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Funtastic Fourth begins tonight



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Crews are busy setting up the stage and barricades on Main St. in front of the court house for the Funtastic Fourth celebration which starts this evening.

- Schedule of events**
- Friday**
5:30 p.m. Opening ceremonies featuring Highway Run - main stage
6 p.m. Highway Run - main stage
6 p.m. Crossroad Cook off, meet at the Courtyard
7 p.m. Crossroads Cook off Kids' Cook off, meet at the Courtyard.
7:30 p.m. Sam Riggs — main stage
9 p.m. Curtis Grimes — main stage
9:30 p.m. Tracy Lawrence (headliner) — main stage
11:45 p.m. end of show
- Saturday**
11 a.m. Dance Gallery Cheer Dance & Tumbling

- Performance at the Gazebo (Scurry and Third streets)
1 p.m. Crossroad Cook Off turn in for Chicken
2 p.m. Crossroads Cook Off Turn In for Pork Spar Ribs
3 p.m. Crossroads Cook Off Turn In for Brisket.
5:30 p.m. Crossroads Cook Off Award Ceremony at the Courtyard Patio
5:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies & Military Tribute Honor U.S. Veterans - Main Stage with Cheer Xplosion Athletic Team - main stage
6 p.m. Jody Nix - main stage
7 p.m. 7-Even Hot Dog Eating Contest — side of main stage
7:30 p.m. Cory Michaels
7:30 p.m. Dance Performance at Gazebo
9 p.m. Restless Heart, headliner - main stage
10:34 p.m. Mark McKinney- main stage.

Become a better parent

AgriLife offering free five-week course beginning Wednesday

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Parenting may not come with a guide book when you first sign up but how about a course?

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office has paired up with Community of Hope High Sky Ranch in Midland to offer a five-week parenting course beginning Wednesday, July 1. The class is free and open to the general public.



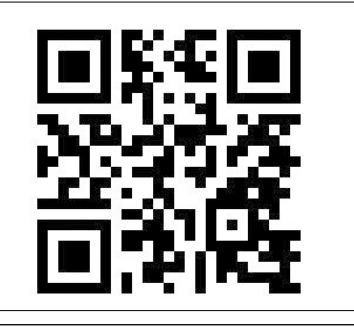
Deeter

"This is for parents in our community. It is not specific to anyone group but is just for someone who wants to know their kids better," said Melissa Deeter, Texas A&M extension FCS agent.

Each Wednesday the hour-long class, beginning at 1:30 p.m., will feature a different topic. Classes will be held at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex, 2144 Echols drive, located on the campus of Howard College.

"Our first class is parents are teachers," Deeter said. "We are going to

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Beheading, blast at factory in France; suspects captured

By LORI HINNANT

Associated Press
SAINT-QUENTIN-FALLAVIER, France — A man with suspected ties to French Islamic radicals rammed a car Friday into an American gas factory in southeastern France, triggering an explosion that injured two people, officials said. The severed head of a local businessman was left hanging at the factory's entrance, along with banners with Arabic inscriptions, they said.
France immediately opened a terrorism investigation.
"Islamist terrorism has again struck France," Prime Minister Manuel Valls said.
The attack began shortly before 10 a.m. when a car made it through the gate of the gas factory in Saint-Quentin-Fallavier, southeast of Lyon. The car then plowed into gas canisters, touching off the blast, said President Francois Hol-

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. The severed head at the factory's entrance appeared to be an echo of the Islamic State group's practice of beheading prisoners and displaying their heads for all to see.

lande said, speaking in Brussels.
"No doubt about the intention — to cause an explosion," Hollande said, calling the attack "of a terrorist nature."
No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. The severed head at the factory's entrance appeared to be an echo of the Islamic State group's practice of beheading prisoners and displaying their heads for all to see. A security official said two flags — one white and one black, both bearing Arabic inscriptions — were found nearby.
French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said a man from the Lyon region who had been flagged in 2006 for suspected ties to extremists was seized by an alert firefighter. Other people, including the man's wife, were also taken into custody after the attack that also included a severed head left at the factory gate and the victim's body elsewhere on the premises, a security official said.
"People who could have participated in this abject crime are in custody," Cazeneuve

said.
Cazeneuve said the suspect had been known to intelligence services, who had him under surveillance from 2006-08.
France's anti-terror prosecutor said an investigation was opened into the attack, and potential charges including plotting as part of "a terrorist group." It was not clear if French authorities were searching for any more possible accomplices.
The French security official said the decapitated victim was as a businessman, head of a local transportation company, who was believed to have been killed before the explosion. His name is not released. The official was not authorized to speak to the media and requested anonymity.
The gas factory belongs to

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Obituaries

Jacqueline "Jackie" DesRosiers



Jacqueline "Jackie" DesRosiers, 73, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2015 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 2, 1942 in Worcester, Mass., to Clarina M. (Lemay) and Emilian A. LeBel. She married Earl Joseph DesRosiers on March 1, 1960, and he preceded her in death on June 29, 1998. She came to Big Spring in 2008 from Sweetwater. She was a homemaker but had also cooked at nursing homes in

Sweetwater and Roscoe. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Christine DesRosiers of Big Spring, Mary Zitterkopf and husband, Brent, of Sand Springs and Laurie Hyden and husband, Troy, of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Bonnie Ramon and fiancé Greg Skinner, of Oscar, Okla., Nathan Ramon and wife, Tonya, of Snyder, Brenda Ramon of Houston, Brooke Wells and husband, Spencer, of Lubbock and Blake Zitterkopf of Sand Springs; and two great granddaughters: Zoey Ramon of Snyder and Teagan Skinner of Oscar, Okla.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters: Alicia Anger and Lucille Plouffe and one great grandson Enrique Ramon.

Pallbearers will be Spencer Wells, Ronnie Ward, Steve Starr, David Rutledge, Jay Smith and Billy Sullivan.

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

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Joe David Neff

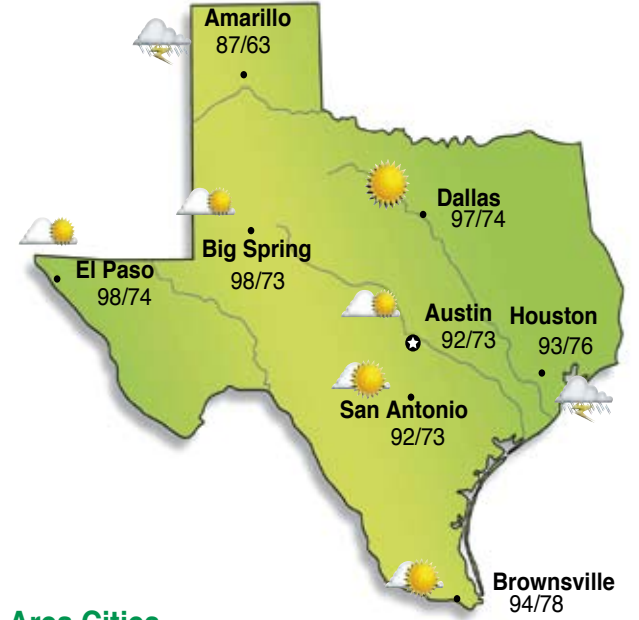
Joe David Neff, 49, of Big Spring, died Thursday, June 25, 2015 at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 6/27	Sun 6/28	Mon 6/29	Tue 6/30	Wed 7/1
98/73 Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible.	90/68 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	93/71 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	95/71 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	96/71 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM



Texas At A Glance



City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	97	73	mst sunny	Kingsville	94	76	mst sunny
Amarillo	87	63	t-storm	Livingston	93	75	pt sunny
Austin	92	73	pt sunny	Longview	94	73	mst sunny
Beaumont	91	75	t-storm	Lubbock	93	68	pt sunny
Brownsville	94	78	mst sunny	Lufkin	95	77	mst sunny
Brownwood	97	73	pt sunny	Midland	98	72	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	91	78	pt sunny	Raymondville	96	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	94	75	mst sunny	Rosenberg	92	76	t-storm
Dallas	97	74	sunny	San Antonio	92	73	mst sunny
Del Rio	94	74	sunny	San Marcos	93	74	pt sunny
El Paso	98	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	94	72	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	97	70	mst sunny	Sweetwater	95	71	mst sunny
Gainesville	95	69	sunny	Tyler	94	75	mst sunny
Greenville	94	71	mst sunny	Weatherford	96	72	sunny
Houston	93	76	t-storm	Wichita Falls	96	69	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	93	70	cloudy	Minneapolis	82	62	mst sunny
Boston	68	56	pt sunny	New York	76	65	pt sunny
Chicago	66	57	rain	Phoenix	107	78	sunny
Dallas	97	74	sunny	San Francisco	70	56	pt sunny
Denver	78	57	pt sunny	Seattle	86	62	mst sunny
Houston	93	76	t-storm	St. Louis	78	62	t-storm
Los Angeles	81	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	83	68	cloudy
Miami	91	79	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 6/27	Sun 6/28	Mon 6/29	Tue 6/30	Wed 7/1
11	10	10	11	11
Extreme	Very High	Very High	Extreme	Extreme

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

Journalist convicted in Zimbabwe for starting newspaper without permission

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — The attorney for a Zimbabwe journalist says his client was convicted of publishing a newspaper in a southern town without government permission and sentenced to eight months in prison. Several newspapers and radio stations have

already been closed under Zimbabwe's harsh media laws and dozens of journalists have been arrested over the past 15 years. Defense lawyer Martin Mureri said his client Patrick Chitongo was only putting together a dummy version of the paper to apply for a license.

They plan to appeal the conviction. Although several privately owned newspapers are in circulation, the government is the largest media owner, running over a dozen national and community newspapers as well as enjoying television monopoly.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- CODY KYLE WITT, 29, of Lubbock was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- JOHN WESLEY YATER, 55, of 2206 W. I-20 was arrested on charges for public intoxication.
- BETTY JEAN MUNIZ, 49, of 610 N.W. 8th St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- CESAR GUSTAVO JR., 23, of Penitas, Texas was arrested on charges of criminal trespass - property/building/aircraft/vehicle and criminal mischief more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- THEFT was reported

in the 1200 block of W. FM 700, the 1400 block of Wood St. and the 700 block of W. I-20.

- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 700 block of E. FM 700.
- UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th St.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Debra Lane.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report:

- CESAR CORNEJO, 23, was booked by the HCSO on charges of criminal trespass and criminal mischief more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- TINA MARIE COSLOW, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.
- BETTY JEAN MUNIZ, 49, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.
- CODY K WITT, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.
- JOHN WESLEY YATER, 55, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

Support Groups

Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential

FRIDAY

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- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at

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July 11:
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Summers on the Green Outdoor Movie and Entertainment Series:
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Take note

- An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident this past weekend.

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

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- Big Spring High School Student Council still has several #StandwithBriana t-shirts available for purchase at the high school main office for \$20. Sizes are youth large to 4X. Wristbands for \$3 in youth and adult sizes are also available. They can be purchased at high school main office during the month of June.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

- The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano. To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145.

- The Coahoma High School classes of 1952-1956 will have a get together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 24 at the Hampton Inn of Big Spring's Cowboy Meeting Room. For more information, call 432-213-3259.

News in brief

Thousands expected for President Obama's tribute to victims of Charleston church massacre

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The first black president of the United States is coming to Charleston to eulogize the victims of a mass shooting at a historic African-American church — a tragedy that one civil rights activist said was a sign of “how far yet” the nation has to go to put racial tensions behind it.

