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Jade Helm 15 exercise begins today

Howard, Martin counties part of training area for controversial program

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Operation Jade Helm, a training exercise involving thousands of U.S. military personnel in seven states including this area — starts today. And it is very likely you'll never notice it.

Jade Helm, which continues through Sept. 15, has

been the source of much conmap in March. For training troversy thanks to claims in some quarters that this is just a cover for a hostile military takeover of conservative states such as Texas.

According to published reports, the controversy started when national radio talk show host Alex Jones obtained a copy of the training exercise purposes, the map listed Texas. Utah and a section of California as "hostile territory." Jones took that information and told listeners that Texas was about to be invaded.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott added to the controversy in April when he requested that the Texas State Guard monitor

the exercise. Opponents are fearful that this operation is just a prelude to many more, until it reaches the point that seeing troops in this area will become a commonplace occurrence.

Needless to say, a lot of people have become very concerned about Jade Helm. It's a concern that's unwarranted, officials said.

About 60 military personnel attached to U.S. Special Operations Command are expected to participate in the Howard and Martin counties' portion of the exercise.

Special Operations Command utilizes "unconven-

FISD unveils new campus

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Tuesday evening was bragging time at Forsan Independent School District.

District officials were all smiles as they held an official ribbon cutting and provided public tours to show off the newly constructed multimillion dollar elementary school. An open house was held later that evening.

"We are so excited to be at this point," said FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson. "It has been about two years in the construction process and a year to get ready for the bond. This is a huge gift. It is really exciting to be here at this point and see what the taxpayers in our county have entrusted to us"

The new building is located just a stone's throw from the junior/high school, a stark contrast to the old elementary school located in the Elbow community, several miles away from the other Forsan ISD facilities. It boasts several shiny new improvements over the old







HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Clockwise, from top: Forsan Independent School District Superintendent Randy Johnson poses in front of the district's new elementary campus Tuesday; Johnson gives a tour of the facility; dignitaries conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA's New Horizons spacecraft got humanity's first upclose look at Pluto on Tuesday, sending word of its triumph across 3 billion miles to scientists waiting breathlessly back

By MARCIA DUNN

Confirmation of mission success came 13 hours after the actual flyby and, after a day of both jubilation and tension, al-

lowed the New Horizons team to finally celebrate in full force. "This is a tremendous moment in human history," John

Grunsfeld, NASA's science

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New Horizons completes Pluto flyby mission chief, said at a news conference.

Principal scientist Alan Stern asked the entire New Horizons team in the audience to stand: "We did it! Take a bow!"

The unprecedented encounter was the last stop on NASA's

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• TAMMY LOCKHART COKER, 38, of 303 E. 6th St. was arrested on

charges of public intoxication.

- CLETE MATTHEW STONE, 31, of 101 Maple Street Coahoma was arrested on charges of criminal trespass – habitation/shelter and assualt by contact.
- CHRISTIAN ANDREW SPIV-EY, 20, of 710 E. 14th St. was arrested on a warrant for failure to
- signal (right or left). • AMY LEIGH BURLSON, 34, of 1414 Wood St. was arrested on two warrants for other agencies.
- ADRIAN ESCOVEDO YANEZ, 27, of 1414 Wood St. was arrested on charges of burglary of habitation – assault.
- JACQUES LARON FOSTON, 42, of 4201 W. Hwy 80 on charges of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- ANTHONY EUGENE TREVI-NO, 29, of 1301 Mesquite was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous convictions.
- GARY LEE SCOTT, 65, of 1212 E. 17th St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- FRANCES ELENA YANEZ, 26, of 1002 N. Main St. was arrested on warrants for issuance of a bad check, two counts of theft of more than \$20 but less than \$500 by check and driving while license invalid.
- ASHLEY MICHELLE PEAR-SON, 27, of 621 Caylor Dr. was arrested on three warrants from other agencies

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Open meeting at 7

• A Post-Traumatic

Stress Disorder support

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p.m. at the VA Medical

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Open meeting at 7

• AA open discussion

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til 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

Open Big Book study

meeting, 8 p.m. until 9

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion

meeting, 615 Settles,

noon to 1 p.m. Open po-

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

- Note Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this re-
- AMY LEIGHT BURLESON, 33, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of parent contributing to non-attendance.
- CHRISTIAN CASTELLON, 17, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property more than \$500 but less than \$1500.
- TAMMY LOCKHART COKER, 38, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- JACQUES LARON FOSTON, 42, was booked by the BSPD on charges of assault family violence.
- TAMMY FRYAR GREEN, 55, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.
- MICHELLE ASHLEY PEAR-SON, 24, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for two counts of expired registration and failure to
- JOSHUA AARON PLAIA, 28, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for theft of property more than \$20 but less than \$500 by check, three counts of issuance of bad check, speeding and violate promise to appear.
- JOE THOMAS RODRIGUEZ JR., 26, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for motion to revoke probation – criminal mischief more than \$50 but less than \$500 and no driver's license.
- GARY LEE SCOTT, 65, was booked by the HCSO on a war-

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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block of Union. One person was transported to SMMC.
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City	HI	Lo	Cond.	City	HI	Lo	Cond.
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Austin	94	72	pt sunny	Longview	96	74	sunny
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Brownsville	93	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	97	74	sunny
Brownwood	96	69	sunny	Midland	99	72	sunny
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Corsicana	95	74	sunny	Rosenberg	94	74	pt suni
Dallas	98	75	sunny	San Antonio	95	72	mst su
Del Rio	96	73	sunny	San Marcos	95	73	pt suni
El Paso	96	73	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	74	sunny
Fort Stockton	98	71	sunny	Sweetwater	95	70	sunny
Gainesville	95	72	sunny	Tyler	96	75	sunny
Greenville	95	72	sunny	Weatherford	97	71	sunny
Houston	97	78	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	96	72	sunny

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	94	70	pt sunny	Minneapolis	85	65	pt sunny
Boston	79	62	t-storm	New York	82	64	t-storm
Chicago	73	58	mst sunny	Phoenix	103	77	mst sunr
Dallas	98	75	sunny	San Francisco	74	59	pt sunny
Denver	85	58	t-storm	Seattle	76	57	pt sunny

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Atlanta	94	70	pt sunny	Minneapolis	85	65	pt sunny
Boston	79	62	t-storm	New York	82	64	t-storm
Chicago	73	58	mst sunny	Phoenix	103	77	mst sunn
Dallas	98	75	sunny	San Francisco	74	59	pt sunny
Denver	85	58	t-storm	Seattle	76	57	pt sunny
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PLUTO

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grand tour of our solarsystem's planets over the past half-century. The journey began $9\frac{1}{2}$ years ago, back when Pluto was still considered a full-fledged plan-

Tuesday morning, a cheering, flag-waving celebration swept over the mission operations center in Maryland at the time of closest approach. But until New Horizons phoned home Tuesday night, there was no guarantee the spacecraft had buzzed the small, icy, faraway — but no longer unknown — world.

NASA said the spacecraft — the size of a baby grand piano — swept to within 7,700 miles of Pluto at 31,000 mph. It was programmed to then go past the dwarf planet and begin studying its far side.

To commemorate the moment of closest approach, scientists released the best picture yet of Pluto, taken on the eve of the flyby.

