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'It's a miracle they're alive'



Family picks up the pieces, counts its blessing after tornado destroys home

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring family is lucky to be alive after Sunday night's storms. A.H. and Mary Beth Yeager, along with their son, were at their Cauble Road home Monday when the storm blew tornadoes through the area—one of them directly through the one-story house. "My mom and dad were in the kitchen," said Danny Yeager. "Their electricity went off. My mom was calling to report that, and then the swing blew in through the kitchen window. And then the roof just came off. It's a miracle they're alive. My brother and my mom and dad were here." Yeager said none of his loved ones were injured in the incident. "Everybody in the house, they're all fine," he said. Yeager and his wife Kim were taking inventory at the house and discussing the incident with a Red Cross representative. Kim Yeager, Danny's wife, said her in-laws have been taken to an area hotel

Danny and Kim Yeager point to where Danny's parents, A.H. and Mary Beth Yeager, were standing in the kitchen of their Cauble Road home Sunday night when a tornado tore the roof off their house.

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CRMWD eyeing lake levels in wake of storms

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Officials at Colorado River Municipal Water District are playing a waiting game to see if this week's heavy rains are going to mean good news to area reservoirs. Sunday's severe storm system dumped inches of rain across large swaths of Howard, Glasscock and Borden counties, and that may result in increased levels at CRMWD's three reservoirs — the key word being "may." CRMWD General Manager John Grant said it could be several days before lakes Thomas, Spence or Ivie see any runoff benefit from Sunday's deluge. As of Monday afternoon, the lake levels remain basically unchanged — Thomas is 68.84 percent full, Spence is just shy of 10 percent full and Ivie is at 14 percent capacity. "We haven't seen any significant runoff (into the lakes) yet," Grant said. "It will take at least a day before we know anything, and in Spence's case, it might be three or four days before we see any significant runoff." Even if Sunday's storms don't directly help

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Planting the seeds of remembrance




Former student, teacher honored at Memorial Tree ceremony

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer



A youthful, curly-haired jokester and a long-time, progressive educator were both honored Monday afternoon at the Big Spring ISD Memorial Tree ceremony. Two oak trees were planted on Blankenship Field located on the high school in honor of former student Dylan Lance, who was killed in a car accident last year, and Sue Willbanks, a long-time home economics teacher for Big Spring ISD. "She loved education, she loved her students and she was forever learning, and planting an oak in her memory will carry that on," said Sue's daughter Jill, also a long-time teacher at Big Spring ISD. "I can go by and look at it, and know she is still here." An athlete who played on the Big Spring High School baseball team, Dylan Lance was remembered as a curly-haired youth and a jokester with lots of energy by his fa-

Blake Lance, his wife Angela, and daughter Pace'Lei visit the oak tree planted in honor of Dylan Lance, a Big Spring High School student killed in 2015 in an automobile accident on Highway 87.

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Obituaries

Lula Mae Sale



Lula Mae Sale, 96, of Midland, formerly of Stanton, died Sunday, May 22, 2016, in Midland. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Lula Mae was born March 29, 1920, to L.L. and Zilla (Lee) Bassham in Colorado City, Texas.

She married J. C. Sale April 24, 1937, in Stanton. He preceded her in death June 13, 1968.

She moved to Stanton in 1936 and was a loving wife and mother. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She took great pride in the ranch and worked alongside her husband until his death. She loved to work in her yard and in her home. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Stanton where she taught Sunday School and Training Union. She was also a member of

WMU. She will be greatly missed.

Lula Mae is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Newman and husband Tommy of Stanton; four grandchildren, Kevin Newman and wife Mandy of Stanton, Kody Horwood and husband Lonnie of Sterling City, Monica Casady and husband Chris of San Antonio, and Crysti LaRocca and husband Bart of Tyler; and thirteen great-grandchildren: Dakota and Flint Newman; Tristan Himes; Katlin, Carly, Tate, and Trisha Horwood; Mary Grace and Garrett Casady; and Nick, Savannah, Victoria, and Anthony LaRocca.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Robert K. Sale; grandson, Kendall Newman; her parents; six brothers; and five sisters.

The family wishes to thank the Manor Park staff and nurses, Home Hospice, and Comfort Keepers for their kindness shown to Lula Mae while she was in their care.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Seretha "Ann" Baker



Seretha "Ann" Baker, 58, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 21, 2016, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Nursing. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2016, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Coahoma Cemetery with Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born March 10, 1958, in Abilene. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She obtained her associates degree from

Howard College. She had worked at Mountainview Lodge and the Big Spring State Hospital as a cook, retiring in 1994 due to ill health. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by three sisters, Tonya Baker and partner Fred Rodriguez of Coahoma, Brenda Kile and husband Norman of Crestview, Fla., and Lily Boone and husband Michael of Truth or Consequences, N.M.; two brothers, Ronald Baker and wife Connie of New London, and Raymond Baker of Big Spring; 14 nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Baker Sr.; her mother, Hazel Baker; one sister, Robbie Jean Baker; and a brother, Charles Baker Jr.

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

Santiago R. Herrera

Santiago R. Herrera, 91, of Big Spring, died Friday, May 20, 2016, in a local Veterans Home. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 26, 2016, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish in Big Spring.

Graveside services with full Military Honors will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Santiago was born May 1, 1925, in Big Spring.

He was a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II and was a prisoner of war twice during that time, escaping the first time and being captured a second time Christmas Eve of 1944. He

was being released at the end of the war, Nov. 25, 1945.

He worked for the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Big Spring for 37 years, retiring as an electrical technician.

Santiago is survived by four daughters, Maggie Hart and husband Mil of Greeley, Colo., Mercy Jimenez and husband Jesus of Scurry, Texas, Maria Rivas of Big Spring, and Mary Ann Catlin of Ohio; two sons, Emilio Herrera of Big Spring, and Adolpho Herrera and wife Mary of Roscoe; 20 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Lenor (Rodriguez) Herrera; two daughters, Lupe Hernandez and Virginia Herrera; one son, Gilbert Herrera; three sisters; and two brothers,

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

Tad Corbet

Tad Corbet, 86, of Big Spring, formerly of Nevada, died Monday, May 23, 2016, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 5/25	Thu 5/26	Fri 5/27	Sat 5/28	Sun 5/29
94/70 Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray t-storm is possible. High 94F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.	89/63 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	88/61 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	90/66 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	84/65 Scattered t-storms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	86	73	Sunny	Kingsville	89	77	Cloudy
Amarillo	91	58	Sunny	Livingston	90	74	P Cloudy
Austin	87	74	Cloudy	Longview	86	71	Cloudy
Beaumont	85	75	P Cloudy	Lubbock	93	62	Cloudy
Brownsville	90	78	Cloudy	Lufkin	88	71	Cloudy
Brownwood	86	72	Cloudy	Midland	99	72	Cloudy
Corpus Christi	87	77	Sct T-Storms	Raymondville	93	79	Cloudy
Corsicana	86	73	Cloudy	Rosenberg	86	76	Cloudy
Dallas	86	73	Cloudy	San Antonio	90	76	Cloudy
Del Rio	91	76	Cloudy	San Marcos	87	73	Cloudy
El Paso	92	64	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	85	72	P Cloudy
Fort Stockton	97	69	Sunny	Sweetwater	90	73	Cloudy
Gainesville	82	70	Cloudy	Tyler	86	72	Cloudy
Greenville	85	71	Cloudy	Weatherford	85	71	Cloudy
Houston	87	75	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	89	73	P Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	61	Sunny	Miami	83	74	M Sunny
Boston	60	55	Cloudy	Minneapolis	86	64	P Cloudy
Chicago	84	64	M Cloudy	New York	70	60	Showers
Dallas	86	73	Cloudy	Phoenix	91	65	Sunny
Denver	76	46	Sunny	San Francisco	61	53	Cloudy
Houston	87	75	M Cloudy	Seattle	68	52	Cloudy
Los Angeles	68	54	Cloudy	Saint Louis	81	65	Cloudy

