720. The discharge route is from the plant site to Beals Creek; thence to the Colorado River Below Lake J.B. Thomas. TCEQ received this application on April 11, 2014. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Colorado River Municipal Water District Office, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.254419&lng=-101.43203&zoom=13&type=r>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application.** That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit

comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

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Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the

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Issuance Date: July 15, 2014
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Intervener's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday September 8, 2014, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Intervener's Petition was filed in said court on the 4/8/2014 in the entitled cause 49214, IN RE: ISABELLA RICE, Cause number 49438

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship as is more fully shown by the Intervener's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 24th day of July, 2014.

COLLEEN BARTON
District Clerk of Howard County,
Texas
#8387 July, 27

Venus Pulls at Pluto

Venus and Pluto still in opposition have us looking at the big picture. What exactly are the stakes? There has to be something important to win or lose, or there is no reason to play the game. That's not to say the prize is tangible -- some of the best aren't. Maybe it's a matter of self-respect, pride or simply the confirmation of strength and ability.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll hear something you said long ago repeated back to you in a different context. The good news is they were listening. More good news: You're having an affect on them. They're changed because of you.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll never know how things would've been if your

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). Those who are interested in you are also able to help you. It's safe to be candid about what you want. Confess your big wishes first. Why waste time on the little ones?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you like something, you get into it. You like it all the way. Your enthusiasm somehow creates more to be enthusiastic about, and your passion will attract followers, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have no interest in selling people on what they don't really need or want. That's why you regularly ask yourself and others what value you are providing. Today produces great answers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll see someone -- maybe in a picture -- and think: I love that person. And you'll send that person a quick shot of love, heart to heart, and it's felt even though you haven't really connected or talked with them in years.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not asking others to do anything you wouldn't

do yourself. However, you should know that you're driving yourself unusually hard these days, and others might not be able to go at the same intensity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in touch with your human ancestry, though you've taken it to a new level. You're a hunter of ideas, a gatherer of allies. You'll survive and thrive in these endeavors now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll put your efforts into situations that look both promising and lucrative. But if either one of those criteria is missing, you'll skip it now, and wisely so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll make a play for a result you think will be pleasing to you. Just remember that you're making an attempt, and if it doesn't work, you can change your attempt. It's not who you are; it's just what you're doing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're susceptible to influence, but being easily influenced becomes a positive thing when your influences are people of exemplary character and remarkable talent.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 28). The next seven weeks bring financial good fortune and creative fun. A mending in your personal

life will happen in September. October brings an infusion of physical strength, perhaps because you try a new diet or exercise program. November brings knowledgeable assistance for what you really want to do. Taurus and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 11, 48 and 5.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "He talks about getting married, but then he doesn't ever ask me. Do you think he's the one I should marry? He's a Gemini, and I'm a Libra. He's in finance, and I'm in agriculture. He has a humongous family of politicians, lawyers and businesspeople. I come from farmers. I moved to Virginia to be with him, and we've been together for five years. Our physical connection is still going strong. We don't live together, we're both in our 30s, and I think if we're going to have a family, we should get started. How do you feel about us?"

You are two air signs who love the idea of things and are open to outside influences to help you decide whether or not to bring those ideas into being. So here are a few questions for you:

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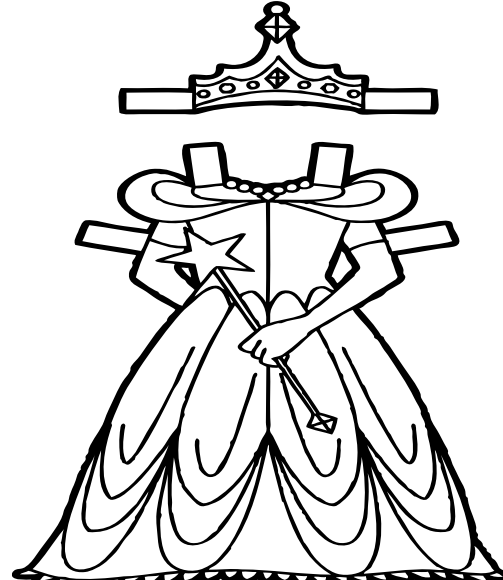
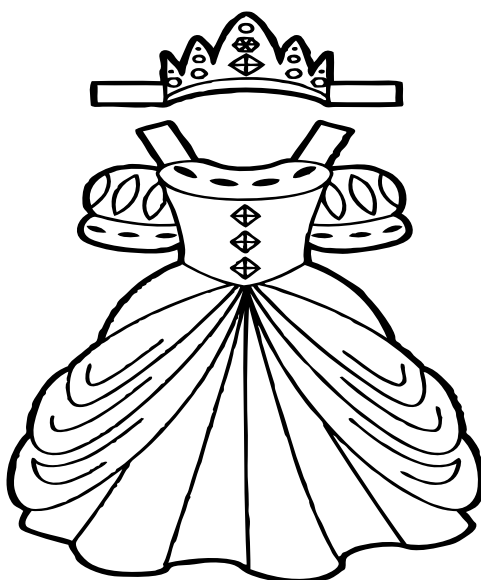
Do you have a good time when you travel together? Move furniture together? Talk about the future together?

