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Where were you in '62?

'American Graffiti' next movie in local Summers on the Green series

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The final film for the Summers on the Green outdoor movie and entertainment series will feature the American cinema classic "American Graffiti."

The last of the three-part outdoor movies series will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday on the Hotel Settles lawn.

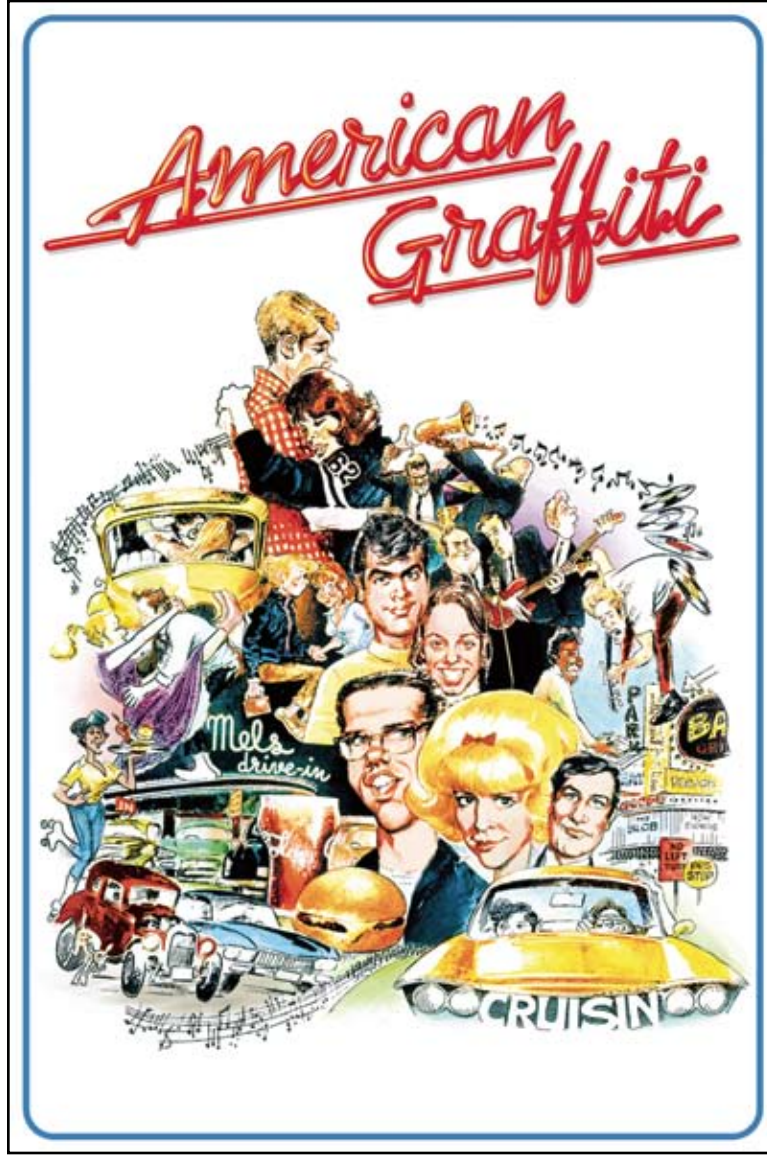
"Area car clubs will be in attendance to celebrate the Bankhead Highway and the screening of the movie, "American Graffiti," said Haley Lewis, tourism coordinator for the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The Howard College Theater Department will join us once again with their wonderful skits, and we will have awesome food vendors for everyone's craving."

What: Summers on the Green movie series.
Where: Hotel Settles lawn.
When: 7 p.m. Saturday.

"Tumbleweed Smith's Bankhead Highway Video Memoirs will start off the movie portion of the evening at sundown followed by the feature presentation," Lewis said. "The event is free to the public."

American Graffiti is a coming of age comedy-drama set in 1962 Modesto, Calif, and features hot rod cars, cruising, early rock and roll and the culture of the post World War II baby boom generation teenage years. The story is told in a series of vignettes about a group of teenagers and their adventures in one night.

Starring in the 1973 classic film are a young Ron Howard, now a successful movie director; Richard Dreyfuss, Paul Le Mat, Charlie Martin Smith, Candy Clark, Mackenzie Phillips and Cindy Williams. A very young Harrison Ford plays a minor role in the movie.



The film was directed and co-written by an up and coming director at the time George Lucas and was based on his own experiences as a teenager cruising in Modesto, Calif, in the 1960s. The low-budget movie is considered to be one of the most profitable films of all times.

Four years later, Ford would this time star in another little film directed and written by Lucas called Star Wars, which became a world-wide pop culture phenomena.

For more information about Summers on the Green, contact Lewis at the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau at 432-263-8235 or visit www.facebook.com/bigspringcvb or www.visitbigspring.com

The three-part series this summer which featured car-themed films was held to promote the historic Bankhead Highway, the first all-weather intercontinental road built at

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Oncor scam

Energy firm reps send warning to customers

Special to the Herald

Officials at Oncor are warning the public of a possible scam occurring in the area involving the misrepresentation of the company.

"We have been notified that there seems to be a couple of scams going on in our area involving Oncor," said Jim Clements, Oncor Area Manager. "Someone claiming to be Oncor employees are calling customers telling them they have an overdue bill and if they don't make an online payment the power will be shut off to their home or business. In other areas they are going door to door asking for personal information to help them get cheaper electric rates."

Oncor does not bill customers for electricity use and does not call

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Indian who defrauded taxpayers sentenced

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
 Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A leader in an India-based scam that scared American taxpayers into sending millions of dollars because they thought the U.S. government was after them was sentenced Wednesday to more than 14 years in prison by a judge who said he wanted to send a message to others considering similar crimes.

Sahil Patel, 36, sobbed as he apologized for his crimes before he was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein for conspiring to extort, to impersonate government officials and to commit wire fraud.

The Manhattan judge said he needed to impose a "very serious sentence" to ensure adequate deterrence.

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U.S. District Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein

vania, also must forfeit \$1 million for crimes that stretched from December 2011 until his December 2013 arrest.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Adams told the judge the fraud was "perfectly designed" to manipulate financially distressed people who would fear arrest threats.

"This man preyed on hundreds of people who were particularly vulnerable," Adams said.

Prosecutors said in court papers that callers in India impersonated law enforcement officials, sometimes threatening victims with financial penalties and arrest, and used an Internet-based

calling service that made it appear phone numbers came from the FBI or the Manhattan federal prosecutor's office.

Timothy Camus, a deputy inspector general for investigations who probes crimes for the Internal Revenue Service, said in Washington that even he had received a call from scammers while at home on a Saturday.

"The caller is so aggressive it scares people," he said. "And then using the IRS as the foil — you know, 'Hey, this is the IRS. You owe this money. If you don't pay it immediately you're going to go to jail. I'm going to have you

arrested tomorrow," Camus said.

