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# Orlando shooting re-sparks gun debate

AP and Herald Staff Reports

DENVER (AP) — The deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history has people around the world wondering why mass violence keeps happening in America.

For those who have lived through mass shootings, and for the law enforcement officers trying to prevent them, the answer is self-evident.

"Because we allow it," said Sandy Phillips, whose daughter was among 12 killed at Colorado movie theater in July 2012.

The nation began the week mourning the people killed early Sunday when a gunman wielding an assaulttype rifle and a handgun opened fire inside a crowded gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla. Authorities are investigating whether the assault was an act of terrorism, a hate crime, or both. Politicians lamented the violence as tragically familiar despite its staggering scale.

The causes of mass shootings are as disparate as the cases themselves, but those involved in other tragedies couldn't help but feel the similarities.

President Barack Obama called the latest massacre "a further reminder of how easy it is for someone to get their hands on a weapon that lets them shoot people in a school, or in a house of worship, or a movie theater, or in a nightclub.

"And we have to decide if that's the kind of country we want to be."

But for local resident Toni Treadway Bodin, the public's access to guns isn't the cause of these tragedies.

"There is a high probability that the handgun I carry has saved me from

violence in town at least once, the shotgun given to me by a dear friend above my backdoor at least three times," Bodin said. "It's about people, not guns. If not guns, then knives; if not knives, then hammers and ball bats or trucks. It will always be something .. Cain and Abel .. the angry or disturbed will always find something. They won't need a gun."

Although the Orlando shooter's motives, and allegiance to Islamic extremism, aren't yet clear,

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# Meow-ther?

Young mother dog nurses orphan kittens

### By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The call motherhood, it seems, transcends species when newborns are in need even if those babies come sharp, pointy claws.

Along with her brood offivenewborn puppies, Skinny, a terrier mix, has been nursing two orphan kittens since last Wednesday.

The kittens are owned by a family friend and lost their mother recently, so Valorie Gaston, Skinny's owner, suggested giving the canine a try

with nursing the two. "He had four (kittens) and the mother said she disappeared and he thinks she got run over and two of the kittens died because he couldn't feed them."

Gaston said. "So we went and bought bottles and formula in case but she nursed them. We put them in there with her and she is OK. I didn't know how OK she would be, but now all of them fight to get in there to get the milk."

In fact, Skinny is a little more than OK with her new charges.

On the first night the kittens arrived, a volunteer offered to bottle feed the two animals, so both felines were taken to the house next door.

"We put them in a laundry basket and Skinny got out (of the walk-in closet where she keeps her litter) that was the first time she's done it – and chased them all the way over there.

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HERALD photo/LYNDEL MOODY

Skinny, a terrier mix, nurses her litter of puppies along with two orphan kittens. Both puppies and kittens are healthy, according to Skinny's owner Valorie Gastons.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Former Big Spring High School choir teacher Jack Bowers (center) pauses between songs to speak with the audience Saturday at the "Big Spring's Best Singers" concert at First United Methodist Church. The concert, performed by more than 60 of Bowers' former students and other singers from around the area before a packed sanctuary at the church, was organized to honor the beloved choir director. For more pictures and story, see page 1C of the upcoming Sunday edition of the Herald.

### **Historic Big Spring** renovation on tap at next council meeting

### By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Renovation of Big Spring's namesake is getting closer to becoming a reality.

When the local city council meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, it will consider naming a contractor to oversee the first phase of renovation for the historic Big Spring, located in Comanche Trail Park.

Estimated cost of the renovation is \$1.8 million and will be paid for from the city's hotel tax fund account.

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### **Obituaries**

### Betty Ann Cox



Betty Ann Cox, 77, of Big Spring was born to Ernest and Ethel Kennedy on April 7, 1939, and passed away on Friday, June 10,

Mrs. Cox was a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She worked at Dr. Warren's office as a dental assistant, worked at Hall Air-cooled Engine and retired in 2015. She is survived by three daugh-

ters. Vickie Wallis and her hus-

band Steve, Debra Casey and her husband Marvin, and Jeri Farmer and her husband Jerry; several grandchildren, Stephen Wallis and his wife Mary, Brandon Wallis and wife Melinda, Johnathan Casey, Trista Hubbard and her husband Brandy, Amanda Farmer, Brittany Langford and her husband Jeremy, Lisa Pearson and her husband Jon, and Jeremy Painter and his wife Brandy; several great-grandchildren, Colten, Cade and Cash Wallis, Aisly and Aiden Wallis, Cassidy Casey, Aeris Casey and Kenna Bennett, Addison, Casey and McKenzie Hubbard, Ryan and Ashtyn Pearson, and Alex and Sarah Painter; one brother, Rex Kennedy and wife Joyce; and a dear friend, Sandy

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otho Jerold Cox Jr.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. She will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. beginning Sunday, June 12, 2016, through Tuesday, June 14, 2016. No other services are scheduled.

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

Paid obituary

### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MARIA ESTRELLA** FLORES, 38, of 200 N.W. Second St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- PATRICIA ANN BACON, 44, of 100 Brown St. was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended license, driving with an invalid license, failure to appear, and disregarding a stop sign; and on an outstanding warrant.
- ERON URIAS, 20, of 2031 Haymeadow Trail in Carrollton was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of

drug paraphernalia.

- ALEXANDER CALDERON QUINTANA, 35, of 1505 Robin St. was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- KAREN MESHELLE HORN, 33, of 1900 Martin Luther King Apt. # 205 was arrested on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **ROBB** MELLONEY **SHEPPARD**, 47, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. # 125 was arrested on a charge of assault by con-
- MARKQUINEARLHARRIS, 30, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. # 204 was arrested on outstanding

warrants.

- JOHN STEVEN HARDIN, 31, of 7681 Rufus Johnson Rd. in Fayetteville, N.C., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80, the 2900 block of East Interstate 20, the 2300 block of Wasson Road, and the 1900 block of South Monticello Street.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 3400 block of East Interstate 20.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1600 block of South Gregg Street.