Moon Phases

First May 13	Full May 21	Last May 29	New Jun 5
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UV Index

Wed 5/25	Thu 5/26	Fri 5/27	Sat 5/28	Sun 5/29
10	10	10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **MCKENZIE LEIGH BIRMELIN**, 21, of 205 N. Fourth St. in Coahoma was arrested on warrants for failure to yield right of way, failure to appear, and failure to maintain financial responsibility; and on other out-

standing warrants.

• **MATHEW PATRICK RIOS**, 23, of 2501 Carlton St. was arrested on warrants for evading arrest or detention and possession of a controlled substance (3 to 28 grams).

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of

Westover Road.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 10th and Gregg streets.

• **THEFT** was reported on FM 2230, in the 700 block of Tulane Avenue, and the 200 block of West FM 700.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported at Hangar 26.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

• **NATHANIEL JAMAL AUSBIE**, 32, was booked by BSPD on charges of unlawful

possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

• **MCKENZIE LEIGH BIRMELIN**, 21, was booked by HCSO on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to yield right of way, violation of promise to appear, and failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was re-

ported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Seminole. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

• **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 400 block of South Sixth Street in Coahoma.

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Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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for the time being. She said the home was insured, but that the money received from the insurance company would not replace the treasured memories the couple had built in the home.

"I just feel so bad for them," she

said.

Multiple tornadoes, spawned by a strong thunderstorm, touched down around Howard and Glasscock counties Sunday night. One F-1 tornado, possibly the one which struck the Yeager's home, was recorded crossing I-20 near mile marker 168; it had top winds ranging from 86 to 150 miles per hour. High winds, large hail, and

more than 2.5 inches of rainfall were also recorded locally during the storm, according to the National Weather Service. More severe weather was predicted for Monday evening, but did not materialize.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Millennials staying longer with parents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many of America's young adults appear to be in no hurry to move out of their old bedrooms.

For the first time on record, living with parents is now the most common arrangement for people ages 18 to 34, an analysis of census data by the Pew Research Center has found.

Nearly one-third of millennials live with their parents, slightly more than the proportion who live with a spouse or partner. It's the first time that living at home has outpaced living with a spouse for this age group since such record-keeping began in 1880.

The remaining young adults are living alone, with other relatives, in college dorms, as roommates or under other circumstances.

The sharp shift reflects a long-running decline in marriage, am-

plified by the economic upheavals of the Great Recession. The trend has been particularly evident among Americans who lack a college degree.

The pattern may be a contributing factor in the sluggish growth of the U.S. economy, which depends heavily on consumer spending. With more young people living with their parents rather than on their own, fewer people need to buy appliances, furniture or cable subscriptions. The recovery from the 2008-09 recession has also been hobbled by historically low levels of home construction and home ownership.

As recently as 2000, nearly 43 percent of young adults ages 18 to 34 were married or living with a partner. By 2014, that proportion was just 31.6 percent.

In 2000, only 23 percent of young adults were

living with parents. In 2014, the figure reached 32.1 percent.

The proportion of young adults now living with their parents is similar to the proportions that prevailed from 1880 through 1940, when the figure peaked, Pew found. Yet in those decades, the most common arrangement for young adults was living with a spouse rather than with parents.

"We've simply got a lot more singles," said Richard Fry, lead author of the report and a senior economist at the Pew Research Center. "They're the group much more likely to live with their parents."

The typical U.S. woman now marries at 27.1 years old, the typical man at 29.2, according to census data. That's up from record lows of 20.1 for women and 22.5 for men in 1956.

"They're concentrating more on school,

careers and work and less focused on forming new families, spouses or partners and children," Fry said.

Among young men, declining employment and falling wages are another factor keeping many of today's 18-to-34-year-olds unmarried, Fry said. The share of young men with jobs fell to 71 percent in 2014, the report found, from 84 percent in 1960 — the year when the proportion of young adults living outside the home peaked.

Incomes have fallen as well: Wages, adjusted for inflation, plunged 34 percent for the typical young man from 2000 to 2014.

TREES

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ther, Blake.

"The tree is a good thing for us," a teary-eyed Blake said as he and Dylan's mother, Jennifer, stood before the crowd to speak about their son. "I planted one in my yard. I want to thank the family for donating the tree."

The Memorial Tree program was introduced in 2015 to honor the memory of former students and faculty. The idea originated from Amy Lopez, the mother of Shelley Lopez, who was killed in a car accident in the summer of 2014. Big Spring ISD Community Relations Coordinator George Bancroft said Amy came to him requesting to plant a tree in Shelley's honor so her daughter would not "be forgotten."

Lopez helped with the ceremony this year by reading a poem, "Three Oak Trees," by former Big Spring ISD trustee Ken McIntosh. The poem was written especially for the Memory

Tree program.

In 2015, the inaugural ceremony was held to plant the first three trees for Shelley Lopez, Class of 2017; Lynn Davis, Class of 1982; and Dave Thomas, Class of 1970.

For more information about the project, contact Bancroft at Big Spring ISD Central Office by phone at 432-264-3600 or via email at gbancroft@bsisd.esc18.net.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 432-263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Bobbie Martin, 84, died Friday. Funeral service will be at 3:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Memory Gardens in Pampa, Texas.

Stephen P. "Steve" Riordan, 66, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. No other services are planned.

Linda Stapel, 68 died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday. A funeral service will be held Friday at 11:00 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Seretha "Ann" Baker, 58, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM this evening at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 3:30 PM Wednesday at Coahoma Cemetery.

Tad Corbet, 86, died Monday. Services are pending.

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CRMWD lakes, they may end up setting the stage for future benefits. "It's still early in the rainy season

here, and the ground is really wet," Grant said. "We're in good shape. The weather is shaping up nicely for us, which is something we haven't seen in awhile."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

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Love, life & chaos:

Raising the opposition

With the upcoming elections, there has been much buzzing on the internet, the television and the radio. It is hard to know what to tell my daughters about the elections and politics.

With my daughters being 14 and 16, I try to keep it light in the house and not let the election year overwhelm us.

It is difficult though when my oldest daughter has formed thoughts and ideas that are of the opposite opinion of me and my husband.

I want as little government interference as possible in my life. I feel that the federal government should bind the states in a unified manner and protect the borders, but stay out of the state to state business. The states know what will work best for their area, and I appreciate that fact.