The IRS calls it the largest impersonation scam in the tax agency's history. Since 2013, about 591,000 people have complained of calls from fake IRS agents demanding money, and 3,967 people as of Monday have reported losing more than \$20 million, with a typical victim out \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Although Patel was called a ringleader, his prosecution has not slowed the calls, with 10,000 additional complaints occurring in the last week.

While the scam has touched people in nearly every state, the top five states for dollar losses through March were California, at \$3.8 million; New York, \$1.3 million; Texas, \$795,884; Florida, \$760,000, and Virginia, \$648,363, prosecutors said.

Defense attorney B. Alan Seidler said the government overstated Patel's role.

Seidler said Patel was not

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Obituaries

Virginia Dell White Branham



Virginia Dell White Branham, 70 of Midland, passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2015.

She was born in Paducah, Texas on Nov. 2, 1944, to the late Truman and Mary White. She later moved to Knox City, Texas where she graduated high school in 1963. She married Tom E. Branham Sr. on Sept. 12, 1965 and moved to Midland where she worked for MISD as a manger in the cafeteria of many of the schools.

She moved to Big Spring in 1985 where she worked for Walmart as a receiving manager until a stroke took her sight. She moved back to Midland in 2013 to be closer to her children. Ginny loved her family so much, her favorite was to have them all at the farm and cooking and watching them enjoy.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Truman and Mary White; her sister, Mary Alice White Berryman; three grandsons, Gary Lee Wade Jr., Travis Wayne Richards and Joshua Lynn Wade.

She is survived by her children; Vickie Miller and husband, Butch, of Phoenix, Ariz., Tom Branham Jr. of Midland, Texas, Tamara Wade and husband, Gary, of Midland, Texas, and

Traci Richards also of Midland, Texas; one brother, Larry White and his wife, Jeannie, of Topeka, Kan.; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins

A funeral service is set for Friday, July 10, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

Memorials to any animal shelter of your choice in her honor.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarcia-pipkinfh.com

Paid obituary

Charles "Charlie" Stansel



Charles "Charlie" Stansel, 64, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 5, 2015 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside service with

military honors will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 25, 1951 in Fort Worth to Wanda Jane (Baker) and Arvel Murle Stansel. He graduated from Big Spring High School and had lived most of his life in Big Spring. He lived 20 years in Houston and returned to Big Spring in 2013. He was a self-employed carpenter.

He is survived by one son, Charles Wilson and wife, Nicole,

of Oak Point, Texas; one daughter, Sara Ragnorak and husband, Josh, of Austin; one brother, Stan Stansel and wife, Brenda, and one sister, Candy Stansel, all of Big Spring; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Tonya Stansel.

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

Jose O. Ortega

Jose O. Ortega, 64, of Big Spring died, Thursday, July 9, 2015 at a Midland hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Mary Ann Fairchild Phillips

Mary Ann Fairchild Phillips, 78, of Stanton, died, Wednesday, July 8, 2015 in a Midland nursing home. Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Police, Sheriff, Fire/EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- PATRICIA ANN RAMIREZ, 32, of 1202 Pennsylvania Ave. was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous convictions.
- CLETE MATTHEW STONE, 31, 101 Maple St. Coahoma, was arrested on charges of theft more than \$500 but less than \$1500 shoplifting.
- ASHLEY ANNA BURT, 27, of 1604 S. Benton St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- PHILLIP GARCIA, 38, of 1425 E. 6th St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 38, of 912 Culp St.. Coahoma, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous convictions.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3200 block of Rickaugh Dr.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700, the 1600

block of Gregg St. and the 1400 block of E. 11th St.

- IDENTITY THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- HIT AND RUN was reported in the 600 block of Nolan St.
- INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported at the intersection of Kenney and Tucson.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of Settles St.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 700 block of W. 14th St.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 300 block of N.W. 10th St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- ASHLEY ANNA BURT, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of services, more than \$500 but less than

\$1500.

- KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 38, was booked by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid with previous convictions.

- PHILLIP GARCIA, 38, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

- XAVIER GARCIA MOYA, 40, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated with three or more previous convictions.

- PATRICIA ANN RAMIREZ, 32, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while license with previous convictions.

- CLETE MATTHEW STONE, 31, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property more than \$500 but less than \$1500.

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

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of 8th St. One person was transported to SMMC.

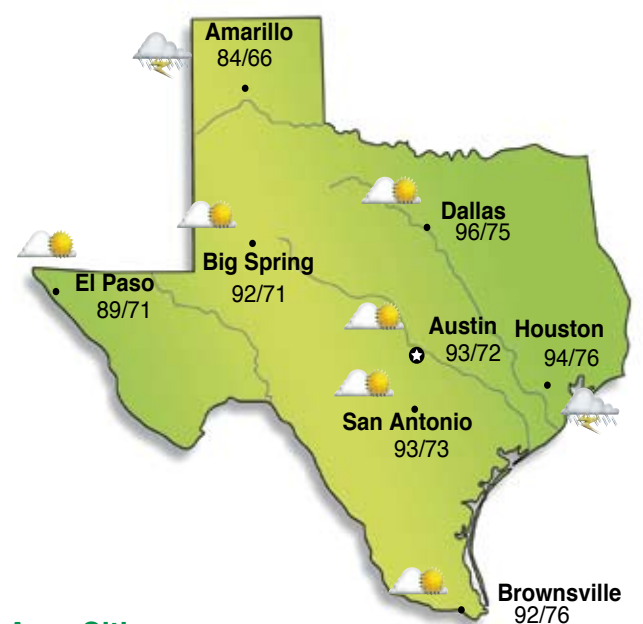
Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 7/10	Sat 7/11	Sun 7/12	Mon 7/13	Tue 7/14
92/71 Considerable clouds early. Some decrease in clouds later in the day.	94/71 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	98/72 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	101/73 Abundant sunshine. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the low 70s.	103/73 Sunshine. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM	Sunrise: 6:49 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM	Sunrise: 6:49 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	91	69	pt sunny	Kingsville	93	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	84	66	t-storm	Livingston	94	74	t-storm
Austin	93	72	pt sunny	Longview	95	73	pt sunny
Beaumont	92	74	t-storm	Lubbock	87	69	t-storm
Brownsville	92	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	96	75	pt sunny
Brownwood	93	68	pt sunny	Midland	92	71	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	90	78	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	94	74	pt sunny	Rosenberg	93	74	pt sunny
Dallas	96	75	pt sunny	San Antonio	93	73	pt sunny
Del Rio	95	73	pt sunny	San Marcos	93	73	pt sunny
El Paso	89	71	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	73	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	91	69	pt sunny	Sweetwater	90	69	pt sunny
Gainesville	92	71	sunny	Tyler	95	75	pt sunny
Greenville	94	72	pt sunny	Weatherford	94	70	pt sunny
Houston	94	76	t-storm	Wichita Falls	93	71	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	94	71	pt sunny	Minneapolis	87	65	mst sunny
Boston	79	65	rain	New York	86	70	mst sunny
Chicago	80	62	pt sunny	Phoenix	97	69	pt sunny
Dallas	96	75	pt sunny	San Francisco	66	58	cloudy
Denver	85	57	pt sunny	Seattle	87	60	sunny
Houston	94	76	t-storm	St. Louis	85	71	t-storm
Los Angeles	71	59	pt sunny	Washington, DC	87	71	sunny
Miami	90	79	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 7/10	Sat 7/11	Sun 7/12	Mon 7/13	Tue 7/14
9	11	11	11	11
Very High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

Support Groups

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.