# **Sheriff**

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the follow-

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

ing activity:

- PATRICIA BACON, 44, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license, failure to appear, violation of promise to appear, and running a stop sign; and on charges of driving with an invalid license and violation of promise to appear.
- EDUARDO DIAZ, 19, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ESTEEN DENAE FARMER, 17, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft (less \$100).
- MARIA ESTELLA FLORES, 38, was booked by BSPD on warrants for criminal trespassing and theft of property (\$50 to
- LYNDON TRENT FRALEY, 56, was booked by BSPD on warrant for failure to identify

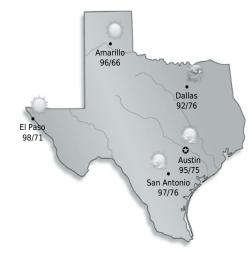
charges of possession of a controlled substance (3 to 28 grams) and public intoxication. RAMON **VASQUEZ** 

- **GUTIERREZ**, 47, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated (2<sup>nd</sup> offense).
- JOHN STEEN HARDIN, 31, was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of property (less than \$100)/shoplifting and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- MARQUIN EARL HARRIS, 30, was booked by BSPD on a warrants for failure to appear and forgery. • KAREN MESHELLE HORN,
- 33, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- AMANDA SUE HUDGINS. 29, was booked by HCSO on warrants for driving with an invalid license and violation of promise to appear; and on an application to revoke probation.
- COMANECKIOLYNLOPER, 35, was booked by HCSO on a

fugitive/giving false ID.

- **JULIANA** MARIE MARTINEZ, 31, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for interference with public duties.
- **JENNIE DEE NIX**, 56, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- ALEXANDER QUINTANA, 35, was booked by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- MELLONEY SHEPPARD, 47, was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault by contact.
- **MARCUS EMORY** STURGILL, 27, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- ERON ADAME URIAS, 20, was booked by HCSO on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **TERRY HOUSTON WILLIAMS**, 57, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

### **Local 5-Day Forecast** Wed 6/14 6/15 6/16 6/17 99/71 98/70 99/72 102/73 101/71 Sunny, along Mostly sunny. A few clouds More sun than More sun than Highs in the Highs in the upper 90s and 99 to 103F and afternoon upper 90s and 100 to 104F and clouds. A stray lows in the low lows in the low ows in the low lows in the low afternoon t-70s storm is possible. High 99F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 Sunrise: 6:39 AM Texas at a Glance



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Austin	95	75 M Cloudy	Longview	84	74 Sct T-Storms
Beaumont	86	76 M Sunny	Lubbock	99	71 M Sunny
Brownsville	92	78 M Sunny	Lufkin	86	73 T-Storms
Brownwood	95	74 Sunny	Midland	104	78 Sunny
Corpus Christi	89	78 M Cloudy	Raymondville	97	78 M Sunny
Corsicana	91	75 P Cloudy	Rosenberg	90	76 M Sunny
Dallas	92	76 M Cloudy	San Antonio	97	76 Cloudy
Del Rio	100	77 P Cloudy	San Marcos	94	74 M Cloudy
El Paso	98	71 M Sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	75 Cloudy
Fort Stockton	103	75 Sunny	Sweetwater	97	75 Sunny
Gainesville	89	74 Cloudy	Tyler	86	74 M Cloudy
Greenville	87	74 Cloudy	Weatherford	93	74 Cloudy
Houston	91	76 Cloudy	Wichita Falls	94	77 M Cloudy

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Atlanta	96 73 P Cloudy	Miami	88	76 P Cloudy
Boston	75 55 M Sun/Wind	Minneapolis	82	62 Cloudy
Chicago	86 69 P Cloudy	New York	79	60 Sunny
Dallas	92 76 M Cloudy	Phoenix	100	72 P Cloudy
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higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection

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### Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- PUBLIC SERVICE CALL was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2500 block of 24th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- PUBLIC SERVICE CALL was reported in the 2400 block of Purdue.
- FALSE FIRE ALARM was reported in the 3400 block of East 11<sup>th</sup> Place.

# **Support Groups**

### **MONDAY**

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### **TUESDAY**

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.
- This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

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

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### **THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- · Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weighin is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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

### **SATURDAY**

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7

### **SUNDAY**

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

### **Take Note**

 Once again it is time to have the Flower Grove Reunion. The date has been set for Saturday July 2, 2016. Due to construction at Lamesa High School, the Reunion has been moved to the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 401 North 3rd Street in Lamesa. The Fellowship Hall is at the corner of 3rd St. and Austin Avenue.

Registration will begin at 10:00 AM and a catered meal will be served at 1:00 PM. The Flower Grove School started in 1922. It consolidated with the Klondike district in 1973. To attend contact: Brenda L. Walters, P.O. Box 1232, Lamesa, Texas 79331 or call 806-872-9318.

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We had to bring them back. We'd only had them only five or six hours. It was so cute."

As for young Skinny, who is not quite a year old, the journey to motherhood wasn't exactly easy. In fact, she wasn't supposed to be a mother at all.

Plans to spay the young dog had been delayed until Skinny overcame a blood infection but then she went into heat. The first time was enough, Gaston said, especially with Percy, a male Chihuahua mix, making daily visits.

"He came down here when she was in heat," Gaston said adding she did about everything to run off the young male dog. "He would not leave. I went down there (to a neighbor's house) and told them I want to keep your dog. They said OK and I named him Percy because he persevered. He was not leaving. They lie together on the couch. It is so cute."