If you can answer "yes" to all of these questions, consider just laying it out on the line for your Gemini. Tell him you're ready to start a family with him, and the time is now.

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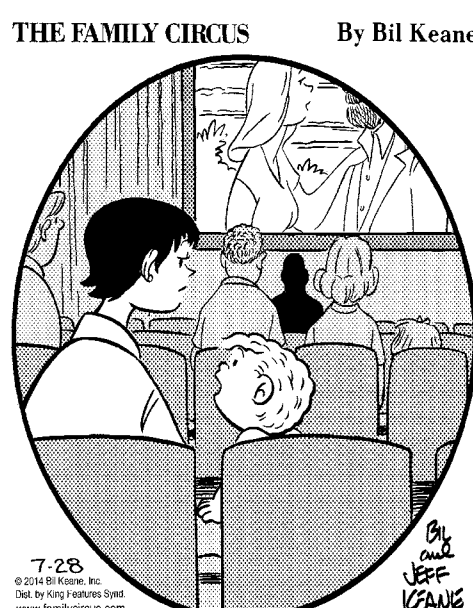
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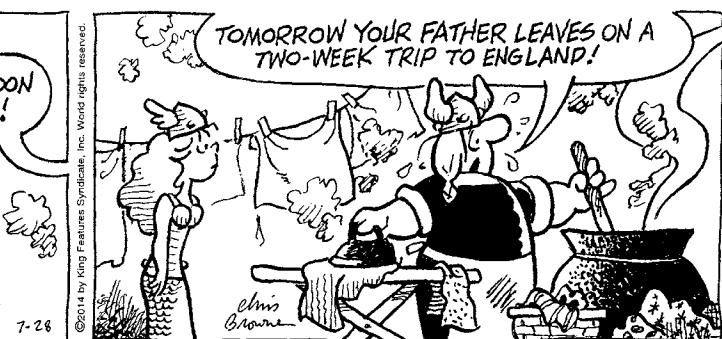


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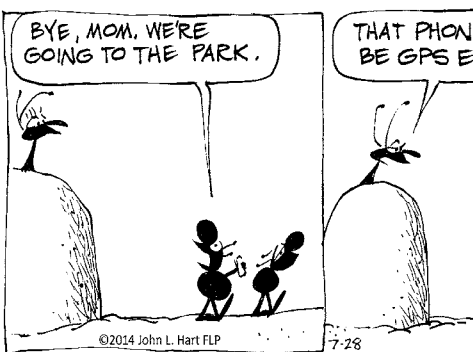
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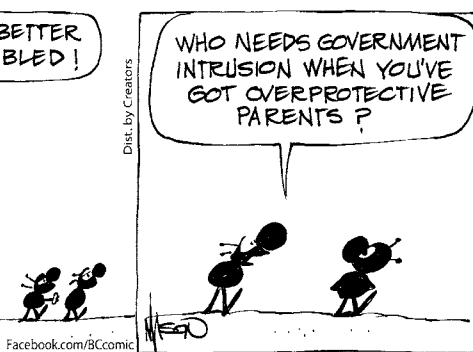
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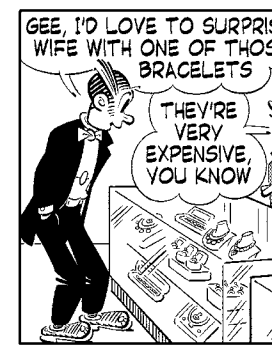
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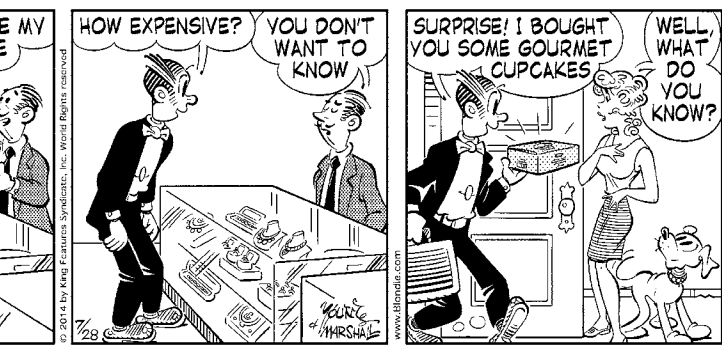
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 28, the 209th day of 2014. There are 156 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 28, 1914, World War I began as Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. On this date: In 1540, King Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed, the same day Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard. In 1655, French dramatist and novelist Cyrano de Bergerac, the inspiration for a play by