FRIDAY

- 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.

FRIDAY

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

FRIDAY

- 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.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

- 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.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at

the main entrance of the church.

TUESDAY

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Saalon, down by Bealls).

Open meeting at 7 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

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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.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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News in brief

After 54 years flying over the Capitol, Confederate flag's days are numbered in South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. — More than 50 years after South Carolina raised a Confederate flag at its Statehouse to protest the civil rights movement, the state is getting ready to remove the rebel banner.

A bill pulling down the flag from the Capitol's front lawn and the flagpole it flies on passed the South Carolina House early Thursday morning. It should get to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk before the end of the day.

The governor promised to sign it quickly, but didn't say exactly when. That's important, because the bill requires the flag be taken down within 24 hours of her pen hitting the paper and shipped to the Confederate Relic Room.

There were hugs, tears and high fives in the House chamber after the vote. Members who waited decades to see this day snapped selfies and pumped their fists. But even among the celebrations, there was more than a bit of sadness.

After the Civil War, the flag was first flown over the dome of South Carolina's Capitol in 1961 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the war. It stayed as a protest to the Civil Rights movement, only moving in 2000 from the dome to its current location.

Greek government seeks to finalize reform proposals, with danger of euro exit looming

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's government was racing Thursday to finalize a plan of reforms for its third bailout, hoping this time the proposal will meet with approval from its European partners and stave off a potentially catastrophic exit from Europe's joint currency, the euro, within days.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was meeting with finance ministry officials a day after the government requested a new three-year aid program from Europe's bailout fund and promised to immediately enact reforms, including to taxes and pensions, in return.

Details of Greece's reforms are to be submitted Thursday, giving time for creditors to review them ahead of a summit of the European Union's 28 members set for Sunday.

Thursday is "a decisive day" for Europe, EU Economics Commissioner Pierre Moscovici said on France-Inter radio, adding he was hopeful a new Greek bailout deal was possible, in exchange for "concrete, complete" reform proposals.

Pope to meet with worker cooperatives, grass-roots groups during Bolivia leg of S America trip

SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia (AP) — Pope Francis reaches the halfway mark of his South American pilgrimage Thursday, celebrating his first Mass in Bolivia and meeting with workers' cooperatives and other grass-roots groups representing the poor whose causes have long been championed by history's first Latin American pope.

When Francis headlined the first such summit of grass-roots groups at the Vatican last October, he issued a remarkable, off-the-cuff monologue on the injustice of unemployment, the scandal of poverty and the obligation to care for the Earth.

"Terra, Techo, Trabajo," was his mantra then. "Land, Roof, Work."

"I talk about this some people think the pope is a communist," he told the gathering of miners, indigenous leaders and "cartoneros" who sift through garbage looking for recyclable goods. "They don't realize that love for the poor is at the center of the Gospel."

Israeli defense officials: 2 Israeli citizens held in Gaza

JERUSALEM (AP) — Two Israeli citizens are being held in the Gaza Strip, at least one of them by the Hamas militant group, Israeli authorities said Thursday.

Avraham Mangisto crossed the border fence into the Gaza Strip on Sept. 7 last year, nearly two weeks after the end of the Israel-Gaza war, the Israeli defense body responsible for Palestinian civilian affairs said.

The Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories said

ployees.

Prosecutors said in court papers Patel exploited "desperate" co-conspirators, especially women and people he thought were "dumb" and would act at his direction for a fraction of the money he generated.

"In particular, Patel held the grossly misogynistic view that women, above all other recruits, were pliable, easily manipulated, greedy and easy to control," prosecutors wrote. "Perhaps most disturbingly, Patel applied that view to his own sister."

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a mastermind but rather arranged debit cards so victims could send money. He said Patel kept 7 percent, forwarding the rest to call center em-

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customers for payments, Clements said. "Oncor does not go door to door soliciting information to help with their electric rate," Clements said. "If this happens please call the police and make them aware of it."

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the turn of the 20th century. Part of the road of that forgotten piece of history runs through Big Spring along what is now called Third Street and exited

the town through Fourth Street. The intercontinental highway movement at the turn of the 20th Century would transform our fledgling country's transportation system.

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that "according to credible intelligence," Mangisto is being held "against his will" by Hamas. It said "Israel has appealed (to) international and regional interlocutors to demand his immediate release and verify his well-being."

A spokesman for Hamas, Salah Bardawil, declined comment. "We don't have any information about it. Even if it is true, we don't have instructions to talk about it," he said.

More than 4 million refugees have fled Syria since outbreak of civil war, UN says

ISTANBUL (AP) — The number of Syrians who have fled abroad since the outbreak of civil war in their country has risen to more than 4 million, the largest number from any crisis in almost 25 years, the United Nations said Thursday.

A recent wave of people leaving Syria and an update of Turkish statistics confirm the tragic milestone, according to the U.N. refugee agency, UNHCR. The agency said in a statement that 7.6 million additional people are displaced from their homes within Syria.

The 4 million refugees are the most to flee a conflict since the Afghan civil war forced 4.6 million out of their country beginning in 1992.

"This is the biggest refugee population from a single conflict in a generation," said U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres in a statement. "It is a population that needs the support of the world but is instead living in dire conditions and sinking deeper into poverty."

Baltimore police commissioner fired weeks after riots linked to death of Freddie Gray

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore's mayor fired the troubled city's police commissioner Wednesday, saying that a recent spike in homicides in the weeks after an unarmed black man died of injuries in police custody required a change in leadership.

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake thanked Police Commissioner Anthony Batts for his service — and praised the job he had done — but said growing criticism of his performance had become a "distraction" that was preventing the city from moving ahead.

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Charles "Charlie" Stansel, 64, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 2:30 PM Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Manuel H. De La Rosa, Jr., 63, died Monday. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Astros get early homer, sputter in 4-2 loss to Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Astros became baseball's biggest surprise this season with solid play and a little luck.

For the most part, the breaks have gone their way.

On Wednesday night, they didn't make enough happen.