Thousands of mourners were expected to gather Friday to hear President Barack Obama pay tribute to the pastor and eight parishioners of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The nine were slain at the church during a Bible study session last week in what authorities are investigating as a racially motivated attack.

Friday's service for the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, who was also a state senator, promised to be another wrenching but cathartic occasion for the community to say goodbye to the victims.

Police planned to close several streets around the college arena in downtown Charleston, and said they expect anyone who wants one of the more than 5,000 seats to be there by 9 a.m. The funeral was scheduled to start two hours after.

The first two funerals, for Ethel Lance and Sharronda Coleman-Singleton, were held Thursday, with tight security and emotional responses to the eulogies and hymns.

Consumers voice relief after court's health care ruling but still worry about costs, coverage

CHICAGO (AP) — Throughout the country, relief was the dominant emotion among consumers who get help from the government to lower their health insurance costs following Thursday's Supreme Court ruling upholding the subsidies underpinning President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Many consumers expressed somewhat conflicting views: They were happy their monthly premiums would continue to be affordable but exasperated by the coverage the policies purchased on the new health care exchanges provide.

“I don't particularly care for Obama. I didn't vote for him,” said Salt Lake City resident Paige Preece, whose subsidy allows her to buy insurance for \$137 a month. “But, honestly, if it weren't for this, I would be absolutely lost.”

The court's 6-3 ruling upheld the federal financial assistance to millions of low- and middle-income Americans to help pay for insurance premiums regardless of where they live. An estimated 6.4 million people in the 34 states that used the federal health care exchange were at risk of losing the subsidies because their home states did not set up their own insurance exchanges.

The case turned on just a few words in the mammoth Affordable Care Act that suggested the federal subsidies could go only to consumers in states that operated their own health insurance marketplaces. Consumers in those states or in ones that fell back on the federal exchange when their own exchanges faltered were not affected by the case.

Recovery efforts resume Friday to recover bodies of 9 people killed in Alaska plane crash

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Alaska emergency

crews will attempt Friday to recover the remains of eight cruise ship passengers and a pilot who were killed when their sightseeing plane crashed in a remote and rugged area of southeastern Alaska.

Wind and rain prevented any recovery after the wreckage of the aircraft was found Thursday against a granite rock face, 800 feet above a lake.

There was no immediate indication of why the DeHavilland DHC-3 Otter turboprop went down, killing the nine people during the sightseeing excursion. No names have been released.

Clint Johnson, head of the National Transportation Safety Board's Alaska office, said it was too soon to know circumstances of the crash, including whether the plane flew into the cliff.

The NTSB was assembling a high-level team to investigate the crash, including three members from Alaska and at least two people from Washington, D.C.

Arrested prison guard says he supplied tools, food but didn't know of inmates' escape plans

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. (AP) — A prison guard who admitted giving two inmates tools, paint, frozen hamburger and access to a catwalk electrical box says he didn't know the killers planned to break out, and investigators say they have no reason to believe he was knowingly involved in the plot.

Gene Palmer was released on \$25,000 bail Thursday after his arrest on charges of promoting prison contraband, tampering with evidence and official misconduct.

Palmer, who has been suspended, will plead not guilty, his lawyer said.

The 57-year-old correction officer became the second Clinton Correctional Facility employee to be charged since inmates Richard Matt and David Sweat used power tools to cut their way out of the maximum-security prison in far northern New York on June 6.

Prison tailor shop instructor Joyce Mitchell stands charged with helping them escape.

NBC mum on Miss USA airing as Univision drops pageant over Trump's Latino immigrant remarks

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's fledgling GOP presidential bid quickly led to business fallout for him, with Univision saying it will drop the Miss USA pageant from its UniMas network and cut all ties with Trump over comments on Mexican immigrants.

The company said Thursday it was canceling its Spanish-language coverage of the pageant July 12. It also has severed its business relationship with the Miss Universe Organization, which produces the Miss USA pageant, because of what it called “insulting remarks about Mexican immigrants” by Trump, a part owner of Miss Universe.

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L D Cunningham, 98, died Tuesday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jacqueline “Jackie” DesRosiers, 73, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Air Products, an American chemical company based in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The company said all its employees had been accounted for and evacuated but did not say if any had

been wounded.

“The site is secure. Our crisis and emergency response teams have been activated and are working closely with all relevant authorities,” the company said in a statement.

Cazeneuve said Friday that security has been heightened at religious

sites around the country.

Hollande spoke after watching TV news reports about the attack with German Chancellor Angela Merkel as both attended a European Union summit in Brussels.

France went on high alert in January after at-

tacks against the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, a kosher grocery store and a policewoman that left 20 people dead in the Paris region, including three Islamic extremist attackers.

Since then, fears of copycat attacks have risen. One person was arrested in April after

authorities said he was plotting to gun down people in churches in the Paris region.

PARENT

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learn about discipline, communication and changing behaviors. For our second class, we talk about effective praise. We are going to learn about how to recognize the good behaviors our children do and realize how powerful praise can be to change behaviors.”

Week three and four will feature corrective teaching and preventive teaching respectively

and on week five, the class will review teaching self-control, she said.

“In our last class, we will teach children how to handle situations when emotions run high,” Deeter said.

An employee from Community of Hope will lead each class, she added.

“Our family consumer science committee were talking about things that are needed in our community and the committee said parenting classes where something the

community could benefit from,” Deeter said. “I was lucky enough to find Jocelyn (Lee) from Community of Hope to help with the classes.”

Although pre-registration is not required, Deeter asks those who are considering attending to call ahead in order for the Extension Office to get a head count.

For more information, call the extension's office at 432-264-2236 or e-mail melissa.deeter@ag.tamu.edu.

Lyndel Moody can be

contacted at 263-7331, ext. 234.

Devotion To Saint Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, loved, preserved & glorified throughout the world now and forever. The sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us, St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us, St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ for the help of your servant St. Jude in listening to my prayers.

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DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

Half-measures against Putin

If you're out for a hike and find a deep, wide chasm in your path, you have a few options. You might give up and turn back. You might devise a way to get over it. You might look for a way around it. What you would not do is jump halfway across.

Half-measures are often worse than none. But when it comes to dealing with Vladimir Putin, they are exactly the ones most favored by both the Obama administration and its congressional critics.

The Russian president moved last year to forcibly seize Crimea from its neighbor and former republic, Ukraine. Ever since, the pro-Western government of Ukraine has been fighting pro-Russian separatists in the eastern part of the country — forces that apparently include some actual members of the Russian military.

The United States and its European allies have responded by imposing economic sanctions in an effort to punish Putin and possibly force him to retreat. The sanctions, reports The Wall Street Journal, “dented the ruble's value, fueled capital flight and sent the oil-dependent economy into a tailspin.”

But the retreat has not happened. So the administration has provided Ukraine with “non-lethal defensive security assistance,” including medical supplies and night-vision goggles.

American hawks want more. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., says our refusal to ship weapons to Kiev is “one of the most shameful chapters in American history.” House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, says if we send arms, “Putin will pay a price for increased casualties — one he is obviously very nervous about paying.”

But one rule of national security is to be careful about getting involved in shooting wars with

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countries that can destroy you — which Russia, with its hundreds of nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles, could do to us in, oh, half an hour.

Another wise policy is to avoid steps that are optically pleasing but practically destructive. Furnishing weapons to Ukraine would expand the bloodshed without altering the outcome.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest noted that Washington can't “provide enough military support to the Ukrainian military that they could overwhelm the military operations that are currently being backed by Russia.”

Whatever we do, Putin can do more — and almost certainly will.

Russia has more at stake in Ukraine than we do and is prepared to make greater sacrifices to get what it wants.

But the administration has its own fondness for ineffectual gestures.

This week, Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said the U.S. will “pre-position” tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles and artillery in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia — NATO countries that used to be under Moscow's rule and prefer not to be again.

This step would make it easier to respond to a Russian attack. Carter asserted that it also shows the U.S. and NATO “are absolutely committed to defending the territorial integrity”

of the Baltic nations. The New York Times reported that it's meant to serve “as a deterrent the way the Berlin Brigade did after the Berlin Wall crisis in 1961.”

Oh? That particular U.S. Army unit was an effective deterrent because its presence assured the East Germans and Soviets that if they tried to seize West Berlin, they would be at war with the United States. It was a simple statement: “If you want to take West Berlin, you'll do it over our dead bodies.”

This step allows Putin to suspect that if Russia were to invade, he would not have to fight the U.S. By declining to place actual troops in the Baltics, President Barack Obama gives the Russians a yellow light, not a red one. It's a gesture that conveys a fervent desire to have it both ways: keeping the Russians out without taking any risk.

In that respect, it fits perfectly with our original inclusion of these countries in NATO. We happily extended our security guarantee to countries like Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia only because we assumed we'd never have to make good on it.

Now we find ourselves contemplating the implications of that decision. Are Americans prepared to send U.S. troops to die defending these countries from Russia? Maybe so, and maybe not. But it's a discussion Americans have never had. The president's half-measure allows us to put it off again.

Lacking a solution, he offers an unconvincing facsimile of one. Obama and his opponents disagree on specific policies, but they share an approach to Russia: If you can't do anything useful, do something useless.

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Meditate for success

Heck, let's meditate — and medicate — to better meditate. It's the American way.



FROMA HARROP

We ambitious strivers seeking guidance from fitness pros, decluttering experts and TED talks often find the day divided in two unequal parts. Three-quarters goes to overworking. The remaining quarter is for countering the ill effects of overworking. We do the latter not necessarily to nurture our souls but to boost performance during the working hours.

You see, overworking and stress slow our productivity. Herein lies a paradox.

Relaxation, vacations and a good night's sleep could be seen as key to personal well-being. But gremlins have taken a wrench to our puritanical brains and put dollar values on our inner peace and repose. They are now a means to goose our output.

Consider the advice to get eight hours of sleep a night. Good sleep leaves one feeling refreshed, less depressed, less stressed. But it also has a utilitarian purpose. It boosts our performance at work. Thus, we use apps to ensure we're maintaining eight-hour sleep periods incorporating five REM cycles.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has the numbers: Sleep deprivation costs the U.S. economy \$63 billion a year in lost productivity.

We seek techniques to do more per unit of time. For example, there are articles on how to “optimize” a three-day weekend. (To

think, Americans used to have three-week vacations.)

Our employers are famously ungenerous with paid vacation. But many of us don't even use the time we're given. A study commissioned by the U.S. Travel Association estimates that in 2013, Americans left 429 million paid vacation days on the table.

Why? Some said their workload is so heavy they can't afford to get away. If they don't complete their assignments, they may not have a job upon returning.

The travel association is now selling vacation time as a tool to raise the gross domestic product.

If workers used all their available time off, the study says, U.S. business revenues would rise by \$160 billion, and tax collections would rise by \$21 billion.

Meditation, the great teacher Jon Kabat-Zinn tells us, is “for no purpose other than to be awake to what is actually so.”

But suppose it helps us better focus our attention. Wouldn't that make us more useful workers? Sure.

A Google executive told Bloomberg TV that “wisdom traditions like yoga and meditation help us operate better.” He noted that the most important technology we have is the human body and brain. Yoga and meditation help us, he explained, “optimize this technology.”

Thanks to Google's yoga program for its employees, he added, “there's been a huge impact on both people's productiv-

ity and culture.”

So yoga has become a get-ahead tool. Small wonder yoga teachers see participants aggressively jostling for mat space in their classes, according to The Wall Street Journal.

