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Arrington to seek GOP nod for District 19 congressional seat

By STEVE REAGAN
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The second Republican in as many days has tossed his hat into the District 19 congressional race. Jodey Arrington, currently the head of a healthcare innovations company and a former vice chancellor at Texas Tech University, announced

Thursday he will seek the Republican nomination to succeed Randy Neugebauer as Texas' District 19 congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Neugebauer, a seven-term congressman, announced in September he would not seek re-election in 2016. Arrington joins Lubbock



Arrington

Dr. Donald R. May, who filed for the position Wednesday, as announced candidates in the District 19 race.

Like May, Arrington is a Lubbock resident and an avowed conservative, speaking of the need

to curb what he calls the excesses of the Obama administration, securing the U.S. borders and bringing fiscal responsibility to Washington. Where he differs from May and other potential candidates, he said, is that he has combined conservative values with conservative results.

"What I like to say is that I'm a conservative with a track record," he said.

Unlike May, Arrington is not a Washington outsider — he worked for President George W. Bush in the White House and later was chief of staff at the Federal Deposit

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Petition verified

Howard College must now hold election on its tax rate

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

To the ballot box we go. The Howard County Election Office has validated a rollback rate election petition has enough signatures to force Howard College to place its new tax rate in front of the voters.

According to a press release from Howard College this morning, officials received the information from the election office showing that of 1,637 signatures, 1,172 were valid, which is 118 more than the needed 1,054 to make college trustees call the election. Petition advocates needed to get 7 percent of the registered voters on the latest list to sign the petition to force the election.

"At their next regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 26, 2015, the Howard College Board of Trustees will consider the information presented from the election administrator's office and reviewed by the college," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks stated. "The board will take the appropriate action, as required, to adopt a resolution regarding the validity of the petition and then move to the next step appropriate in the process."

This is an open meeting and the public is welcome to attend. Official notice will be published

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In the above photo, the Coahoma High School band performs at at the Concho Valley marching contest in San Angelo; below, drum majors Abbey Bryan, left, and Danelle Conner will lead the Big Spring High School Band when it performs in the regional marching contest Saturday in Odessa.



Regional marching contests await area high school musicians

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Months of hard work will be on display Saturday as Howard County high school bands head to UIL Marching competition in hopes of dazzling the judges with their on-field routines.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan bands all hope to start off the competition year with a Division I rating when they

compete at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

At least two bands have already had strong showing in area marching festivals as they tested out this year's competition show. Big Spring High earned a Division I at the Big Country festival earlier this week while Coahoma High also brought home the same rating at the Concho Valley

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Drs. Judy Osborne and Elizabeth Smyth visit the Relay for Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties booth at the Big Spring State Hospital Health Fair in the Allred Building Auditorium. More than 100 hospital employees visited more than a dozen booths from the community, picking up literature and undergoing screenings and receiving tests and their yearly flu shot.

Bark for Life Saturday at city park

By JULIE BASS
Staff Writer

Saturday is the Bark for Life, so put your pooch on a leash, tie up your walking shoes and head out to the Old Settlers Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park.

It will be a morning of tail wagging, dog treats and tricks to support the American Cancer Society (ACS) fight for a cure.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with a group picture at 9:45 a.m. Saturday morning.

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Did You ever wonder: The plague of hail

Just to recap, look at the elaborate plan that has brought about this situation. Joseph's brothers were jealous and sold him into slavery. God raised Joseph to power in Egypt so that he saved them from starvation during a world-wide drought. He gave them land in Egypt and they lived there in peace until long after Joseph died.

Again evil reared its ugly head, and a new Pharaoh made the Hebrews slaves for 200 years. This was to finish out the time God had allotted for the Egyptians to come to know Him as God Almighty. They could have learned about Hashem from the Hebrews.

When it was time for God to exact justice, He did so in a way that all nations should have come to worship Him.

God sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh a seventh time. God's message was, "Send out My people. For at this time tomorrow I shall send My plagues against the hardness of your

heart! You shall know that there is none like Me in all the world.

"I could have stricken you with pestilence and obliterated you from the earth. I have let you endure to show you My strength and so that My Name may be declared throughout the world.

"Behold, this time tomorrow I shall send a heavy hail, like has never been in Egypt. Now send and gather all servants and animals from the fields. The hail will descend on everything in the field and they will die."

Once again, God offers Pharaoh a chance! Scripture says that those of Pharaoh's people who feared God brought their servants and livestock into barns and sheds.

The next day God sent thunder and very heavy hail. Fire accompanied the hail stones. This must have been terrifying! Can you imagine how loud the sound of God's thunder was? God's hailstones must have been tremendous. Try to envision large chunks of fire and ice falling from the sky!

Everything that was in the field... man, beast and plant... was smashed by the tremendous hail! But

in the land of Goshen there was no hail.

This time Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron. He confessed that he knew he had sinned. "Hashem is the Righteous One, and I and my people are the wicked ones. Entreat Hashem, and I shall send you out. You shall not continue to remain here."

This is the first time Pharaoh called the God of the Hebrews by His Name, 'Hashem.' Now he does indeed know the God of the Hebrews. But instead of turning to worship Hashem alone, he must have just added Him to the pantheon of gods that the Egyptians worshipped.

Pharaoh wanted the thunder and hail to stop immediately, but

Moses would not pray to God in a city filled with idols. He answered, "When I leave the city, on my way back to Goshen, I shall spread out my hands to Hashem. The thunder and hail will cease, so that you shall know that the earth is Hashem's."

Moses said, "I also know that you are not yet afraid of God. The flax and the barley were in the field and they are gone. But the wheat and spelt were not struck, for they ripen later."



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Church News

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church currently has Bible study at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. on Sunday. They also have adult choir practice at 4:30 p.m. The youth meet at 5 p.m. Evening Bible study/worship meets in the fellowship hall beginning at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings the children and youth begin at 6 p.m. Adult Bible study/prayer starts 6:30 p.m.

Sunday the Singing Women of West/Central Texas will be in concert at 6 p.m. Invite someone to be your guest and join us for this special program. The program is free and there will be a reception following the concert. Call Midway Baptist, located at 6200 S. Service Road, at (432) 263-6274.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to join them in praise and worship Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. Select a time that best fits your schedule and gather with us as we lift our hearts to God. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church invites you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as we continue our series "Freedom Experienced".

Friday at 7 p.m. "S.U.R.G.E-Single's Ministry" will be gathering at Bean's World Cafe, 100 South Main Street for

a night of fellowship and encouragement for singles who love the Lord.

Monday at 6 p.m. our "Far Above Rubies" women's small group will be gathering in the CCC Green Room. 706 E. 12th St. Bring your TV trays and a dish to share.