Reliever Joe Thatcher gave up David Murphy's tie-breaking, two-run double in the eighth inning and the AL West-leading Astros lost their second straight, 4-2 to the Cleveland Indians.

Evan Gattis hit a two-run homer — connecting on a pitch near his eyes — in the first inning off Trevor Bauer (8-5), but Houston's hitters didn't do much more against the quirky right-hander, who allowed six hits in eight innings and improved to 3-0 in his career against the Astros.

With the score tied 2-2, Murphy, who came in 3-for-

9 vs. left-handers this season, pulled a pitch from lefty Thatcher (1-3) over right fielder Preston's Tucker's head, scoring rookie Francisco Lindor and Michael Brantley.

"It was a difficult night," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "Usually in a close game like this it's one big hit. It's one big pitch. It's one big defensive play. We saw a little bit of everything from both sides. They ended up having the big hit when they needed it the most."

Cody Allen worked the ninth for his 17th save for the Indians, who have won two straight at home for just the second time this season.

Lindor doubled off Thatcher with one out in the seventh, barely beating left fielder Colby Rasmus' throw to second with a head-first slide. Thatcher then walked Brant-

ley and Murphy, a Houston native batting .368 in his last 49 games, came through with his clutch double — ripping a fastball.

"That's what happens when you don't make pitches," Thatcher said. "Murphy put a good swing on the ball. It happens."

Bauer had nine strikeouts, giving him 102 this season. According to information provided by the Indians, they are the first team in history to have four pitchers reach 100 strikeouts before the All-Star break. Corey Kluber (148) leads the AL and Carlos Carrasco (115) and Danny Salazar (108) have also topped the century mark.

Houston starter Dan Straily gave up two runs and three hits in six innings but didn't get any run support.

"He definitely put us a po-

sition to break through and win the game, but we've got nothing to show for it," Hinch said.

Bauer, who held Houston without a hit for six innings in his season debut, came in with a 0.00 ERA in two career appearances against the Astros.

Houston changed that in a hurry as Gattis hit his 15th homer. Jose Altuve singled leading off, moved up on a wild pitch and stole third. With two outs, Gattis crushed an eye-high fastball from Bauer, driving it over the wall in left and onto the pedestrian plaza.

"I love Gattis," Bauer said. "His approach is awesome. I threw a fastball up and it was two feet out of the strike zone. So what are you going to do? It's great. I love baseball for that reason, because stuff like

that happens."

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Gattis has 53 RBIs, topping the 52 he had last season. He drove in a career-high 65 in 2013.

ROTATION SHUFFLE
The Astros are shuffling their rotation going into the All-Star break to give their young starters as much rest as possible. Rookie Vince Velasquez was optioned to Double-A Corpus Christi on Tuesday and will rejoin the rotation following the break.

Lefty Brett Oberholtzer will be recalled from Triple-A Fresno to start the series finale Thursday, bumping Coltin McHugh back to Friday in Tampa Bay. All-Star Dallas Keuchel will take his normal turn Saturday while rookie Lance McCullers will start Sunday.

Harrison returns for Rangers, struggles in 7-4 loss to D-backs

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Matt Harrison was happy just to be back on the mound a little more than a year after career-threatening spinal fusion surgery.

Now the Texas left-hander wants to be better the next time out.

Harrison gave up A.J. Pollock's three-run homer in a five-run second inning, and the Rangers lost to the Arizona Diamondbacks 7-4 Wednesday night.

"I didn't know if it was going to happen," the 29-year-old Harrison said of his first start since May 13, 2014, against Houston, an outing he left with back stiffness. "I've got to get better — a lot better than I was tonight."

The Rangers dropped their eighth straight at home, one shy of the club record since moving to Texas in 1972. It was the team's fifth consecutive loss overall.

Harrison (0-1), an All-Star in 2012 before back problems that limited him to six appearances over the past two seasons, was activated from the disabled list Saturday. That was the deadline for the move at the end of a 30-day rehabilitation assignment that included six minor league starts.

There is no known history

of a major leaguer coming back from spinal fusion surgery, which was the last of three procedures for Harrison in about a year.

He was called for a balk in a scoreless first inning that started with a single by Nick Ahmed, who had two hits along with Pollock and Wellington Castillo. Four straight hitters reached with two outs in the second, capped by Pollock's drive into the seats above the 14-foot wall in left field for his 11th homer.

Harrison, who threw in the mid-90s (mph) before he started having back issues, hit 87 mph with his first fastball, but couldn't go above that. He walked three and struck out one, leaving to a standing ovation after Pollock's leadoff single in the fifth.

"I'm sure Matt went through some hard, lonely hours on back fields, back bullpens, training room, weight room and at home wondering if this day was ever going to come again," first-year Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "Personally I'm proud of the trek he's come through and been on to walk back on the mound tonight."

Arizona reached the break-even mark (42-42) for the first time since April 24. The Diamondbacks had lost 11

straight times after getting within a game of .500.

Before Pollock's trip to Cincinnati as a first-time All-Star, Arizona heads to New York for a three-game series with the Mets.

"I think our expectations of ourselves are very high, and it's well above .500," said Pollock, selected an NL reserve on Monday. "I don't think we were too worried about that actual about that, because if we kept playing good baseball we knew it was going to take care of itself."

Randall Delgado (4-2) was the second of five Arizona relievers behind right-hander Jeremy Hellickson, who came out after four innings because of a blister on his right thumb.

Brad Ziegler pitched a per-

fect ninth for his career-best 14th save.

Castillo hit a two-run homer for a 7-2 Arizona lead in the fifth.

Hellickson allowed six hits and two runs with two walks and four strikeouts, includ-

ing Robinson Chirinos and Delino DeShields back-to-back with the bases loaded and no outs in the fourth and Arizona leading 5-2.

Hellickson escaped the jam by getting Shin-Soo Choo on a flyout.



AP Photo
Texas Rangers starting pitcher Matt Harrison (54) works against the Arizona Diamondbacks in the first inning of an interleague baseball game Wednesday, July 8, 2015, in Arlington, Texas.