As for Skinny, her pregnancy ended with an emergency caesarean section but all five puppies and now two kittens seem to be healthy, Gaston said. Once the kittens are weaned they will return to the owner who is also adopting one of the pup-

SHOOTING

nardino, California.

the massacre already sparks

echoes of last year's attack on a

social services center in San Ber-

For Ryan Reyes, whose boy-

friend was killed in that case, the

shootings have less to do with

gun control and more to do with

highly charged political rhetoric

"The issue is American soci-

and how people treat each other.

ety," he said. "We are to blame,

and the fact that we refuse to ac-

cept the fact that we are to blame

just makes it worse. It's what we

do to each other that causes these

people to get to the point where

they feel this is the only option."

Still, guns get their share of

the blame. Laws that allow al-

most anyone who has not been

convicted of a felony to purchase

guns have made it too simple to

get weapons and ammunition,

Phillips said. That includes semi-

automatic rifles like the Orlando

gunman's AR-15, a common de-

nominator in many of the worst

recent mass shootings: Newtown,

Aurora, San Bernardino, to name

More frustrating, Phillips said,

is that even the most horrifying

massacres have provoked little



Valorie Gaston sits with her dog Skinny, who is nursing a litter of puppies and two orphan kittens. Gaston offered to help a friend out who was attempting to keep the two kittens alive after their mother disappeared and likely killed.

other four puppies will also be available for adoption.

pies, Gaston said. The Percy along with adopted grandmother, Sadie, Gaston and of course don't forget about the For now, Skinny and Donkey will be enjoy-

ing their one and only chance at parenthood even if that means hearing a few meows from time to time.

change.

The best chance might have come after a gunman in the Sandy Hook community in Newtown, Connecticut, killed 20 first-graders and six adults at a school, just months after the theater shooting in 2012. Obama dedicated much of the start of his second term to pushing legislation to expand background checks, ban certain assault-style weapons and cap the size of ammunition clips.

That measure collapsed in the Senate, and since then, the political makeup of Congress has made new gun laws appear out of reach. Obama and other proponents of reform have all but quit calling for action after major attacks, shifting instead to simply decrying the fact that they can even happen.

When politicians do succeed at pushing for tighter gun measures, they risk their careers. In Colorado, fresh off the Aurora theater shooting and still healing from the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School in which two students killed 13 people and themselves, Democrats in the state Legislature in 2013 muscled through new laws requiring universal background checks and banning magazines that hold more than 15 rounds.

Gun control advocates consid-

ered it a victory, until furious gun rights supporters forced from office two state senators who supported the measures. "We could have done something

about this in the years since Col-

umbine, since Sandy Hook," said Marcus Weaver, who was wounded in the theater shooting and whose friend was killed. "When is enough enough?" Sen. Ron Johnson, a Wisconsin Republican and chairman of the

Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, disagreed that stricter gun laws are the solution.

"I think there's other root causes in play," he said. "I think mental health is a huge issue. One of the motivators is really that ISIS continues to exist, Islamic terror in other forms continues to exist."

Many mass shooters have been found to have severe psychological problems, including the Colorado theater shooter and the man who tried to assassinate Arizona Congresswoman Gabby Giffords in 2011.

For Phillips, the story is the same, each time.

"We have made it so easy in this country, for anyone — any one," she said. "It doesn't matter who that person is or what their agenda is."

Art Camp sign-ups

The Big Spring High School Art Club will host an Art Camp, Monday through Friday, June 20-24, at the high school art room in the vocational building. The camp is for seven to 12 year olds and the cost \$100 per child. The class has a limit of 20 students per session. Two sessions are available, 10 to 12 years old, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and seven to nine year olds, noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Andrea Phinney at anphinney@ bsisd.esc18.net or call 432-264-3641 and leave a mes-

### Military photos needed for July 3 tribute

Photographs of area military personnel —currently on the job or veterans — going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event.

The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration.

Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to popsinpark2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

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### **MEETING**

Phase One of the renovation project, which begins this year, calls for repair of pumps which help supply the spring with its water, but officials said several other items are aimed directly at attracting visitors, including:

- Plaza seating for 1,000+ with full electrical hookups and performance stage.
- Widened trail with security lighting and emergency vehicle ac-
- Eight storyboards with accompanying educational signage covering the history of the area.
- Sixteen low-maintenance planting areas with 16 specimen trees
- Observation decks overlooking the spring and artificial outflows.
- Significant thinning of vegetation for visibility, appeal and safety.
- New artificial outflow into area above current spring location creating waterfall at spring.
- Security cameras
- · Full handicap acces-

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- · Construction materials featuring native stone and CCC-style architecture.
- Partial demolition of dam to allow spring to reach natural levels.
- Expanded parking. Phase Two plans

haven't been finalized, but tentatively include attractions like a 1,600square foot open air education center and new pedestrian bridges.

tors, LLC, is expected to be named as contractor for the renovation. In other business

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Tuesday, the council will consider: A presentation by

- city officials of the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year.
- Election of a mayor pro tem.
- Approval of a medical director agreement with Dr. Robbie Cooksey.
- Appointments to the Colorado River Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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### DREW DARBY

State Representative

Eric Holder has come out against proposals in Chicago and New Jersey to require fingerprint back-

ground checks of drivers for ridehailing platforms such as Uber and Lyft. Why would President Obama's onetime top lawman come out against regulation that is supposed to protect the riding public? Credit the intersection of two forces. First, Holder's tony corporate



DEBRA J. SAUNDERS

law firm, Covington & Burling, represents Uber. Also, as Holder sees it, requiring drivers to submit fingerprints may "have a discriminatory impact on communities of color." I was surprised to read about

Holder's opposition, as I have trouble seeing Holder as a model for social justice. As deputy attorney general in the Clinton administration. Holder gave a "neutral-leaning to positive" recommendation for the pardon of billionaire Marc Rich, who fled to Switzerland to evade fraud and tax evasion charges. As President Obama's first attorney general, he was so stingy with the pardon power that political scientist P.S. Ruckman wrote that inmates seeking clemency had "a better chance of being struck by lightning."

Besides, law enforcement relies on fingerprinting because it works. According to the National Rifle Association, gun buyers must undergo fingerprint checks in some states. California teachers submit fingerprints for criminal background checks. California drivers are fingerprinted. I get into my gym thanks to a fingerprint scanner and swipe my index finger to open my phone.