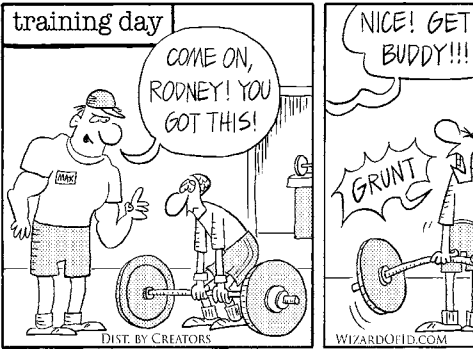
Edmond Rostand, died in Paris at age 36. In 1794, Maximilien Robespierre, a leading figure of the French Revolution, was sent to the guillotine. In 1821, Peru declared its independence from Spain. In 1928, the Summer Olympic games opened in Amsterdam. In 1932, federal troops forcibly dispersed the so-called "Bonus Army" of World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington to demand payments they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945. In 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building, killing 14

people. The U.S. Senate ratified the United Nations Charter by a vote of 89-2. In 1959, in preparation for statehood, Hawaiians voted to send the first Chinese-American, Republican Hiram L. Fong, to the U.S. Senate and the first Japanese-American, Democrat Daniel K. Inouye, to the U.S. House of Representatives.

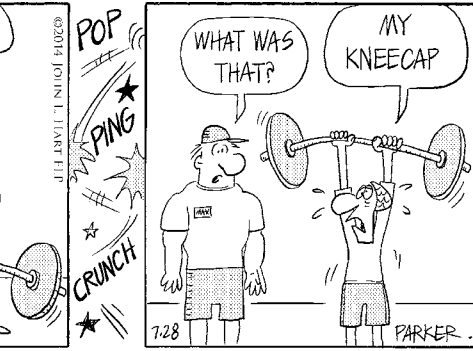
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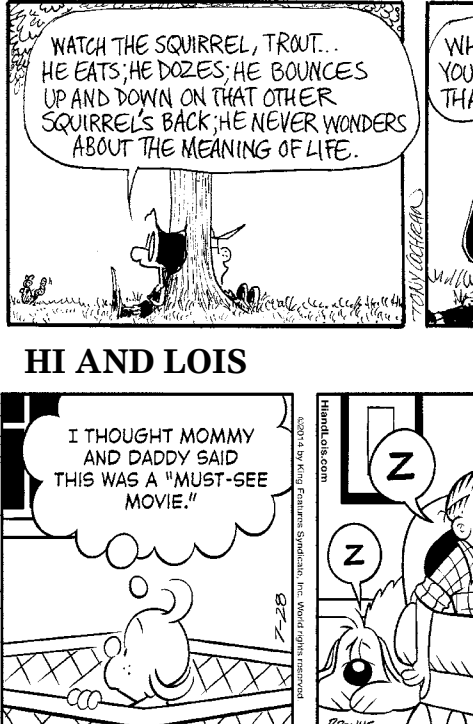
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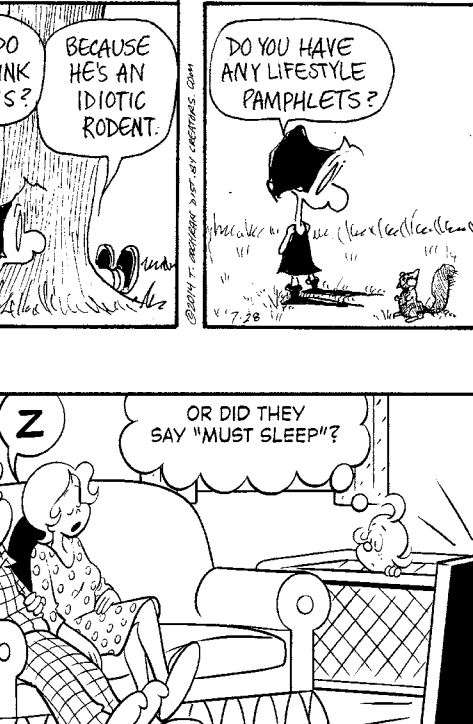
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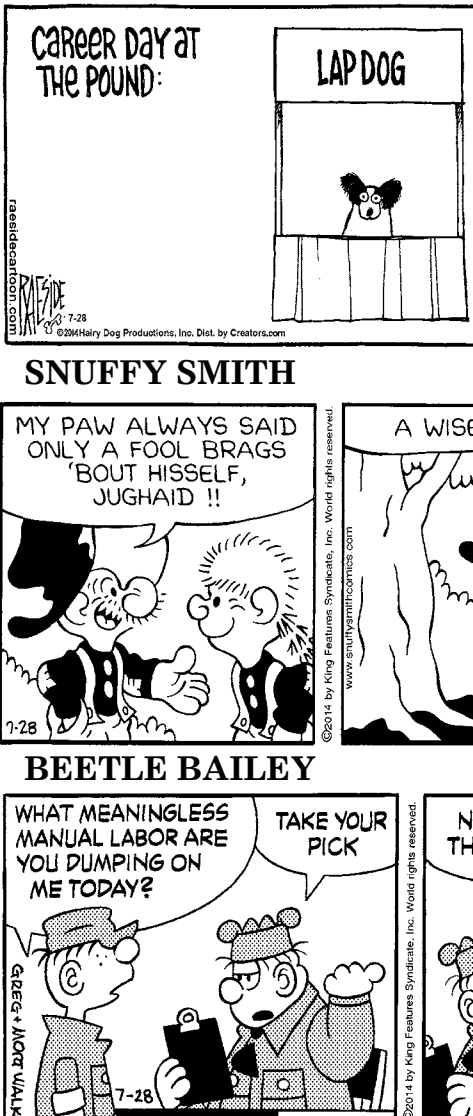
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- ACROSS
- 1 Tenants' dwellings: Abbr.
- 5 Close forcefully
- 9 Hiker's walkway
- 13 Discussion venue
- 14 Short letter
- 15 Canyon sound
- 16 Join forces
- 17 Tiny pantry invaders
- 18 List-shortening abbr.