Courtesy photo by Geneva Mier

Johnny Rueda caught a 30 pound-3 foot blue catfish at Comanche Trail Lake on Tuesday using cut bait chad.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
AMERICAN LEAGUE					East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	45	39	.536	—	Washington	46	38	.548	3
Baltimore	43	42	.506	2½	New York	44	42	.512	—
Toronto	44	43	.506	2½	Atlanta	42	43	.494	4½
Tampa Bay	43	44	.494	3½	Miami	35	50	.412	11½
Boston	41	45	.477	5	Philadelphia	29	58	.333	18½
Central Division					Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	49	33	.598	—	St. Louis	55	30	.647	—
Minnesota	46	39	.541	4½	Pittsburgh	50	34	.595	4½
Detroit	43	41	.512	7	Chicago	46	38	.548	8½
Cleveland	40	44	.476	10	Cincinnati	38	44	.463	15½
Chicago	38	44	.463	11	Milwaukee	37	50	.425	19
West Division					West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	49	38	.563	—	Los Angeles	48	38	.558	—
Los Angeles	46	38	.548	1½	San Francisco	43	43	.500	5
Texas	41	44	.482	7	Arizona	42	42	.500	5
Seattle	39	46	.459	9	San Diego	39	48	.448	9½
Oakland	39	48	.448	10	Colorado	35	49	.417	12
Tuesday's Games					Friday's Games				
Kansas City 9, Tampa Bay 5, 1st game					Chicago White Sox (Rondon 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Richard 1-0), 4:05 p.m.				
Oakland 4, N.Y. Yankees 3, 10 innings					Washington (Undecided) at Baltimore (Tillman 6-7), 7:05 p.m.				
Cleveland 2, Houston 0					Houston (McHugh 9-4) at Tampa Bay (E.Ramirez 7-3), 7:10 p.m.				
Boston 4, Miami 3					N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 8-5) at Boston (Masterson 3-2), 7:10 p.m.				
Arizona 4, Texas 2					Oakland (Graveman 6-4) at Cleveland (Salazar 7-4), 7:10 p.m.				
Minnesota 8, Baltimore 3					San Diego (Despaigne 3-6) at Texas (Ch.Gonzalez 2-4), 8:05 p.m.				
Kansas City 7, Tampa Bay 1, 2nd game					Detroit (Verlander 0-2) at Minnesota (E.Santana 0-0), 8:10 p.m.				
Toronto 2, Chicago White Sox 1					Toronto (Estrada 6-4) at Kansas City (D.Duffy 2-4), 8:10 p.m.				
L.A. Angels 10, Colorado 2					L.A. Angels (Santiago 5-4) at Seattle (Montgomery 4-2), 10:10 p.m.				
Seattle 7, Detroit 6, 11 innings									
Wednesday's Games					Saturday's Games				
Minnesota 5, Baltimore 3					Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 4, 1st game				
Detroit 5, Seattle 4									
N.Y. Yankees 5, Oakland 4									
Cleveland 4, Houston 2									
Boston 6, Miami 3									
Arizona 7, Texas 4									
Kansas City 9, Tampa Bay 7									
Chicago White Sox 7, Toronto 6, 11 innings									
L.A. Angels 3, Colorado 2									
Thursday's Games									
Oakland (Chavez 4-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 4-3), 1:05 p.m.									
Tampa Bay (Karns 4-4) at Kansas City (Ventura 3-6), 2:10 p.m.									
Toronto (Dickey 3-9) at Chicago									

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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Moon
and the
Nature
of Beauty

John Keats said, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever," and yet the very nature of beauty is temporal. It goes through ugly stages to get there, is there for a moment and then it fades. What's really everlasting is not the "thing" itself, but the moment it's seen as beautiful. With the lunar turn from Aries to Taurus, commit the fleeting moment to eternal memory.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The Zen state of detachment is a liberation of the soul. How will you know when you've achieved detachment? You'll be laughing about the very thing you once cried over.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When the voice of fear pipes up, don't ignore it -- converse with it. Probably there is some valuable protection it can offer. The conversa-

tion will also illuminate truth and dispel falsehood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you're worried about what you're going to say and how you're going to behave it only means that you're still discovering who you are. Don't worry so much.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll turn a mundane practice into an elegant art. It seems there's nothing that can't be made a little better by the quality of attention you bring to it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The one who has helped you in the past needs your help now, but perhaps doesn't know it. This chance to assist is another opportunity to expand your heart and deepen your soul.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Good and evil often go masquerading as normal, everyday choices. One definition of evil: any choice that leads you away from being the best you can be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Overly confident people annoy you, mostly because they are more concerned with their status than they are with reality. It sometimes takes a moment of doubt, or the fear of losing, to help us understand what we have.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your recollection may be somewhat foggy, but that will work in your favor. Your memory is kind and positive. Happy memories will get better over time and bad memories will lose their sting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The life lessons of the day fall into the category of advanced placement. The fact that you're getting this on your plate means you're among the best and brightest. The thing that's hard to learn will be sweet to know.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Unreasonable goals are sometimes attained. If you're going to make unreasonable goals (and ambitious people like you usually do) then resolve not to let yourself get discouraged when you fall

short.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The odds may appear to be stacked against you, but that never deterred you before, neither should it now. The little guy (SET ITAL) can (END ITAL) win. You've seen it happen and you've made it happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Religious and cultural matters need to be treated with reverence, especially if the subject is not your specific religion or culture. Much trouble will be avoided by honoring what others consider sacred.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 9). Your solar return will shed light on the illusions that kept you back in the past. There is no glass ceiling to break, so sail up, all the way to your dreams. Your muses are working overtime in August, so be ready to capture the ideas that pop into your head. September sends you across an ocean. October brings a windfall. Pisces and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 16, 28, 1 and 42.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 44-year-old Sagittarius mother of two children aged 5 and 8. Two years ago I divorced their dad and now I am re-married. My second husband is a Capricorn who had never been married. The girls and I moved into his house, though the girls spend most weekends at their dad's. My Capricorn husband likes to keep his house very clean and orderly. I think it's a little too much commotion for him, this big instant family, but he copes pretty well. We've been trying to conceive a child together and I was wondering if you think it's a good idea. I'm just worried that it will be too much for him, but if I don't give him a child he may feel I've cheated him out of something. And it's not like I have a lot of time to sort this out. What do you think?"

Have a baby only if you really feel drawn to doing this. Right now you seem overly afraid of upsetting this Capricorn man. Capricorns do have that kind of powerful presence that inspires respect.

But you shouldn't feel you have to constantly monitor yourself or rearrange your life in order to complete him. He is your family now and family needs to be comfortable.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: What do rocker Jack White and movie star Tom Cruise have in common? They are both soulful Cancers who wanted to join the clergy before finding their true callings as artists. White was born when the sun, moon and Saturn were in Cancer, lending an extra dose of intuition and sensitivity. Mercury in Gemini brings the social intelligence and stylish manner of communication.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My son is divorced and will be marrying again soon. His fiancée has never been married. I like her and am happy for both of them.

Here is the problem: When he married the first time, my husband and I paid for all of the customary groom things -- the rehearsal dinner, the bar tab, the minister, and so on. For this wedding, we told him we would give him a specific amount of money and he can use it for whatever he wishes.

We are getting some bad vibes about this. We were asked to make out a guest list, so we did. When I gave it to my son, he asked why it was so small. Annie, I don't think I should expect everyone to come to a second wedding. I listed only close friends and family. Also, since we aren't paying for the wedding, we don't feel right inviting a bunch of people.

Weddings should be about the words you say and the ceremony, and

less about the party. We are happy he is getting married, but we don't believe in big weddings. We will, of course, support whatever they do and attend with bells on.