▼ormer Attorney General Don't tell me, I said to myself, Holder has joined gadflies who question the validity of fingerprints the way others oppose vaccinations.

Eric Holder: Fingerprinting is racist

Holder is no such animal. In a letter to Chicago Alderman Anthony Beale, Holder explained that while fingerprint checks are a valuable law enforcement tool, they "often do not indicate whether a person who was arrested was even charged or ultimately convicted." Thus, mandatory checks "can prevent people from getting a job even if they were never found guilty of a crime." Because black men are arrested more than white men, the policy affects men of color disproportionately.

Pro-fingerprint politicians frame their stance as a matter of fairness. New Jersey limousine drivers must undergo fingerprint background checks. Ergo, the Limousine Association of New Jersev favors the same for ride-hailing service drivers "to adequately protect the riding public."

Uber contends it can check drivers' backgrounds more thoroughly with databases that probe applicants' driving records. criminal history and more. According to a fact sheet, Uber does not contract with drivers who have three or more moving violations in the past three years. have been cited for driving with a suspended or revoked license or without insurance in the past seven years, or were convicted of drunken driving or reckless driving in the past seven years.

Also, the market provides protections that regulation cannot deliver. Because technology identifies passengers and drivers, there is no anonymity. Riders rate drivers; drivers rate riders an incentive for good behavior. There's no place to hide, said Matthew Feeney of the Libertarian-leaning Cato Institute. No transportation model is risk-free,

Feeney noted, but: "You would have to want to be caught to commit a crime in an Uber car. It is a detective's dream."

On television, fingerprinting is the gold standard for identifying suspects, but, Feeney noted, it's an incomplete tool for screening for criminal convictions. Feeney said he believes politicians who push for more regulations for ride-hailing operations care about public safety, "but there is also the chance that they're motivated in part by protectionist or anticompetitive feelings about taxis."

Uber's blog notes that Alderman Beale says he wants to level the playing field, "but the answer is to introduce new commonsense rules for taxis, NOT to impose the same bureaucratic regulations on ride-sharing apps like Uber."

Uber and Lyft left Austin, Texas, last month after voters rejected a measure (greased liberally with ride-hailing company capital) to end taxi-style regulations that included fingerprinting. The next battleground is Houston. Lyft left Houston in 2014 when it passed similar regulations. Uber Houston now offers provisional permits for drivers for 30 days, after which they must get fingerprinted. An Uber executive who did not want to be named told me fingerprinting is expensive and time-consuming.

San Francisco has seen sharing-economy startups operate outside the law, then try to work with local lawmakers. Compromise gets startups only so far. See how Airbnb worked to license and tax short-term rentals to get in the good graces of City Hall. Now the Board of Supervisors is threatening large fines and even criminal charges. Trusting City Hall is like thinking you can deal with the mob.

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### Daily Prayer

Dear Lord, may we see the long term implications of our short term actions.

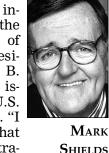
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### REACHING OUT TO SANDERS SUPPORTERS...



stood in the caucus room of what is now called the Russell Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill and heard Sen. Eugene

McCarthy of Minnesota announce that he would indeed challenge the renomination Democratic President Lyndon Johnson. His issue was the U.S. war in Vietnam. "I am concerned that administration seems to have set no limit to the price which it is willing to pay for



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a military victory," he said, and he supported "an honorable, rational and political solution" to the war.

To McCarthy's underdog, longshot cause came thousands of young people who volunteered in New Hampshire and Wisconsin and were willing to shave their beards and cut their shoulderlength hair — to be "clean for Gene." On March 12, 1968, McCarthy shocked the political world by winning 42 percent of the New Hampshire primary vote to LBJ's 49 percent. Four days later, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy of New York, himself an opponent of the U.S. war in Vietnam (and for whom I proudly worked in that campaign), entered the presiden-

History Is Watching

n Nov. 30, 1967, I dent Johnson announced that he state primare

would not seek renomination. McCarthy, even his severest critics acknowledged, was a man of the mind. He rationed praise. and his wit was often cutting. He generally inspired more admiration than affection. But make no mistake about it: Eugene McCarthy was a man whose courage would change American history and the way Americans nominate their presidents.

The parallels to 2016 and to Democratic challenger Bernie Sanders of Vermont are unambiguous. The long-shot underdog, whose candidacy was immediately written off by all the wiseguys and the smart money his cause income inequality and an indictment of a system rigged to further benefit the already rich and powerful — was a definite political loser, he a candidate who can inspire thousands of mostly younger people to dedicate their time, talents and energy, along with their small bills and loose change.

Sanders has moved the public debate and the Democratic Party, as well as the party's all-but-certain nominee, to the populist left in backing a \$15-an-hour federal minimum wage, encouraging tougher policing of Wall Street, withering criticism of free trade agreements and opposition to the

Keystone XL pipeline. But in 1968, after Vice President Hubert Humphrey — who, for fear of losing, had deliberately avoided competing in any state primaries against either Gene McCarthy or (before he was assassinated June 4) Bobby Kennedy — was nominated at the tumultuous and bloody Chicago convention, McCarthy did not immediately support his fellow Minnesotan against the Republican ticket of Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew. Humphrey, after distancing himself from Johnson on Vietnam in a nationally televised Sept. 30 speech, came from 15 points behind to close the gap. Still, McCarthy, who had such special standing with anti-war voters, would not publicly support Humphrey until six days before the election, which the Democrat lost nationally by just

511,000 votes. Would McCarthy's all-out endorsement have made the difference? Probably. The race was that close. America almost certainly would have been spared seven more years of war and 22,767 American deaths in Vietnam. The nation would not have endured the hemorrhaging of national confidence and trust inflicted by the criminality of Watergate and the forced resignations of the president and vice president to escape prison time for their criminal offenses. The betting here is that Bernie

Sanders, unlike Gene McCarthy, will meet the fall challenge in 2016 and that Sanders will go all out to energize those millions who "feel the Bern" to join the Democratic effort. History may well hang in the balance.