There's also a smartphone app that lets students follow the instructors of their choice. That way, if a star yoga teacher is not going to lead a particular class, they don't have to waste their time on a B-lister.

What healthy habits don't do for productivity, drugs will. Many American workers are apparently taking medications for treating attention deficit hyperactivity disorder solely to improve their output at work.

Taking these stimulants can cause addiction, anxiety and hallucinations, but for intense competitors, they are jet fuel. As a woman in her late 20s told The New York Times, they are “necessary for survival of the best and the smartest and highest-achieving people.”

We really can't blame health advocates for toting up the economic benefits of more relaxed living. That's often the only argument anyone notices anymore.

Meditation improves concentration. Heck, let's meditate — and medicate — to better meditate. It's the American way.

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Did You Ever Wonder: Benjamin goes to Egypt

When the brothers returned home and reported all that happened in Egypt, they found their money in the sacks of grain and they were terrified. Again they told Jacob half-truths, leaving out that the Viceroy had actually accused them of being spies and had jailed them for three days.

“And the man in charge of all Egypt said we must not return unless our younger brother accompanies us!”

Jacob was very upset. “I am the one whom you bereaved! Joseph is gone, Simeon is gone, and now you would take away Benjamin? Upon me has it all fallen!” Reuben, the eldest son, tried to reassure his father, “You may slay

my two sons if I fail to bring him back to you.”

But Jacob would not be consoled. “My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead and he alone is left (of his dear Rachel).” Jacob moaned that if something happened to Benjamin, he would die of sorrow.

Yet the famine was severe and when their provisions were almost gone, Jacob knew that he must relent. “Why did you even tell the man that you had another brother?”

That now did they tell Jacob that the man persistently asked, “Is your father still alive?” “Have you a brother?”

Judah, who had known the sorrow of losing two sons, asked Jacob to trust Benjamin to his care. In effect, Judah pledged his life to save Benjamin if something happened. So Jacob chose delicacies that grew in Canaan and were not available in Egypt to send as a gift for the Viceroy, hoping to win favor with him. They also

took double the money.

When Joseph saw that Benjamin was with the brothers, he prepared a feast for them.

He specifically said to slaughter fresh meat...this may have been done so that the men would see that it was a Kosher-kill. The Egyptians did not drain the blood from a carcass and this was not permitted for God's people.

Even with a special reception, the brothers were still frightened and tried to explain to Manasseh that they had found their money replaced in their sacks.

He replied, “Peace be with you, fear not. Your God and the God of your father has put a hidden treasure in your sacks. Your payment had reached me.” Then he brought Simeon to them. He brought water to wash their feet and grain to feed their donkeys.

When Joseph entered the room, they prostrated themselves before

him for the second time. He inquired about their father's health; then he saw Benjamin. “Is this your ‘little’ brother?” Remember that Benjamin was 30 to 35 years old at this time.

Joseph was overcome with compassion and rushed from the room; he could not let people see the Viceroy of Egypt cry. He washed his face and re-entered the banquet room and ordered that the food be served.

Joseph sat at a separate table. The brothers were seated at a table in front of him. The Egyptians were seated at a separate table because they would not eat with Hebrews. (The lamb that the Hebrews were eating was one of the many gods the Egyptians worshiped!)

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Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday our message is titled, “The Team Effort,” and comes from Romans 15:1-6.

All Wednesday youth activities are finished for the summer. CHAOS, GA's, RA's, and Mission friends will resume when school resumes in August. Normal Wednesday prayer meeting and bible study times will remain active.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Presbyterian Church – Big Spring

The regular Wednesday church activities are the following: 5:17 p.m., the Lectionary bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger; 6 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal.

Last week the Heritage Museum inducted its first class of Big Spring Rodeo Hall of Fame cowboys, and among those were two long-time members of this church: Toots Mansfield and Harry Middleton.

Louise Hitch is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. John Farquhar is Lector for the month. Ushers are John Yater, Danny Kennemur, Louise Hitch, and Jim Little.

The lectionary for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (or 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time) is 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43. Peggy Tharp, Elder from St. Paul Presbyterian Church, San Angelo will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will present Hal Hopson arrangement of “Dona Nobis Pacem” as the offertory anthem.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11 a.m.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpchs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

You're invited to join us in Sunday at 2 p.m. as we gather to worship and

praise God for His never-ending love and compassion. Pastor Jim Walterhouse continues the summer sermon series on Ecclesiastes which encourages us to pursue true and authentic wisdom by making God first in every aspect and detail of our lives. Sunday worship service is held inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700.

Our next ‘Friendly Friday’s at Froyo’s’ will be July 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Don't miss the blessing.

During the summer, we are not meeting on Wednesday evenings. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

“It is good to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High,” is the instruction of Psalm 92:1. Come worship with us Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m., as we offer all praise and thanks to God for His lavish love and mercy. Dr. Ladd Hoffman will lead us as we explore God's Word; he will also share testimony from his recent trip to Kosovo.

The worship choir will present a collection of music titled “Prayer for America,” which includes the songs, ‘Song for the Nations,’ ‘O God Our Fortress,’ and ‘Who Will Pray’. If you are unable to attend, you may watch the service through the live stream on our website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes start with children's classes gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and youth and adult classes meeting throughout the second floor. Greeters are happy to help you find your class.

Please join us in prayer for those who are traveling and participating in youth camp at this time.

The Summerama program for children going into first grade through going into seventh grade continues each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 267-8223 for information about registering your child. This is the same schedule as our Mother's Day Out Program; contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 about available openings for your little ones.

Wednesday evening starts with a meal served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by activities for all age groups. For details go to fbcbigspring.org. Join us for hamburgers and hot dogs July 1.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Greg Street at the corner of 4th and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Services are held each

Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. The 10:50 am service is broadcast live each week on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Ivins will continue a sermon series entitled “When God's Spirit Moves.” Sunday's message is “The Agnostic Christian” and is taken I Corinthians 12:1-12. Congregational hymns this Sunday include “He Is Exalted,” “He Lives,” and “Spirit of Faith, Come Down.”

Pastor Ivins will continue a study in I Corinthians at Wednesday Noon Bible Study this coming week. Next Wednesday, participants will study chapter 6 where the Apostle Paul deals with lawsuits among believers in the Corinthian Church. Meal service begins at 11:50 a.m. in Garrett Hall. There is a small fee for the meal.

The adult Celebration Choir rehearses each Wednesday night at 7 pm in the upstairs music suite. New members are always welcome. For more information, please phone 267-6394.

Our Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) is planning it's annual “Air Conditioned July 4th Picnic” for 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 4 in Garrett Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Gabriel Martiniez, Nadia Garcia, and other members of our Music Ministry.

This year's Vacation Bible School will be different than years past. Our VBS will be held at the Knowlwood Heights Apartments on MLK Boulevard and FM 700 from Sunday, Aug. 9 to Thursday, Aug.13. We're presently signing up helpers and prayer partners. To help out, please contact our Children's Minister, Becky Woodall, in the Church Office.

For more information on any activity, please visit our website at www.fumchs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

Family Faith Center

The summer of celebration continues as FFC celebrates Family Sunday this Sunday, June 28, at 10:30 a.m. The service will feature baby dedications, the induction of new members, and water baptisms.

Classes were held on Tuesday evening to train those wishing to become a part of the mission and vision of Family Faith Center by participating in these areas.

FFC is focused on the healing and wholeness of family, faith, and finances and welcomes all those seeking training for success in every area life.

The Men's Ministry of FFC continues their program every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. in the Annex Building dining hall. They meet for 45 minutes of Bible training, church planning, and organizational outreach. Join them as they study to show themselves approved for what the Lord calls them to accomplish.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary at St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad Streets. The Daily Grind with God, a bible study/coffee social, is held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Evening prayer begins at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel. For more information visit www.stmarysbst.org.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. To connect with us call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchrist-tx@gmail.com.

Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. with bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. The youth are studying “120 Bible Stories.”

Kent Ivey will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday night classes have ended for the summer. We will start back with our Wednesday night activities once school begins again in the fall. The Board of Evangelism is sponsoring a new Community Speaker Series that will be held here at the church and is open to the public. The first Community Speaker will be Mr. Terry Wegman (Exec. Dir., Big Spring Economic Development) on Thursday July 9, 2015 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 a.m. and 6:50 p.m. each morning for “Morning Meditation Thoughts”.





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REFLECTIONS: Violence – Overcoming Evil

The cold blooded killing of nine church members at the Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C. is the latest reminder of the violent world in which we live.

One month ago violence erupted in Waco between warring biker gangs who chose a local restaurant as their battlefield. Two years ago the Tsarnaev brothers set off pressure-cooker bombs at the Boston Marathon, killing three people and injuring 264.



BILL TINSLEY

Three years ago James Eagan Holmes walked into an Aurora, Colo., theater and opened fire, killing 12 and wounding 70. Four years ago Congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford was shot in the head while delivering a

speech in a Safeway parking lot in Arizona. These are but a few. The list goes on.

Some respond with fear, staying close to home, hoping to somehow hide from a violent and unpredictable world. Others are enraged, arming themselves for protection, retaliation and revenge. Some wish we could go back to a simpler time when the world was safe. Most of us try to ignore the violence and put it out of our minds.

But the news reports will not leave us alone.

The world has always been violent. It is part of the human DNA and has plagued every generation since Cain killed Abel. Jesus' crucifixion is evidence of the violence and brutality present two thousand years ago.

History is filled with atrocities.

Surviving victims of the AME shooting last week demonstrated a better way when they confronted

their attacker. They wept and grieved the loss of their pastor, their relatives and friends, and they expressed forgiveness.

To the man who days before gunned down their loved ones they said, "I forgive you, my family forgives you. We would like you to take this opportunity to repent." Four days after the shooting, their doors were open on Sunday welcoming strangers once again.

We saw a similar response several years ago when a gunman entered an Amish school in Pennsylvania and shot ten girls ages 6-13.

The Amish responded with forgiveness and comfort to the murderer's family saying, "We must not think evil of this man." The gunman's widow later wrote an open letter to the Amish. "Your love for our family has helped to provide the healing we so desperately need. ... Your compassion has reached beyond our fam-

ily, beyond our community, and is changing our world, and for this we sincerely thank you."

In every violent attack the number of people who respond with sacrificial courage and compassion outnumber the perpetrators many times over. Violence and evil will not prevail upon the earth. The Bible says, "As the garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations." (Isaiah 61:11).

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21). Jesus said, "I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you that you may be sons of your Father who is in Heaven." (Matthew 5:44-45).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Ride-hailing apps get kids around town when parents are busy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Sacha Simmons used to dread taking a taxi to her high school or someplace else to hang out with her teenage friends when her parents weren't around to give her a ride. Sometimes, the cab drivers wouldn't show up or, when they did, they were rude or haggled with her about the fare.

Those frustrations disappeared a few months ago when her parents introduced her to Shuddle, a ride-hailing service that caters to youngsters who need a lift when mom and dad are too busy to drive.

"I had some pretty bad experiences with cabs," Simmons, 16, says. "Shuddle is less of a hassle and I feel safe with their system. The driver knows who I am and it's more secure."

Shuddle is among a crop of California services providing rides to eight- to 16-year-old kids who need to get to school, a sporting event or a social activity. On Tuesday it introduced ShuddleMe, an app that lets the kids book the ride themselves within an hour of when the service is needed.

Before this, parents had to arrange for the car, and do so at least a day in advance. ShuddleMe still requires parental approval.