Tuesday at 7 p.m., our 50 and over ministry will be gathering at 2405 East 25th St.(Faye and Steve Flowers home) for their "Harvest Party!" Get ready for games, laughs and much more. Be sure to bring a dish to share. Wednesday at 7 p.m. Bella Willard is inviting all the women of our community to join her for the start of our new series by Pricilla Shirer called "The Armor of God." This class will be held in the main sanctuary; contact the front office to pre-order your class workbook.

In addition, men, be sure to join Pastor Willard in the Chapel (formally the fellowship hall) for a time in the Word. Don't forget to bring your remote control cars from home.

CCC offers ministry classes for all ages; our student ministries meet every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. (youth, children, pre-school, toddlers, pre-K and Nursery age).

We serve a free fellowship breakfast each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Misfits Lounge.

Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other question about the ministry contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015. You can also find us at facebook.com/cccbigspring; or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. This week our guest Minister, Dan Miracle, will be preaching on the Gospel of Mark 10:35-45. It highlights the depth of the disciples' failure to hear Jesus' repeated message. They see themselves holding cabinet positions in his kingdom. Jesus asks if they can drink the cup — that is, accept the destiny planned by God — that he will drink, in their arrogance they reply that they can.

Our Worship will be enhanced by our Choir and their leaders Tara Trowbridge and Lawrence Thibeault leading them as they start off with a beautiful classic, Morning Has Broken and many more beautiful selections like Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee.

We hope you can join us this Sunday. Fellowship with coffee and donuts begins at 9:15 a.m., Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m., our Worship begins at 10:50 a.m. If you would like to contact us in regards to our service, Isaiah 58 or if you just need someone to pray with you, please call 432-517-4821. Our office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Birdwell Lane church of Christ

Birdwell Lane Church is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

You are invited to assemble with us to study God's word and worship Him.

Sunday:
Bible Study - 9 a.m.
Worship - 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Class - 9:30 a.m.
Bible study & devotional - 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

You're invited to join us Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. as we gather to worship. We are excited to welcome our new children's minister, Justin Green, and his wife Megan.

Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series titled "Selfie" in which we are examining what Scripture says about 'self'. Drawn from Revelation 21:5, this Sunday's message offers great encouragement as we contemplate God's declarative promise of "Behold, I make all things new!" If you are unable to attend, you may watch the service through the live stream on our website at: fcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday school groups meet throughout the building, with children meeting in the 'Good News Garage' on the first floor, and youth, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Also at 9:30 a.m., Pastor Lindsey leads the 'New Beginnings' class which is designed to instruct those interested in FBC and new members about the structure, beliefs, and practices of FBC. Greeters are available to assist you in finding your class; come early for fellowship and coffee.

At 5:30 p.m., the study "Financial Peace" by Dave Ramsey meets in the second floor youth department. It's not too late to join this life impacting study which emphasizes honoring God through sound money management. Childcare is provided at the church.

Currently, the children's program AWANA is not meeting on Sunday evenings. It was mistakenly submitted previously that the program was being held; we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this error caused.

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We don't have to sin – but we do

In previous articles, we have been studying what the Apostle John wrote concerning the Christian's relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ. Our goal and aim should be to live our lives in harmony with God's word. We must never think ourselves better than others or try to rationalize or excuse sinful behavior in our lives. Also, in the last article, I wrote that I don't believe that a person is born "in sin," that is bearing the guilt of sin. There is a difference between guilt and consequences. Every person born on this earth inherits the consequences of Adam and Eve's sin – namely physical death.



GREG SURLES

We also inherit the consequences of the sins of our ancestors, but not the guilt of their sins. Ezekiel 18:4, *Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine; the soul who sins shall die (ESV)*. God goes on to explain in that passage that a person's spiritual condition is determined by their individual choices.

righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-3, ESV).

John wants them (and us) to do what is right according to God's word. He was writing to encourage them not to sin, which means that he had to believe it to be possible. Sometimes we might say to ourselves that since it is inevitable that I'm going to sin, then I might as well give in to temptation.

That is exactly the attitude John wants Christians to avoid! We don't have to sin. We always have a choice and God will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it (1 Corinthians 10:13, ESV).

But even the Apostle Paul recognized that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23, ESV). So John also lets us know that when we do sin, we have someone to plead our case to our heavenly Father.

Have you ever watched a TV show where the police arrest a person? They always "read them their rights" as they handcuff them. "You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say may be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to an attorney..." That's the big one right there.

The American legal system entitles everyone indicted of a crime to legal representation. What about God's "legal system?"

In Romans 6:23, Paul wrote, *For the wages of sin is death (ESV)*. So if we all were to get what we deserve from God, then we will all die and be separated from God forever. But John says that *God, through His grace and mercy, gives us the right to representation. Jesus gets up from His position of authority at the right hand of God (Hebrews 1:3) and stands before His Father's face between me and God. He acts as an advocate and a mediator between the Christian and God. He pleads our case to the Father. He is able to do this because He is God, the eternal Word (John 1:1), and He is also human, God in the flesh (John 1:14).* He is the only One who can identify with both parties and can bring about reconciliation! And He is the One who offered Himself as a substitutionary sacrifice to appease God's wrath (propitiation).

For all those who have not obeyed the gospel, Jesus will return one day in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, ESV). But for those who have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching (Romans 6:17, ESV), Jesus will gather them up and present them to the Father in heaven (1 Corinthians 15:24).

Which group do you want to be in?

Greg Surles is the preacher at the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

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Youth will gather at the Raffini's home from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. for a time of fellowship, Bible study, and a meal. Transportation is provided if needed; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for more information.

Sunday evening worship service starts at 6 p.m., and is a wonderful way to prepare one's heart for the week ahead.

Upward Basketball season is just around the corner, and evaluations begin Monday from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Call the church at 267-8223 for more information.

Tuesday, come and be blessed by the study "Experiencing God" led by Pastor Lindsey. This group meets from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in room 201; enter through the west doors and turn right.

Our Mother's Day Out program is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to inquire about available openings for your little ones.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served in the Family Life Center, followed by activities for all age groups. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details. Join us Wednesday for Carne Guisada.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. You

are always welcome at First Baptist Church, and we look forward to seeing you Sunday.

First Church of the Nazarene

This Sunday's message on movement we will discuss being bold people. Checkout #movement.

You can also listen to any of our previous Sunday services by going to our webpage at nazfamily.org. Also, look for the service notes on the YouVersion Bible app under live events.

We invite you to come check out all the remodeling that has taken place.

Sunday morning youth, adult and children's classes at 9 a.m. throughout the campus.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children's church at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday evening youth activities are at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday nights we have weekly prayer starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. for a live broadcast of our service.

We are located at 1400 Lancaster. Contact the church office at 432- 267-7015.

First Presbyterian Church – Big Spring

The lectionary is Job 38:1-7,(34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.

Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will present "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" arranged by K. Lee Scott as the offertory. Ann Adcock, from Lamesa, will be guest organist for the day.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m.

The youth group schedule for Sunday evening is Male Chorus at 5:15 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., followed by Handbell Choir and youth group.

Kay Kennemur is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers for October are Buddy Cochrane, Lane Reynolds, Vicki McLean, and Mark McLean. Jenn Patterson is Lector for the month.

The regular Wednesday church activities are the following: 5:17 p.m., the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger; children's choir, 4:30 p.m. and young women's choir, 5:15 p.m.; and no Chancel Choir rehearsal this week.

We have regretfully received the resignation of Mike Mitchell, our music director/organist/interior decoration consultant, effective the end of October. Anyone who has missed sharing

Mike's outstanding musical talent should come to our services during the month to be blessed. October 25 our worship service will be a service of music, and we will have a lunch afterward at the Dora Roberts Conference Center to celebrate Mike's years of service and thank him for his enormous contribution to our church.

The Service Committee has begun its annual Fall Good Drive. Every member is asked to pick up a blue bag, fill it with the listed items, and return it by this Sunday.

Sunday was the Stewardship Drive Kick-Off. Pledge cards will be mailed to those who did not pick theirs up during worship. Everyone is asked to return pledge cards on Sunday, Oct. 25.

We are pleased to have two more Howard College students as members of our choir: Gabriel Hewtty and Dalton Ogle.

Friday the 104th Stated Meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery is at Grace Presbyterian Church in Midland. Theme of the meeting is "Getting Ready for the Harvest" (Matthew 9:36-38).

If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. Like us on Facebook.

Friends rescue stranded dog by rappelling 100 feet into mine shaft

CORONA, Calif. (AP) – Two friends say they rescued a dog by rappelling more than 100 feet down a mine shaft in Southern California.

Michael Schoepf and Nick Gladden were off-roading last week near Lake Mathews, about 60 miles southeast of Los Angeles,

when they discovered an abandoned mine and shined a flashlight into it. They saw a pair of eyes looking up at them.

Using sections of nylon rope tied together, Gladden carefully lowered Schoepf down. Schoepf tells the Press-Enterprise newspaper that the pit bull

climbed right onto him and he brought the animal to the surface.

Keri Berka of Happy Tails Animal Hospital says it treated the dog for some scratches and traumatic glaucoma in its left eye, which could have happened if it fell down the shaft.

Dole recalls some spinach after salmonella found in sample

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP) – Dole Fresh Vegetables says it's recalling some of its bagged spinach distributed in 13 states as a precaution after a random sample tested positive for salmonella.

The Monterey, California-based company says in a statement Monday that people who

bought 8-ounce bags of Dole Spinach salad with a Friday expiration date and the codes A27409A and A27409B should throw it away.

It says no illnesses have been reported, and the recall doesn't affect Baby Spinach or any of its other salads.

The recalled salads were distributed in

Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Symptoms of salmonella include fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal cramps.

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Character: the most important element For effective leadership

The political pot is already simmering, even though we won't go to the polls to elect a new President for more than a year. Presidential hopefuls continue to jockey for position as pollsters and pundits assess the field.

Each candidate tries to persuade us they can guide our nation through the complex waters looming ahead. Some cite their business success and financial achievement. Others tout their political experience. But the most important element for effective leadership might be the most difficult to discern.

In his recent book, *Return on Character: The Real Reason Leaders and Their Companies Win*, Fred Kiel concluded that the most important trait for successful leadership is character.

According to the Harvard Business Review, "Now, in this groundbreaking book, respected leadership researcher, adviser, and author Fred Kiel offers that evidence-solid data that demon-

strates the connection between character, leadership excellence, and organizational results."

Kiel identifies four basic traits that set effective leaders apart: integrity, responsibility, forgiveness and compassion. Leaders with character tell the truth and own up to their mistakes. Most importantly, they care about people.

By contrast, those with weak character demonstrate a negative view of human nature. Their behavior is fear based. "They assume that they know better than anybody else what people should be doing." They are judgmental, quick to place blame on others.

The positive and negative traits identified by Fred Kiel are consistent with the Bible. Among the negative "deeds of the flesh," the Bible lists "enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions." The positive fruits of the Spirit are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Galatians 5:19-23). Proverbs says, "He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out." (Proverbs 10:9).

In 1908, Leo Tolstoy identified Abraham Lincoln's greatness when wrote, "Why was Lincoln so great

that he over-shadows all other national heroes? He really was not a great general like Napoleon or Washington; he was not such a skillful statesman as Gladstone or Frederick the Great; but his supremacy expresses itself altogether in his peculiar moral power and in the greatness of his character."

King David had his flaws. His shortcomings are clearly laid out in Scripture. But He remains one of the great leaders of history. The Bible says of David, "He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them. (Psalm 78:70-72).

For each of us, and especially for our leaders, the path to a prosperous future is always the path of integrity, honesty, compassion and forgiveness.

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



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The enforcers: Chechens discourage 'indecent' at weddings

GROZNY, Russia (AP)—What makes for a proper wedding in the eyes of Chechen authorities? No gunfire, keep the men and women at a distance on the dance floor and don't let the bride cut the cake.

These are among the recommendations issued last month by Department of Culture in the capital, Grozny, to safeguard the "spiritual and moral development" of the republic's young people.

Although they don't have the force of law, the recommendations carry significant weight as Chechens are increasingly pressured to adopt con-

servative and Islamic ways under strongman leader Ramzan Kadyrov.

In recent years, young people have become increasingly liberal with their behavior at weddings, neglecting more conservative Chechen traditions, said Madina Shagidaeva, a member of the city's culture department.

"I don't want to see immoral behavior," Shagidaeva said. "I want to see a dress code."

Restaurant and banquet hall owners will be encouraged to enforce the new regulations and discuss expectations with clients beforehand about

how guests should conduct themselves. If guests don't behave on the dance floor, the music will be shut off until order is restored, said Zubair Bairakov, owner of a local wedding planning agency.

Shooting from any sort of weapon is also now considered undesirable behavior, according to the codex.

Traditionally at Caucasian weddings, members of the wedding party fire guns into the air to celebrate. However, this practice has been met with increasing annoyance in Russia's capital where an influx of Caucasian immigrants has brought

with it an increase in Chechen weddings.

Chechen weddings are traditionally paid for by the groom and attended by his family members.

The groom's friends and family members pick up the bride from her parents' house and bring her to the ceremony, where she is allocated a special place at the event, but does not take part in the dancing or other celebrations.

According to tradition, the groom should be absent from the ceremony entirely, meeting his bride after the festivities away from prying eyes.