- 19 87-octane fuel
- 22 Office neckwear
- 23 Possesses
- 24 ___-optic cable
- 27 Minor quarrel
- 29 Casual shirt
- 32 Grand house
- 33 Tip of a comet
- 34 Offer at retail
- 35 Apparel that's not dressy
- 38 Feeling achy
- 39 Same old routines
- 40 Jigsaw-puzzle part
- 41 Mural or statue
- 42 A US alliance
- 43 Artist's cap
- 44 Biology or chemistry: Abbr.
- 45 Sweetie
- 46 Something everyone's aware of
- 55 Region
- 56 Author unknown: Abbr.
- 57 Spanish "goodbye"
- 58 Raise, as a child
- 10 First part of a play
- 11 "Better late ___ never"
- 12 Center of a bagel
- 13 Mink or sable
- 20 Tire filler
- 21 Granola tidbit
- 24 Be partial to
- 25 Not moving
- 26 Tiresome person
- 27 Direct words at
- 28 Snapshots, for short
- 29 Giggle sound
- 30 Vote into office
- 31 Otherwise
- 32 Flat-topped hill
- 33 Stretched tight
- 34 Mix together
- 36 Outflow of water
- 37 Store sign welcomed by night owls
- 42 Sgt. or cpl.
- 43 Violinist's stick
- 44 Intelligent
- 45 Toots the horn
- 46 Bingo player's purchase
- 47 Black-and-white cookie
- 48 Breakfast, lunch, or dinner
- 49 Leg joint
- 50 Christmas song
- 51 Modify, as a manuscript
- 52 Weight-loss plan
- 53 Clinton's vice president
- 54 Double-curve letter

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Byron Scott says he will be LA Lakers' new coach

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers have waited nearly three months to hire a new coach, and they're apparently making Byron Scott wait a few more days.