My husband and I have been married for 34 years and believe in for better or worse, richer or poorer, in sickness and health. What is your opinion? -- O.

Dear O.: Please have an open discussion with your son and his bride. Explain that since this is a second wedding invitation for your family and friends, you don't feel it is appropriate to have a large guest list. Also, because you are not financing the wedding, you don't wish to obligate the couple or the bride's parents with additional expenses. They need to know that your small guest list is for reasons of propriety, not because you aren't happy about the wedding.

Your son and his bride may ask you to increase the guest list anyway, and that is up

to you. (We don't advise upsetting the bridal couple.) There is so much stress surrounding weddings. By speaking honestly and directly with your son and his fiancée, it will help to limit mixed messages and hard feelings.

Dear Annie: "Love Her" seems like a caring, loving husband, but I think he is still a bit clueless. He says, "I consider it a privilege to do things for her." That indicates that he believes doing laundry, washing dishes, going grocery shopping and other chores are for HER, and that he is helping her out.

Why is it so many men do not believe that these things are as much their responsibility as they are for the women they live with? Don't they wear clothes, use dishes, eat food? When will couples realize that all the things required to run a household are the responsibility of both people in the household?

Obviously, chores

should be adjusted to reflect the time available and the skills necessary, and that should be discussed. Hopefully, an equitable resolution is reached without the inference that something is "her job," but he'll "help" because he loves her. -- Not a Feminist, a Partner

Dear Partner: A lot of readers made this point, and it's a good one. It takes time to adjust the old-fashioned attitude that household chores are "her" job, but society is getting there.

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Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker

Super-Duper Defense

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ K 6 2	♥ K Q 7	♠ J 10 5	♥ 8 6 3
♦ 8 6 5 2	♣ 10 9 3	♦ K 9 7 3	♣ A 7 4
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ Q 9 7 3	♥ 9 5 4	♠ A 8 4	♥ A J 10 2
♦ A 10 4	♣ 8 6 2	♦ Q J	♣ K Q J 5

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

Opening lead — three of spades.

Defense is generally considered the most difficult part of the game, but in practice very few situations arise where the defenders cannot figure out their best hope to defeat the contract. At times, this might require extraordinary diligence, but the final reward is well worth the effort.

Assume you have the East hand and West leads a spade against three notrump. Declarer plays low from dummy, wins your ten with the ace and returns the king of clubs, which you take with the ace. What would

you do now?

The proper return is the king of diamonds, on which West should play the ten! Then a low diamond to the ace and a diamond back puts declarer down one. But if the diamonds are played in any other way, or if you don't return a diamond at all, South gets home safe and sound.

The question, of course, is how are you supposed to know that the king of diamonds is the killing play? It might seem impossible to be able to work this out, and yet it's actually all very logical.

Let's see what you know about South's hand after he plays the king of clubs. He must have the K-Q-J; otherwise, he would have led clubs from dummy. He has also shown up with the ace of spades and almost surely has the ace of hearts for his jump to two notrump, so he might well have nine tricks ready to go unless you can snatch four diamond tricks before he regains the lead.