Unrest a new blow to Nepal's quake-ravaged tourism industry

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Just when Nepal was recovering from the devastating earthquake that killed thousands, flattened hundreds of thousands of houses and chased away foreign tourists, protests by ethnic groups and severe fuel shortages are again keeping visitors away from the nation known for highest peaks in the world.

The comeback that the damaged tourism industry had hoped would begin in October, normally the high season for visitors, has failed to materialize, in part because of protests and other troubles that began in August.

"We have already had at least 40 percent cancellations from tourists who had planned to visit Nepal in autumn season, and that number is expected to be much, much more," said Hari Man Lama of Kathmandu-based Incentive Tours, who added that it would take at least a year for the industry to recover.

This time of year at the tourist hub of Thamel in Kathmandu, people usually walk

shoulder to shoulder along the narrow alley lined with stores for trekking gear, souvenirs, cafes and restaurants. Yet today, there is only a thin presence of visitors.

Those who have made it to Nepal are having difficulty getting around because of the fuel shortages.

Canadian tourist Darren Flach, from Calgary, had plans to trek the Mount Annapurna circuit, a picturesque trail surrounding the world's 10th-highest mountain. "I did not imagine it was going to be so tough. I am planning to return, the sooner the better," Flach said, adding that he was just going to cycle around Kathmandu because taxis were asking too much money.

"I have come before to Nepal during this season, and I can tell you there is lot less people this year," he said.

The poor Himalayan country is expected to receive far fewer than the 790,000 tourists it saw last year.

Tourist money is one of the main sources of foreign currency for Nepal, and which is necessary to import everything from oil and cars to clothes.

The April earthquake that killed 8,900 people — including 19 Mount Everest climbers — and destroyed buildings across much of Nepal was the worst but not the only disaster to hit the country and its tourist industry.

Sixteen Nepalese guides were killed in

avalanche in April 2014, and that October, a freak storm swept through a popular trekking route and killed 42 people, including foreign hikers.

While the country has much rebuilding ahead, its latest problems are political.

Since August, Madhesi ethnic groups in south-

ern Nepal have been blocking highways to protest the country's newly adopted constitution. They have blocked a border crossing with India that is normally the entry point for most of Nepal's fuel and other supplies.

India, which has close ties to the Madhesis, denies Nepal's accusa-

tion that it has imposed a blockade.

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Mets' clinching 3-2 win puts them in NLCS vs. Cubs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two teams with plenty of history, just none against each other in the postseason, will decide who represents the National League in the World Series.

Faced with a winner-take-all scenario against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Thursday night, the New York Mets made the long trip back to California worth it and came through with a gritty 3-2 victory in Game 5 of the division series.

"We're going to enjoy this now and start thinking about the Cubs tomorrow," a bubbly-soaked David Wright said after the Mets celebrated in the Dodger

Stadium clubhouse for the first time since the 2006 NLDS.

Now they face the Chicago Cubs in the best-of-seven NLCS that starts in New York on Saturday. Lefty Jon Lester is set to start Game 1 for the Cubs, likely facing New York's Matt Harvey. The Mets will be looking to reach the World Series for the first time since 2000.

"We've got a lot more to accomplish. Hopefully, we can do this two more times," outfielder Michael Cuddyer said. "We're going to enjoy this now, but we know we've still got a tough Cubs team that we're going to have to play and it's going to be a hard-

fought series. They're a good team and they're playing really well."

Game 5 hero Daniel Murphy became only the second batter to homer off the Dodgers aces Clayton Kershaw and Zack Greinke this season, joining Kole Calhoun of the Angels.

"We earned it," Cuddyer said.

Murphy's homer off Greinke in the sixth inning Thursday night gave the Mets the 3-2 lead.

"The Dodgers had the home-field advantage with Kershaw and Greinke pitching four times in a best-of-five series. That's about as challenging as it gets," Wright said. "I can't

think of another team that has that type of 1-2, and we happened to win two games against those guys. That's an incredible feat, and we should be proud of that."

Murphy had a hit in each of the five division series games, including a 3-for-4 effort in the clincher, and he finished the series 7 for 21 with a double, three homers and five RBIs.

"He's about as locked in as I've ever see him," Wright said. "I mean, to be able to have this type of series and have those kind of at-bats against that pitching staff shows you how well he's seeing the ball and how dangerous he can be."

Jacob deGrom, who

won a 3-1 duel against Kershaw in Game 1 and tied Tom Seaver's franchise record for strikeouts in a postseason game with 13, yielded two runs and six hits in six innings and fanned seven in Game 5. He stranded a runner in scoring position in each of the first five innings.

DeGrom was 2-0 with a 1.38 ERA in two starts against the Dodgers in the series, and struck out 20 while walking four.

Noah Syndergaard, who lost to Greinke in Game 2, relieved deGrom and pitched a hitless seventh before Jeury Familia posted the first six-out save of his career.

"It was just an incredible job by this team," Wright said. "It seemed like down the stretch in September and October, somebody stepped up for this team every day — a new guy."

"Tonight was no different — Daniel Murphy stepping it up. DeGrom not having his best stuff but finding a way to win. Jeury Familia coming in to get a six-out save. Syndergaard coming in out of the bullpen. I mean, this team understands that on any given day, somebody can step in and be that guy."

Cubs vs. Mets
Game 1 Saturday
7:07 p.m.

Spezza has big goal, Stars beat Lightning 5-3

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jason Spezza is on an offensive roll.

Spezza scored a momentum-shifting goal in the third period and had an assist as the Dallas Stars beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 5-3 on Thursday night.

"Jason is pretty hot right now," said Dallas goalie Kari Lehtonen, who made 30 saves.

Dallas also got goals from Tyler Seguin, Jamie Benn, Cody Eakin and Jason Demers.

Steven Stamkos had two goals and an assist for the Lightning.

Vladislav Namestnikov (7:06) and Stamkos (8:44) scored 1:38 apart in the third to get the Lightning within 4-3.

Spezza, coming off a three-goal game in Tuesday's 4-2 win over Edmonton, responded and gave Dallas a 5-3 lead at 10:29.

"It's been a good week for me," Spezza said. "I'm just trying to keep it going."

Dallas coach Lindy Ruff expected the defending Eastern Conference champion Lightning to make a third-

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period push.

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Spezza has 21 goals and 52 points in 39 games against Tampa Bay.

Demers put Dallas up 4-1 with 1:48 to go in the second during a 5-minute power play.

The man advantage came about after Tampa Bay's Nikita Nesterov was given a 5-minute penalty and game misconduct at 15:56 for hitting Curtis McKenzie from behind.

McKenzie needed assistance from the ice and appeared to be unable to put weight on his leg as he headed toward the locker room from the

bench. The Stars said McKenzie had a game-ending lower body injury and was taken to an area hospital.