I was born and raised in Missouri, what works there would not work near as well if implemented in Texas. Likewise, laws and legislation that works in Texas would not work in someplace like Hawaii. Each state is unique and has its own needs.

I don't think all laws made in Washington D.C. would be beneficial for every state because even though we have representatives there from our state, sometimes they get caught up in the politics and forget why they said they wanted to go and "represent" us.

For instance, federal government passing a law saying all highways should have a speed limit of 55 miles an hour isn't realistic. In Hawaii, there are three major highways, each of which is constantly bumper to bumper traffic. In Missouri and

Texas, the roads are mainly flat and straight so it is safer to go at a faster rate of speed. However in Colorado, many roads are in the mountain area and it would be dangerous to drive a mountain pass at 55 miles per hour.

It has recently come to my attention that my oldest daughter thinks much differently than her dad and I. She is okay with the government taking her by the hand and telling her exactly what to do and when to do it even though she says her dad and I control her life too much.

This has been hard for me to deal with because at home we have taught her to look at things as we do, but we are not her only teachers. She has read things on the internet, she has heard her teachers and classmates talk about their views, she is bombarded with politics everywhere she looks.

Because of all of this exposure outside of the home, she has come to think a different way.

I accept that she is her own person and has the right to her feelings and thoughts, but it isn't easy to watch her evolve into her own person.

I actually called my parents the other day to tell them I failed as a parent. They began laughing and said it was okay. I will come around to the fact that I do not control her every thought and move anymore, but once again, I have entered into a new area of parenting that I was not completely prepared for.

I guess in the end it is important to remember that at least I raised someone that feels like she can stand up for what she feels is right, even against her parents who think a different way.

Julie Bass writes a weekly column about the joys and trials of marriage, parenting and this thing called life. She can be reached at JulieLBass@gmail.com



JULIE
BASS



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

City crews blocked off a portion of Goliad Street Monday so they could repair the storm grate at the intersection of Goliad and 11th Place. Officials said weakened angle iron supporting the grate collapsed during Sunday's severe storm.

Elderly book end-of-life talks once labeled 'death panels'

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — The doctor got right down to business after Herbert Diamond bounded in. A single green form before her, she had some questions for the agile 88-year-old: about comas and ventilators, about feeding tubes and CPR, about intense and irreversible suffering.

"You want treatments as long as you are going to have good quality of life?" Dr. Manisha Parulekar asked. The retired accountant nod-

ded.

"And at that point," she continued, "you would like to focus more on comfort, right?" There was no hesitation before his soft-spoken reply: "Right."

Scenes like this have been spreading across the U.S. in the months since Medicare started paying for conversations on end-of-life planning. Seven years after that very idea spurred fears of "death panels," supporters hope lingering doubts will fade.

"The more and more that that happens, the more patients, families and doctors will become comfortable with it," said Dr. Joe Rotella, chief medical officer of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. "Any distrust people have about, 'What is this?' really disappears when patients sit down and find out this is about empowering them."

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services quietly tucked

the change allowing for payment for end-of-life counseling into a massive package of regulations last summer, with billing permissible as of Jan. 1. To date, CMS has not released any data on how many people have taken part in the sessions, but a survey released last month suggests it may be off to a slow start.

Three non-profits — the California Health

Care Foundation, Cambia Health Foundation and John A. Hartford Foundation — fielded a poll of 736 doctors who see patients 65 and older. Only 14 percent said they had already billed Medicare for the new counseling, though the survey was conducted February 18 through March 7, meaning the earliest participants only had about six weeks from the start of

the benefit.

Altogether, 95 percent of doctors in the poll expressed support for the Medicare benefit and a big majority considered such conversations important.

Some doctors had already incorporated end-of-life planning into regular visits, and certain private insurers began offering reimbursement for it before Medicare announced its change.

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News in brief

Forensic official: EgyptAir 804 human remains suggest blast

CAIRO (AP) — Human remains retrieved from the crash site of EgyptAir Flight 804 suggest there was an explosion on board that may have brought down the aircraft in the east Mediterranean, a senior Egyptian forensics official said on Tuesday. “The logical explanation is that an explosion brought it down,” the official told The Associated Press.

The official, who is part of the Egyptian team investigating the crash that killed all 66 people on board the flight from Paris to Cairo early last Thursday, has personally examined the remains at a Cairo morgue. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

All 80 pieces that have been brought to Cairo so far are small. “There isn’t even a whole body part, like an arm or a head,” said the official, adding that one piece was the left part of a head.

“But I cannot say what caused the blast,” he said.

Obama pushes for better rights in Vietnam after arms deal

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — President Barack Obama on Tuesday pressed Vietnam to allow greater freedoms for its citizens, arguing that better human rights would improve the communist country’s economy, stability and regional power.

On his second full day in the southeast Asian nation, Obama also met with activists as part of a push for closer ties with the fast-growing, strategically crucial country that included the lifting of one of the last vestiges of Vietnam War-era antagonism: a five-decades-old arms sale embargo.

In a speech at the National Convention Center, Obama sought to balance a desire for a stronger relationship with Vietnam with efforts to hold its leadership to account over what activists call an abysmal treatment of government critics.

Nations are more successful when people can freely express themselves, assemble without harassment and access the internet and social media, Obama said.

Greek police evacuate hundreds from Idomeni refugee camp

IDOMENI, Greece (AP) — Greek authorities sent hundreds of police into the country’s largest informal refugee camp Tuesday to support the gradual evacuation of the Idomeni site on the Macedonian border.

The government has pledged that police will not use force, and says the operation is expected to last about a week to 10 days.

By about midday 18 buses carrying a total 838 people had left Idomeni, heading to new refugee camps in northern Greece, police said. No violence was reported.

Vicky Markolefa, a representative of the Doctors Without Borders charity, said the operation was proceeding “very smoothly” and without incident. “We hope it will continue like that,” she said.

The camp, which sprang up at an informal pedestrian border crossing for refugees and migrants heading north to wealthier European nations, was home to an estimated 8,400 people — including hundreds of children — mostly from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Sanders: Democratic convention could be ‘messy’

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders says the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia and his push to make the party more inclusive could get “messy” but asserts in an interview with The Associated Press: “Democracy is not always nice and quiet and gentle.”

The Vermont senator, campaigning Monday ahead of California’s primary against Hillary Clin-

ton, said his supporters hope the party will adopt a platform at the summer convention that reflects the needs of working families, the poor and young people, not Wall Street and corporate America.

Sanders said he will “condemn any and all forms of violence” but his campaign was welcoming political newcomers and first-time attendees of party conventions. He said the Democratic Party faces a choice of becoming more inclusive or maintaining the status quo.

“I think if they make the right choice and open the doors to working-class people and young people and create the kind of dynamism that the Democratic Party needs, it’s going to be messy,” Sanders said.

“Democracy is not always nice and quiet and gentle but that is where the Democratic Party should go.”