Even better images will start "raining" down on Earth beginning Wednesday, promised principal scientist Alan Stern. But he had cautioned everyone to "stay tuned" until New Horizons contacted

It takes $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours for signals to travel one-way between New Horizons and Earth. The message went out late in the afternoon during a brief break in the spacecraft's data-gathering frenzy. The New Horizons team kept up a confirmation countdown, noting via

Twitter when the signal should have passed the halfway point, then Jupiter's orbit.

The uncertainty added to the drama. "This is true exploration," cautioned Stern, a Southwest Research Institute planetary scientist. Among the possible

dangers: cosmic bris that could destroy the mission. But with the chances of a probconsidered tremely low, scientists and hundreds of others assembled at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory erupted in jubilation when the moment of closest approach occurred at 7:49 a.m. EDT.

The lab is the spacecraft's developer and

The scene repeated itself a little before 9 p.m.

JADE

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tional" warfare — instead of legions of tanks lined up against each other, think more along the lines of the French Resistance in World War II. said Thomas Meade, who helped organize the training missiion. "That's where modern unconven-

tional warfare traces its roots," he said. "The French Resistance utilized guerilla tactics — sabotage, hit and run attacks — against the Ger-Like their counterparts 70 years

ago, SOC personnel will be operating covertly and mostly at night, and Meade promised that few, if any, city residents will notice their

"If you hear anything in the city, they're doing something wrong," he

Meade said the training exercise is important because the future of warfare is trending more toward unconventional tactics.

"We're not training these soldiers to fight in Afghanistan or Iraq," he said. "We're training them for the next fight ... We want to make the training as realistic as possible. There's an old Army saying: The more a soldier sweats in training, the less chance he'll bleed on the battlefield."

In advance of today's start, military personnel have already been coordinating with local law enforcement officials to ensure that rude surprises for civilians are kept to a minimum. And while the personnel will be carrying weapons, they will not be using any kind of live ammunitions or explosives.

In the run-up to today's start, Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan expressed his support for the opera-

"I don't expect anything out of the ordinary," McLellan said. "This is our military we're talking about ... I don't think there will be anything citizens should be worried about."

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funding.

CAMPUS

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building, including several large, reinforced storage rooms scattered around the new building which can be used as safe room in case of natural or man made disasters and large hallways to help foster cooperative, hands-on education, Johnson said.

"In between the classrooms in each wing, there is a much larger hallway," he explained. "They are wider than you see in many schools. The idea is to think of what skills kids need to have when they get out of school 12 years from now and down the road. One of those skills is working as a team - social skills.

"On top of the academics we teach day in and out, we needed space where kids can work with one another," he continued. "Work on

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common projects together. This allows us to get kids out (of the classroom), let them interact, let them do that planning. I think it is going to serve us in the long run." Johnson added this

design helps take advantage of a learning philosophy already used in the district.

"Our elementary has been very blessed with parents' involvement," he said. "This design takes advantage of something that is already going on. We have that space out there where a parent can work with two or three kids out in that hallway and not have to listen to the classroom next door. Where they were five feet away, now they are 20 feet away. They get a little more opportunity to do some of those special projects out there. We are really excited about that."

Also, safety was a very important issue when the district met with citizens before the vote on the multi-million dollar bond to fund the elementary construction and junior high/high school improvements. During this time, a major tornado hit a community in Oklahoma, causing severe damage to a school building which was in use at the time. Out of those meetings and the timing of the Oklahoma tornado, Johnson said, came the idea of including several reinforced scattered room about the new school house. Having the safe rooms located in various parts of the facility will allow quick access for all staff and student in case of an emergency, Johnson said.

"This is pretty unique to this building," Johnson said. "You don't get a chance to do that kind of thing except in the construction phase. The built-in, hardened rooms, or safe rooms as we are calling them, directly came from that event and that planning. Obviously, it also works with active shooter scenarios which we hope we never have. We hope we never have to deal with tornados but this building is set up to take care of our children and

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staff during those possible event.'

Another safety feature built into the new elementary shutters pedestrian traffic through the main office in order to enter the building. All visitors must be buzzed into the office and sign in before being allowed access to the rest of the building.

"We are very concerned about keeping the building parentfriendly but we are trying to balance that with keeping it safe, so we know who is there and when they are in the halls and when they leave," he said.

Although district officials and trustees were all smiles during the grand opening, the project did suffer several bumps and setbacks before the concept came to fruition. Planning and construction of the new structure came just as the area underwent another economic boom from oil and gas activity, causing huge increases in construction and impacting the project's bottom line.

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son said, was lessened mostly to cuts to the exterior of the building, including constructing a smaller parking lot than originally designed, plus the loss of a second playground area and some landscaping projects. "We came in under

budget and on time," Johnson stated. the very front in, we thought we would get a little more than what we did when we started the planning. Construction costs went through the roof as we got started with this. We had to cut some exterior plans on this building.

"We got the core of what we told the voters we will do," he continued. "Certainly we had some cutback but we are very excited with what we got in the end. It is a quality product we think is going to last for a long time." As of 7 a.m. today, the

doors were open to the new facility, allowing teachers elementary to begin moving classroom items from Elbow Elementary to the new building.

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Johnson said the Elbow campus will continue to be used in the following months by the community and the district hopes to coordinate with other school districts to create a career center. However, he said that will take

"There is all kinds of hurdles there and that only happens is there is funding," he said. "Whether that comes from the state or TEA (Texas Education Agency), the school generates more funding through more students. We don't have the amount of student to do that so we hope to coordinate with other school district to create a career center. If that doesn't work by next year, we will have to aggressively look at selling the building. It's an old building and it

want it to fall apart." The school will be open for classroom instruction when the district begins the 2015-2016 school year ion Aug. 24.

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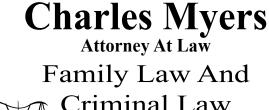
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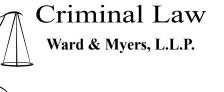
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Daily Prayer

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

Amen

Faith requires courage

Honestly, I'm not the least bit concerned about the future in a spiri-

tual sense. I have read the Book and I know how it the story ends. As the songwriter of old said, "Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand. But I know Who holds tomorrow, and I know Who holds my hand." I am confident in our eternity as believers in Jesus



PRINCE

story altogether. We live in and age of unbelief. We live with America in decline. We are no longer the America of our founders, or even the America that existed twenty years ago. Collectively, we are more secular, with ever-increasing faith in government, and decreasing faith in God. The consequences of which are already showing. The culture must change. We need a spiritual revival. We need

Christ. Socially, it's another

No education? No problem. The government will take care of you. Having a baby out of wedlock? No problem there either. Forty percent of babies are born that way. Gay marriage? Hey, who cares what the Bibles says? In fact, we have just witnessed the Supreme Court making a law, which is totally unconstitutional for them to do.

a Third Great Awakening.

In today's society victimhood trumps success. Nothing is right or wrong, because that might suggest a standard by which right and wrong would be defined. That concept is troublesome for those who want to rule all of mankind's thoughts, desires, and actions. Personal choice is the new standard, which is no standard at all.

Why can't Americans see what is happening? Our freedom is being methodically dismantled and our rights as American citizens are becoming a part of our history instead of our present, yet the masses seem to be blindly following the piper down the road to totalitarianism and a new modernized form of slavery.

Freedom should be an easy sell. So why are conservatives and the people of faith who proclaim freedom the ones who are insulted and mocked? We are seen as the deniers of freedom. I know people personally who actually believe Conservatives are the problem because we want personal accountability and a

standard of right and wrong instead of unrestricted freedom to do whatever one's heart dictates. When righteousness and morality are not factors, total freedom of choice is its own form of slavery.