Besides Shuddle, kid-friendly ride-hailing options include HopSkipDrive and Boost, an experimental service backed by car maker Mercedes-Benz. Both those services require rides to be booked at least a day in advance.

These alternatives are seizing an opportunity created by better known ride-hailing services such as Uber, Lyft and Sidecar, which all have policies against giving rides to minors who aren't accompanied by an adult.

Shuddle charges a \$9 monthly membership fee and its fares are about 15 percent higher than Uber's for comparable trips. The membership fee and surcharge help pay for background checks of Shuddle's drivers.

The company is trying to avoid the complaints that have bedeviled Uber about inadequately screened drivers. In the most extreme cases, Uber drivers have faced allegations of sexual assault and other unseemly conduct.

Unlike Uber, Shuddle routinely interviews prospective drivers face to face. Its background checks scan courts and other local law enforcement agencies for serious crimes and even minor infractions committed in the areas where they have lived. They also must either be parents or have previous experience working with kids as nannies, baby sitters, coaches or nurses.

Parents can track the progress of their kids' rides and Shuddle says its own staff also monitors what is happening in the cars on each trip.

"We go above and beyond because we want everyone to feel comfortable and confident about what we are doing," says Shuddle CEO Nick Allen, who previously co-founded Sidecar. "We are safer than the neighborhood car pool."

Shuddle doesn't run drivers' fingerprints through the FBI's criminal database, however. Allen doesn't consider it to be as effective at flagging problem drivers as the service's other safeguards.

Who's Driving You?, a group representing taxi, limousine and paratransit services, contends Shuddle is asking for trouble by skipping the fingerprint check.

"They are providing rides for the most precious cargo, so why shouldn't they be doing even more to screen their drivers?" says Dave Sutton, a Who's Driving You? spokesman.

Paige Simmons, Sacha's mother, is happy with Shuddle so far. The service sends her photos of both the driver and the car that will be transporting either Sacha or her 15-year-old son Jay. Shuddle also texts her when her children have reached their destination.

"They give me all the information I need to feel comfortable," says Simmons, who has been spending at least \$200 per month booking rides for her kids on Shuddle's original app.

Sacha and Jay often scramble for rides because their mom, an attorney, and father, a shopping mall manager, both work at least 40 minutes away from their Mountain View, California, home.

Stronger economy, cheap gas expected to spur holiday travel

NEW YORK (AP) — A stronger economy, rising consumer confidence and cheap gasoline will likely have Americans traveling in big numbers this Independence Day.

An estimated 41.9 million people will travel 50 miles or more from home during the holiday weekend, up 0.7 percent from last year and the most since 2007,

right before the recession, according to travel agency and car lobbying group AAA.

As usual, the vast majority of travelers will be using their cars: about 85 percent. Gas currently costs \$2.78 a gallon, down 88 cents from the same time last year. That means a family driving 200 miles on highways will save about \$7.30 for their holiday gas this year.

AAA defines the holiday period as July 1 through July 5. But Americans, in general, are already driving more.

The Federal Highway Administration this week announced that Americans drove 987.8 billion miles for the first four months of the year, topping the previous record, 965.5 billion, set in 2007.

Vacation Bible School

Baptist Temple Church

Baptist Temple Church will host Hometown Nazareth, where we will explore what life was like when Jesus was a kid. You will craft cool projects in the marketplace and play bible-time games. Also you will visit with Jesus' mom, Mary. VBS will be held from June 28-July 2 nightly from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 267-8287. Preregister online at groupvbspro.com/btc.bigspring. VBS is open for children from kin-

dergarten through fifth grade. The church is located at 400 E. 11th Place.

Birdwell Lane church of Christ

The church is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. Vacation Bible School will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., from Aug. 10-12. The school is open to children kindergarten through sixth and there is also an adult class. This year's theme is "How We Got the Bible."



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Buffalo museum launches gaming app built around artwork

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The newest work at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery is a gaming app meant to put modern and contemporary art in front of kids by way of their smartphones.

ArtGames 2.0 will be available for free from the Apple App and Google Play stores on Saturday.

Developers at the museum's new Innovation Lab worked with artists including Do Ho Suh and Jason Middlebrook to develop games built around their artistic concepts. All eight games are inspired by works in the Albright-Knox collection.

The "Equilibrian" game, based on Piet Mondrian's "Composition No. 11," for example, assigns measures of weight to primary colors and chal-

lenges players to use the colors to fill in and level a floating geographic plane.

"It's about balance and tension and that was one of (Mondrian's) major concerns when he was painting, using simple means, creating a harmony and a vitality in a work of art," said Laura Watts Sommer, director of visual and performing arts at Daemen College, whose animation lab collaborated on the project. "That's what the children are doing when they are playing this game. And when they stand in front of a Mondrian painting ... they're going to understand what that painting is about because they played this game."

Vincent Van Gogh's "The Old Mill,"

was the basis for "Special Delivery," where players guide a character over haystacks and around holes in a warmly colored landscape.

As long as their eyes are locked on the screen, players are viewing art and absorbing it in a meaningful way, developers said.

"The real goal of this is to get children enthused about artwork through a medium that we know they're already enthused about," said Russell Davidson, the Innovation Lab and special projects manager. "We're engaging kids on their level, as opposed to keeping art something that's a little bit more difficult for them to attain or understand."

The app and the Innovation Lab

where it was developed are part of a broader strategy to more fully engage the gallery in the community and open its doors to a wider audience, Deputy Director Joe Lin-Hill said. Versions of innovation labs have emerged in museums across the country with similar goals.

"Museums are no longer repositories of objects," Lin-Hill said. "They can play a dynamic role in the community."

Besides Daemen College in suburban Amherst, the Innovation Lab's gaming app partners were Empire Visual Effects of Buffalo and All Things Media of Mahwah, New Jersey.

Google's new self-driving cars cruising Silicon Valley roads

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The latest models of Google's self-driving cars are now cruising the streets near the Internet company's Silicon Valley headquarters as an ambitious project to transform the way people get around shifts into its next phase.

This marks the first time that the pod-like, two seat vehicles have been allowed on public roads since Google unveiled the next generation of its self-driving fleet more than a year ago. The cars had previously been confined to a private track located on a former Air Force base located about 120 miles southeast of San Francisco.

Google announced last month that

it would begin testing the curious-looking cars last month, but hadn't specified the timing until Tuesday when it disclosed the vehicles are driving up to 25 miles per hour on the roads around its Mountain View, California, office.

Google had installed its robotic driving technology in Lexus sports utility vehicles during the first few years of testing before developing the smaller prototype. The new models are designed to work without a steering wheel or brake pedal, although the vehicles will be equipped with those features during the initial runs on public roads.

A human will also ride in the cars

to take control in emergencies, just as has been the case with the self-driving Lexus vehicles during the past six years.

The debut of the pod-like car will help Google get a better understanding on how well its technology works around other vehicles steered by people. California's Department of Motor Vehicles have given Google permission to send up to 25 of its latest self-driving cars on neighborhood roads.

If all goes well, Google hopes to gain regulatory clearance to remove the steering wheel, brake pedal and emergency driver from the prototype. Company executives have expressed hope that self-driving cars

using its technology will be joining the flow of daily traffic by the end of this decade.

The earlier models of Google's self-driving cars had been involved in 13 minor accidents through more than 1.8 million miles on the roads, according to the company. Google blamed the collisions on other vehicles in every instance except one when the company says one of its own employees was steering.

Motorists who encounter Google's latest self-driving car while they are in Mountain can share their experience with the company at <http://www.google.com/selfdrivingcar/contact/>.

Gardening-Frida's Kahlo garden inspired her artwork

NEW YORK (AP) — In a sprawling, multi-disciplinary show, The New York Botanical Garden focuses on a long-overlooked side of artist Frida Kahlo: her deep connection to Mexico's plants and flowers, and how they inspired her art.

"Flora is a very important part of her creativity," said guest curator Adriana Zavala, a specialist in Mexican art and director of Latino Studies at Tufts University. Even those who thought they knew everything about Kahlo, Zavala said, will come away having learned something new.

The exhibit, "Frida Kahlo: Art, Garden, Life," includes 14 of Kahlo's original works; an evocation of the garden at her Mexico City home, Casa Azul (Blue House); plentiful

photos from Kahlo's life; and various Mexican cultural offerings. It will be on view through Nov. 1.

A good place to begin is in the huge, glass Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, where the focus is on the gardens of Casa Azul, where Kahlo was born in 1907, lived for years with muralist Diego Rivera, and died in 1954. Pathways are lined with sunflowers, marigolds, fuchsia, palms, jacaranda, oleander, and numerous succulents and cacti, many of which still grow at Casa Azul, now a museum.

The lush, indigo-blue walls of Kahlo's home have been vividly rendered, as has her garden's Aztec-inspired pyramid, designed by Rivera, who painted it dazzling rose, blue and yellow. Here, it holds an

array of native Mexican succulents and cacti in huge terracotta planters.

In researching the show, horticulturalists at the botanical garden, working with colleagues in Mexico and a longtime volunteer gardener at Casa Azul, came to understand Kahlo as an expert in plants, with an impressive botanical library. She replanted her parents' European-style garden with a mix of cacti and succulents, which she saw as symbolic of the native plants of Mexico, and with tropical plants, fruit trees, and other edible or medicinal plants.

"When we learned about Kahlo as a truly sophisticated gardener, who also happened to be a great artist and cultural icon, we were blown away," said Todd Forrest, the

botanical garden's vice president for horticulture and living collections.

Over time, Kahlo transformed Casa Azul into an expression of her deep connection to the natural world and to Mexico.

Her studio overlooked the garden, and the plants came to play an important role in her art.

"As we studied Frida Kahlo through her plants, two important themes emerged: those of duality and of hybridity," Zavala said.

Both themes are illustrated in the 14 artworks on view at the garden's LuEsther T. Mertz Library art gallery. In Kahlo's 1931 "Portrait of Luther Burbank," the horticulturalist, whose garden she and Rivera had visited, is depicted as a hybrid plant-human. Kahlo, whose father was born in Germany and whose mother was Mexican,

repeated this theme of hybrid origin in other works on view.

"Two Nudes in a Forest," painted in 1939, shows a light-skinned woman resting her head on a dark-skinned one. And in the 1940 "Self-Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird," Kahlo, impassive and dressed in stark white, stares straight at the viewer while lush tropical vegetation and animals, including a black monkey and cat, surround her and appear to be on the verge of overtaking her.

In conjunction with the show, the garden is offering an array of cultural offerings to celebrate the artist.

"Frida liked to have fun. She had a love of life. This project is a celebration of Mexico," said Zavala. "In addition to taking in Frida's paintings and Frida's plants and what they meant to her, we hope people stay to enjoy some food and music from Mexico."

Creator of pink plastic lawn flamingo dies at 79

BOSTON (AP) — Don Featherstone was a classically trained painter, a talented sculptor and artist who became famous for creating the pink plastic lawn flamingo, the ultimate piece of American suburban kitsch.

And it didn't bother him a bit.

Featherstone, who died Monday at 79, embraced the fame the invention brought him. He died at an elder

care facility in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, after a long battle with Lewy body dementia, his wife of 40 years, Nancy, told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"He was the nicest guy in the world," Nancy Featherstone said. "He didn't have a selfish bone in his body. He was funny and had a wonderful sense of humor and he made me so happy for 40 years."

Featherstone, who studied art at the Worcester Art Museum, created the ornamental flamingo in 1957 for plastics company Union Products Inc., of Leominster, modeling it after photos of the birds he saw in National Geographic.