IS attacks undermine Iraqi state in war weary capital

BAGHDAD (AP) — Even as Iraq slowly claws back territory from the Islamic State group, faith in the government is crumbling among many, particularly the country’s Shiites, angered by political disarray and the continual pounding of the capital, Baghdad, by militants’ bombings.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi triumphantly announced the beginning of operations to retake the IS-held city Fallujah, promising over the weekend that “the Iraqi flag will rise high” once more over the city. On Monday, Iraqi forces backed by U.S. warplanes battled the militants on the outskirts of Fallujah, a major prize that has been held for more than two years by the Islamic State group.

But in Baghdad, many residents are still reeling from a stunning barrage of suicide attacks the previous week that hit crowded markets, checkpoints a restaurant, a cafe and a gas plant killing more than 200 people, largely in Shiite areas. Rather than sow fear, the attacks seemed to stoke anger, particularly at the political elite.

Hundreds of protesters, including families of victims from the bombings, stormed Baghdad’s fortified Green Zone on Friday, demanding better security and government reform. Iraqi forces fired tear gas and live ammunition on the crowds, and the violence left two protesters dead and a number of military personnel wounded in knife attacks. It was the second time in a month that protesters have broken into the zone, where the government is headquartered.

The rising tempers are spilling over into potentially dangerous divisions among Iraq’s powerful Shiite militias. The two protests inside the Green Zone were dominated by followers of influential cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who has led a campaign of anti-government protests, initially demanding government reform, but now also calling for accountability in light of security breaches that allowed IS to carry out the wave of recent attacks.

Obama’s Hiroshima trip parachutes him into history disputes

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — By visiting Hiroshima, Barack Obama parachutes himself into a seemingly endless dispute among key U.S. allies and trading partners over World War II. In Tokyo’s decades-long tug-of-war over history with its neighbors China and South Korea, it’s the American president who could end up losing.

Many in China and South Korea feel that Japan got what it deserved when a U.S. atomic bomb detonated in Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, and in Nagasaki three days later. They resent what they see as Japan’s focus on the bomb’s victims instead of the millions of civilians killed, raped and enslaved by Japanese troops. They worry that the first-ever U.S. presidential visit to Hiroshima will allow Japanese

conservatives, including Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, to further distance the country from its wartime sins.

Despite this anxiety, however, there’s also a growing desire to work with Japan, the world’s No. 3 economy, on diplomacy, security, tourism, culture and trade. This is especially true in South Korea, a fellow democracy and U.S. ally.

Here, then, is a look at some of the issues that will roil beneath the surface as South Korea and China closely watch Obama’s visit:

Freddie Gray: Prosecutor criticized after officer acquittal

BALTIMORE (AP) — After two trials and no convictions, Baltimore’s top prosecutor is facing criticism that she moved too quickly to file charges against six officers in the death of Freddie Gray without first ensuring there was enough evidence to bring them to bear.

Even the judge overseeing the cases — in his verdict Monday acquitting the latest officer to stand trial in the death of the African-American man — said the state failed to prove its case on any of the charges.

Baltimore Circuit Judge Barry Williams acquitted Officer Edward Nero of the assault, misconduct in office and reckless endangerment charges in connection with Gray’s arrest last year outside a West Baltimore housing complex.

Gray died on April 19, 2015, a week after his neck was broken while handcuffed, shackled, but left unrestrained by a seat belt in the back of a police van. The circumstances of his arrest and his subsequent death triggered protests demanding justice for Gray. On the day of his funeral, rioting and looting broke out. The National Guard responded, and a curfew was imposed.

As Zika spreads, Florida town a study in bug-borne illness

RIO, Fla. (AP) — A summer flu seemed to be sweeping through Rachel Heid’s riverfront neighborhood. Pale and shaky, she left work with a fever. Neighbors had the same symptoms, and a contractor at her home felt so sick he went to the hospital.

Heid thought the neighborhood children were passing a bug around their circle. She never suspected a virus carried by bugs hovering around their birdbaths and tarp-covered boats — until health officials left pamphlets at their houses asking for blood samples if they recently suffered from fevers and joint or muscle pain.

The dengue fever outbreak infected 28 people in August and September 2013. It caught Florida’s Atlantic coast by surprise. The mosquito-borne disease associated with crowded, third-world conditions had spread among the pink plastic flamingoes of Rio (pronounced RYE-oh) and Jensen Beach.

The mosquitoes that spread dengue also carry the Zika virus, which has been linked to serious birth defects.



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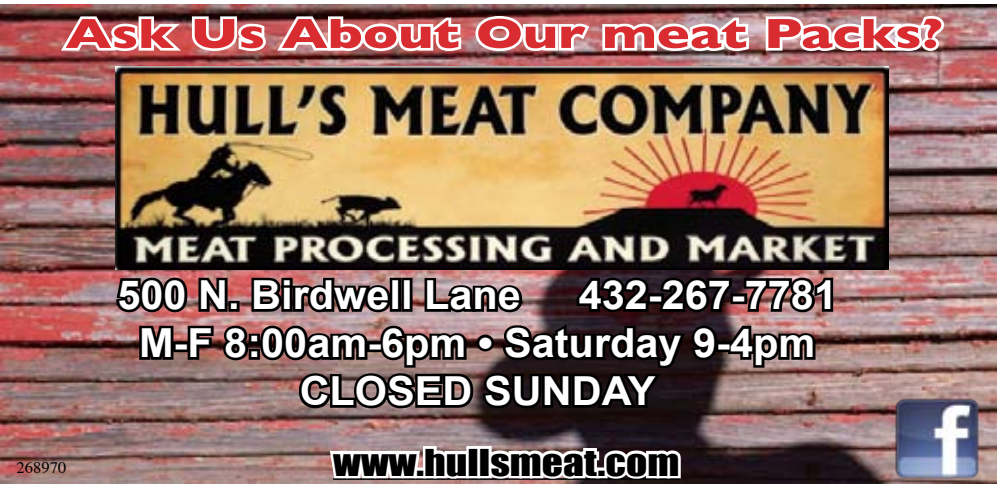
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Rangers encouraged by Holland in 2-0 loss to Angels



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Derek Holland throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels in Arlington, Texas, Monday, May 23, 2016. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Derek Holland was encouraged after one of his best outings of the season. The Rangers were even happier that they'll get their former ace, Yu Darvish, on the mound Saturday.

Holland gave up two runs and seven hits in a 2-0 loss to the Los Angeles Angels on Monday night. His only major blemish was allowing a two-run homer to Albert Pujols in the third inning. It was Pujols' 569th career home run.

Holland (3-4), who went 6 2-3 innings, has allowed only four earned runs in his last two starts totaling 12 2/3 innings after giving up 15 in two starts during which he didn't get through the second inning.

"Today, I think, was the best movement I've had," said Holland, who's looking to pitch a full season for the first time since 2013 following multiple injuries. "You've got to tip your hat to Pujols. That ball came down the middle. He's paid to hit the ball like that."

Rangers manager Jeff Banister liked that Holland got eight ground-ball outs, a high number for him.

"Close to 70 percent strikes," Banister said. "Derek mixed better tonight. It's encouraging."

Before the game, Texas announced that Darvish would

make his first major league start since August 2014 on Saturday against Pittsburgh. Darvish had Tommy John surgery in March 2015.

Pujols' homer tied him for 12th place with Rafael Palmeiro, who hit 321 homers during his 10 seasons with Texas.