What so many are missing is morality, a self-governing limit to behavior.

As the left sees it, they do not have to accept responsibility. They call it emancipation and enlightenment. Freedom means no obstacles on the road to what our grandparents called deprav-

Culturally, the nation is already broken. We have reached a majority of people who do not think citizens should be personally responsible. What's needed is for our nation

to experience a genuine, profound national revival. May God in his grace and mercy allow the American people to experience a spiritual Great Awakening. I personally believe it is our only hope.

Two revivals were such gamechanging events in American history that Christian historians where compelled to call them Great Awakenings. The first occurred in the early to mid-1700s, and the Second Great Awakening in the early to mid-1800s. Ministers proclaimed the Gospel with great care, passion, and conviction. These included Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, John Wesley and Charles Wesley. With their aid, people realized they needed to repent and get right with God.

In time, this national yearning for spiritual expression and moral leadership led to the desire for the nation to rid itself from the tyranny of King George III. While not every Founding Father was a devout Christian, many of them were, and they sought to establish a free society based on Judeo-Christian prin-

The First Great Awakening that created the moral climate for the Declaration of Independence and the founding of a new country, conceived in liberty, which would truly become a light to the nations. No country in human history has done more to liberate other people economically, politically, or spiritually than the United States.

The Second Great Awakening was even more powerful in the mid-19th century then the First Great Awakening had been in the 18th century. In his book, Implosion, Joel Rosenberg explains:

"One piece of observable evidence in this regard is the explosive growth in the number

of church congregations that were established in the wake of both Great Awakenings. At the same time, Christians during this period sought to put their faith into action to improve their neighborhoods and communities and the nation as a whole. They persuaded millions of children to enroll in Sunday school programs to learn about the Bible and pray for their nation. They opened orphanages and soup kitchens to care for the poor and needy. They started clinics and hospitals to care for the sick, elderly and infirm. They founded elementary and secondary schools for girls as well as boys. They established colleges and universities dedicated to teaching both the Scriptures and the sciences. They led social campaigns to persuade Americans to stop drinking so much alcohol and to abolish the evil of slavery. These Christians didn't expect the government to take care of them. They believed it was the Church's job to show the love of Christ to their neighbors in real and practical ways. They were right, and they made America a better place as a result — not perfect, but better."

The people believed the church's job was to show the love of Christ and to care for their fellow man. The Second Great Awakening culminated with Abraham Lincoln and the abolition of slavery.

In today's Godless society, passion for righteousness seems to be limited to a few select groups in various parts of the world where revival will occasionally spring up and great change occurs. Should people give up and say America, as passed down to us by previous generations, is no more? Has the time come to simply cower down in fear and hope we somehow miraculously survive the coming storm?

Abiding faith may be unfashionable, even considered an odd ity. If you are going to exercise your faith with authenticity and courage, you will receive mockery, ridicule, and rejection. The Bible says, "If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I

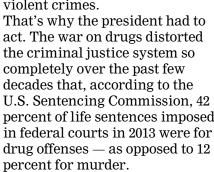
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Obama throws open cell doors at last

resident Barack Obama commuted the sentences of 46 federal drug offenders Monday. In his first term, Obama issued one meager commutation; he was arguably the stingiest modern president when it came to the exercise of his pardon authority. Now, White House

spokesman Josh Earnest noted the president has issued 89 commutations — more than the previous four presidents combined.

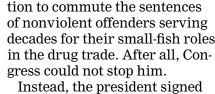
Among the 46 commutation recipients, 14 were serving life sentences for nonviolent crimes.



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As a younger candidate, Obama had been highly critical of federal mandatory minimum sentences. Critics of the war on drugs had expected Obama to use his unfettered pardon power granted in the U.S. Constitu-



the Fair Sentencing Act, a compromise bill to reduce the disparity of crack cocaine to powder cocaine sentences in 2010 — and asked Congress to pass further reforms.

In 2014, then-Deputy Attorney General James Cole announced an initiative to grant commutations to nonviolent inmates who had served more than a decade in prison, had good conduct records and would not have received such long prison terms under today's sentencing terms.

This big batch of commutations establishes that the administration can do more than just talk.

PardonPower blogger P.S. Ruckman is disappointed that it took 6 1/2 years for Obama to act. He sees all the commutations that could have been. "Obama to Blaze Past Franklin Pierce," read his blog's headline on Obama's moving from eighth place to ninth on his list of the 10 least merciful presidents. Still, Ruckman is impressed with how it is being done. So many presidential pardons and commutations in the past two decades, he told me, reflected what looked

like "random acts of mercy":

they were "idiosyncratic." Monday's commutations, on the other hand, are generally in sync with pronounced policy positions. They're smart. Ruckman expects to see regular commuta-

tions now. Will one of these 46 turn into a Willie Horton — the convicted murderer who raped a woman while wrongly furloughed from a Massachusetts prison, thereby undermining the 1988 presidential hopes of then-Gov. Michael Dukakis? There is no reason to believe it, said Julie Stewart of Families Against Mandatory Minimums, who noted, "Most people who go to federal prison are not violent." The presidential commutation recipients to whom Stewart has talked are eager to prove that the trust the president put in them was wellplaced.

The White House likes to point out that criminal justice reform has become a bipartisan cause. It should be. There is no justice in sending people to prison for decades, even life, for nonviolent offenses.

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heck this out: What's at the library

fine selecyou to check out this week — the first two are from Randy Wayne

White's area is south Florida and Cuba and his first book I will present to you stars Hannah Smith, a cohort of Doc Ford, the marine biologist (who really is a person who does top-secret stuff). In "Deceived" (M WHI R), an almost 20-year-old unsolved murder from Florida's pot-hauling days gets Hannah Smith's attention, but so does a more immediate problem.

A private museum devoted solely to the state's earliest settlers and pioneers has been announced, and many of Hannah's friends and neighbors in Sulfur Wells are being pressured to make contributions. The problem is the whole thing is a scam, and when Hannah sets out to uncover who's behind it, she discovers that things are even worse than she thought.

The museum scam is a front for a real estate power play, her entire village is in danger of being wiped out — and the forces behind it have no intention of letting anything, or anyone, stand in their

"Cuba Straits" (M

WHI R) is a Doc Ford book, and Doc Ford's old friend, General Juan Garcia, has gone into the lucrative business of smuggling Cuban baseball players into the U.S. He is also feasting on profits made by buying historical treasures for pennies on the dollar. He prefers what dealers call HPC items — highprofile collectibles but when he manages to obtain a collection of letters written by Fidel Castro between 1960–62 to a secret girlfriend, it's not a matter of

money anymore. Garcia has stumbled way out of his depth. First Garcia disappears, and then the man to whom he sold the letters. When Doc Ford begins to investigate, he soon becomes convinced that those letters contain a secret that someone, or some powerful agency, cannot allow to be made public. A lot happened

United States from 1960-62. Many men died. A few more will hardly be noticed.

"The Ghost Fields" (M GRI E) by Elly Griffiths takes place in Norfolk, Va. during a stifling summer of heat and humidity. A construction crew unearths a macabre discovery — a downed World War II plane with the pilot still inside. Forensic archaeologist Ruth Galloway quickly realizes that the skeleton couldn't possibly be the pilot, and DNA tests identify the man as Fred Blackstock, a local aristocrat who had been reported dead at sea. When the remaining members of the Blackstock family learn about the discovery, they seem strangely frightened by the news. Laced with dry humor and anchored by perennial fan favorite Ruth, "The Ghost Fields" will delight fans new and old.