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# Two Hawks selected in MLB draft

By DREW WILLIAMS

Two players who took the field for the Howard Hawks will be trading their wings in for halos after the Major League Baseball draft Saturday.

The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim selected Howard outfielder Cameron Williams in the 25th round and West Virginia University closer Blake Smith in the 29th round of the draft. Smith, who just finished his senior year with the Mountaineers, was the Hawks' closer in 2013 and 2014 before transferring to WVU.

"It's just a coincidence," Howard head coach Britt Smith said regarding both player being selected by the same team. "The Nationals took Blake last year, but he had to have back surgery last summer so he didn't sign with them and had to go back for his senior year."

Smith finished the year with a 2.20

earned run average in 32.2 innings for the Mountaineers, adding eight saves. He gave up only four extra-base hits while striking out 42. Britt Smith said he sees him staying as a closer in the

"He's a big, physical guy. His brother played on our national championship team and he's up in Tampa Bay. He's 6'5", 230. He's got a chance to be a starter, but I think they probably like him in the closer role," he said. "He's 95 to 97. Good slider, good changeup. He's a rare three-pitch closer." Williams, who began the year as

Howard's starting left fielder, saw his playing time diminish in Big Spring after the emergence of outfielders Hunter Hill and Chad Paris.

"The Angels saw Cam early when we played down in Houston and they really liked him because of his tools.

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard's Cameron Williams bats during a game against McLennan College on February 19.

# Pittsburgh wins cup Penguins beat Sharks 3-1 for 4th Stanley Cup title

### By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Sidney Crosby let out a scream as he lifted the Stanley Cup above his head, a wide smile spread across his face.

The seven years of adversity since he last held the trophy were firmly in his past. The concussions that nearly derailed his career. The early playoff exits. The rough start to this season that led to a coach being fired.

Crosby and the Penguins are once again champions.

A kid no more and surrounded with new talent, Crosby set up Kris Letang's go-ahead goal midway through the second period and Pittsburgh won the fourth Stanley Cup in franchise history by beating the San Jose Sharks 3-1 in Game 6 on Sunday night. Owner Mario Lemieux thrust his hands into the air in triumph high up in an arena suite and later hugged his superstar on the

time coming.

"I was just thinking about how hard it was to get to this point, just trying to enjoy every second of it," Crosby said. "It's not easy to get here. Having won seven years ago at a young age, you probably take it for granted a little bit. You don't think you do at the time, but it's not easy to get to this point."

Brian Dumoulin opened the scoring with a power-play goal and Patric Hornqvist added a late empty-netter. Matt Murray made 18 saves to give the Penguins a championship seven years to the day after they beat Detroit for their third title. The game ended when Crosby cleared the puck the length of the ice with San Jose on the power play, setting off a wild celebration.

All that was left was for Crosby to accept the Conn Smythe trophy as playoff MVP and then the Stanley Cup.

"He's a special player for a reason," teammate Chris

This title had been a long Kunitz said. "He can adapt and change his game to different things. Early in his career he went out and got points and did everything but that didn't make him satisfied. He had to go out and lead through example and became a better

player." Three nights after squandering a chance to become the first Pittsburgh team to win a title in front of the home fans in 56 years, the Penguins finished the job on the road just like they did in Minnesota (1991), Chicago (1992) and Detroit (2009) in past title runs.

The championship in Detroit was supposed to be the first of many for a team led by players like Crosby and Evgeni Malkin. But a series of concussions cost Crosby almost an entire season and a half, and there were those playoff disappointments that included twice blowing 3-1 series leads. There was no second celebration in the Crosby era — until

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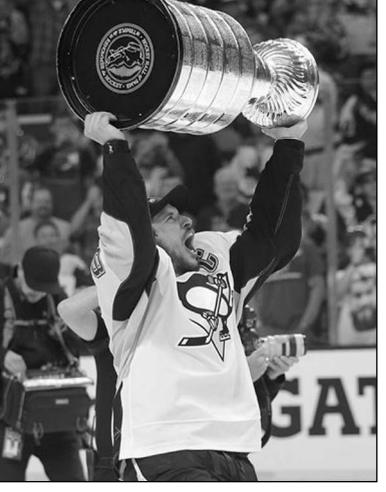
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him."



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

Pittsburgh Penguins center Sidney Crosby celebrates with the Stanley Cup after Game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals against the San Jose Sharks in San Jose, Calif., Sunday, June 12, 2016. The Penguins won 3-1 to win the series 4-2.

Mark Rogers/Lubbock Avalanche-Journal via AP

Texas Tech players celebrate their win over East Carolina in an NCAA college baseball tournament super regional game in Lubbock, Texas, Sunday, June 12, 2016.

### Three Big 12 teams on to Omaha Tech, TCU, Oklahoma State advance to World Series

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

UC Santa Barbara and Coastal Carolina are heading to the College World Series for the first time. The Big 12 is sending all three of its teams that made the NCAA Tournament to Omaha, Nebraska. No. 3 national seed Miami also advanced Sunday. No. 1 Florida staved off elimination

in its best-of-three super regional, keeping the Southeastern Conference's hopes of having at least one team make it to the CWS for a 24th straight year.

For Santa Barbara, Sam Cohen's walkoff pinch grand slam off star closer Zack Burdi in the bottom of the ninth inning produced a 4-3 victory over No. 2 national seed Louisville, undoubtedly the biggest hit and victory in the Gauchos' program his-

Coastal Carolina knocked off No. 8 LSU 4-3, also in walkoff fashion, on Michael Paez's single to score Anthony Marks from second base in the bottom of the ninth. The Chanticleers were 0-4 in super regional play before going to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and winning two straight.

Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and TCU also advanced, giving the Big Ten three teams in Omaha for the second time in three years.

Oklahoma State defeated South Carolina 3-1 to post a sweep in Columbia, where the Gamecocks were 30-3 in the regular season, but 4-3 in the national tournament. The Cowboys, who are in the CWS for the first time since 1999, scored all three of their

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# Carr and Big Spring a perfect combo

### Special to the Herald

For the past 83 years, this west Texas community has had a considerable legacy.

"We have a strong history, and we have a good amount of second-, third- and fourth-generation families that are still involved our rodeo," said Dane Drive, a longtime member of the volunteer committee that organizes the annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, set for 8 p.m. Thursday, June 16 through Saturday, June 18, at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

"The history and the legacy of what we're about to do is what makes me the proudest," he said.

He should be. The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is a major community event. Even more important is that locals are the ones behind the scenes, albeit a small group consisting of less than 30 people.

"I cannot brag enough on the volunteers that help put on our rodeo," Driver said. "If it wasn't for the strength of the individuals on the committee, it wouldn't hap-

pen. Their heart is putting that rodeo on.

"The small-business

owners who are on the committee always reroute their time and energy, and they have people in their offices who focus on the rodeo. They have to make major adjustments to their businesses to handle what they handle."

stock contracting company that has been part of the Big Spring rodeo for more than a decade.

"We are Pete's first rodeo, and we're proud of that," Driver said. "I remember when he met with my dad and said what he's about. It's been that and more. It's been a hell of a building process to watch his company grow. The good thing for us is that he's grown our production. The production he's done for us has done nothing but get better.

"What he does for our

production is noticed.

A lot of people can put

the best bang for the buck."

Driver understands that better than most. He's the third generation of his family to be involved in aspects of the celebration. By the time the competition begins later this week, the committee will hand over the bulk of the production to the staff from Pete Carr Pro Rodeo, a Dallas-based

gler National Finals Rodeo over the past three years. "What I really like about Pete is that he has treated us like we're one of the big winter rodeos," Driver said. "He doesn't treat us small even though we're a small rodeo. He gets a

lot of respect for that. It makes the local guys feel like they're doing all this for a reason. "When our committee hands him the reins, they're confident they're going to get

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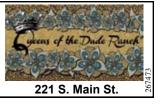








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ARIES (March 21-April 19). "I'm going to step in; I'm going to take care," the second in command will say. But you're the first in command, and you'll let everyone else know you're large, in charge and handling it all.

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and express it like no one else ever has.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). When you pass the torch and it's still burning, it's the responsibility of the next person to keep it burning still. You'll be a torch passer, so pick your person well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The uncanny incidents are just too coincidental for your comfort: Is someone trying to pull one over on you? If so, they picked the wrong mark. Step back and take a long, hard look.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You think it takes a while to know a person? Well, not so much. One look and 15 seconds can do 80 percent of the job. The rest will get done in a few interesting conversations tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Every moment is a chance to grow or an opportunity to retreat. What do you think today's challenge is about? Which way would be more appropriate? How should you fight the good fight?

explosion went off. The

garage is filled to the hilt

with his stuff. I have one

materials that I struggle

to reach over all of the

He never throws

anything out, for fear

he "might need it." This

includes mail going back

weeks, which he leaves

on the dining room table

until the stack topples over. Then I put the stack

in a shopping bag and

stash it beside his com-

puter. Where it stays for

But the latest drama

few years ago, he bought

has me really irked. A

a beautiful, expensive

mattress, but claimed it

started buying one cheap

air mattress after anoth-

er. The original mattress

Put your

RIGHT HERE.

made him sore. So he

decades.

accumulation.

small shelf with gardening

### Tomorrow's Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The in-between spots are the worst. So uncomfortable. You wish you were here or there,

but you're neither and vou're both. Well, at least you're you, with that pretty smile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Taking liberties could make you a star or an outcast, depending on the situation. In the case of today, you'll be driven to a more outrageous choice that could potentially help many while bringing you a glow of fame.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People sound different when they are under stress or in attraction-mode. Your attention to the subtleties will tip you off as to what is going on with someone close to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If your day had a mantra, it would be something along the lines of, "Tell me what I don't already know." And the good news is you'll find it -- the nugget of information that lights up your

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As far as the people around you go, you may find that it's harder to organize them to your purposes than you thought it would be. The fact is, no one will know your rhythm until you start banging the

drum. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The most romantic people are the ones who feel their emotions keenly. It's seen as a weakness in some places, a strength in others. So which arena are you in?

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 13). Love isn't fondness, duty or tolerance. Well, it is those things, but not only those things. It's your time to discover deeper and unexplainable levels of love. The wounds of life allow this. Next month, money will rain down on you -- or more likely, come in a fat envelope. August and December feature redemption. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your

14. 38 and 18.

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QUESTIONS: "I am a Taurus who is at a really frustrating point in my career. I slogged away for many years trying to get somewhere in the entertainment field and I created many cool situations and learned a lot from them. When I finally did have a project greenlighted, I experienced some success with a partner I had been working with for many years. But here's the problem. My partner, a Gemini, went on to bigger and better things. I still haven't moved on. I have much to be thankful for, but somewhere deep inside I completely resent my partner for doing better than me and for

leaving me in the dust." Of course you have to forgive your partner -- not in person, but in your heart. And more importantly forgive yourself for comparing your talent to others and finding it lacking. Your partner has different skills. Gemini has the gift of gab and I'm guessing is proba-

bly a master networker. And your skills are equally bankable, which you've already proven once. Your Taurus super strength is white-knuckled tenacity. Use it to stubbornly hang on to your dreams instead of to harbor an unproductive

grudge.

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### Annie's Mailbox ®

ended up in my book room, so now I can't even reach the household files. He wants to put it in my bedroom, claiming I have two bedrooms to his one.

Am I being too inflexible and strict? I can't stand clutter, and I feel he is constantly encroaching. Every time I manage to create an empty shelf, he fills it.