Featherstone worked at Union for 43 years, inventing hundreds of products in that time and rising to the position of president before

his retirement in 1999.

"People say they're tacky, but all great art began as tacky," Featherstone said in a 1997 interview.

He was forever humble about the flamingo, and in fact, his wife often brought it up in conversations with people they would meet, bringing a sheepish smile from her husband, she said.

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Local sports

Lady Steers hoops Volleyball skills camps scheduled

Two volleyball skills camps will be held July 27-30 at the junior high school gymnasiums.

The first camp, open to players in grades 3 through 9, will be held between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Cost is \$25; campers may purchase a T-shirt for \$10.

The second camp, supervised by former BSHS players Cerbi Ritchey, Taylor Seaton and Kinsey Wash, will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is open for players in grades 9-12. Cost is \$35; campers may purchase a T-shirt for \$10.

For more information on either camp, contact Lynn Osborne at 254-246-2148.

ACES basketball camp June 26-28

Big Spring native Roy Green has partnered with ACES Nation to host its fifth annual basketball camp in Big Spring June 26-28. The camp will be held at Howard College and Big Spring Jr High School. The on-court schedule will be 3 days of intense basketball skills development and basketball IQ events.

Cost of the camp is \$75. For more information and to register, go to: <https://aces-rewards.launchtrack.events/register/aces-hidden-gems-of-west-texas-2015>.

Softball tourney set for San Angelo

The Concho Valley Summer Bash girls' fastpitch softball tournament will be held July 11-12 in San Angelo.

Entry fee is \$250 per team. There will be three divisions — 12 and under, 14 and under and 18 and under. Three pool games will be played, with the top two teams per pool advancing to a single-elimination bracket.

Games will be played at the San Angelo Central High School softball field and the Rio Concho Complex.

Entry deadline is July 7. For more information, call Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2910.

City to host district LL tournaments

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

If you like Little League baseball, Big Spring is definitely the place to be in the coming days.

The city will be the site of four tournaments, featuring players ranging in age from 9 to 16, with play beginning Saturday.

Robert Smith, president of the local Little League association, said people can expect to see some exciting baseball action.

"Our local teams have more experience this year, and we're looking forward to

far from well in these tournaments," he said. "We believe we have the possibility to win each division."

Teams from Big Spring, Midland and Odessa will compete in the tournaments.

The youngest division features players aged 9 and 10; those games will be held at Roy Anderson Complex.

Big Spring's 9 -and-10-year-olds begin play at 8 p.m. Saturday against Midland Northern 2. Ten teams will compete for the title, which will be decided Sunday, July 5.

Teams in the 11-year-old and 12-year-old divisions will play their district tournament

games in Midland.

Big Spring's 11-year-olds open play at 8 p.m. Saturday against Midland Tower at Windlands Park, while the local 12-year-olds have a first-round bye before opening play Sunday against the winner of the Midland Tower-South Odessa game. First pitch is scheduled for 8 p.m. Sunday, also at Windlands Park.

All other district tournament games are in Big Spring.

Intermediate League games will be held at Roy Anderson Park, with Big Spring facing Odessa East at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Junior League games will

be played at Steer Park; Big Spring takes on Odessa West at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Senior League games also will be played at Steer Park. Big Spring faces Odessa West at 5 p.m. Saturday. The local Senior Leagueurs are three-time defending District champions, Smith said.

All tournaments are double-elimination format.

Winners at the district level advance to section tournaments to be held in July.

Admission for games at Steer Park is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6-12. There is no admission for games at Anderson, Smith said.

Towns top pick in NBA draft

NEW YORK (AP) — The Minnesota Timberwolves got their man in the middle. The Lakers got a playmaking partner for Kobe Bryant just

Knicks fans just got mad — though not for long.

Minnesota selected Kentucky's Karl-Anthony Towns with the first pick in the NBA draft on Thursday night, the first of three straight freshmen chosen before New York chose Latvian forward Kristaps Porzingis, triggering loud, long boos from their fans inside Barclays Center.

They were cheering later in the first round when the Knicks acquired the rights to Notre Dame guard Jerian Grant from Atlanta for Tim Hardaway Jr.

Before that, the Timberwolves went for a center in their first time owning the No. 1 pick. They can add him to a young roster featuring Rookie of the Year Andrew Wiggins, who was picked first last year by Cleveland and later dealt to Minnesota in the Kevin Love trade.

Towns' selection wasn't a surprise — though he said he didn't know until it was announced.

"When Mr. Adam Silver came out, I saw him, and he said, 'With the No. 1 pick', I was racing," said Towns, who was sitting with Kentucky coach John Calipari.

"I told Coach Cal before when he first came out that I was trying to drink the water and I was shaking uncontrollably, and I told him, 'Coach, don't give me the ball right now for the last-second shot. I wouldn't make it.'"

The Los Angeles Lakers then took guard D'Angelo Russell of Ohio State, who was wearing a scarlet jacket, bowtie



Karl-Anthony Towns

and shoes that matched the Buckeyes' school colors.

Red — or some shade of it — was the color of choice in the green room, though Towns wore a grey jacket and Russell's table later turned gold when his supporters donned Lakers hats.

He drew huge cheers when he was announced but his crowd was dwarfed by Towns'. The New Jersey native said he had above 50 family and friends in attendance.

"This is home to me," he said. "Been able to come here and have all my closest friends and love ones come out here. It's the most special moments in my life."

The 6-foot-11 Towns averaged 10.3 points and 6.7 rebounds in just 21 minutes per game, as Kentucky used a platoon system in winning its first 38 games and reaching the Final Four.

It was Kentucky's third No. 1 pick in the last six years, joining Anthony Davis in 2012 and John Wall in 2010. The Wildcats were hoping to have

a record seven players picked and were well on their way when Sacramento took center Willie Cauley-Stein with the sixth pick, Utah grabbed Trey Lyles at No. 12 and guard Devin Booker followed one spot later to Phoenix.

Booker, at 18 the youngest player in the draft, gave the Wildcats a record-tying four players among the top 14 selections. Duke in 1999 and North Carolina in 2005 also had four lottery picks.

"Just shows our team was special. Unlike any other," Lyles said. "Still got three other guys going to go tonight." But they had to settle for tying the record with six selections, as Dakari Johnson and Andrew Harrison went in the second round, but Aaron Harrison was not picked.

For weeks, Towns and Duke's Jahliil Okafor had been considered the top two selections. But the Lakers instead decided on backcourt help with a player who can step right in and play alongside Bryant in what could be the superstar's final season.

"Kobe's a great dude," Russell said. "Not knowing how much he has left in the tank is the scary thing. I'm really looking forward to him taking me under his wing if possible and feed me the most knowledge he can and use that as fire against my opponents."

Okafor fell to the Philadelphia 76ers at No. 3, becoming the 19th lottery selection and 29th first-round pick — most in NCAA history — under coach Mike Krzyzewski. Those numbers increased when Miami drafted Justise Winslow 10th and Cleveland took Tyus Jones at No. 24 — though his rights were later dealt to Minnesota.

The Knicks ended the run of one-and-dones when they took Porzingis with the No. 4 pick. The 19-year-old forward had been nursing a draft board but Knicks fans, who haven't forgotten the drafting of Frederic Weis and were underwhelmed by the acquisition of Andrea Bargnani, wanted no part of him, booing lustily after his name was called by Silver.

"Lot of fans weren't happy they drafted me," Porzingis said. "I have to do everything in my hands to turn those booing fans into clapping fans. I was happy about it. Want to be part of this organization, but the fans are harsh sometimes, that's how it is in New York and I'm ready for it."

Another international player followed, as Orlando took Croatian Mario Hezonja at No. 5, and Emmanuel Mudiay, born in Congo, raised in Texas and a professional last season in China, went seventh to Denver. Detroit took Arizona's Stanley Johnson eighth before national player of the year Frank Kaminsky went to Charlotte at No. 9.

The Lakers later added Wyoming's Larry Nance Jr. with the No. 27 pick, while Boston used its two first-round selections on Terry Rozier of Louisville (16th) and R.J. Hunter of Georgia State (28th).

The NBA champion Golden State Warriors used the 30th and final pick of the first round on UCLA forward Kevon Looney, who thought he could be a lottery pick and instead lasted so long he left the green room before returning shortly before he was selected.

The final picks included the usual assortment of international players, running the final tally to 14.

Rangers' losing streak reaches 5 as Oakland tops Texas

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Colby Lewis lost his control and felt as if he lost the game for the Texas Rangers, even without a decision.

The Oakland Athletics completed a three-game series sweep with a 6-3 win Thursday, getting their go-ahead runs after the veteran Texas right-hander had given way to the bullpen.

"I flat just let them back in the ball game and beat myself in the fifth," Lewis said. "I don't know the last time I walked three guys in an inning. ... That was just bad pitching. It's solely on myself."

The Rangers have lost five in a row for the first time under new manager Jeff Banister.

Texas led 2-0 against

Sonny Gray (9-3) when Mitch Moreland homered leading off the fourth and Joey Gallo doubled ahead of a single by Robinson Chirinos.

But Lewis, who had walked only two batters his previous 33 innings, gave up three walks in the fifth to load the bases. The A's tied the game at 2 when No. 9 hitter Sam Fuld hit a full-count pitch with two outs for a two-run single.

Moreland added an RBI single in the fifth, but Oakland loaded the bases again to start the sixth — on three consecutive singles, two of them infield hits. Josh Reddick tied the game again with a sac fly before Lewis' 100th and

final pitch, a grounder that ricocheted off his foot to second baseman Rougned Odor for an inning-ending 1-4-3 put-out.

"The fifth is what I'm more disappointed in myself," said Lewis, still 7-1 in his past 14 starts against Oakland since 2010. "I've got to have a clean inning and I didn't. Put it on me."

Keone Kela (4-5) got out the first two batters in the seventh before consecutive singles. Sam Freeman took over and didn't retire any of the three batters he faced. There was an infield single off his glove before Ben Zobrist drew a bases-loaded walk and Reddick added a two-run single.

"The whole outing

makes me mad," Freeman said.

Gray struck out seven and walked one while allowing three runs over six innings, improving to 5-0 with a 0.96 ERA in his five road starts against the Rangers. The right-hander had allowed only one run in 31 1-3 innings the previous four starts, including two shutouts last season.

Oakland, which had won a season-best five in a row and nine of 11, had the go-ahead inning right after Gray threw the last of his 92 pitches. The right-hander gave up nine hits and walked one.

"He battles himself sometimes. He can be as tough on himself as opposed to battling the

opponent," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "There are periods during the season when you just don't feel completely locked in, which is odd to hear about him."

Tyler Clippard, the fourth Oakland pitcher, worked a perfect ninth for his 13th save in 15 chances. He hadn't pitched since Saturday and Sunday, when he was the first A's reliever since 1996 with saves of three or more outs on consecutive days.

STRIKING OUT GALLO

While Gallo doubled and scored, the 21-year-old slugger also struck out two more times. That's 20 strikeouts over 36 at-bats his past 10 games, and he is hitting .159 (7 of 44) his

past 13 games. "I'm just being a little too impatient, swinging too much," said Gallo, who had never played above Double-A before his June 2 call-up. "After the first week or so the pitchers have started to make adjustments. Obviously I've got to adjust too and keep learning the pitchers, guys I've never seen still. I'm still a little inexperienced on that."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Athletics: Stephen Vogt started his 48th game at catcher, his first since a cortisone shot Sunday in his left elbow.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of AURIEL ARTHUR LaFOND, DECEASED were issued on June 23, 2015, in Cause No. P-14428 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas to JOAN MARIE LaFOND.