Jack the Ripper is a perennial favorite to write books about. New York Time best-selling author Stephen Hunter has done so in "I, Ripper" (M HUN S).

Elspeth Hunter, a reviewer on Amazon. Com, writes: "1888 London. While an evening journalist plays his fingers across his typewriter and an unfortunate soul of the lanes finds the bottom of another gin bottle, a monster hunts by gaslight and plays his fingers against the belly of a blade in his frock coat. What soon follows will be known as the autumn of the knife and become a part one of history's most notorious mysteries.

"With a gruesome introduction I, Ripper grabs the reader by the

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throat and transports them to another place and time. This continues throughout the story as we follow three views that move from a vicious killer, to the thoughts and observations of a bombastic journalist and finally to the scattered confessions and hopes of a voice from Whitechapel. With each one of these switches, the story delves into the depths of the depraved and examines events from August to November 1888 and beyond in graphic detail.

"A fine flavor of dialogue of the period also follows the reader throughout and only adds to the experience of revisiting Victorian England in all her sordid grandeur. This is truly not a story for the sensitive reader, take this as a friendly warning but then again what kind of story would you expect that involved

Jack the Ripper?" She goes on to say that she is disappointed by the ending, but I will let you make up your mind on that.

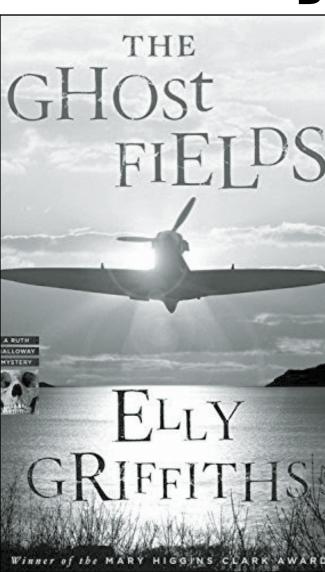
Now for a more 'cheerful' murder: Joanne Fluke and her culinary-themed books have arrived again with "Blackberry Pie Murder" (M FLU J). Hannah Swensen's life is never very calm and with her mother's wedding a little more than a month away, can you guess who is put in charge of planning it? Yes, Hannah has that privilege. It gets even more complicated when she hits a man while



driving down a winding road, in a blinding rainstorm. Then she's arrested for murder? But autopsy reveals the accident didn't kill him, so Hannah must clear her name! So there she goes.

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News in brief

In Iran deal, Obama sees validation for diplomatic gamble that has shaped his presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) — To President Barack Obama, the historic nuclear accord with Iran is a validation of an arduous, politically fraught diplomatic gamble, one he foreshadowed before winning the White House and one that will shape his legacy long after he leaves.

The deal to curb Iran's nuclear program may prevent Tehran from developing a bomb or being the target of U.S. military action during Obama's presidency. But whether the agreement succeeds in stemming Iran's nuclear ambitions after his tenure is a far murkier question.

The sheer amount of time and political capital Obama invested in the Iran talks has fueled speculation that he had too much on the line to walk away from the negotiating table, no matter the compromises in a final deal. Obama authorized secret talks with Iran in 2012, followed by nearly two years of formal negotiations alongside Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China. His rapprochement with Iran sent U.S. relations with Israel plummeting to nearhistoric lows and deepened tensions with Congress.

Even with the high-stakes implications of an Iranian nuclear program at stake, the talks over time seemed to represent more than simply the quest for a deal. They were a referendum on Obama's belief that even America's most ardent enemies can be brought in line by wielding diplomacy and economic pressure instead of military might.

In Arab world, worries that nuclear deal will boost Iran in power struggle

across region

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) – The nuclear deal with Iran was met

with a profound wariness in the Arab world, where concerns are widespread that the easing of its international isolation could tip the already bloody contest for power in the region toward Shiite-led Tehran.

Arab countries have deep fears of Iran gaining a nuclear weapon, and some have been skeptical that a deal will prevent that from happening. But equally high for key Sunni-dominated Gulf allies of the United States is the worry that a deal gives Iran the means — through an economic windfall — and an implicit green light to push influence in the region.

The Arab world has been polarized for years in a worsening proxy conflict between Iran and Gulf powers, particularly Saudi Arabia, fueling Sunni-Shiite tensions and stoking wars. In Syria, Iran's support has ensured the survival of President Bashar Assad against Sunni rebels backed by Gulf nations in a devastating civil war, now in its fifth year. Yemen has been torn apart this year as Saudi Arabia, leading a coalition air campaign, has tried to help fend off Shiite rebels supported by Tehran. In Iraq, Saudi Arabia has opposed the growing power of Iran even since the 2003 ouster of Saddam Hussein and the rise of a government led by Shiite politicians close to Iran.

"Deal or no deal, tension in the region is not going to go away," said Abdulkhaleq Abdullah, a professor of political science at United Arab Emirates University. "If Iran is bent on acting as a hegemon, as a regional power, I think we are in for some difficult times."

Greek economy on its knees even if bailout deal relieves worst fears over euro future

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece has a tentative rescue deal, but relief that it is not falling out of the euro is unlikely to last long: its economy has taken a huge hit.

Months of political brinkmanship, uncertainty and bank closures have hurt companies and brought everyday business to a standstill. And new economic measures meant to secure the bailout are forecast to put the country, which emerged last year from six years of economic crisis, through more misery.

"No one is producing. No one is buying. Everyone is scared," said 59-yearold Dimitris Farmakis, who has a cloth-making firm in Athens.

On top of a slump in demand, Farmakis' business is hit hard by a government limit on money transfers that makes it impossible to buy supplies from overseas. He's cut down on production and given his staff time

"In a few weeks we won't be producing due to these shortages," Farmakis

Tragic fatal encounter with police captured on video is released by Los Angeles federal judge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The police dashboard cameras that captured officers shooting Ricardo Diaz-Zeferino only depict part of the tragedy of his death in a Los Angeles suburb two

Video released by a federal judge Tuesday after news media organizations argued the public had a right to see the footage showed Diaz-Zeferino disobeying orders to keep his hands up, but with his palms open by his waist.

Judge Stephen V. Wilson unsealed the video so the public could see what led the city of Gardena to pay \$4.7 million to settle a lawsuit with Diaz-Zeferino's family and another man wounded in the shooting that followed a botched report of a bicycle theft early the morning of June 2, 2013.

"The fact that they spent the city's money, presumably derived from taxes, only strengthens the public's interest in seeing the videos," Wilson wrote in a 13-page decision. "Moreover, defendants cannot assert a valid compelling interest in sealing the videos to cover up any wrongdoing on their part or to shield themselves from embarrassment."

Against a backdrop of intense pub-

lic scrutiny of police shootings nationwide, a lawyer for The Associated Press, the Los Angeles Times and Bloomberg argued the videos should be unsealed under a First Amendment right to access court documents.

First-hand look at Mexico drug lord's escape tunnel shows dimension of ingenuity, audacity

ALMOLOYA, Mexico (AP) — Mexico's most prized prisoner paced his cell, first to the latrine, then the shower, then the bed. At every turn around the tiny room, drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman checked the shower floor hidden by a half wall, because even jailed criminals get their pri-

In his final sweep, Guzman sat on his bed and took off his shoes. Then he walked back to the shower, stooped behind the wall and disappeared. It was the beginning of an escape odyssey straight out of the pages of fiction, and the media were given a peek on Tuesday of the deep and sophisticated tunnel that led the leader of the Sinaloa cartel, whose illicit drug trafficking reach includes Europe and Asia, swiftly to freedom late Saturday night.