Earlier in the second, Tampa Bay defenseman Victor Hedman was shaken up and went to the locker room after getting checked into the boards by Benn.

Lightning coach Jon Cooper had no update on Hedman's status, but said the defenseman did go through concussion protocols.

"We're concerned for his well-being," Lightning center Brian Boyle said. "We want him to be

OK and be well."

Eakin made it 3-1 skating alone down the slot and taking a backhand pass from Mattias Janmark at 9:34 of the second.

Janmark is the first Dallas Stars rookie to have at least one point in each of his first four NHL games.

Benn was left alone near the post and scored a power-play goal off a nice pass from Spezza to put Dallas ahead 2-1 with 5:46 left in the first.

Tampa Bay has allowed seven power-play goals in five games this season.

The Stars tied it at 1 at 8:58 on Seguin's goal.

Stamkos opened the scoring 2:24 into the game. He has seven goals in eight games against Dallas.

Tampa Bay's Ben Bishop



Dallas Stars center Tyler Seguin (91) celebrates after his goal against the Tampa Bay Lightning during the first period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, in Tampa, Fla.



Dallas Stars center Cody Eakin (20) celebrates with the bench after scoring against the Tampa Bay Lightning during the second period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, in Tampa, Fla.

Scoreboard

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Announced INF Josh Wilson refused an outright assignment to Toledo (IL) and elected to become a free agent.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned OF Rico Noel outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Promoted Regis Bane to vice president, ticket services and analytics.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Exercised their contract option for the 2016-17 season on F Julius Randle. Named Tracy Murray shooting coach.
NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Signed G Bo McCalebb. Waived G Corey Webster.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended side judge Rob Vernatchi for one game for not managing the clock properly in the fourth quarter of Pittsburgh's game at San Diego on Oct. 12.
NEW YORK GIANTS —

Signed CB Brandon McGee and OL Xavier Proctor to the practice squad. Released OL Adam Gettis and TE Dominique Jones from the practice squad.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Waived S Keenan Lambert.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Suspended FB Derrick Coleman indefinitely after his arrest in a hit-and-run investigation.
ST. LOUIS RAMS — Placed G Rodger Saffold on injured reserve. Signed TE Justice Cunningham from the practice squad. Signed RB Trey Watts to the practice squad.

Canadian Football League
CFL — Fined Hamilton OT Joel Figueroa an undisclosed amount for unnecessary roughness in a game on Oct. 9.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Fined New Jersey F Jordin Tootoo \$2,217.74 for a dangerous trip against Nashville D Seth Jones during their game on Oct. 13.
CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS — Agreed to terms with D Kyle Cumiskey on a one-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPI-

TALS — Recalled C Chandler Stephenson from Hershey (AHL). Assigned F Sean Collins to Hershey.
AHL
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Added F Jared Staal.
ECHL
READING ROYALS — Announced G Martin Ouellette was loaned to the team by Lehigh Valley (AHL). Released F Adam Berkle and G Tate Maris. Activated F Jonathan Parker from the reserve list. Placed D Sam Windle on the reserve list.
COLLEGE
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON — Named Winston Smith

men's assistant basketball coach.
KENTUCKY — Announced that sophomore G Christae Rowe has been dismissed from the women's basketball team.
NORTH CAROLINA — Announced sophomore CB M.J. Stewart and freshman CB Mike Hughes have been suspended indefinitely for violations of team rules.
WINTHROP — Named Carlotta Kloppenburg women's assistant basketball coach.

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The Sagittarius moon relishes diversity. Life is a market bursting with color, new tastes to try, experiences to be had -- an open invitation to dive right in. Follow your curiosity, make new friends, and let them give to and get from you. Relating to those outside of what you know best will help you frame your life differently.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The little civilities that restore your faith in society will be in large supply. People will hold the door open for each other and place their orders to the cashier with the appropriate "please" and "thank you." Nice!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will be moved to pick up trash and solve problems that do not technically originate with you just because it feels good to be a part of the solution.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Human

communication is so nuanced that it often gets misconstrued. So many times the things we say actually mean the opposite of their literal definition. You get it, though, and will process today's messages accordingly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've had your worries, but they will subside as you realize that you are richer than you think. That's what you'll claim on this beautiful day, a sense of optimism that only rests in the most grateful of hearts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As much as you value loyalty and are impressed by unbridled enthusiasm, you usually behave more like a cat than a dog. Today you will be independent, discerning and graceful in your approach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If indeed the universe really does have a purpose, this is one of those rare days in which the universal purpose lines up more or less directly with your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Mark

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Twain suggested that man is the only animal who blushes, or needs to. You'll resonate with this statement today, as someone hits a subconscious trigger that creeps up on you like pink heat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are a powerful communicator. Getting through to others has more to do with preparation than anything else. Practice and perfect your messages. Your self-assured words will inspire action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Instead of adapting to the circumstances that others have laid out for you, your desire is to create your own niche. You'll succeed in finding a compromise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Avoid deprivation. Give yourself a little of what you want. If you have trouble stopping after just a little, then try to divert your attention to other things you enjoy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll meet with people who would like to join your cause. Keep asking

questions. Find out what they need. In the end, if you feel you can meet those needs, you'll be most persuasive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will present things that people already know in a way they have never heard before, helping them form new neural pathways and emotional connections.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 16). This is a year of claiming your own and working to keep it beautiful. The next 10 weeks are your best in regard to finance. You'll be proud of how you help family this month. November brings a symbol of affection you'll cherish for years to come. Professional gains in December lead to March travel. Virgo and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 13, 22, 11 and 18.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: The exciting challenge that a Sagittarius presents will snap you out of a potentially boring situation. TAURUS:

Instead of struggling against your nature in an effort to improve yourself, accept the way you are. GEMINI: They don't think like you, and you can take this as a positive credit to your uniqueness. Each person's mind is uniquely created to house his or her own thoughts. CANCER: The one who makes the decision should be the same one who has to live with the consequences. LEO: Embrace fear. Without fear there is no courage. If you never have to be courageous, your growth will be stunted. VIRGO: You can no longer afford to hold on to a grievance. Too much is at stake. LIBRA: The sweetest treasure of your life will play a large role in this weekend's events. SCORPIO: You have been so focused on tending to others that you've hardly had a minute to think about what you want. Do that now. SAGITTARIUS: Don't worry about how well you are doing -- it's good enough! CAPRICORN: It would

actually be unwise to finish absolutely everything you start. AQUARIUS: Diffuse the tension -- it's a talent of yours that will pay you back in kisses. PISCES: Yesterday will suddenly release its hold on you. You will look hopefully into your future.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Sagittarius moon reflects the Libra sun in such a way as to augment the attraction between these two signs over the weekend. Libra is about togetherness, and Sagittarius is about adventure. Sometimes those two ideas work perfectly together, as most adventures play out in such a way as to enhance relationships and make people realize they need one another.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My wife and I are nearly 90 years old. Five months ago, she had a stroke and has since been residing in a nursing home. We both come from small families. Everyone has visited my wife except for our oldest son.