The residence of JOAN MARIE LaFOND IS 703 Texas, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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DATED the 23rd day of June, 2015.

JOAN MARIE LaFOND #8773 JUNE 26, 2015

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: O3603

Application and Draft Permit. DCP Midstream, LP, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 400W, Midland, TX 79705-4515, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a significant revision of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O3603, Application No. 22476, to authorize operation of the Knott Booster Station, a Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas facility. The area addressed by the application is located at From the interchange of US Hwy 87 and IH 20 located on the north side of Big Spring, TX, drive 6.5 miles north on US Hwy 87 to RR 2230 on the left, turn west and drive 3.2 miles on RR 2230 to the booster station on the left in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. 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 the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.342222&lng=-101.570833&zoom=13&type=r>. This application was received by the TCEQ on February 17, 2015.

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erating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 W Interstate 20 Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79706-2636; and the Howard County Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

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At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239 1540.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My father-in-law "Ron" is having an affair. At first I was not sure, but now I have proof, and my husband has seen his father with this woman, as well. Even my in-laws have told us that they only coexist with one another. I am not sure if my husband's mother knows of the affair. She might.

Since we saw my father-in-law with this woman, things have not been the same between him and my husband. My mother-in-law is not the same, either. One minute she is fine and the next she is not.

We will be leaving soon for a joint family vacation and I am not sure I want to be there. I don't even want to bring my children to their home to visit. My father-in-law has cheated before. I think my mother-in-law should divorce him and my husband agrees. He said his parents never seemed compatible when he was growing up. It seemed as though they were forced to be together because of his sister and him.

I want to tell my mother-in-law and give her my evidence. My husband says to leave it alone. He says he needs time. But I feel his mother needs to know now, the sooner the better. I don't want to be the one who knew all about his affair and did nothing. -- I am Hurting, Too

Dear Hurting: This is truly not your business, and forcing your mother-in-law to confront her husband's behavior (of which she is undoubtedly aware) may not be in her best interest. Sometimes, a spouse chooses to ignore evidence in order to maintain the status quo. It is not up to you to decide whether a divorce is better for her. What you can do, however, is tell your father-in-law what you know. Anyone who cheats is exposing a spouse to sexually transmitted diseases, and this is something the spouse should know.

Dear Annie: I live in a retirement community. You would think a great many residents would have either spent time in the service or know someone who has.

It is so difficult for me to drive through the streets and see only a few homes with flags out on Memorial Day or Flag Day. You can buy flags at the dollar store, for heaven's sake. When I think of all the young women and men who have sacrificed so much for our country, it is hard to understand. I hope people get this message, and when July Fourth comes around, we will see flags at every home. Thank you. -- J.

Dear J.: What an excellent idea. Homes used to come with flag holders attached near a door or window so people could hang large flags on poles for these occasions. But it is certainly easy enough to pick up a small flag on a stick and put it on your lawn or by the curb. It doesn't matter if you are "red state" or "blue state." We all love our country and appreciate our freedoms. If you don't own a flag, please get one. And if you have one, please display it properly on these national holidays.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Two Kinds of Lunar Love

Mother Teresa of Calcutta said it's easier **MATHIS** to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness of someone unloved in their own home. The Libra moon of partnership and love rules the first part of the day, favoring dedication to the needs of those close. Intense Scorpio takes the second shift of the day: date night!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The person who's supposed to be making your life easier may not seem like much help at first because he or she needs to be taught what to do. With minimal instruction, things will soon fall into a productive groove.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't see the point in following the same recipe over and over. You know what you're going to get. You prefer the adventurous life that comes from daring to experiment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's an excellent day for those working for tips or commission. What can you do to enjoy your commute more? The improved mood will put you in super-productivity mode when you arrive at work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What's happening around the globe matters to you even if you don't seem to be directly affected. Eventually, we are all affected by each other, no matter where we live.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A money leak will turn into a gusher if you don't take measures now to stop it. Bad financial habits die hard, but 21 times (in a row) doing the new improved action will cement it into your brain.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The difference between a pro and an expert is that the pro has to make a mutually agreeable product or the money won't be exchanged. Are you ready for that added demand?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No matter how well you know your task, you can't practice the unpredictable. When strange twists happen, you'll twist along with them. With your skills and flexibility, you'll pull this one off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's easier to like people and be nice to them when you believe they are not infringing in any way on what is yours or potentially yours. It requires an abundance mentality. Is there really enough to go around? That's the question.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Evaluate your progress over the past four weeks. This review is crucial to figuring out what you should do next. There will be weekend distractions a-plenty, so it's important to get focused now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The exchange of money represents so much more than dollars and cents. It's a trade of energy. If you're lifted by the deal (even if you're not financially richer), it's a good deal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's comfort in routine, while being in a

rut isn't comfortable at all. To keep your routine from becoming a restriction, be creative, plan surprises and leave room for changing your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If the myriad choices available to you get overwhelming, remember that all you ever really have to make is one decision. Decide who you are, and the rest falls into place naturally.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 26). This year it's safer to make bold decisions, as long as you make many of them. One is bound to hit. July focuses on friendship. August brings a mutually beneficial business relationship. At the end of 2015, you'll be strongly influenced by family and the idea of your legacy. Business travels happen in February. Scorpio and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 45, 43, 11 and 16.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Small gatherings that speak to your interests will produce interesting new relationships. **TAURUS:** Eliminate expectations and forget what you think you know, and suddenly a relationship gets much more creative. **GEMINI:** You'll learn how you're being perceived and then consciously shape that perception to exciting effect. **CANCER:** Is it too much to ask that love intrigue you? Of course not. You'll find the mystery you seek. **LEO:** What's more important to your relationship: getting along, or expressing your truth? **VIRGO:** Loved ones may be jealous

of the time you give to work, but one spontaneously loving gesture from you can make it all better. **LIBRA:** When people who want to feel important don't get recognized, it's the start of trouble. **SCORPIO:** If you keep reinventing yourself, you'll keep attracting different kinds of people or bring out different things in one partner. **SAGITTARIUS:** You don't need to prove yourself. If you feel yourself going there, stop. **CAPRICORN:** Friends and potential dates who don't do what they say they're going to do don't deserve a prime spot in your life. **AQUARIUS:** Mutual laughter is among the strongest signs of attraction. **PISCES:** If you don't get along right off the bat, it's not necessarily a bad sign. You can't polish a jewel without friction.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Cancer sun and the Scorpio moon favor relationships between these two soulfully synchronistic water signs. The couple doesn't have to be together long before they establish their subtle communication system, understanding and responding to each other's slightest gestures and expressions. These two don't need much more than each other to be happy.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

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24. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
East: ♠A1098765432, ♥K1098765432, ♦K1098765432, ♣K1098765432

25. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
East: ♠A1098765432, ♥K1098765432, ♦K1098765432, ♣K1098765432

26. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
East: ♠A1098765432, ♥K1098765432, ♦K1098765432, ♣K1098765432

27. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
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28. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
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29. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

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30. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
East: ♠A1098765432, ♥K1098765432, ♦K1098765432, ♣K1098765432

31. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
East: ♠A1098765432, ♥K1098765432, ♦K1098765432, ♣K1098765432

32. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
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33. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
East: ♠A1098765432, ♥K1098765432, ♦K1098765432, ♣K1098765432

34. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
East: ♠A1098765432, ♥K1098765432, ♦K1098765432, ♣K1098765432

35. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

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36. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

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East: ♠A1098765432, ♥K1098765432, ♦K1098765432, ♣K1098765432

37. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
East: ♠A1098765432, ♥K1098765432, ♦K1098765432, ♣K1098765432

38. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

West: ♠KQJ1098765432, ♥A1098765432, ♦A1098765432, ♣A1098765432
East: ♠A1098765432, ♥K1098765432, ♦K1098765432, ♣K1098765432

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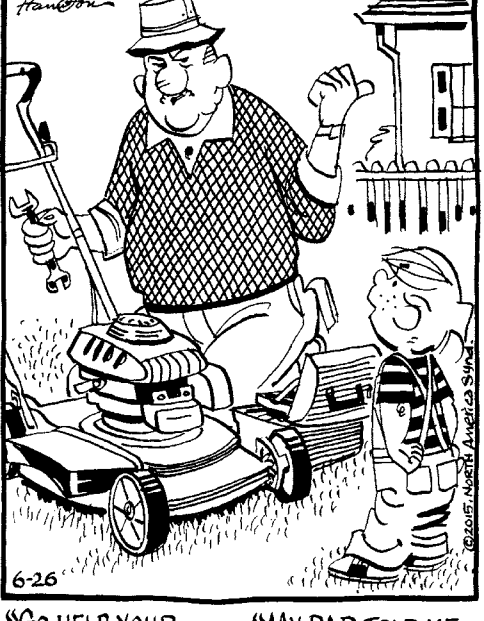
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40. You are declarer in the following contract. North ends the lead with the King of Spades. How do you play the hand? (You may trump the lead.)

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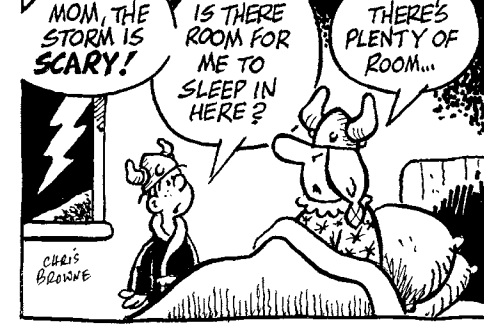
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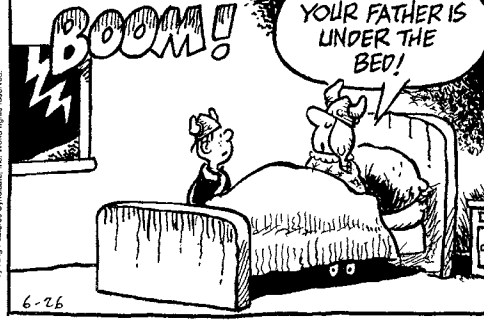


"I need more jelly. I can still see some toast."