How can I make this better? -- Drowning in Stuff

Dear Drowning: Your husband will continue to encroach on any available space. He can't help himself. You've been exceedingly tolerant, but everyone has limits. Please contact the International OCD Foundation (iocdf.org) for information on hoarding and how to help your husband. You can start by respectfully

asking whether he will allow you to dispose of the mattress, since he will not be using it again and it is taking up a lot of space. Under no circumstances should you let it be stored in your bedroom.

lucky numbers are: 4, 12,

Dear Annie: Your response to "Fearful" should have included advice to see her ophthalmologist for an eye exam. Her poor night vision may be due to developing cataracts, a common problem in older persons. Interocular lens replacements is a very short, safe procedure performed under local anesthesia. My surgery is scheduled, and I'm looking forward to once again driving at night. -- Montana

Dear Montana: Several readers suggested that "Fearful" might enjoy

driving at night once she has cataract surgery, if that should turn out to be the problem. It's a great suggestion, although she may have other reasons for not driving at night that are unconnected to her vision.

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By Steve Becker

Here is how the bidding went at

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Pass

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Two of the three Norths that got

### Famous Hand

the six tables:

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

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North

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Dble

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North dealer. Both sides vulnerable NORTH ♦ 10 9 3 WEST EAST **♦**J1095 Λ K 8 7 4 **♦**876 **4**06 **♣**K985 **SOUTH ♦** A K Q J 5 2 **♣**J 10

> Bridge is much too complicated a game for anyone to expect to bid every hand perfectly. Even the best partnerships in the world, with all their skill and experience, cannot hope to arrive at the best contract as

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was the correct contract partscore in diamonds — reached. There is no question that the hand is a made-to-order trap for North-South. With 27 high-card points in

the combined hands, plus an excel-

lent trump suit, it is almost impossi-

ole not to reach a game contract.

to three notrump actually made the contract! At one table, East led the spade seven, and declarer made five notrump. At the second table, East led a club, and declarer made four notrump. At the third table, East led the K-A of spades, on which West played the jack and then the nine to unblock the suit. As a result, declarer lost five spade tricks and went down

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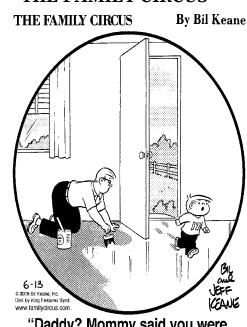
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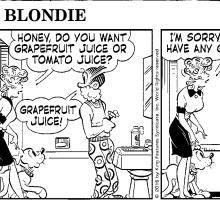


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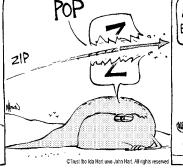
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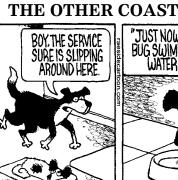




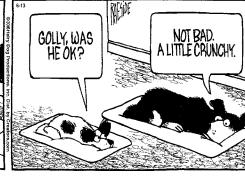
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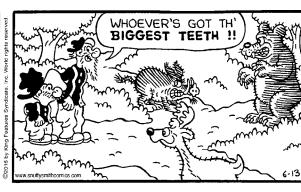






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# This Date In History

Today is Monday, June 13, the 165th day of 2016. There are 201 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

On June 13, 1966, the Supreme Court ruled in Miranda v. Arizona that criminal suspects had to be informed of their constitutional right to consult with an attorney and to remain

silent. On this date:

History:

In 1525, German theologian Martin Luther married former nun Katharina von Bora

In 1842, Queen Victoria became the first British monarch to ride on a train, traveling from Slough Railway Station to Paddington in 25 minutes.

In 1865, Nobel Prize-winning poet-playwright William Butler Yeats was born in Dublin, Ireland. In 1886, King Ludwig II of

Bavaria drowned in Lake Starnberg. In 1927 av

Lindbergh was honored with a ticker-tape parade in New York City.

In 1935, James Braddock claimed the title of world heavyweight boxing champion from Max Baer in a 15-round

fight in Queens, New York. "Becky Sharp," the first movie photographed in "three-strip" Technicolor, opened in New York. In 1942, the first of two four-

arrived in the United States during World War II. (The eight were arrested after one of them went to U.S. authorities; six of the saboteurs were executed.) In 1957, the Mayflower II, a replica of the ship that brought

the Pilgrims to America in

1620, arrived at Plymouth,

Massachusetts, after a nearly

man Nazi sabotage teams

two-month journey from England. In 1971, The New York Times began publishing excerpts of the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of America's involvement in Vietnam from 1945 to 1967 that had been leaked to the

Daniel Ellsberg. In 1981, a scare occurred during a parade in London when a teenager fired six blank shots at Queen Elizabeth II.

paper by military analyst

In 1986, Benny Goodman, the clarinet-playing "King of Swing," died in New York at age 77.

1996, the 81-day-old In Freemen standoff ended as 16 remaining members of the antigovernment group surrendered to the FBI and left their Montana ranch.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush told Iraqi

(NOO'-ree ahl-MAHL'-ih-kee) during a surprise visit to Baghdad that the fate of his war-scarred country was in Iraqi hands; for their part, Irag's new leaders sought a promise from Bush not to withdraw U.S. troops too quickly.

Five years ago: Facing off in

New Hampshire, Republican

White House hopefuls condemned President Barack Obama's handling of the economy from the opening moments of their first major debate of the 2011-2012 campaign season. One year ago: Hillary Rodham Clinton formally kicked off her presidential

campaign with an outdoor rally in New York where she asked supporters to join her in building an America "where we don't leave anyone out, or anyone behind."