I called my older son and asked when he was going to see his mother. His response was a tirade, saying, "Who are you to tell me when to visit?" and "You never listen to whatever I tell you," along with, "The others live closer and it takes me six hours to drive there." I told him that I have a lot of things on my mind and cannot listen to his outburst, and then I hung up.

There is public transportation from his city to his mother's location. We've never had a conflict prior to this outburst. Until now, he had been visiting three or four times a year. As a result of our age and health, we have not visited his home for the past few years.

Our younger son is very supportive in helping us and visits frequently. However, he is reluctant to get involved in an altercation between his brother and us. How do we get our son to realize what he is doing to his parents?

-- Frustrated
Dear Frustrated: We don't know if there are some issues between your son and your wife, or whether your son simply cannot deal with his mother being in a nursing home. Either way, you cannot force him to visit, even though, obviously, he should. Instead, phone him and say, gently, "I realize how difficult it is for you to come to the nursing home. Whenever you can make it, I know your mother would love to see you, and so would I." That's it. No arguing or pressuring. The rest is up to him.

Dear Annie: My boyfriend has been divorced for 33 years. Still, he and his ex-wife find excuses to continue to communicate about their grown sons.

Recently, I got excited about getting one son a gift for his 35th birthday. My boyfriend said they "don't do gifts around here." So I gave it up. Then I found out that he had gone in on a gift with his ex and another son.

Why do you think he had to lie to me about it? Should I take it as a clue and move on? -- On the Outside Looking In
Dear Outside: First of all, it is normal for divorced parents to commu-

nicate about their grown children until the end of time. It is only a problem if one of the ex-partners has designs on the other or if they are overly involved in one another's lives.

Lying about a gift, however, is worrisome. Your boyfriend may have lied because he thought you'd be angry that he made arrangements with his ex, but that doesn't excuse his behavior. It only undermines your trust, making you wonder what other things he may be doing with the ex, and whether he wants to exclude you from his family. These are the things you need to talk to him about. If he won't discuss

these issues, or cannot give you satisfactory answers, it's time for counseling or goodbye -- whichever you think will provide a sense of security for you.

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MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY READING



By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:
East South West North
1♦ Dble Pass 1♠
Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following hands:
1. ♠KJ52 ♥AK3♦94♣AJ65
2. ♠Q43♥KQ54♦KJ6♣AKJ
3. ♠Q6♥AKJ86♦K3♣AQ54
4. ♠QJ95♥AQ7♦6♣AKQ72

1. **Two spades.** Generally speaking, the double of one diamond shows at least an opening bid and implies support for the unbid suits. If the double is based on minimum values, the doubler should not bid again after his partner responds at the lowest level in his chosen suit.

Thus, if the doubler has 13 to 15 points, he should pass partner's forced response. If he raises partner's suit, he shows more than 15 points.

In this hand, the raise to two spades is justified by the 16 high-card points plus the doubleton diamond. Three spades would be a distinct overbid, since partner's one-spade response could be based on virtually nothing. Change the five of clubs to the king,

and a raise to three spades would be justified.

2. **One notrump.** The rebid of one notrump after doubling identifies a hand of at least opening notrump strength or better. If partner — who has thus far not promised anything — does not act over this invitational rebid, the chances are there is no game.

3. **Two hearts.** Bidding a new suit after partner makes a minimal response to your takeout double shows a very good hand, usually 17-plus points as well as a strong suit. It urges partner to bid again, but also allows him to pass with a poor hand. Unless partner can act voluntarily, game is unlikely.

4. **Four spades.** This is not the type of hand where partner must be consulted about the possibility of making game. It is not a question of how many points partner has, because even with a poor hand he is likely to eke out 10 tricks.

Thus, if partner had just five spades to the ten and nothing else, he would probably lose only three tricks. To play him for less than that would be unduly pessimistic.

Tomorrow: Formulating a plan of play.

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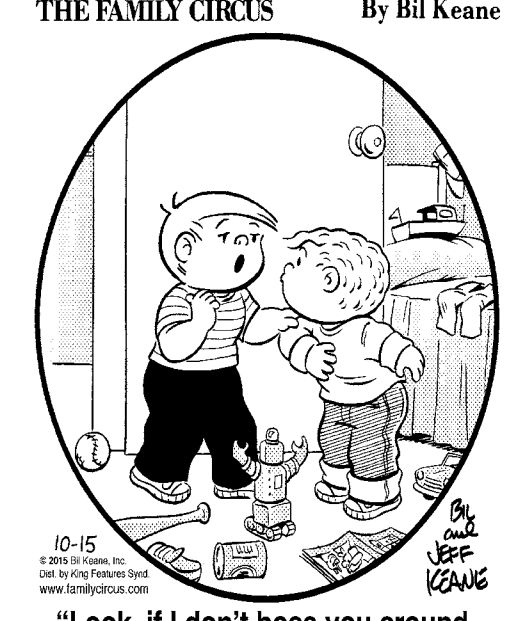
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"YOU KNOW, THERE'S A REASON THEY CALL 'EM LEFT-OVERS... 'CAUSE NOBODY WANTS 'EM."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane



"Look, if I don't boss you around, who will?"

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

In 1914, the Clayton Antitrust Act, which expanded on the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890, was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson.

In 1917, Dutch dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for the Germans, was executed by a French firing squad outside Paris.

In 1940, Charles Chaplin's first all-talking comedy, "The Great Dictator," a lampoon of Adolf Hitler, opened in New York.

In 1945, the former premier of Vichy France, Pierre Laval, was executed for treason.

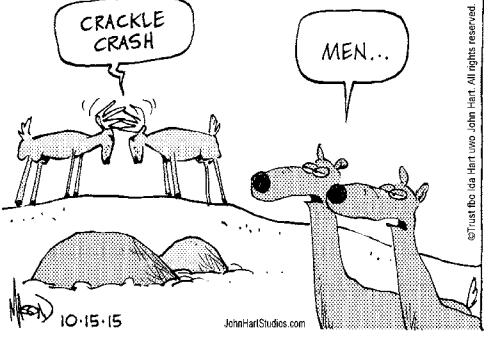
In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering (GEH-reeng) fatally poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.

In 1969, peace demonstrators staged activities across the country as part of a "moratorium" against the Vietnam War.

In 1975, the book "Against Our Will: Men, Women and Rape," a history of sexual assault authored by Susan Brownmiller, was first published.

In 1990, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was named the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. South Africa's Separate Amenities Act, which had barred blacks from public facilities for decades, was formally scrapped.