"At the end of my career, I can look back," Pujols said. "Right now, I'm just trying to produce and help this ballclub win."

Nick Tropeano (3-2) threw 6 2/3 innings and allowed four hits and one walk while striking out six.

The Rangers followed a nine-run outburst on Sunday afternoon in completing a sweep at Houston by going 0-for-7 with runners in scoring position.

Elvis Andrus extended his hitting streak to nine straight, a club high this season.

HAMILTON OUT FOR YEAR

Josh Hamilton had hoped to return from his spring training knee injury in June. But the team announced Monday that the five-time All-Star and 2010 American League MVP will have surgery on June 8 and won't play this year.

"I knew we were probably headed down that direction," Banister said.

SOFT IN THE MIDDLE
Texas' 3-4-5 hitters left 11

men on base, seven alone by No. 5 hitter Mitch Moreland. He's hitless in his last 15 at-bats. That included a liner up the middle in the eighth inning with the bases loaded that struck right-hander Fernando Salas in his pitching arm, resulting in a routine ground out.

"It's going into center field, and we're still playing, possibly," Banister said. "I know he'll work his way out of it."

PLANES, AUTOMOBILES, NO TRAINS

Jared Hoying was called up from Triple-A Round Rock and made his major league debut starting in left field. The 27-year-old went 0-for-2, reached on an error and was picked off first base.

Hoying got the word late morning after his team returned to the AUSTIN area from El Paso on a 5:30 a.m. flight.

"It took a little while to get here, but I got here and couldn't be happier," he said. "It was everything I ever dreamed of."

Joey Gallo was also called up and flied out as a pinch hitter in the ninth.

Hoying and Gallo were summoned after OFs Shin-Soo Choo (hamstring) and Drew Stubbs (toe) were placed on the 15-day disabled list on Monday, Choo retroactive to Saturday.



(AP Photo/LM Otero)

Darvish in line Saturday for 1st Rangers start since surgery

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Yu Darvish is in line to make his first start Saturday for the Texas Rangers in nearly 22 months, and since having Tommy John surgery.

Darvish is expected to start for the Rangers in Saturday night's home game against Pittsburgh after five rehab outings this month.

Manager Jeff Banister said Monday that Darvish will start the middle game of that interleague series if he feels good.

The right-hander from Japan last pitched in a major league game Aug. 9, 2014, then missed the end of that season with right elbow inflammation. Darvish had more issues the following spring and had surgery on March 17, 2015.

In the five rehab starts split between Triple-A Round Rock and Double-A Frisco, Darvish had a 0.90 ERA with 21 strikeouts and six walks in 20 innings. After throwing 87 pitches in six scoreless innings for Frisco on Sunday, Darvish said he felt good.

"All the reports we got were glowing. The fastball, how he used the fastball, secondary stuff was sharp," Banister said. "More important for me is today, tomorrow, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and how he continues to respond and how he feels."

The Rangers have an off day Thursday, and Cole Hamels, who pitched for them Sunday, will start the opener against the Pirates on Friday night. Banister said that allows Hamels, their ace left-hander, to stay on regular rest, and for the returning right-handed ace to have an extra day of rest after rehab.

That would also provide an extra day for Darvish between his first two starts for the Rangers. They have another scheduled off day the following Thursday.

The 29-year-old Darvish was 39-25 with a 3.27 ERA and 680 strikeouts in 83 starts for Texas from 2012-14. He was an All-Star in each of his first three seasons for the Rangers.

Lowry, DeRozan lead Raptors to 105-99 win over Cavs

By IAN HARRISON

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — A series that once looked lopsided is now even.

Kyle Lowry scored 35 points, including a driving layup in the final minute, and DeMar DeRozan had 32 as the Toronto Raptors evened the Eastern Conference Finals by beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 105-99 in Game 4 on Monday night.

DeMarre Carroll scored 11 points and Bismack Biyombo had 14 rebounds as Toronto improved to 8-2 at home this postseason and got back on level terms after big losses in Games 1 and 2.

"We've been counted out, and we like that challenge," DeRozan said.

The next challenge for Toronto? Game 5 on Wednesday night in Cleveland, where the Raptors are 0-3 this season, losing by a combined 72 points.

"We have to continue to make sure that when they punch, we punch back," Lowry said. "And if they punch three times, we punch four times."

The Raptors are 2-6 on the road in the playoffs.

After a 10-0 start to these playoffs, the Cavaliers are counting on home court advantage to help them

reach their second straight Finals.

"Going back home we have to play a lot better and I think we will," LeBron James said.

Cleveland lost consecutive playoff games to an Eastern Conference opponent for the first time since dropping the final three games of the conference semifinals to Boston in 2010.

"We had a few defensive breakdowns that you can't break down the stretch of a game, especially in the playoffs," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said. "They executed every time we made a mistake."

James scored 29 points and Kyrie Irving had 26 for the Cavaliers, who trailed by as many as 18 points. Channing Frye scored nine of his 12 points in the fourth quarter.

Lowry scored nine in the fourth, and DeRozan had 12, connecting on five of six shots.

"It's a cakewalk for me when (Lowry) gets going," DeRozan said. "It opens up everything."

The Raptors led 78-69 to begin the fourth but Frye made consecutive 3-pointers as Cleveland opened the final quarter with an 8-0 run, cutting it to 78-77. The Cavaliers made their



Toronto Raptors forward James Johnson drives to the basket and makes contact with Cleveland Cavaliers guard Matthew Dellavedova (8) during first half Eastern Conference final playoff basketball action in Toronto on Monday, May 23, 2016. (Frank Gunn/The Canadian Press via AP)

first 11 shots of the fourth quarter.

"It wasn't enough because we got off to a horrible first half once again in this building and you're playing catch up the whole game," James said.

Frye's errant 3-point attempt at 4:12 was Cleveland's first miss of the

fourth. DeRozan made two free throws at the other end and, after another miss by Frye, Carroll made one of two to put Toronto up 99-96 with 3:23 to go.

A long 3 by Irving made it 101-99 with 2:00 left, but DeRozan answered with a

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Suit seeks testimony from ex-Texas coach Mack Brown

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A former University of Texas track coach's sex and race discrimination lawsuit has new life, and her lawyers are still pursuing long-sought testimony from former football coach Mack Brown and prominent current and former administrators as they dig into one of college sports' highest-profile athletic departments.

Former women's track coach Bev Kearney sued the school for at least \$1 million in damages in 2013 after she was ousted over a romantic relationship with one of her sprinters a decade earlier.

School officials said Kearney "crossed the line" between a head coach and athlete. But Kearney, who is black, argues she was more

harshly punished than a white male assistant football coach who was reprimanded, but not fired, over "inappropriate" conduct with a student trainer on a bowl game trip.

Bolstered by a recent court ruling in Kearney's favor, her lawyers say they'll vigorously push for sworn statements from Brown, former athletic director DeLoss Dodds, former school president Bill Powers and current women's athletic director Chris Plonsky over how school officials handled both cases.

"We will go as high as we have to go," Kearney attorney Jody Mask said. "No one will be off limits."

University appeals have slowed down attorneys' efforts for nearly two years.