Government video of Guzman's final moments in his cell and a reporter's climb into the tunnel put real dimensions to a high-tech engineering feat three stories underground, where planners and builders managed to burrow through dirt and rock right to the one spot in Guzman's cell that surveillance cameras couldn't see.

Mexico's security commissioner Monte Alejandro Rubido said Tuesday that up to the moment Guzman disappeared, his pacing was considered normal for someone who lives in about 5 square meters (60 square feet) with only an hour a day outside for exercise. But there was nothing usual after he lifted a slab of concrete shower floor and descended into a warm and humid man-made underworld, where a motorcycle rigged to two carts on rails waited to whisk him away.

Guzman either rode on the bike or in one of the carts for a mile (1.5 kilometers) in the dirt tunnel built just high enough for a man called "Shorty" to stand without hitting his head.







News in brief

Fugitive killer arrested in India returned to South Texas

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — A man who was able to escape a 2007 murder conviction in a scheme that sent a former South Texas prosecutor and judge to prison was returned to Texas on Tuesday to begin serving his prison sentence after his capture in In-

A plane carrying Amit M. Livingston arrived in Harlingen from New Jersey shortly before 4 p.m. Tuesday. Livingston was booked into a Cameron County jail where he will remain until Wednesday, Cameron County Sheriff Omar Lucio said. After a federal court appearance, he is to be turned over to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to begin serving his 23-year prison sentence for the 2005 killing of his former lover.

Livingston, who's now 47, pleaded guilty in 2007 to killing 31-year-old Hermila Hernandez in 2005 and leaving her body on a South Padre Island beach. Hernandez had been shot in the back of the head after telling Livingston she wanted to end their relationship.

After sentencing, the trial judge, state District Judge Abel Limas, took the unusual step of allowing Livingston time to get his affairs in order before reporting to prison. When Livingston's date for reporting to prison arrived, he failed to appear.

Limas and the district attorney at the time, Armando Villalobos, were both later convicted in a bribery conspiracy, and the scheme that allowed Livingston to escape featured prominently in the federal corruption trial of Villalobos.

Prominent Texas businessman Bass invests in Blue Bell

BRENHAM, Texas (AP) — An investment by a prominent Texas businessman will ensure the return of Blue Bell ice cream to the market after listeria contamination prompted a shutdown in manufacturing, the company said Tuesday.

Billionaire businessman Sid Bass, an investor and philanthropist whose father and uncle built an oil fortune, has become a partner in Brenhambased Blue Bell Creameries, CEO and President Paul Kruse said in a statement.

The privately held company stopped production at its Brenham; Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; and Sylacauga, Arkansas, facilities after issuing a national recall in April because of concerns about listeria. Its ice cream was linked to 10 listeria illnesses in four states, including three deaths in Kansas.

A Food and Drug Administration investigation found that Blue Bell knew that it had listeria in one of its plants for almost two years before the recall.

No date has been given for when Blue Bell products could be back in stores. Blue Bell last week announced plans to test production runs at its Alabama plant. After a trial period, the company plans to begin building inventory to resume commercial

The company did not reveal the amount of Bass' investment, but Kruse said Bass made a "significant investment" and the "additional capital will ensure the successful return of our ice cream."

Blue Bell is extremely popular in its home state, and Bass and his family have deep ties to Fort Worth. Forbes last year ranked Bass as the 324th wealthiest person in the U.S.

Security guard found fatally shot at Houston condo complex

HOUSTON (AP) — Police say a security guard has been found shot to death at a condominium complex in southeast Houston.

Authorities responded to reports of a shooting before dawn Wednesday. The victim's body was in the parking lot.

Police did not immediately report any arrests. Further details weren't immediately released. The investigation is ongoing.

Federal agents in Texas rescue 3 immigrants from Rio Grande

MISSION, Texas (AP) — Border Patrol agents in Texas have rescued three immigrants who were struggling to swim across the Rio Grande.

A Border Patrol statement says the rescue happened early Tuesday as officers patrolled the river by boat. Agents located a boy from Mexico and two men from Honduras in the water near Bentsen State Park, south of Mission. Authorities rescued the immigrants, who alleg-

edly were trying to enter the U.S. illegally, and offered medical care but all three declined. The immigrants were transported to a Border Patrol station in McAllen for processing.

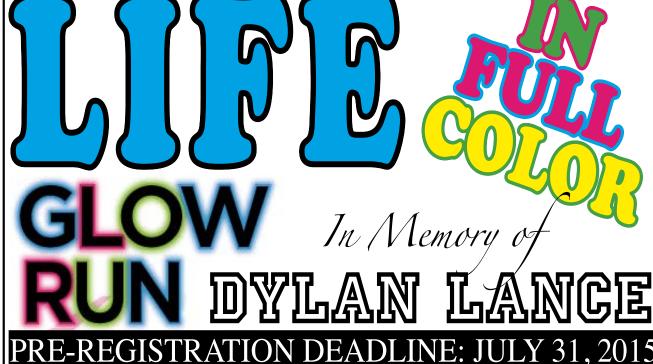
South Texas parole officer, boyfriend face child porn charge

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — A Texas prison system parole officer and her boyfriend have been charged with production of child pornography based on her cellphone. Prosecutors say Saralyn Ann Proschko of Victo-

ria was being held Tuesday on a federal complaint, pending a detention hearing. Officials say David Ray McGee of Wallis was in state custody on related charges. Victoria police responded to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice parole office in Victoria

on allegations of possession of child pornography. A complaint says officers met with Proschko and discovered a video on her cellphone of a girl engaged in a sexual act.

TDCJ spokesman Jason Clark says the agency cooperated in the investigation.



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Fred Dietz, Coahoma football coach and athletic director Q&A

By TAYLOR ELLIS

Sports Editor

In late June, Coahoma ISD hired Fred Dietz to be the new Athletic Director and head football coach for Coahoma High School.

In his first opportunity as AD and head coach, the San Angelo native is looking to build upon the success of previous years and bring his new community together.

How did you your football career

evolve into what it is today?

I grew up loving sports, and my father took me to high school football games since I was a little kid. It just kind of grew on me. I went to San Angelo Lakeview High School and played wide receiver and defensive back. I just always loved being around the game. Went to Angelo State to get my degree and knew I always wanted to coach. I got my first job north of Lubbock in a little school called Springlake-Earth High School as a wide receiver coach. Learned the ropes from a great man named Stan Caffey who's been an AD for a long time. Showed me the right way to go about the business and to do things. I coached there for three years and got the chance to learn how to do a lot of things, not just football. I learned how the business of athletics and the school business runs. We did everything as far as laundry and mowing



Courtesy photo Coach Dietz during his time as a wide receiver coach at Springlake-Earth.

the fields. It was a great job to prepare me for experiences later on. Worked there for three years and then I took a job at Andrews as a receiver coach. I worked my way up and Ralph Mason, the athletic director at Andrews, promoted me to offensive coordinator. My ultimate goal was always to become an Athletic Director and head football coach, that's what I've been working towards my whole career.