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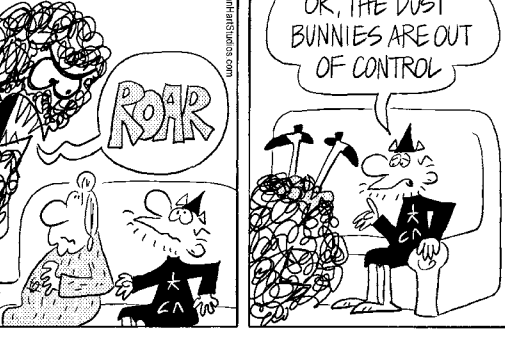
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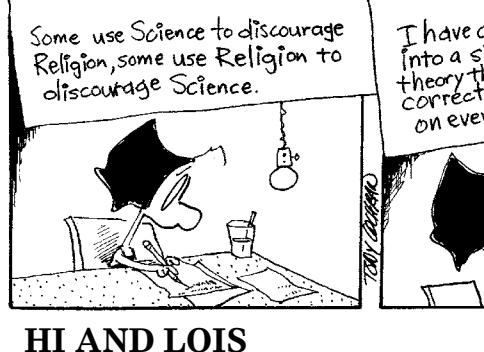
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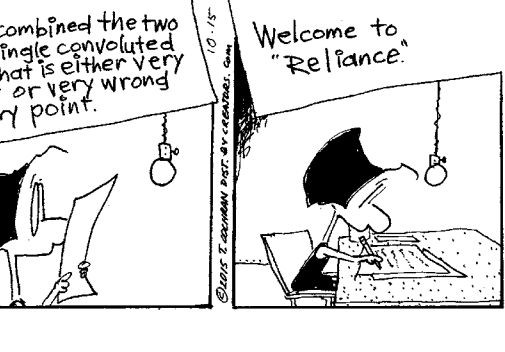
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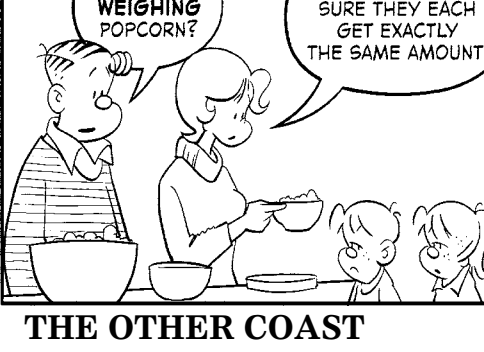
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25 '90s Pakistani leader

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32 Dunham of Girls

33 Blacksmith-turned-inventor

34 Confucian principle

35 Readable things with pockets

39 Canterbury Tales beverage

40 Italy's "Supreme Poet"

41 Ready, in Reims

42 Hero sandwiches

44 City east of El Paso

46 Go through the roof

47 Follower of cast or curling

48 Playable things with pockets

54 Early look

55 Map ratio

56 Mystique

57 Pop superstar, for short

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11 Effective logisticians

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Officials order fantasy sports sites to shut down in Nevada

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Daily fantasy sports sites have been dealt a setback with Nevada regulators ordering them out of the state unless they get a gambling license — a decision that's likely to be closely watched by other states that allow gambling.

DraftKings and FanDuel — sites that have insisted they aren't gambling and have promised to make millionaires out of sports fans — both pulled out of Nevada by Thursday evening.

That day's decision from the Nevada Gaming Control Board allows for daily fantasy sports in the state as long as the operator has or gets a gambling license. No one operating a daily fantasy site has one.

"If you're licensed in Nevada, you're good to go," said A.G. Burnett, chief of the state's Gaming Control Board. That includes traditional sports books where gamblers generally wager on the outcome of a given game.

The decision comes amid growing backlash by regulators and investigators, including New York's attorney general, after it was revealed employees often played on competing sites, raising questions about possible insider information being used to win.

Nevada regulators govern the country's main gambling hub in Las Vegas, and their actions could hold sway with regulators elsewhere.

In less than two weeks, the two high-profile companies in the ever-growing industry had gone from being a seemingly unstoppable, untouchable force to facing intense scrutiny of their business practices and legality from investigators, lawmakers, regulators and even their own players.

Thursday night, DraftKings spokeswoman Sabrina Macias emailed a company statement that implied Nevada regulators acted to protect the gambling industry in the state.

"We understand that the gaming industry is important to Nevada and, for that reason, they are taking this exclusionary approach against the increasingly popular fantasy sports industry," the statement said. It mentions the company had thousands of customers in Nevada but didn't provide an exact amount.

FanDuel said it was disappointed regulators decided that only existing casinos in Nevada could offer fantasy sports.

"This decision stymies innovation and ignores the fact that fantasy sports is a skill-based entertainment product loved and played by millions of sports fans," the statement said. "We are examining all options and will exhaust all efforts to bring the fun, challenge and excitement of fantasy sports back to our Nevada fans."

Participants on the unregulated sites can compete in games involving professional or college sports, paying an entry fee that goes into a larger pool. They try to assemble teams that earn the most points based on real-life stats in a given period with a certain percentage of top finishers earning a payout.

Entry fees on DraftKings range from 25 cents to more than \$5,000. Some prizes top \$1 million.

The Nevada Gaming Control Board determined that daily fantasy sports, "involves wagering on the collective performance of individuals participating in sporting events," making it a sports pool and requiring a gambling license in the state.

The decision didn't appear to affect season-long fantasy sports but the definition could be used to describe those sites, too, that accept wagers or fees to play.

Fantasy sports, both daily and season-long, are barred in five states: Arizona, Iowa, Louisiana, Montana, Vermont and Washington.

The fantasy sports industry has argued the sites provide games of skill and not chance and are therefore protected by the 2006 Unlawful

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Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, which carved out a specific exemption allowing fantasy sports.

The distinction has been an important one for the industry, which has dodged the type of regulation that governs traditional casinos and sports books. Avoiding being labeled "gambling" also has made the contests palatable to professional sports leagues that have partnered with the sites or, in some cases, invested directly.

Seth Young, chief operating officer of the much smaller site Star Fantasy Leagues, said he took it a step further than most, commissioning the same lab that tests casino slot machines to determine if the site's games were skill-based. Young said the tests confirmed it, but "it doesn't mean we can disrespect state laws." He noted his company pulled out of 10 states before Thursday, to stay on the right side of the law. His site pulled the plug in Nevada, too.

"We saw regulation on the horizon," he said, adding he hopes to return.

Daniel Wallach, a sports law expert from Florida, said the board's decision is not going to "cause an extinction of fantasy sports from Nevada, forevermore." But it confirmed what Wallach and other observers familiar with the gambling industry have long contended.

"Fantasy is a form of gambling that should be licensed just like sports betting, just like any other form of gambling," he said.