Court records reviewed by The Associated Press show Kearney's law-

yers pressed the school in July 2014 for depositions from Brown and the others. About three weeks later, the university asked an Austin appeals court to dismiss the case, effectively halting all evidence gathering for 21 months. The court ruled May 3 that her case could go forward, but Texas threw up another roadblock last Wednesday when it asked the appeals court to reconsider.

Patti Ohlendorf, Texas vice president for legal affairs, declined comment on Kearney's efforts to depose school officials or to say whether the school will try to block or limit any questioning.

"UT Austin continues to believe that all actions we took were lawful and appropriate," Ohlendorf said.

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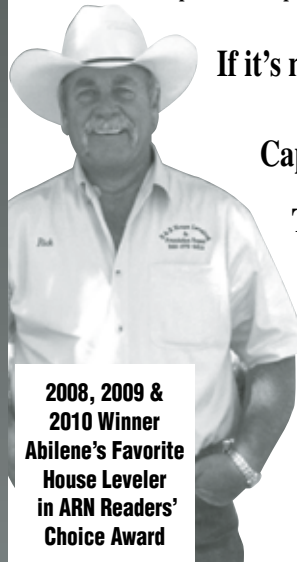
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Venus Moves to Gemini

With Venus slipping into sophisticated Gemini, those

HOLIDAY who believe MATHIS the world should conform to their expectations, accommodate their wishes and sway to their views will have a tough go of it, while the malleable of thought and flexible of mind find ways to make the most of a given environment. The world was here first: Adaptation is intelligence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's time to convince the childish part of yourself that your higher-minded self is worthy of just as much respect as the other authorities in your life and then a whole lot more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're in a position to be a tiebreaker; however, it is very likely that you will see both sides of the argument and agree with neither. Don't vote just because they ask you to. There has to be another answer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're learning the intricacies of an existing power dynamic. What will it take to become so self-sufficient you no longer have

to deal with this? Someone is going to be put in charge of you, so it may as well be you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The work doesn't have to be pretty; it just has to get done. Make this your mantra when too many ultimately meaningless details call out seductively to you like sirens on the rocks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've a genuine respect for younger people, as you see the unique creatures they are -- better equipped for the future than anyone before has ever been. Older people also have your admiration and loyalty, in a different way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are sacred places in the world that are kept secret from people who wouldn't understand them. Your humble spirit will ingratiate you somewhere that a proud attitude would never be invited.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one is the same in every situation. You'll be around a person who brings out a rarely seen side of you and shows you something about your potential that you didn't realize before.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are many ways to get attention. People around you now seem to be pulling out all the stops to get yours, some

by being attractive and successful, others by being loud and needy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your instruction will be valuable help. You'll also be excellent at matching individuals to the jobs they are best suited for and the people they are most compatible with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't assume you're being understood or even heard. You may be surprised at what people are taking away from your conversation, and unless you check in and ask for feedback you won't really know.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The funny people in your life are probably about as high-maintenance as they are intelligent -- and so worth every ounce of attention you pour into the relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you don't know what's going on behind the scenes, waiting for it to come together can be anxiety-provoking. The more you learn about what's involved in a production, the easier it will be to flow with the timing of it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 24). It's a DIY kind of year. You may not wind up as autonomous as you expected to be, but you'll have a much higher quality of support around you, be-

Tomorrow's Horoscope

cause of your independent spirit. Love decorates the next 10 weeks with surprises. The fantastic story that unfolds in September is one for the memoirs. Pisces and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 1, 22 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: “I just moved in to a new house. I'm a Taurus, so obviously I'm eager to interior decorate! Do you have any ideas for me?”

Venus is a demanding ruler -- a diva with impossible standards, a rock star with a long, complicated rider. When it comes to the home environment, your ruling Venus has imbued you with impeccable taste, which can be experienced as fortunate or unfortunate, depending on your budget. Regardless, you'll find a way to make it work. Because for Taurus, home is where you store the Veuve Clicquot. It's your opulent palace, even if it's only a studio apartment. It's where you stash your diamonds and lavish in extra-long baths. Ultimately, you hope visitors will be impressed by a few high-end items you've collected over the years. What? You haven't collected them yet? That's what swap meets and thrift stores are for. Used and vintage furniture will give you far more

bang for your designer buck. Just remember that you don't have to do it all at once. Take your time and only buy you what you love. Style doesn't have to be costly. Strike a balance between elegance and extravagance.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame calls Bob Dylan “the uncontested poet laureate of the rock and roll era.” The iconic Gemini embodies the wit,

agility and mischief of his mercurial sign. The twins are hard to pin down. They defy definition and love to keep everyone guessing. Mercury and Venus are also in Gemini in Dylan's natal chart.

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Dear Annie: We live in a friendly town. Yet, we have some residents who are terribly disrespectful people of other people's property.

We've had dogs and love dogs, but we would never think of taking our dog to our neighbor's lawn to do its duty. We've consulted several experts and they all say that the dog's urine can cause brown spots on the lawn. We even paid to have new sod put in. We've asked people not to do this, but the minute our back is turned, they ignore us.

We aren't allowed to put up “No Dogs Allowed” signs, so that doesn't help. But we have a number of dog parks these folks can use instead of our lawn. Apologies to those dog owners who do the right thing, but how do we get inconsiderate dog owners to behave? -- Totally Confused

Dear Confused: Dogs “mark” their territory and if they have used your lawn in the past, they are likely to make a beeline for it

again.

Are there laws in your “friendly” town that prohibit dogs from using private lawns? If so, report each incident to the police. Another option is to go outside whenever you see someone coming with their dog and not leave until the owners pass by completely. However, you can't always be there each time, so here are some other suggestions: Spray a diluted mixture of cayenne pepper (or ammonia, vinegar or citrus) and water on your lawn, or look for a commercially available dog-repellent spray. Get a motion-activated sprinkler. Build a fence. We hope one of these works.

Dear Annie: My child died recently. My friends tell me they don't know what to say. I don't know which is worse, someone who says something inappropriate or someone who says nothing.

I know how they feel. I used to be someone who didn't know what to say to a person whose loved

one had died. I shudder to think of how often I might have said something inadvertently hurtful or remained silent because “they might be having a good day and I don't want to ruin it for them.”

I have news for people -- you can't ruin our day. Mine was ruined the day my child died. When you say nothing, it makes us feel that our loved one's life was insignificant. But this person was important to us. This person mattered.

Here is my advice for what you can say: “I'm sorry about your loss.” Include the person's name or their relationship if you can. Whatever your version of “I'm sorry,” be it in the form of a hug or in words, is perfect. That's it. That's enough. It doesn't matter how the person died. However, if you have an anecdotal story about this person, please share it. We love to hear stories about our loved one. Send a text. If there is an online tribute to this person, sign it. Also, cards are wonder-

ful. I don't know what is the statute of limitations on expressing condolences, but we are still receiving cards months after the event, and they are still comforting.