When I saw the Coahoma job opening it appealed to me because my family is a West Texas family. I liked the smaller school and it seemed like a great fit for my fami-

Any favorite teams growing up? I grew up as a Cowboys fan as far as professional football is concerned. I don't really watch the NFL as much anymore. My dad was a UT fan so I cheered for them. We didn't have any direct ties, but we followed them from a far.

What are your key messages for your program as AD?

I'm a total program guy. My goal is to get Coahoma to compete and be successful in everything. I don't want one program to have consideration over the other and that's my main focus. We're so much more than athletics. I want to use athletics as a stepping stone for these kids to prepare for life after high school. We want them to face challenges in our athletic program that

help them when they face difficult situations later in life so they can be successful people in the real world. I think success breeds more success. Going about things the right way is all about habit, and we want them to create good habits. We want to create a family environment where kids feel comfortable coming to us whether it's in the gym, the field house or wherever they may be.

What is your philosophy on the field?

What we did at Andrews was the Air Raid offense, a form of the spread, that came from what coach Mike Leach was doing at Texas Tech several years ago. Coahoma has been Wing-T for the past five years, so coming in with these spread concepts we're going to have to take our time slowly integrating them in. The kids probably haven't been throwing and catching as much as we plan to. We have to slowly get these kids to where they are comfortable with the system. We'll be a spread team, but we won't be a full blown passing team. Defensively coach Bryan Jacobs is our defensive coordinator and was last year when they played good defense. I'm of the mind set that the kids are already going to have a steep learning curve offensively going from the wing-T to the spread. Coach Jacobs does a great job already so we are going leave that system in place, and give the kids one less thing to learn.

What have you learned about the

job going in?

What I've learned is the school is the center of the community. We're 11 miles from Big Spring and there's really not much out there besides the school. I really like that, that was a big draw for me. The people get excited about the extra carriculars. They

come out and they support it.

Trout hits leadoff HR, wins MVP as AL All-Stars top NL 6-3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Mike Trout flashed the skill that puts him at the front of baseball's new generation, just moments after four of the alltime greats walked off the field.

Trout became the first player in 38 years to homer leading off an All-Star Game, then became the first player to take home the Midsummer Classic's MVP award two years in row.

A new-look All-Star Game finished with the same old result. The AL beat the NL 6-3 Tuesday night and will open the World Series at home for the 10th time in 13 years.

"It's obviously a humbling honor with the MVPs," Trout said in his usual understated, aw-shucks man-

After Trout completed a career All-Star cycle in just his fifth big league season, Prince Fielder delivered. He drove in two runs, sending Trout blazing home ahead of Joc Pederson's throw with the run off Clayton Kershaw that put the AL ahead for

In an age of dominant pitching, Felix Hernandez, winner David Price, Zach Britton, Dellin Betances and Wade Davis took scoreless turns in the AL's third win a row.

Playing on the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels, Trout could add an even bigger honor this fall — his first World Series ring.

"He can do anything that anybody can do on a baseball field," AL manager Ned Yost said. "He can hit with power. He can run. He can drive the gap. He's a great defender. He's just special. When you look at Mike, you don't look at a 23-year-old. You look at a guy that is one of the best baseball players on this planet."

A season after the retirement of Derek Jeter dropped the curtain on the turn-of-century greats, Trout was among six starting position players under 25 — the most since 1965. At last year's game in Minneapolis, he hit a tiebreaking triple and later a goahead double.

This time Trout sent Zack Greinke's fourth pitch, a 94 mph fastball on the outer half of the plate, over the wall in right next to the visiting bullpen for an opposite-field homer.

Winner of his first season AL MVP award in 2014, the center fielder joined Willie Mays, Steve Garvey, Gary Carter and Cal Ripken, Jr. as the only two-time All-Star MVPs.

Stars old and young gathered in one of baseball's most traditional towns. The Reds became baseball's first professional team in 1869, and players wore caps with horizontal stripes in an attempt at a 19th century feel.

Pete Rose, Cincinnati's hometown hero and baseball's banned career hits leader, was given an 80-second ovation when he walked onto the field before the game to join Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan and Barry Larkin, elected by fans as the Reds' greatest players. Wearing a red jacket and tie and walking stiffly, the now 74-yearold Charlie Hustle was applauded as soon as his image appeared on the video boards, even before he emerged from the AL dugout.

And in the first All-Star Game at Great American Ballpark, which opened in 2003, fans got to see some great ballplayers.

Bench, changed into a blue jacket, returned with Hank Aaron, Mays and Sandy Koufax, voted baseball's great living players by fans as part of the promotion. In a sentimental yet stunning reminder of generational change, Aaron, 81, and Morgan, 71, needed canes to reach the infield, and Mays, 84, was aided on and off the field by an assistant.

"Growing up, I didn't get to see them play that much," Trout said. "But looking up, seeing highlights of all the Hall of Famers, it's something I really look forward to looking at and I'm learning more about them, just how great they played in every respect of the game."

Above the field, new Commissioner Rob Manfred watched from a luxury suite, the first All-Star Game not presided over by Bud Selig since 1992.

Many players of the new generation love bling in a manner that puzzles the old guard: Posey wore a gold-colored helmet behind the plate, looking a bit like the Great Gazoo or a Praetorian Guard, accessorizing with a chest protector, shin guards and cleats all with gold-colored trim. Baltimore's Adam Jones was shod in bright orange cleats, and Kansas City's Lorenzo Cain and Washington's Bryce Harper donned golden spikes.

Trout, a Generation Y star with a baby boomer work ethic, completed a unique cycle on a clear evening that followed a heavy afternoon down-

He singled in his All-Star debut in 2012, doubled to open 2013 game and tripled in the first inning last year. He was just the ninth player to hit for an All-Star cycle in his entire career, joining an illustrious list that includes Hall of Famers Ted Williams, Roberto Clemente, Ernie Banks, George Brett, Mike Schmidt and Mays. Fielder later became the 10th.

No one had homered leading off an All-Star Game since 1977 at old Yankee Stadium, when Morgan connected off Jim Palmer. Greinke, coming off five scoreless outings, had not allowed a run since June 13.

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division W L Pct GB

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Sox, 2:10 p.m., 1st game Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m. Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.

Baltimore at Detroit, 7:08 p.m. Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m. Kansas City at Chicago White

Sox, 8:10 p.m., 2nd game

Texas at Houston, 8:10 p.m. Boston at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m. Minnesota at Oakland, 10:05

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Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 7:35

p.m. N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m. San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40

Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10

Colorado at San Diego, 10:10

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Signed RHP Travis Lakins and SS Yomar Valentin to minor league contracts

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD HAWKS — Released RHP David

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed C Juan Medina. Released LHP Gabe Aguilar. LAREDO LEMURS - Released

OF Byron Wiley and RHP Travis Stout. WINNIPEG GOLDEYES - Re-

leased LHP Bo Logan. **Atlantic League**

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS —

LONG ISLAND DUCKS Signed C Dan Coury. Released C Greg DePalma. SUGAR LAND SKEETERS -

Signing RHP Tim Stauffer and 1B Allan Dykstra. Can-Am League

Signed INF Sergio Miranda.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Associa-

tion **BOSTON CELTICS** — Acquired F Perry Jones III, a 2019 secondround draft pick and cash from Oklahoma City for a conditional second-round draft pick.

CHICAGO BULLS — Signed G-F Mike Dunleavy and G Aaron Brooks.