Scott said this weekend that he has been hired by the Lakers, but the club insisted Sunday that no deal has been reached.

Scott, who won three NBA titles as a shooting guard for the Lakers, told KCBS-TV he will take over the club, which hasn't had a coach since Mike D'Antoni resigned April 30. "It feels fantastic," he told KCBS. "This is a dream come true. I always wanted to coach the Lakers, especially when I got to coaching. It's so unreal. I have to thank (general manager) Mitch (Kupchak), (owners)

Jeanie and Jim Buss to give me this opportunity." Yet Kupchak and the Buss siblings remained mum Sunday, extending their strange coach-less summer to the final days of July.

ESPN.com first reported Scott would take over the Lakers with a four-year, \$17 million contract. Scott is undoubtedly qualified for the job after stints as a head coach with New Jersey, New Orleans and Cleveland. He was Kobe Bryant's teammate during Bryant's rookie year with the Lakers in 1996-97, and the superstar endorsed Scott for the job earlier this month. "He was my rookie mentor when I first came in the league, so I had to do things like get him doughnuts and run errands for

him, things like that," said Bryant, who played just six games last season. "We've had a tremendously close relationship throughout the years." Scott also spent last season as a television commentator on the Lakers' own network, watching the franchise's implosion up close. Los Angeles finished 27-55 last season, compiling the most losses in the 16-time NBA champions' history. The Lakers had their worst winning percentage since the Minneapolis Lakers' 1957-58 season, missing the playoffs for just the third time in 38 seasons as the NBA's most glamorous franchise was reduced to ineptitude. Scott will be the Lakers' fifth head coach in just over three years, starting with Phil Jack-

son's departure after the 2010-11 season. D'Antoni, who replaced Mike Brown and interim coach Bernie Bickerstaff, resigned after going 67-87. Scott has been a head coach for parts of 13 NBA seasons, going 416-521 with the Nets, Hornets and Cavaliers. He led New Jersey to back-to-back Eastern Conference championships in 2002 and 2003, losing the NBA finals each time. Scott has won three division titles and was the NBA's coach of the year in 2008, but he also has been fired from each of his three jobs. Several candidates for the coaching job interviewed with the Lakers over the past three months, including Lionel Hollins and George Karl. Scott has been widely considered the

front-runner for the job for several weeks, but Kupchak and Jim Buss appeared to be more focused on the NBA draft and free agency. Los Angeles landed Kentucky power forward Julius Randle with the seventh overall pick in the draft, but struck out on every big-name free agent despite aggressively courting Carmelo Anthony and entertaining dreams of landing LeBron James. The Lakers couldn't even retain Pau Gasol, who spent the past seven seasons with the club. The 7-foot Spaniard, who was regularly booed by Staples Center fans last season despite his two championship rings, spurned the Lakers' overtures for a deal with the Chicago Bulls.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

WNBA

Eastern Conference

W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	15	9	.625 —
Washington	13	13	.500 3
Indiana	12	13	.480 3½
New York	10	14	.417 5
Chicago	10	15	.400 5½
Connecticut	10	16	.385 6

Western Conference

W	L	Pct	GB
x-Phoenix	21	3	.875 —
x-Minnesota	20	6	.769 2
San Antonio	12	14	.462 10
Los Angeles	11	14	.440 10½
Tulsa	9	17	.346 13
Seattle	9	18	.333 13½

Sunday's Games

Minnesota 76, Connecticut 65
Washington 77, Atlanta 67
Tulsa 79, Chicago 69

Monday's Games

Indiana at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Connecticut at Atlanta, 12 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7 p.m.
Chicago at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Tulsa, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

BASEBALL

American League

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	58	46	.558 —
Toronto	56	50	.528 3
New York	54	50	.519 4
Tampa Bay	51	54	.486 7½
Boston	48	57	.457 10½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	57	45	.559 —
Kansas City	53	51	.510 5
Cleveland	52	53	.495 6½
Chicago	51	55	.481 8
Minnesota	47	57	.452 11