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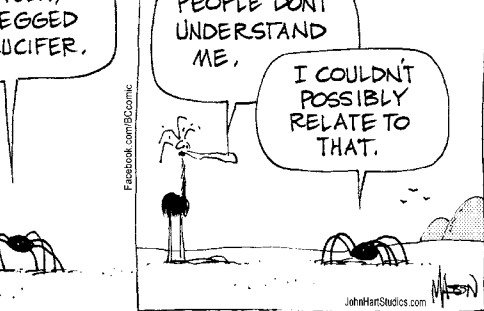
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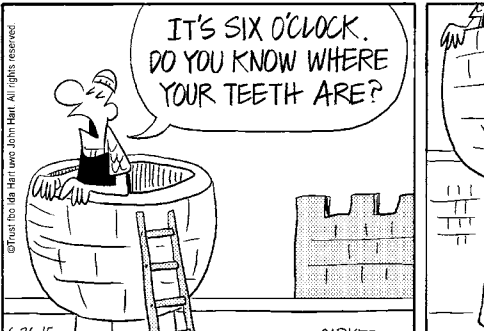
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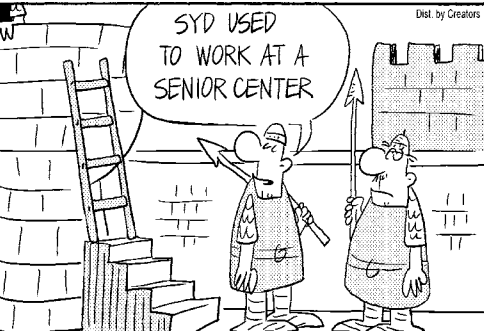
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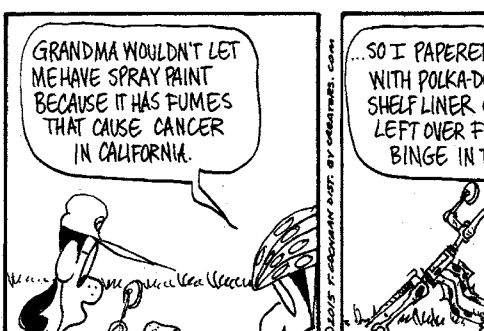
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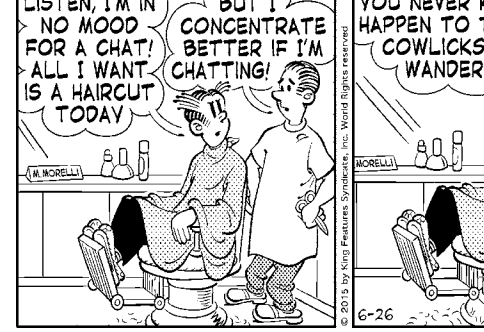
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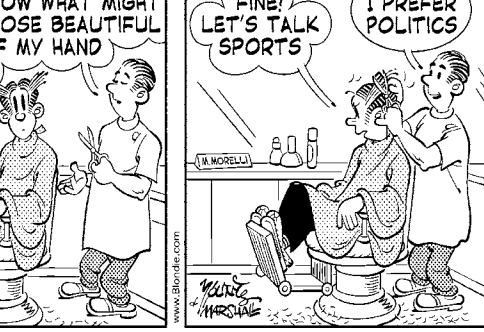
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, June 26, the 177th day of 2015. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 26, 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.

On this date:

In 1483, Richard III began his reign as King of England (he was crowned the following month at Westminster Abbey).

In 1870, the first section of Atlantic City, New Jersey's Boardwalk was opened to the public.

In 1915, following a whirlwind courtship, poet T.S. Eliot married Vivienne Haigh-Wood in London. (The marriage proved disastrous, but the couple never divorced.) Air conditioning manufacturer Carrier Engineering Corp. was incorporated in New York.

In 1925, Charles Chaplin's classic comedy "The Gold Rush" premiered at Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a second term of office by delegates to the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman authorized the U.S. Air Force and Navy to enter the Korean War.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower joined Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway. Swedish boxer Ingemar Johansson knocked out Floyd Patterson in the third round of their match at New York's Yankee Stadium to win the heavyweight title.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he delivered his famous speech expressing solidarity with the city's residents, declaring: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

In 1973, former White House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.

In 1974, the supermarket price scanner made its debut in Troy, Ohio, as a 10-pack of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit chewing gum costing 67 cents and bearing a Uniform Product Code (UPC) was scanned by a Marsh Supermarket cashier.

In 1988, three people were killed when a new Airbus A320 jetliner carrying more than 130 people crashed into a forest during a demonstration at an air show in Mulhouse (mul-LOOZ), France.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush went back on his

"no-new-taxes" campaign pledge, conceding that tax increases would have to be included in any deficit-reduction package worked out with congressional negotiators.

Ten years ago: Dozens of international leaders met in San Francisco to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the United Nations' birth. Tens of thousands of festively dressed people marched in parades around the country to celebrate the 35th anniversary of gay pride. South Korea's Birdie Kim holed a 30-yard bunker shot to birdie the 18th hole and win the U.S. Women's Open.

Thought for Today:

"The formula for success is simple: practice and concentration then more practice and more concentration."

Babe Didrikson Zaharias, American athlete and golfing Hall of Famer (born this date in 1911, died in 1956).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

INTERACTIVITY by David W. Cromer

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Hip-hop chum
 - 5 Base meal
 - 9 Performing orca
 - 14 Open minimally
 - 15 Way to go
 - 16 Novelist teaching at Princeton
 - 17 Exceptional
 - 18 It may be raw or crunched
 - 19 Botanical study
 - 20 Start of a quote
 - 23 Black-ops org.
 - 24 Sudden turn
 - 25 Montezuma subject
 - 28 What shearers hear
 - 30 Condiment, to chemists
 - 34 Maritime prov.
 - 35 Heist load
 - 37 Pizza Hut rival
 - 39 End of quote
 - 42 Chilling
 - 43 Campus building
 - 44 Geo (Alaska State Troopers ailer)
 - 45 Its HQ is 11 Wall St.
 - 46 AuctionWeb, today
 - 48 Kagan appointer
 - 50 Despicable Me villain
 - 51 Any jazz instrument
 - 52 Source of quote
 - 60 Little Havana locale
 - 61 Earth in the Balance author

- 62 Keep a low profile
 - 63 Boil over
 - 64 Citation abbreviation
 - 65 SWAT team gear
 - 66 Constant Gardener Oscar winner
 - 67 Spanish lady
 - 68 Monthly payout
- DOWN**
- 1 Act of defiance
 - 2 Cousin of Achilles
 - 3 Plunk defect
 - 4 Eurozone member
 - 5 News sources
 - 6 Doc's checkup
 - 7 Search-page item
 - 8 Anthem section
 - 9 What "general" starts with
 - 10 Ring of light
 - 11 Ion, for instance
 - 12 Paltry
 - 13 Letters on Forever stamps
 - 21 Opulence
 - 22 Fez feature
 - 25 Of bees
 - 26 Energetic
 - 27 Cake levels
 - 28 Bond-market order
 - 29 Word on Lanai license plates
 - 30 Where Gump served
 - 31 Concert venue
 - 32 Off-white
 - 33 Ton of, so to speak
 - 36 Major highway
 - 38 Southern casino city
 - 40 Pencil-tip shape
 - 41 Dissenting vote
 - 47 Barely stirred
 - 49 19th century's top-selling novel
 - 50 Ostentation
 - 51 Jungle Book wolf
 - 52 Cork is found there
 - 53 Lanai's county
 - 54 Tiny tricksters
 - 55 Speck
 - 56 Pack tight
 - 57 Dimensions
 - 58 Norse Zeus
 - 59 Cozy retreat
 - 60 Persian's remark

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	41	33	.554	—
New York	39	34	.534	1½
Baltimore	38	34	.528	2
Toronto	39	35	.527	2
Boston	32	42	.432	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	41	28	.594	—
Minnesota	39	33	.542	3½
Detroit	37	36	.507	6
Cleveland	33	38	.465	9
Chicago	32	40	.444	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	43	32	.573	—
Los Angeles	37	36	.507	5
Texas	37	36	.507	5
Oakland	34	41	.453	9
Seattle	33	40	.452	9

(U. Jimenez 6-3), 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milone 4-1) at Milwaukee (Fiers 3-7), 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 8-4) at Houston (McHugh 8-3), 2:10 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 10-4) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 4-4), 3:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Guthrie 5-5) at Oakland (Chavez 4-6), 4:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	40	33	.548	—
New York	37	37	.500	3½
Atlanta	35	38	.479	5
Miami	30	44	.405	10½
Philadelphia	26	48	.351	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	48	24	.667	—
Pittsburgh	40	32	.556	8
Chicago	39	32	.549	8½
Cincinnati	34	37	.479	13½
Milwaukee	27	47	.365	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	41	33	.554	—
San Francisco	40	34	.541	1
Arizona	35	37	.486	5
San Diego	35	40	.467	6½
Colorado	32	40	.444	8

Arizona (Wacha 9-3), 7:15 p.m.
Arizona (Hellickson 5-4) at San Diego (Cashner 2-9), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati (Jos.Smith 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 3-7), 1:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 5-2) at Miami (Urena 1-3), 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta (A.Wood 4-5) at Pittsburgh (Locke 4-3), 1:35 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 4-5) at Philadelphia (Correa 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milone 4-1) at Milwaukee (Fiers 3-7), 2:10 p.m.
Colorado (K.Kendrick 3-9) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 7-4), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (Ch.Anderson 3-2) at San Diego (Despaigne 3-5), 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hammel 5-2) at St. Louis (C.Martinez 8-3), 8:15 p.m.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Sent RHP Archie Bradley to Reno (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with OFs Donnie Cimino, Daniel Spingola, Alex Bautista, Darryl Wilson and Donnie Dewees; RHPs Kyle Miller, Matt Rose and M.T. Minacci; LHPs Kyle Twomey and Tyler Peitzmeier; Cs Tyler Payne and Ian Rice; and 2B Sutton Whiting on minor league contracts.
CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Alexis Diaz, Ian Kahlala and Antonio Santillan on minor league contracts. Activated LHP Aroldis Chapman from the paternity list. Optioned INF-OF Kristopher Negronto to Louisville (IL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Signed RHP Peter Lambert to a minor league contract.
MIAMI MARLINS — Designated RHP Vin Mazzaro for assignment. Reinstated RHP Jarred Cosart from the 15-day DL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with C Zach Taylor on a minor league contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned LHP Tyler Lyons to Memphis (PCL). Reinstated RHP Lance Lynn from the 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with Cs Chris China and Ryan McCaerl on minor league contracts.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed OF Nori Aoki on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 21. Selected the contract of 1B-OF Travis Ishikawa from Sacramento (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with OF Andrew Stevenson and RHPs Kevin Mooney and Koda Glover on minor league contracts.

LHP Michael Carden. Released C Chris Matthews.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS — Acquired G Luke Ridnour from Milwaukee for F Matt Barnes. Traded G Luke Ridnour and a conditional 2016 second-round draft pick to Oklahoma City for G Jeremy Lamb.
CHICAGO BULLS — Named Pete Myers assistant coach.