DALLAS MAVERICKS — Signed G Deron Williams to a two-year contract.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES - Signed F Nemanja Bjelica. ORLANDO MAGIC — Re-signed F Tobias Harris. Signed C Jason Smith. Traded F Maurice Harkless to Portland for a conditional second-round draft pick.

SACRAMENTO KINGS Signed F Omri Casspi to a twoyear contract and F Luc Mbah a Moute.

UTAH JAZZ — Signed C Tibor Pleiss to a multiyear contract. **FOOTBALL**

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed offensive line coach Aaron Kromer on paid administrative leave after he was arrested over the weekend and charged with battery that caused bodily harm.

HOCKEY National Hockey League

MONTREAL CANADIENS -Agreed to terms with F Michael Bournival on a one-year contract.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS - Resigned D Eric Gelinas to a twoyear contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS -Agreed to terms with Fs Oscar Lindberg and Emerson Etem. **ECHL**

IDAHOSTEELHEADS—Agreed

to terms with D Daniel Johnston. READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with F Ian Watters. SOCCER

Major League Soccer NEW YORK CITY FC — Signed

D Jefferson Mena. TORONTO FC — Announced the retirement of D Steven Caldwell to become director of corporate development with Maple Leaf Sports

& Entertainment. **COLLEGE BETHUNE-COOKMAN** Named Chrys Cornelius men's as-

sistant basketball coach. FLORIDA GULF COAST -Named Tom Abatemarco and Senque Carey men's assistant basketball coaches.

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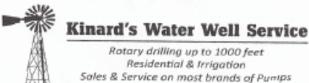
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



in Cancer, we are Holiday like seeds $^{\mbox{\scriptsize Mathis}}$ planted in the

ground. The early growing happens under the surface. Roots are the first things to develop. It wouldn't work otherwise -- we need anchors and a system for pulling in the stuff of survival.

The relationships we

build anchor us. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Those who are trying to go "under the radar" don't always get quiet or hide. Sometimes they talk -- a lot. "Talking much about oneself can also be a means to conceal oneself." --Friedrich Nietzsche

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Decisions by committee rarely lead to the best outcome. When it's your name on the line, don't let the group sway you too far beyond your vision.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be

group of creative people, and you have plenty of questions, comments and suggestions to share. It's better to do so in the early stages of a project than in the later

working with a small

stages. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). When you look out onto the horizon of your plans, you do recognize a few constraints. Embrace them. Your ability to work within them will lead to unexpected benefits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When others don't give us the love we want from them, it's disappointing. But this isn't Hollywood, and the others weren't handed your script to read from. The best we can do is discover the true dynamics and play the scene from there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The gold in this day will only fall into your pockets if you muscle up and do the thing you've been putting off for the past few weeks. No more waiting, hoping the work will go away. Get in there and handle it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-

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Oct. 23). There is a

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're drawn to the kind of toys that keep you fascinated and fully engaged in the moment. Luckily, today's toys won't cost you much, and the time you spend in play will pay you back and then some.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You like to be on when you're required to be on and then switch it off for a while. The one you really love is the one you can relax around unselfconsciously and without worry.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sports, reading, dancing, exploring, dining, crafting... There are so many things you wish you had more time for. The resolution to make time will go a long way under this new moon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The seemingly mundane will be alive with psychic information. Because you are paying attention, you'll get signs from things that are a normal part of the daily routine: food labels, junk mail, clouds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What would you do with more time, more money and more freedom? Once you know the answer to this question, you'll be willing to let go of the things that are keeping you from these luxuries.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (July 15). Perseverance will be critical to your success. Through sheer determination, you'll make a situation work. Enjoy the star treatment in September -- it's a sign of your arrival. You motivate others without coming off as controlling, which is why you'll be put in charge of an important group project at the start of 2016. Aquarius and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 11, 27 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Gemini in love with a

Taurus. We're both in two years ago. Your other relationships. It's soul mate of right now been over for us for deserves your undividtwo years now, but he ed attention and love. **CELEBRITY PRO**still has yet to tell me FILES: Eight years why he ended things.

I always felt he was

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I can't answer for

Taurus, but I can say

his silence speaks.

Taurus men are no-

types, and sometimes

communication tactics

(which means nothing

less than shameless,

enough of a rise out of

him to speak his piece.

Yes, you, dear Gemini,

Yet on a gentler, kinder

note, I encourage you

your own heart. You've

moved on. And if you

are in a relationship

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: The real estate agent who sold me my home nine years ago periodically phones my house, asking whether I plan on selling, and offering his assistance. We have a courteous, professional relationship. I never had a problem with him or his

company. Recently, I was a guest at a large customer appreciation event sponsored by this real estate company. I sat quietly by myself. One of the company's main employees ridiculed me loudly, making a spectacle of me, pointing me out to others, making fun of my looks and my hair. I am a neat, clean, conservative senior citizen. She even walked past me and laughed loudly in my face. I had never met this woman before. I was so horrified that I said

nothing and left. I do plan on selling my home. However, after my horrific treatment at the "customer appreciation" event, I will not

be using that real **Dear Annie:** estate company. A few months If my former real

ago, my niece announced her wedding date for next summer. She selected the wedding dress and the venue and put down deposits.

The couple

recently decided

they cannot live apart and had a small civil ceremony with only their parents present. They have announced that they will still have the full wedding next year for the rest of their family and

friends. While we have not seen any invitations yet (it's early), we are not sure how to handle a gift for a wedding that is a year after the actual ceremony. I would prefer to send the couple a gift now to help them start their married life together, but I wouldn't then send a second gift

in a year. I'm also not sure I will attend the second wedding, since it's so long after the fact. It seems inappropriate. Tell

me, Annie, is this

how weddings are done these days? -- Confused Family Member

Dear Confused: No. Most weddings are still done in a more traditional fashion, although, we admit, there seem to be many more variations these days. Nonetheless, if invited, you are obligated only for one wedding gift, whether you send it now or later. (Either is fine.) And please don't judge the couple so harshly by not attending the second wedding. Think of it instead as a big party to celebrate their marital bliss and enjoy yourself.

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By Steve Becker

The Fine Art of Larceny

North dealer. NORTH **↑**Λ J **∀**Κ Q **↑**109863 **♥**9752 **♦** Q 7 4 2 **♥** 10 6 4 ♦ K 10 8 SOUTH **♦** K 5 **♥** A J 8 3 The bidding: North South West East Pass Pass

Opening lead — ten of spades. There is an open case still on the books at the local constabulary pertaining to this deal where South stole six diamonds but did not appear to break any laws in the process. It was a remarkable accomplishment, considering that South was missing the Λ -K-10-8 of trumps!

Pass

4 NT

There is, however, a simple explanation. To begin with, South's partner in crime was a gentleman named North, who invariably overbid his values. Where most players saw only a partscore in a given hand, North

would customarily bid a game, and where most players saw only a game, North would often press on to a slam.

And that is exactly what happened in the present case after South responded one diamond to North's

opening one-club bid. The next thing diamonds after North found out via Blackwood that South had an ace. Having partnered North on a number of previous occasions, South was no stranger to this type of situation and had developed a keen instinct for survival that of necessity included a strong larcenous streak So after West led the ten of spades

and dummy came down, it did not take South long to realize that there was only one slim chance for the slam. Accordingly, he won the spade with dummy's ace and led the queen of diamonds! Now put yourself in East's shoes, looking at only the North hand, and see if you don't sympathize with

what he did. He covered the queen with the king, as many of us would have done under the circumstances, and after West won with the ace, it was a simple matter to overcome East's remaining 10-8 via a finesse.