The family holds these things close. We are struggling to put our lives back together without this person in it. -- Sad

Dear Sad: If you haven't already done so, please contact The Compassionate Friends (compassionatefriends.org). Our deepest condolences on your heart-breaking loss.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A critical choice of plays

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NORTH
♠ 8
♥ Q 10 8 5
♦ A Q J 10 3
♣ A Q 10

WEST
♠ A J 10 7 5 3
♥ K 9 4 2
♦ 6
♣ 9 5

EAST
♠ K 6 4
♥ J 7 3
♦ 5 2
♣ 8 7 6 4 2

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

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ 1♠ 6♦

Opening lead — two of hearts.

The principle of not looking a gift horse in the mouth can easily be extended to contract bridge. Essentially, if the opponents give you a chance to make a contract you're not entitled to make, you grab it with open arms.

First, a word about the bidding. North was obviously not a product of the scientific school of bidding. He certainly had good support for diamonds, but the leap to six enormously overstated his values. He would have done better to suggest a slam by jump-shifting in clubs and supporting diamonds later, or, for those who play it, via a splinter bid in spades, but neither of these would have engendered much interest from South.

North's optimism was rewarded, however, when West chose a heart as his opening lead. With any other lead, the slam would have failed.

Declarer had a critical problem to solve at trick one. The question was whether to play the ten or the queen from dummy. He chose the queen and made the contract, but the reasoning behind the play of the queen is worthy of study.

Obviously, the card played is immaterial if either defender holds the K-J. If West has both honors, either play is successful; if East has both honors, either play fails.

South's choice matters only when West has the king and East the jack, in which case the queen is the winning play, or when West has the jack and East the king, in which case playing the ten wins. The only tangible clues to guide declarer are the bidding and the opening lead.

South can reasonably assume that if West held the A-K of spades, he would have led one of them. Declarer should therefore conclude that West has only one of the top spades and so is a strong favorite to have the king of hearts for his overcall. So South plays the queen and makes the slam.

Tomorrow: Brilliant defensive play.

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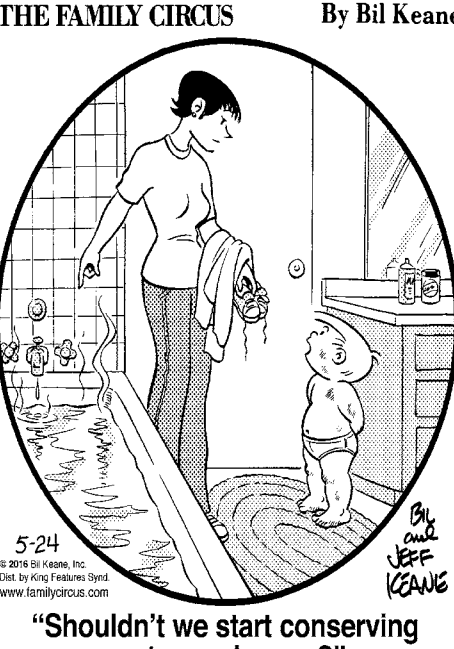
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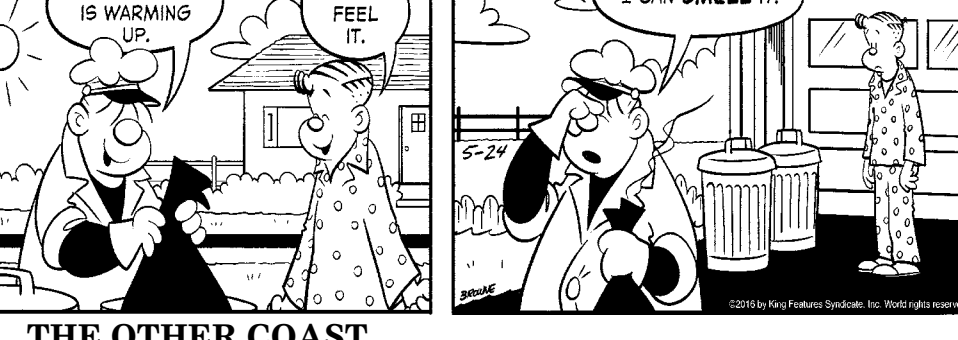
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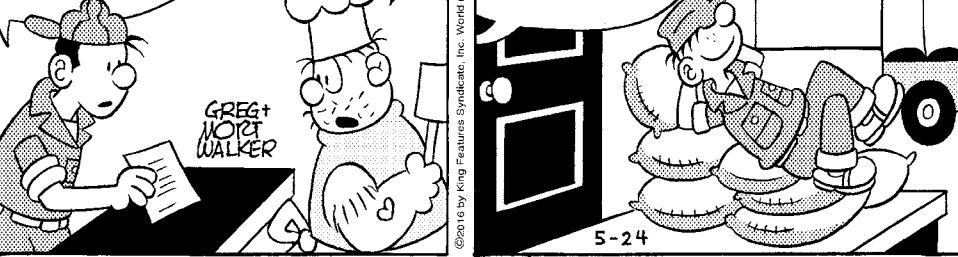
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 24, the 145th day of 2016. There are 221 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 24, 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message "What hath God wrought" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.

In 1775, John Hancock was elected President of the Continental Congress, succeeding Peyton Randolph.

In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was dedicated by President Chester Alan Arthur and New York Gov. Grover Cleveland.

In 1935, the first major league baseball game to be played at night took place at Cincinnati's Crosley Field as the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-1.

In 1937, in a set of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Social Security Act of 1935.

In 1941, the German battleship Bismarck sank the British battle cruiser HMS Hood in the North Atlantic, killing all but three of the 1,418 men on board.

In 1959, former U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles died in Washington, D.C. at age 71.

In 1962, astronaut Scott Carpenter became the second American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Aurora 7.

In 1966, the Jerry Herman musical comedy "Mame," starring Angela Lansbury, opened on Broadway.

In 1976, Britain and France opened trans-Atlantic Concorde supersonic transport service to Washington.

In 1980, Iran rejected a call by the World Court in The Hague to release the American hostages.

In 1991, the feminist film drama "Thelma & Louise," starring Susan Sarandon (as Louise) and Geena Davis (as Thelma) was released by MGM.

In 2001, 23 people were killed when the floor of a Jerusalem wedding hall collapsed beneath dancing guests, sending them plunging several stories into the basement.

Ten years ago: In rare, election-year harmony, House Republican and Democratic leaders jointly demanded the FBI return documents taken in a Capitol Hill raid as part of a bribery investigation of U.S. Rep. William Jefferson, D-La. (President George W. Bush ordered the documents placed under temporary seal; Jefferson was later found guilty of brib-

ery and sentenced to 13 years in federal prison.) "An Inconvenient Truth," a documentary about former Vice President Al Gore's campaign against global warming, went into limited release. Taylor Hicks was named the new "American Idol" over runner-up Katharine McPhee.