NBA Draft First Round

1. Minnesota, Karl-Anthony Towns, c, Kentucky.
2. L.A. Lakers, D'Angelo Russell, g, Ohio State.
3. Philadelphia, Jahlii Okafor, c, Duke.
4. New York, Kristaps Porzingis, f, Sevilla (Spain).
5. Orlando, Mario Hezonja, g, Barcelona (Spain).
6. Sacramento, Willie Cauley-Stein, c, Kentucky.
7. Denver, Emmanuel Mudiay, g, Guangdong (China).
8. Detroit, Stanley Johnson, f, Arizona.
9. Charlotte, Frank Kaminsky, f, Wisconsin.
10. Miami, Justise Winslow, g, Duke.
11. Indiana, Myles Turner, f, Texas.
12. Utah, Trey Lyles, f, Kentucky.
13. Phoenix, Devin Booker, g, Kentucky.
14. Oklahoma City, Cameron Payne, g, Murray State.
15. a-Atlanta (from Brooklyn), Kelly Oubre, f, Kansas.
16. Boston, Terry Rozier, g, Louisville.
17. Milwaukee, Rashad Vaughn, g, UNLV.
18. Houston (from New Orleans), Sam Dekker, f, Wisconsin.
19. a-b-Washington, Jerian Grant, g, Notre Dame.
20. Toronto, Delon Wright, g, Utah.
21. Dallas, Justin Anderson, g, Virginia.
22. Chicago, Bobby Portis, f, Arkansas.
23. c-Portland, Rondae Hollis-Jefferson, f, Arizona.
24. d-Cleveland, Tyus Jones, g, Duke.
25. Memphis, Jarell Martin, f, LSU.
26. San Antonio, Nikola Milutinovic, c, Partizan (Serbia).
27. L.A. Lakers (from Houston), Larry Nance Jr., f, Wyoming.
28. Boston (from L.A. Clippers), R.J. Hunter, g, Georgia State.
29. Brooklyn (from Atlanta), Chris McCullough, f, Syracuse.
30. Golden State, Kevon Looney, f, UCLA.

adolu Efes (Turkey).
32. Houston (from New York), Montrezl Harrell, f, Louisville.
33. Boston (from Philadelphia through Miami), Jordan Mickey, f, LSU.
34. L.A. Lakers, Anthony Brown, f, Stanford.
35. Philadelphia (from Orlando), Guillermo Hernangomez, f, Sevilla (Spain).
36. d-Minnesota (from Sacramento through Houston), Rakeem Christmas, f, Syracuse.
37. Philadelphia (from Denver through Houston, Portland and Minnesota), Richaun Holmes, f, Bowling Green.
38. Detroit, Darrun Hilliard, g, Villanova.
39. Charlotte, Juan Pablo Vaulet, g, Bahia Basket (Argentina).
40. Miami, Josh Richardson, g, Tennessee.
41. c-Brooklyn, Pat Connaughton, g, Notre Dame.
42. Utah, Olivier Hanlan, g, Boston College.
43. Indiana, Joseph Young, g, Oregon.
44. Phoenix, Andrew Harrison, g, Kentucky.
45. Boston, Marcus Thornton, g, William & Mary.
46. e-Milwaukee, Norman Powell, g, UCLA.
47. Philadelphia (from New Orleans through Washington and L.A. Clippers), Arturas Gudaitis, c, BC Zalgiris (Lithuania).
48. Oklahoma City, Dakari Johnson, c, Kentucky.
49. Washington, Aaron White, f, Iowa.
50. Atlanta (from Toronto), Marcus Eriksson, g, FC Barcelona (Spain).
51. Orlando (from Chicago), Tyler Harvey, g, Eastern Washington.
52. Dallas, Satnam Singh Bhamara, c, IMG Academy (India).
53. Cleveland (from Portland through Chicago and Denver), Sir Dominick Pointer, f, St. John's.
54. Utah (from Cleveland), Daniel Diez, g, Gipuzkoa BC San Sebastian.
55. San Antonio, Cady Lalanne, c, UMass.
56. New Orleans (from Memphis), Brandon Dawson, f, Michigan State.
57. Denver (from L.A. Clippers), Nikola Radicevic, g, Sevilla (Spain).
58. Philadelphia (from Houston), J.P. Tokoto, f, North Carolina.
59. Atlanta, Dimitrios Agravalis, f, Olympiakos (Greece).
60. Philadelphia (from Golden State through Indiana), Luka Mitrovic, f, Mega Crvena Zvezda (Serbia).

Thursday's Games
Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 7, 10 innings
Baltimore 8, Boston 6
Oakland 6, Texas 3
Houston 4, N.Y. Yankees 0

Friday's Games
Cleveland (Kluber 3-9) at Baltimore (W.Chen 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (N.Martinez 5-3) at Toronto (Buehrle 7-4), 7:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 3-7) at Detroit (An.Sanchez 6-7), 7:08 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 4-8) at Tampa Bay (Colome 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (May 4-5) at Milwaukee (Lohse 3-9), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 6-2) at Houston (Velasquez 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Volquez 7-4) at Oakland (Hahn 5-5), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (T.Walker 5-6) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 4-5), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Texas (Ch.Gonzalez 6-6) at Toronto (Undecided), 1:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 4-6) at Milwaukee (Garza 4-9), 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City (C.Young 6-3) at Oakland (Kazmir 4-4), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Danks 3-8) at Detroit (K.Ryan 1-1), 4:08 p.m.
Boston (Miley 7-6) at Tampa Bay (Andriese 2-2), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 4-3) at Houston (Oberholtzer 2-1), 4:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Co.Anderson 0-0) at Baltimore (Tillman 5-7), 7:15 p.m.
Seattle (Happ 3-4) at L.A. Angels (Richards 7-5), 7:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Texas (Ch.Gonzalez 2-2) at Toronto (Hutchison 7-1), 1:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 5-4) at Detroit (Price 7-2), 1:08 p.m.
Boston (Masterson 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Archer 9-4), 1:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Bauer 6-4) at Baltimore

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Mets 2, Milwaukee 0
L.A. Dodgers 4, Chicago Cubs 0
Colorado 6, Arizona 4
San Francisco 13, San Diego 8
Washington 7, Atlanta 0
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 4, 13 innings
St. Louis 5, Miami 1

Friday's Games
Atlanta (W.Perez 4-0) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 8-5) at Philadelphia (Harang 4-9), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 4-4) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 3-4) at Miami (Nicolino 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (May 4-5) at Milwaukee (Lohse 3-9), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 7-5) at St. Louis (Lackey 6-4), 8:15 p.m.
Arizona (Ray 2-2) at San Diego (T.Ross 4-7), 10:10 p.m.
Colorado (Bettis 3-2) at San Francisco (T.Hudson 5-6), 10:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Minnesota (Gibson 4-6) at Milwaukee (Garza 4-9), 2:10 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 5-4) at Philadelphia (Morgan 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 5-3) at Pittsburgh (Morton 5-1), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Rusin 3-2) at San Francisco (Lincecum 7-4), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Lorenzen 3-2) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 7-5), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-5) at Miami (Koehler 5-4), 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wada 1-1) at St.

TRANSNATIONS
BASEBALL
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Mychal Givens to Bowie (EL). Reinstated RHP Miguel Gonzalez from the 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with RHP Juan Taveras on a minor league contract.
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 2B Dustin Pedroia on the 15-day DL. Designated C Erik Kratz for assignment. Optioned RHP Joe Kelly to Pawtucket (IL). Selected the contracts of SS Devan Marrero and RHP Jonathan Aro from Pawtucket. Recalled OF Jackie Bradley Jr. from Pawtucket. Signed RHP Daniel Zandona, OF Kyri Washington and RHP Max Watt to minor league contracts.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Buck Farmer to Toledo (IL). Activated RHP Bruce Rondon from the 15-day DL.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with SS Alex Bregman on a minor league contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with OF Lean Marrero on a minor league contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHPs Branden Pinder and Diego Moreno to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled INF Stephen Drew from paternity leave. Recalled INF Gregorio Petit from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with OF Ricky Eusebio on a minor league contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Acquired 1B/OF Marc Krauss from the Los Angeles Angels RHP Kyle Winkler. Optioned INF Nick Franklin to Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned OF Michael Choice to Round Rock (PCL). Recalled RHP Spencer Patton from Round Rock. Agreed to terms with 3B Jonathan Meyer on a minor league contract. Sent OF Josh Hamilton to Round Rock (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

Eastern League
TRENTON THUNDER — Activated OF Danny Oh from 7-day DL. Placed OF Devin Bolasky on the 7-day DL.

American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed LHP Matt McClain.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed C Michael Leach.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Released C Juan Medina and RHP Rob Tejada.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released C Mike Schultz.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released RHP Scott Shuman.

Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released RHP Ryan Fennell.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed RHP Jon Fitzsimmons and INF Ben Bostick.
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Released C Derek Smith.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Released RHP Kevin Thomas.

Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed LHP Ryan Davis.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed

Second Round
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ARENA FOOTBALL LEAGUE
ORLANDO PREDATORS — Added WR Derrick Hector.

Mavs use first-round pick on UVa's Anderson

DALLAS (AP) — Justin Anderson offered enough of what Dallas wanted for the Mavericks to stay put with their first-round pick in the NBA draft for the first time in nine years. Plus, he's from coach

Rick Carlisle's alma mater, Virginia. "Obviously comes from a great institution," Carlisle said with a wry smile. "Well-educated." All kidding aside, the Mavericks think they

addressed the need for better shooting and defending at the 3-point line by taking the 6-foot-6 Anderson with the 21st pick in the first round Thursday night. Late in the second round, the Mavericks

made 7-foot-2 Satnam Singh the first native of India to get drafted by taking him with the 52nd overall pick. Dallas expects the 19-year-old to start his career in the NBA Development League.

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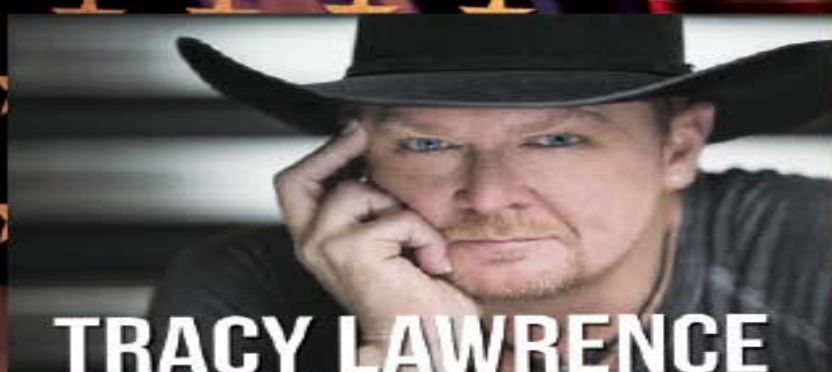
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Friday, June 26, 2015

Saturday, June 27, 2015

4:30 to 5:00 p.m. VIP Meet and Greet *by invitation only*
5:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies, Highway Run sings National Anthem,
The Dance Gallery Cheer Dance & Tumbling Performance
6:00 p.m. Highway Run
6:00 p.m. Crossroads Cook Off Cook's Meeting at Courtyard
7:00 p.m. Crossroads Cook Off Kid's Cook at Courtyard
7:30 p.m. Sam Riggs
9:00 p.m. Curtis Grimes
9:30 p.m. Tracy Lawrence Meet and Greet *by invitation only*
10:30 p.m. Tracy Lawrence
11:45 p.m. End of show

11:00 a.m. The Dance Gallery Cheer Dance & Tumbling Performance
at Gazebo Scurry & 3rd Street
1:00 p.m. Crossroads Cook Off Turn In Time for Chicken
2:00 p.m. Crossroads Cook Off Turn In Time for Pork Spare Ribs
3:00 p.m. Crossroads Cook Off Turn In Time for Brisket
4:00 to 5:30 p.m. VIP Dinner and Meet and Greet with all Bands *by invitation only*
5:30 p.m. Crossroads Cook Off Awards Ceremony at Courtyard Patio
5:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies & Military Tribute Honoring Our Veterans at Main
Stage on Main St w/ Cheer Xplosion Athletics Team
6:00 p.m. Jody Nix
7:00 p.m. 7-Eleven Hot Dog Eating Contest at side of Main Stage
7:30 p.m. Cory Michaels
7:30 p.m. Dance Performance at Gazebo Scurry & 3rd Street
9:00 p.m. Restless Heart
10:45 p.m. Mark McKinney – end at Midnight

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Friday, June 26

Cooks' Meeting 6pm
Kid's Cook \$20
Pork Chops Given on Site
Sign In 5-5:30PM Turn In 7PM

Saturday Turn In Times

1:00 Chicken
2:00 Pork Spare Ribs
3:00 Brisket
4:30 Awards (Including Kid's Cook)



Move In...June 26 after 1pm
Move Out....by Sunday June 28th 9am
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\$150 Per Entry • Kid's Cook \$20 Per Entry

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