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	65	39	.625 —
Los Angeles	63	41	.606 2
Seattle	54	51	.514 11½
Houston	42	63	.400 23½
Texas	41	64	.390 24½

Sunday's Games

Toronto 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Cleveland 10, Kansas City 3
Miami 4, Houston 2
L.A. Angels 2, Detroit 1

Baltimore 3, Seattle 2, 10 innings
Oakland 9, Texas 3

Monday's Games

Milwaukee (Lohse 11-4) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-8), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 8-10) at Boston (Buchholz 5-6), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 5-4) at Texas (Darvish 9-6), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (J.Chavez 8-6) at Houston (Oberholtzer 2-7), 8:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

L.A. Angels (Weaver 11-6) at Baltimore (Tillman 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Iwakuma 8-5) at Cleveland (Bauer 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 5-7) at Detroit (An.Sanchez 7-4), 7:08 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 7-7) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 6-6), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Stroman 6-2) at Boston (R.De La Rosa 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (McCarthy 2-0) at Texas (N.Martinez 1-6), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Swarzak 2-0) at Kansas City (Shields 9-5), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (Samardzija 2-1) at Houston (Feldman 4-8), 8:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets 2, Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 1, Chicago Cubs 0
Pittsburgh 7, Colorado 5
Atlanta 8, San Diego 3
L.A. Dodgers 4, San Francisco 3

Monday's Games

San Diego (Lane 0-0) at Atlanta (E.Santana 9-6), 12:10 p.m.
Arizona (C.Anderson 6-4) at Cincinnati (Bailey 8-5), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Lohse 11-4) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-8), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (A.Burnett 6-9) at N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 9-8), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 6-5) at Miami (Eovaldi 5-6), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Flande 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (Wada 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Worley 3-1) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 12-7), 10:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Arizona (Cahill 1-7) at Cincinnati (Leake 7-9), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 7-7) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 6-6), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 7-8) at Miami (H.Alvarez 7-5), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 11-6) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 5-11), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Harang 9-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 6-5), 10:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 11-7) at San Diego (T.Ross 9-10), 10:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 2-7) at San Francisco (Hudson 8-7), 10:15 p.m.

Arkansas 6, Tulsa 2
Midland 11, Corpus Christi 3

Monday's Games

Midland at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.
Springfield at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 8:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

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Activated OF Nolan Reimold from the 15-day DL. Designated RHP Esmil Rogers to Buffalo (IL).

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Activated INF Jack Hannahan from the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Curtis Paruch to Louisville (IL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated INF Erisbel Arruebarrena from the DL and optioned him to Rancho Cucamonga (CAL).
AMARILLO SOX — Signed RHP Seth Lintz.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed LHP Eric Katzman.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed RHP Danny Moskovits.
TROIIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed INF Daniel Mateo.

American Association

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed RB Fozzy Whittaker and S Tom Nelson.
CHICAGO BEARS — Waived G James Dunbar.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Named Adam Korzun director of performance nutrition.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Re-signed RB Davin Meggett. Placed LB Aaron Morgan on injured reserve.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed TE Kyle Rudolph to a 5-year contract extension.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released WR Greg Orton. Signed WR Brian Tyms and WR Stanford Cole.
NEW YORK JETS — Activated G Willie Colon from the active/PUP list.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES — Re-signed F Luke Adam to a one-year contract.
COLLEGE — SAM HOUSTON STATE — Named Jonathan Small football operations coordinator.

Sudoku Answer on Page 3

sudoku

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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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 2
♥ —
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A K Q 10 8 5 2

WEST
♠ 10 6
♥ A 9 8 5 4
♦ Q J 3
♣ 9 4 3

EAST
♠ 5
♥ K Q J 10 7 3
♦ A K 9 8
♣ 7 6

SOUTH
♠ K Q 9 8 7 4 3
♥ 6 2
♦ 7 6 2
♣ J

The bidding:
South Pass North 1♣ East 1♥
3♠ 4♥ 4♠ 5♥
Pass Pass 5♣

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.
This deal occurred in a four-table team-of-four match, and the participants included some of the most famous names in bridge. The hand illustrates, as it frequently does when very good players get together, that their minds don't all operate in the same channels.
The closest to par result occurred at the first table, where the bidding went as shown. West led the queen of diamonds, which seems a sensible thing to do, and the defenders took the first three tricks to put the contract down one.
Tomorrow: Deviating from the norm.
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