Five years ago: Egyptian authorities ordered former President Hosni Mubarak tried on charges of corruption as well as conspiracy in the deadly shooting of protesters who'd driven him from power. (Mubarak was ultimately found guilty of corruption, and is facing retrial on charges related to the deaths of protesters.) President Barack Obama was honored with a state dinner in London as he continued his visit to Britain. Oprah Winfrey taped the final episode of her long-running talk show.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

THE INN CROWD by Billie Truitt

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Healthful resorts
 - 5 Express Mail org.
 - 9 Governs
 - 14 Corporate symbol
 - 15 Chair or pew
 - 16 City southwest of Tokyo
 - 17 Unluck
 - 18 Cleveland's lake
 - 19 Sahara beast of burden
 - 20 Cozy inn
 - 23 Mouse's relative
 - 24 Many oz.
 - 25 Sound booster
 - 28 Horseback sport
 - 31 Reputation stain
 - 36 Unadorned
 - 38 Des Moines' state
 - 40 Map book
 - 41 Cheerfully energetic
 - 44 Chain of hills
 - 45 Generic dog name
 - 46 Constructed
 - 47 Two-person playground plank
 - 49 Easy run
 - 51 Wrestling surface
 - 52 Winery tub
 - 54 Some boxing wins, for short
 - 56 Ad claim for an improved product
 - 65 Decorate
 - 66 Prefix for chute
 - 67 Actor's part
- DOWN**
- 1 Untidy one
 - 2 Vatican leader
 - 3 Matured
 - 4 Submarine detector
 - 5 Unfazed by something
 - 6 Balkans resident
 - 7 Twosome
 - 8 Sword metal
 - 9 Modern music headliner
 - 10 Military pilots' grp.
 - 11 The Dalai ___
 - 12 Scrapes by, with "out"
 - 13 Seasoning in a shaker
 - 21 Brief sleep
 - 22 Belly muscles
 - 25 Shortened wds.
 - 26 Donny Osmond's sister
 - 27 Self-esteem
 - 29 Bread package
 - 30 "Buy this now" ad phrase
 - 32 Newspaper article
 - 33 Flash of light
 - 34 Honda rival
 - 35 So far
 - 37 "Sunny-side up" order
 - 39 Env. info
 - 42 Divine
 - 43 Students' totes
 - 48 Major conflict
 - 50 Tic-tac-___
 - 53 Knock softly on
 - 55 Purse attachment
 - 56 Building for cattle
 - 57 Creative spark
 - 58 Thug
 - 59 Big smile
 - 60 Reminds constantly
 - 61 Just a ___ in the bucket
 - 62 Ripped
 - 63 Shade trees
 - 64 Take a break

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Report: NFL sought to influence study on brain injuries

By ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — National Football League officials improperly sought to influence a government study on the link between football and brain disease, according to a senior House Democrat in a report issued Monday.

New Jersey Rep. Frank Pallone says the league tried to strong-arm the National Institutes of Health into taking the project away from a researcher who the NFL feared was biased.

The NFL had agreed to donate \$30 million to the NIH to fund brain research but backed out after the institutes went ahead with a \$16 million grant to prominent Boston University researcher Robert Stern. He's a leading expert on the link between football and brain diseases such as chronic traumatic encephalopathy. Taxpayers are instead bearing the cost.

"The NFL rejects the allegations," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said in a statement Monday.

The league acknowledged it had raised concerns about the study and a potential conflict of interest involving Stern, but McCarthy said the NFL had communicated its concerns through appropriate channels.

It noted that the league stands behind its \$30 million promise and that the government ultimately made the decision on funding the study in question.

Some of the members of the NFL's Head, Neck and Spine Committee who opposed Stern had also sought the grant.

Critics say the NFL has long downplayed the link between football and brain damage, alleging that an NFL committee on brain injury had long ignored or minimized the link between repetitive head trauma and brain damage.

"This investigation confirms the NFL inappropriately attempted to use its unrestricted gift as leverage to steer funding away from one of its critics," Pallone said. "Since its re-

search agreement with NIH was clear that it could not weigh in on the grant selection process, the NFL should never have tried to influence that process."

Pallone initiated the investigation after ESPN reported that the NFL had backed out of funding the NIH study because of its objections to Stern.

Stern has been vocal about the connection between football collisions and brain damage and filed a declaration opposing a settlement between the NFL and former players, fearing that deserving players would not be compensated.

NFL Medical Director Dr. Elliot Pellman emailed the executive director of the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health, which raises private funding for NIH research, and said the league had significant concerns regarding Boston



In this June 10, 2013 file photo, Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. speaks in Trenton, N.J. Pallone has found that National Football League officials improperly sought to influence a government study on the link between football and brain disease. (AP Photo/Mel Evans)

University "and their ability to be unbiased and collaborative." He asked the FNIH official, Dr. Maria Freire, to "slow down the process until we all have a chance to speak and figure this out."

NBA

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driving bank shot at 1:33. Toronto got the ball back after Biyombo blocked J.R. Smith's 3, and Biyombo kept the offensive possession alive by

rebounding Lowry's missed shot. After a timeout, Lowry let the shot clock wind down before driving for the decisive layup, making it 105-99 with 22 seconds to go.

Toronto jumped out to a 13-5 lead as Cleveland missed eight of its first 10 shots. Following a timeout, the Cavs

made five of their next six to cut the deficit but the Raptors led 27-24 after one quarter.

Lowry scored 15 points in the second, making three of Toronto's four 3-pointers, as the Raptors opened a 57-41 halftime lead despite not shooting a single free throw in the first two quarters. It

marked the first time a team led by 15 or more at halftime in a conference finals game without shooting a free throw since Game 2 of the 2001 East Finals between Milwaukee and Philadelphia. The Bucks made two of six from the line, the fewest ever made in an NBA playoff game at the

time. DeRozan shot Toronto's first free throws at 6:13 of the third after being tackled by Smith on a drive. The foul drought came after Raptors coach Dwane Casey was fined \$25,000 for criticizing the officials following Toronto's Game 3 win.

UT

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All four are employed by the university — Brown and Dodds as special assistants, Powers a law school professor — so the school will represent them in any litigation, Ohlendorf said.

Kearney's lawyers are seeking information on how the university handled discipline for Kearney and former football assistant Major Applewhite, who is now

the offensive coordinator at Houston and the only person deposed in the case so far. His interview and documents released to Kearney's lawyers were sealed by a court order, requested by the university on the grounds that it was needed to protect student information.

Brown hired Applewhite, a popular former Longhorns quarterback, in early 2008. In January 2009, Applewhite was reprimanded by Dodds for the incident with the student trainer while the team was at the Fi-

esta Bowl in Arizona.

Dodds froze Applewhite's salary at \$260,000 for one year, and ordered him to schedule a session with a "licensed professional counselor."

But unlike Kearney, who was fired, Applewhite was allowed to stay on staff. He was eventually promoted to offensive coordinator and reached a salary level of \$525,000 until Brown and his staff were forced out after the 2013 season.

Applewhite's discipline wasn't publicly re-

vealed until the month after Kearney resigned, when the school's student newspaper, The Daily Texan, filed an open records request.

"There was a deliberate effort to cover that up," Mask said. "Very different than Bev Kearney's case ... Why is it the African-American female gets that treatment?"

Kearney was one of the most successful women's track coaches in the country and was being considered for a significant raise in 2012 until the 2002 relation-

ship with one of her runners was reported to school officials. She resigned in January 2013 under threat of being fired.

Kearney is now living in California where she trains athletes, Mask

said. "She's not denying the existence of a relationship," Mask said. "She's not bringing a lawsuit out of revenge, or out of anger. She has genuinely brought her claim to right a wrong."

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