The only remaining problem, once you've come this far, is to determine which diamond to return. Ordinarily, you'd lead fourth-best, but here, because of the possibility of blocking the suit, you have to play the king first. After you do this and West unblocks the ten when South's jack (or queen) appears on the trick, the rest is as easy as pie.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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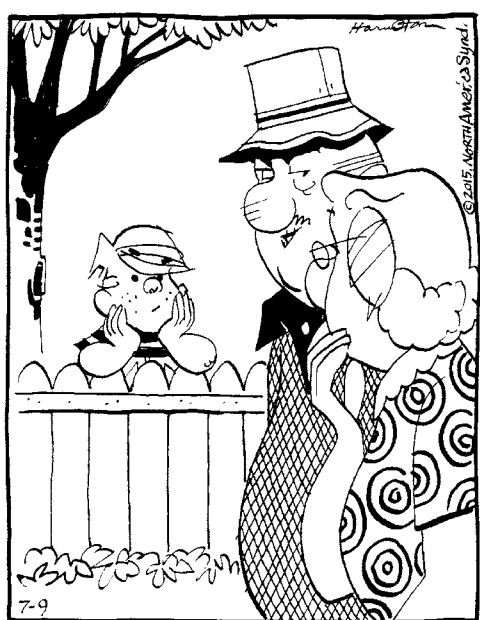
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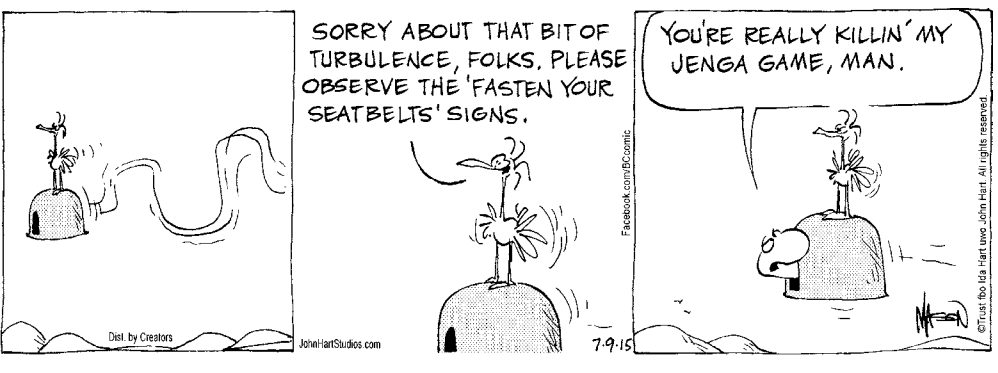
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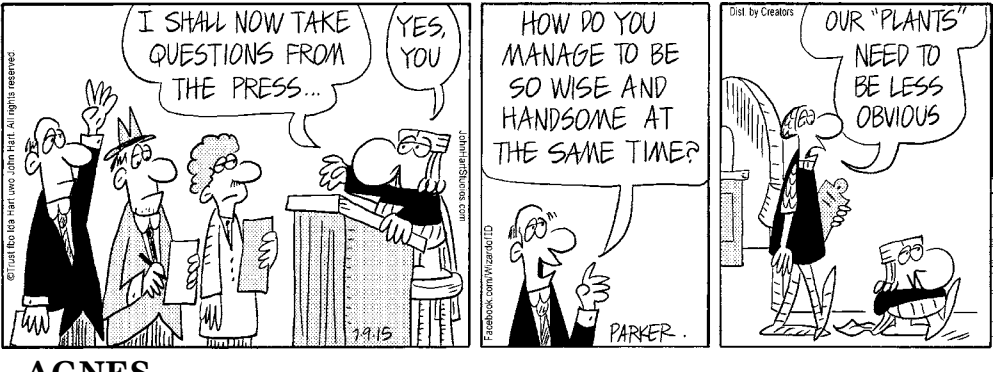
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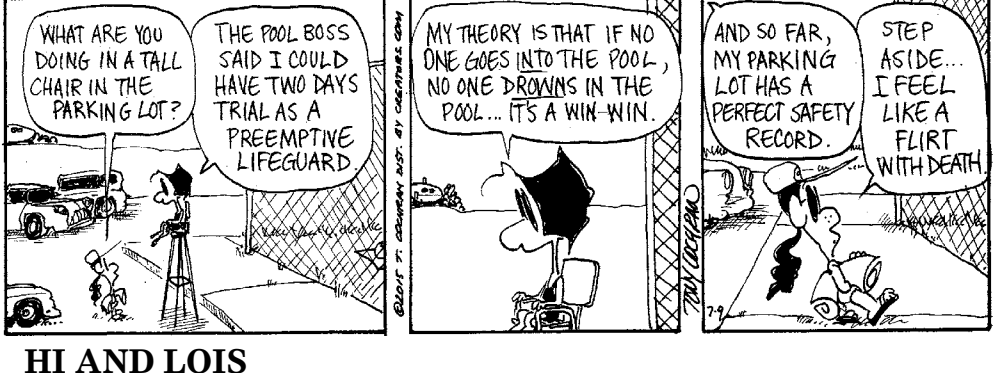
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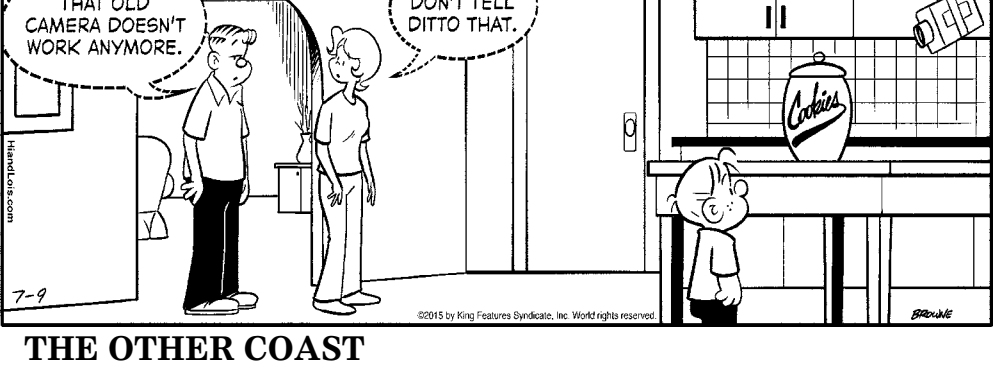
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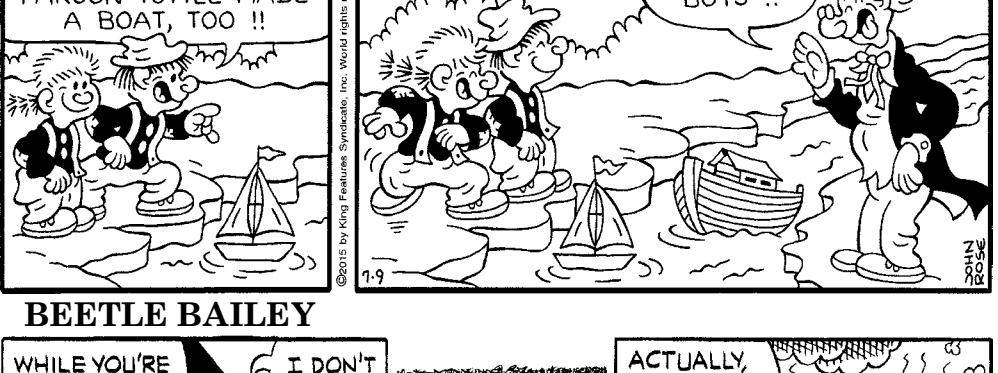
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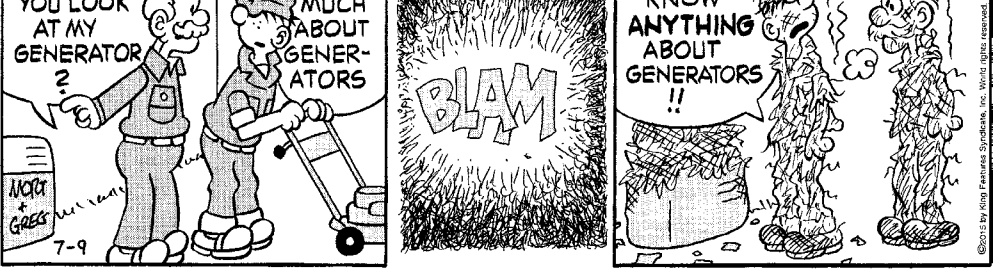
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 9, the 190th day of 2015. There are 175 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

On this date:

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain.

In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term. (He was succeeded by Millard Fillmore.)

In 1896, William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "cross of gold" speech at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tennessee. The Distinguished Service Cross was established by an Act of Congress.

In 1938, Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo, 68, died in Port Chester, New

York.

In 1945, architect Frank Lloyd Wright unveiled his design for the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, a spiral structure on Manhattan's Upper East Side that was completed in 1959.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman asked Congress to formally end the state of war between the United States and Germany. (An official end to the state of war was declared in October 1951.)

In 1965, the Sonny & Cher single "I Got You Babe" was released by ATCO Records.

In 1974, former U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren died in Washington at age 83.

In 1986, the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography released the final draft of its report, which linked hard-core porn to sex crimes.

In 1995, Jerry Garcia performed for the final time as frontman of the Grateful Dead during a concert at Chicago's Soldier Field (Garcia died a month later).

Ten years ago: A purported Taliban spokesman in Afghanistan said the group had beheaded a missing American commando, but he offered no proof and the U.S. military said it was still searching for the Navy SEAL. (The body of the commando was found the next day; officials said it appeared

he died as a result of fighting, and was never abducted.) Hurricane Dennis dealt a glancing blow to the Florida Keys. A panda cub, later named Tai Shan (ty shawn), was born at the National Zoo in Washington.

Five years ago: The largest U.S.-Russia spy swap since the Cold War took place on a remote stretch of Vienna airport tarmac as planes from New York and Moscow arrived within minutes of each other with 10 Russian sleeper agents and four prisoners accused by Russia of spying for the West.