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News in brief

US knew Afghan site was hospital, but it's unclear if commanders knew before approving attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — American special operations analysts were scrutinizing an Afghan hospital days before it was destroyed by a U.S. military attack because they believed it was being used by a Pakistani operative to coordinate Taliban activity, The Associated Press has learned.

The analysts knew it was a medical facility, but it's unclear whether that information ever got to commanders who unleashed the AC-130 gunship on the hospital, killing at least 22 patients and hospital staff. Nor is it known whether the allegations of possible enemy activity played a role in the incident. The Pentagon initially said the attack was to protect U.S. troops engaged in a firefight and has since said it was a mistake.

The special operations analysts had assembled a dossier that included maps with the hospital circled, along with indications that intelligence agencies were tracking the location of the Pakistani operative and activity reports based on overhead surveillance, according to a former intelligence official who is familiar with some of the documents describing the site. The intelligence suggested the hospital was being used as a Taliban command and control center and may have housed heavy weapons.

After the attack — it came amid a battle to retake the northern Afghan city of Kunduz from the Taliban — some U.S. analysts assessed that the strike had been justified, the former officer says. They concluded that the Pakistani, believed to have been working for his country's Inter-Service Intelligence directorate, had been killed.

No evidence has surfaced publicly suggesting a Pakistani died in the attack, and Doctors without Borders, the international organization that ran the hospital, says none its staff was Pakistani. The former intelligence official was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Getting American troops out of Afghanistan and Iraq is a goal that eludes Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Barack Obama leaves office in 15 months, he'll hand his successor military conflicts in the two countries where he promised to end prolonged war: Afghanistan and Iraq.

There will be far fewer troops in each, and the American forces won't have a direct combat role. But for Obama, it's nevertheless a frustrating end to a quest that was central to his political rise.

"As you are all well aware, I do not support the idea of endless war," Obama said Thursday as he announced he was dropping plans to withdraw nearly all U.S. forces from Afghanistan by the end of next year. Instead, he'll leave office with at least

5,500 on the ground to help protect gains made during 14 years of war.

As a result, the winner of the 2016 presidential election will become the third American commander in chief to oversee the Afghan war.

Obama's goal of ending the wars he inherited had already been tarnished by the return of U.S. forces to Iraq last year, 2½ years after they left. The troops are there to help Iraq fight the Islamic State, a mission Obama has said will likely outlast his presidency.

Biden aide's letter urges Dems not to count him out yet, traces contours of a 2016 campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just as Democrats were starting to count him out, Joe Biden sent a clear signal through his political team that not only might he enter the presidential race soon, he has a strategy prepared that he thinks could win.

After months of growing calls for him to run, the vice president's tide began turning this week after the first Democratic debate, which softened concerns about front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton while obscuring any obvious rationale for Biden to run. But in a letter to former Biden staffers late Thursday, one of Biden's closest advisers traced the contours of the argument Biden would make, and suggested a decision to run could be imminent.

"If he runs, he will run because of his burning conviction that we need to fundamentally change the balance in our economy and the political structure to restore the ability of the middle class to get ahead," former Sen. Ted Kaufman said in an email to a list of "Biden alumni." The letter was obtained by The Associated Press.

Kaufman, who served as Biden's chief of staff for two decades before replacing him in the Senate, has been at the vice president's side for months, brought back into the immediate fold after Biden's son died in May. He and two other aides have formed a protective and tight-lipped ring around Biden as he ponders a 2016 campaign.

"If he decides to run, we will need each and every one of you — yesterday," Kaufman said, alluding to the breakneck speed at which Biden would have to ramp up a campaign after waiting this long to enter. Kaufman said he was confident Biden understood "the practical demands of making a final decision soon."

EU leaders try to build new Turkey strategy to stem refugee flow, but meet reluctance

BRUSSELS (AP) — Turkey's president derided Europe on Friday for not taking in more refugees — a dose of cold water for a European Union plan to give new aid and concessions to Turkey in exchange for stemming the unprecedented flow of people across borders.

EU leaders meeting at a summit in Brussels into

the early hours of Friday agreed to give "political support" for an action plan for Turkey to help it manage its refugee emergency, including easier access to EU visas and sped-up EU membership talks. The hard part, though, is persuading Turkey to sign on, and raising money to make it work.

Diplomats said the EU package for Turkey could involve as much as 3 billion euros in aid. But EU members have been slow in offering money for the migrant crisis overall, and divided over how much to help migrants and how much to help Turkey.

Discussions in Ankara will continue in coming days.

In a speech on Friday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan did not address the refugee deal but accused the EU of being insincere about Turkey's membership.

Racism, insomnia the new realities of Syrian refugee family in Germany — but kindness abounds

HEIDENAU, Germany (AP) — For the Syrian refugee family, one reprieve from crushing boredom in the asylum center is short walks to a lake. But in a town teeming with neo-Nazis, the excursions can bring more distress than relief: A man recently stormed out of a coffee shop and screamed at two women of the Habashieh family to take off their hijabs "because we're in Europe!" Another time, people inside a car yelled: "Auslaender raus!!" — Foreigners out!!

Fear and frustration, however, have been tempered by kindness. A volunteer from nearby Dresden has befriended the Habashiehs, who fled Syria's civil war and are now living in a temporary facility in the eastern town of Heidenau after arriving in Germany last month, following a perilous journey from Damascus.

Julius Roennebeck helps the family — Khawla Kareem, 44; her 19-year-old daughter Reem; sons Mohammed, 17, and Yaman, 15; and 11-year-old daughter Raghad — with practical things such as getting warm blankets, juice and aspirin, and has bought them German-language books. More than anything, the family appreciates how Roennebeck, who plays French horn at Dresden's famed Semper Opera house, has driven the family to outings in Dresden and the nearby medieval town of Pirna.

"Julius is just wonderful," Reem says of the tall German musician. "He has been so kind to us."

For Roennebeck, the kindness doesn't feel like a chore: "I just really like this family so much, they're great people."

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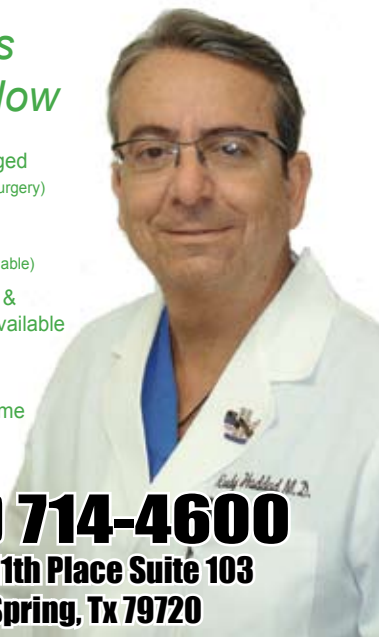
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