Unfortunately, while South's ingenuity enabled him to chalk up a vulnerable slam, the outcome did nothing to dissuade North from continuing his overbidding ways.

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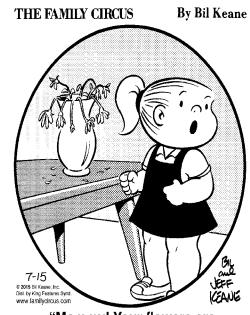
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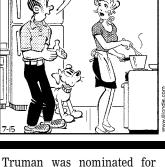
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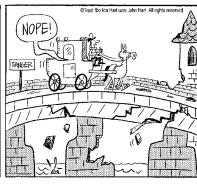


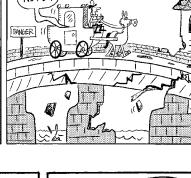


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This Date In History Today is Wednesday, July 15,

the 196th day of 2015. There are 169 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On July 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon delivered a tele-

vised address in which he announced that he had accepted an invitation to visit the People's Republic of China. On this date:

In 1799, French soldiers in

Egypt discovered the Rosetta Stone, which proved instrumental in deciphering ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. In 1834, the Spanish Inquisition was abolished more

than 3 1/2 centuries after its creation. In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union. Manitoba entered confedera-

tion as the fifth Canadian prov-

In 1932. President Herbert Hoover announced he was slashing his own salary by 20 percent, from \$75,000 to \$60,000 a year; he also cut Cabinet members' salaries by 15 percent, from \$15,000 to \$12,750 a vear.

In 1948, President Harry S.

another term of office by the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia. In 1954, a prototype of the Boeing 707, the model 367-80,

Renton Field south of Seattle. In 1964, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president by the Republican national conven-

tion in San Francisco.

made its maiden flight from

In 1975, three American astronauts blasted off aboard an Apollo spaceship hours after two Soviet cosmonauts were launched aboard a Soyuz spacecraft for a mission that included a linkup of the two ships in In 1979, President Jimmy

speech in which he lamented what he called a "crisis of confidence" in America. In 1985, a shockingly gaunt Rock Hudson appeared at a news conference with actress

Doris Day (it was later revealed

Carter delivered his "malaise"

Hudson was suffering from AIDS). In 1992, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in New

In 1995, Park Seung-hyun, a 19-year-old sales clerk, was rescued after being buried in the rubble of the Sampoong Department Store in Seoul

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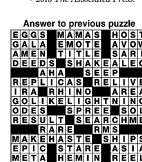
days. One year ago: Israel resumed heavy bombing of Gaza after the Islamic militant group Hamas rejected an Egyptian truce plan and instead unleashed more rocket barrages at the Jewish state. A suicide bomber blew up a car packed with explosives near a busy market and a mosque in eastern Afghanistan, killing at least 89 people. At least 22 people died when a Moscow subway train derailed during rush hour.

Thought for Today:

"A sure way to lose happiness, I found, is to want it at the expense of everything else.'

> Bette Davis, American actress (1908-1989).

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"It's not easy," Greinke said of pitching to Trout. "You've got like a 2-inch window up in the zone. If you throw it higher than that, he takes it. If you throw it lower, he does what he did."

Fielder and Lorenzo Cain had run-scoring hits in the fifth against Kershaw, the reigning NL MVP, that put the AL ahead 3-1.

Manny Machado, at 23 another of the sport's fresh faces, hit a double off the right-field wall against Francisco Rodriguez in the seventh and scored on Fielder's sacrifice fly. And Brian Dozier, the last player added to the game as an injury replacement, hit a solo home run off Mark Melancon in the eighth.

NL runs came home on Jhonny Peralta's RBI single in the second, Andrew McCutchen's homer off Chris Archer in the sixth and Brandon Crawford's sacrifice fly in the ninth.

NL manager Bruce Bochy thought ahead to some future ceremony involving Trout, perhaps at an All-Star Game or World Series, perhaps at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

"He's going to be standing there, I think, with the guys we saw tonight,' Bochy said.

THE OLD RIVALRY

The AL is 21-6-1 in the last 28 games, losing three straight from 1994-96 and 2010-12. The NL leads the matchup 43-41-

SPEEDING

Jacob deGrom of the Mets, the NL Rookie of the Year, struck out the side on 10 pitches in the sixth, reaching 98 mph. Reds closer Aroldis Chapman threw 12 of 14 pitches at 100 mph or more in the ninth, reaching 103 mph

Silver: Playoff changes likely in NBA, moratorium mulled

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Changes to the NBA playoffs are almost certainly coming.

Changes to the league's much-discussed moratorium and Hacka-Shaq aren't, at least not now.

After meeting with the league's Board of Governors on those and other topics Tuesday, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said that – as expected — the league is leaning toward eliminating any protection for division winners in playoff seeding going forward and instead placing the eight teams on the Eastern and Western Conference brackets based solely by record.

There was no vote Tuesday, though one is expected soon.

"It's my expectation that that change will be adopted before the beginning of this coming season," Silver said.

In the past, division winners have been assured of a top-four seed. For example, this past season, Memphis and San Antonio would have been up one spot to No. 4 and No. 5 in the West bracket, while Portland — the Northwest Division winner which had four fewer wins than the Grizzlies and Spurs - would have fallen from No. 4 to No. 6.

'We wanted all the owners to have an opportunity to go back and discuss that recommendation with their general managers and their coaches," Silver

It seems like an easy fix.

The moratorium issue, that one is stumping every-

The league has an annual window starting July 1 where deals can be agreed to, but not finalized while the salary numbers and other financial matters for the coming year are being crunched. And it got tons of attention this year when DeAndre Jordan committed to the Dallas Mavericks, then changed his mind and stayed with the Los Angeles Clippers.

Jordan broke no rules; his commitment was nonbinding.

"I'm not sure it was his proudest moment either," Silver said.

Changing the moratorium was discussed, and Silver said no one had a good solution. Some ideas bandied about in recent days include having a memo of understanding that could be executed to essentially lock in the commitment while the budgets for the new league year are still being worked out, or simply shortening the moratorium.

"It was not a great look," Silver said. "It's not what we want to see happen in the moratorium period. It wasn't created so players could enter into in essence oral agreements only to have those agreements superseded by binding agreements. Of course, under

our collective bargaining agreement, there's no dispute that only a signed agreement is binding. But there was a breakdown in the system to a certain extent.' In other news Tuesday: **ESCAPE ROUTES**

The league is looking into not only widening the escape routes — the path next to the basket supports where players can decelerate in while hopefully not crashing into photographers and

fans — but also adding a second one of those on each side of a basket for next season.

Players have long complained about the collisions into photographers, and the issue became a huge story in the NBA Finals when LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers crashed into a cameraman and got a sizable cut on the size of his head. HACK-A-SHAQ

While it seems nobody likes Hack-A-Shaq — the mechanism where teams foul a player intentionally to send him to the line knowing the odds aren't high that he'll make both free throws it might still be part of the NBA world. Ratings for NBA games don't show that people aren't watch-

ing because of Hack-a-Anyone. And it might serve as a signal to young players about the importance of making foul shots. would be sending the wrong message to the larger basketball

"There is a sense, especially from the basketball people, that it community — particularly youth basketball — to de-emphasize the need for guys to hit free throws," Silver said.





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