Thought for Today:
"If writers were good business men, they'd have too much sense to be writers."
Irvin S. Cobb, American humorist (1876-1944).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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	HOLD	THEPHONE
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Sales force, for force
 - 5 Sphere of influence
 - 10 Calls a game
 - 14 Way out
 - 15 Temerity
 - 16 Switch companion
 - 17 Spinach pie ingredient
 - 18 "You're __ one, Mr. Grinch"
 - 19 Tolstoy heroine
 - 20 Eat in a hurry
 - 23 Demolish, with "down"
 - 24 Repurposed T-shirt, perhaps
 - 25 Make the arrest
 - 33 Hold fast
 - 34 Museum works
 - 35 World Cup cheer
 - 36 Get into a novel
 - 37 Trail
 - 38 Outer limit
 - 39 Some NBA endings
 - 40 Apple seeds
 - 42 Seasonal resident, often
 - 44 Exotic pets
 - 47 Country singer Greenwood
 - 48 Greening
 - 49 My Fair Lady locale
 - 57 Cartoonist Addams
 - 58 Speak ill of
 - 59 Put into words
 - 60 Manage it
 - 61 Kennedy Library architect
 - 62 Book before Nehemiah
- DOWN
- 1 Calls a game
 - 2 Veep, for one
 - 3 Sort of flatbread
 - 4 Made jump, maybe
 - 5 How a stunt may be done
 - 6 Fish that hitches rides
 - 7 Cold one
 - 8 Physiologist Pavlov
 - 9 Spiral plant shoot
 - 10 Congo River tributary
 - 11 Doctor Faustus author
 - 12 Cone source
 - 13 Magoni's guide
 - 21 Cold feet
 - 22 Alpo alternative
 - 25 Faux chocolate
 - 26 Start of several Shelley titles
 - 27 Tibetan capital
 - 28 Exert no effort
 - 29 Fix improperly
 - 30 Acknowledge silently
 - 31 Seeking His Fortune author
 - 32 Rude looks
 - 37 Vinyl collection: Abbr.
 - 38 Bubbled over
 - 40 Coffeehouse performer
 - 41 Sluggishness
 - 42 Valens
 - 43 Who sang "La Bamba"
 - 43 Danish boot brand
 - 45 Where hangers hang out
 - 46 German candymaker
 - 49 No. on a utility bill
 - 50 Brake part
 - 51 Puts a limit on
 - 52 Munitions gadget
 - 53 Guitarist's
 - 54 Demolish
 - 55 Regal address
 - 56 Wax-coated cheese

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Parent's Corner: And the moral to this story?

There are times we hear a story and feel compelled to share it with others. Sometimes the story is sad and can bring a tear to our eyes. Sometimes the story is comical and we can smile, yes even laugh and carry that laugh with us throughout the day. Then, there are times that a story has a moral that we choose to share in hopes that our lives and our society will be influenced.



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That is the way of the story I have for you today. Develop the moral and share it with those around you. "One day, while an old man was cutting the branch off a tree high above a river, his ax fell into the river. When he cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "Why are you crying?" The old man replied that his ax had fallen into water, and he needed the ax to supplement his small education pension. The Lord went down into the water and reappeared with a golden ax. "Is this your ax?" the Lord asked. The old man replied, "No." The Lord again went down and came up with a silver ax. "Is this your Ax?" the

Lord asked. Again, the old man replied, "No." The Lord went down again and came up with an iron ax. "Is this your Ax?" the Lord asked. The old man smiled and replied, "Yes." The Lord was pleased with the old man's honesty and gave him all three axes to keep, and the old man went home happy. Sometime later the old man was walking with his woman along the river bank, and his woman fell into the river. When he cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked him, "Why are you crying?" "Oh Lord, my woman has fallen into the water!" The Lord went down into the water and came up with Angelina Jolie. "Is this your

woman?" the Lord asked. "Yes," cried the old man. "Yes, that is my woman." The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!" The lowly old gentleman replied, "Oh, forgive me Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'no' to Angelina Jolie, you would have come up with Carrie Underwood. Then if I said 'no' to her, you would have come up with my woman. Then, according to my previous plight, had I then said 'yes,' you would have given me all three. And Lord, I am an old man not able to take care of all three women in a way that they deserve, that's why I said yes to Angelina Jolie." And God was pleased with

the words of the old man. So, the moral of this story is: Whenever an old man dares to expound an untruth, it is for a good and honorable reason, and only for the benefit of others! There may be another explanation however, and it was reached by Groucho Marx. He said, "Who are you going to believe, me or your own eyes?" And now, just to make your day, think on this statement by Jack Handey: Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes. Darrell Ryan is the BSISD Director of School Safety

Carr, Spencer on list of nominees 2015 Superintendent of the Year

(Austin)—David Carr and Reggy Spencer have been nominated as for the Superintendent of the Year (SOTY) award. Sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), the SOTY program has recognized exemplary superintendents for excellence and achievement in educational leadership since 1984. Regional superintendents of the year nominated by regional selection committees are: Alda Benavides, La Joya ISD, Region 1; Lynn Burton, Orange Grove ISD, Region 2; Patricia Montgomery, Angleton ISD, Region 4; John Valastro, Lumberton ISD, Region 5; Todd Stephens, Magnolia ISD, Region 6; Mary Ann Whiteker, Hudson ISD, Region 7; and Paul Norton, Texarkana ISD, Region 8. Blake Wesley Cooper, Commerce ISD, Region 10; Frank Molinar, White Settlement ISD, Region 11; Diane Frost, Corsicana ISD, Region 12; Douglas Killian, Hutto ISD, Region 13; Reggy Spencer, Colorado ISD, Region 14; David Walker, Christoval ISD, Region 15; Kyle Lynch, Canadian ISD, Region 16; Gilbert Trevino, Floydada ISD, Region 17; David Carr, Stanton ISD, Region 18; Sylvia Hopp,

San Elizario ISD, Region 19; and Kevin Brown, Alamo Heights ISD, Region 20. Candidates are chosen for their strong leadership skills, dedication to improving educational quality, ability to build effective employee relations, student performance, and commitment to public involvement in education. Superintendents from any of Texas' 1,029 local school districts are eligible for nomination by their school boards. Local nominees are submitted to a regional selection committee, which chooses one nominee to send to the state selection committee. The state committee will interview regional winners in Austin on August 14-15 and select five state finalists. The Superintendent of the Year will be announced October 3 at the 2015 TASA/TASB Convention in Austin. TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local public school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5.1 million students.

Tacos on demand: Taco Bell starting up delivery service

NEW YORK (AP) — Getting your Taco Bell fix may soon get a whole lot easier. The restaurant chain is starting delivery service on Wednesday in certain markets in a partnership with the startup delivery company DoorDash. Delivery will be available initially in more than 90 cities and more than 200 restaurants around Los Angeles, San Francisco and Dallas. Pricing and delivery costs may vary, depending on the location of the restaurant.

Aside from Taco Bell, DoorDash delivers food from restaurants such as California Pizza Kitchen and The Cheesecake Factory for a fee. Its service is available only in certain areas. DoorDash is

based in Palo Alto, California. Taco Bell, a subsidiary of Yum Brands Inc., said that it plans to bring delivery nationwide, but did not specify a time frame.

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