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### **ACROSS**

- 1 Mini-(convenience
- store)
- 5 Cricket sound 10 British fellow
- 14 Hand-lotion
- ingredient
- 15 External
- 16 Green citrus fruit
- 17 British "Bye-bye!"
- 18 Aunt's spouse 19 Swedish
- furniture chain 20 Company's ranking system
- 22 Twirls like a top
- 23 Solemn pledge 24 Lowly worker
- 25 Detests 28 Three-sided
- shape
- 32 Make wavy 33 Benches and
- chairs
- 35 Repairs, as a
- 36 Rides a wave
- 38 Night before a
- on-air song
- 44 Angelic
- 45 Opera solo
- 48 Sleep like a bear
- 54 Post-game summary

- - shoelaces 57 Angry

- shapes

- 2 Jai
- 3 Repetitive learning
- Earl Grey
- - 7 Need to scratch
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### Hamels reaches 2,000 Ks as Rangers beat Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Cole Hamels appreciated making a little bit of history on Sunday. He was even happier getting a big win to increase the Texas Rangers' divi-

Hamels became the seventh active pitcher to reach 2,000 strikeouts in the Rangers 6-4 win against the Seattle Mariners on Sunday.

Hamels (6-1) picked up strikeout No. 2,000 in the third inning when he got Leonys Martin swinging. It was one of five strikeouts for Hamels, who allowed one run on four hits in seven innings. He joins C.C. Sabathia, Bartolo Colon, Felix Hernandez, Jake Peavy, John Lackey and Justin Verlander.

"I've got some pretty good company to pitch against since I've come up," Hamels said. "It's pretty fun to be able to pitch with those types of guys in this league in this generation that I've been able to come up with. It just kind of pushes us to see what we can

Mitch Moreland homered for the AL West-leading Rangers, who took two out of three games in the series against secondplace Seattle to open a season-



high five-game division lead. The Rangers have won seven straight series and 12 of their last 15 games.

"It's a good win for us, especially to play this team and how close we're probably going to be throughout the year in this division," Hamels said. "I have a pretty good feeling that when we come back here again and when we play them again, it's going to be pretty tight and they're going to be really important games."

The Rangers took a 6-1 lead after six innings. Elvis Andrus had a run scoring double in the fourth, followed by Moreland's two-run home run. It was Moreland's ninth homer and third of the series; he hit two against the Mariners on Friday. In the sixth, Andrus drove in another run with a single and Ian Desmond singled with the bases loaded to score two more.

Sam Dyson pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Kevin Chandler combined on 3

2/3 innings of shutout relief after Louisville took a 3-0 lead. Oklahoma State's Tyler Buffett pitched seven innings, al-

a walk. Miami's Bryan Garcia worked the last 1 1/3 innings for his third save of the tournament and 18th of the season.

lowing one run on eight hits and

Florida's Shore struck out nine and allowed only two sin-

- TCU's Howard retired the last 11 batters he faced, and Feltman set down all six in the last two innings.

PROSPECT WATCH

- Louisville OF Corey Ray, the fifth overall pick by the Brewers, was 0 for 8 in the super regional and 4 for 21 in five tournament

 Miami C Zack Collins, 10th overall pick by the White Sox, was 0 for 2 and walked three

Louisville's Burdi. 26th overall pick by the White Sox, blew a save for the first time this season by giving up Cohen's grand slam.

- Florida's Alonso, second-— Louisville's Drew Har- round pick by the Mets, is 11 for 21 with four doubles, three home runs and 10 RBIs in the tournament.

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runs in the fifth inning on two hits and two errors. No. 5 Texas Tech bounced back

in from a Game 1 loss in Lubbock to win two straight over East Carolina, with Erikson Lanning and Hayden Howard combining on a two-hit shutout in an 11-0 victory Sunday. The Red Raiders are in their second CWS, all in the last three years. TCU will be in the CWS for a

third straight year after eliminating No. 4 Texas A&M with a 4-1 victory. Brian Howard and Durbin Feltman combined on a two-hitter in Game 3.

No. 3 Miami advanced to a second straight CWS and 25th overall with a 9-4 win over Boston College in Game 3 in Coral Gables, Florida, Edgar Michelangeli hit a three-run homer and grand slam, with the second blast leading to a confrontation between the teams after Michelangeli flipped his bat at the start of his trot and there was an exchange of words between him and BC catcher Nick Sciortino.

Florida bounced back from its Saturday loss to Florida State with a 5-0 victory that forced a decisive game on Monday. Loeight-plus shutout innings, and Peter Alonso doubled three times and drove in three runs. The SEC had seven teams make

gan Shore allowed two hits over

the tournament, and the Gators are the only one still alive.

Arizona was the first team to make the CWS after sweeping No. 6 Mississippi State on Satur-

A look around the country: **BIG BATS** 

— UC Santa Barbara's Cohen had just 26 at-bats this season before stepping to the plate in the bottom of the ninth Sunday and delivering his second career

Michelangeli, who didn't homer his first two seasons at Miami, has hit three of his five this season since May 26. Boston College's Donovan

Casey 2 for 5 with three RBIs.

 Louisville's Blake Tiberi was 3 for 4 Sunday and 5 for 8 in the super regional.

Texas Tech's Hunter Hargrove was 3 for 5 with a double and four RBIs.

 South Carolina's Marcus Mooney went 3 for 4. MARVELOUS ON MOUND

rington pitched seven shutout innings and struck out 12.

 UC Santa Barbara's James Carter, Trevor Bettencourt and

CUP

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"It's so hard to win it year after year," said Lemieux, who won backto-back titles and Conn Smythe trophies as a player for Pittsburgh. "For them to be able to come through this year and win their second Cup is big. Hopefully there's a few more for them."

This didn't seem like it would be a season to remember back in early December when the Penguins were the near the bottom of the standings in the Eastern Conference and coach Mike Johnston was fired. But led by coach Mike

Sullivan, the Penguins recovered to make the playoffs as the secondplace team in the Metropolitan Division after some shrewd moves by general manager Jim Rutherford, who put together the entire "HBK line" of Carl Hagelin, Nick Bonino and Phil Kessel over the past year as well as other key acquisitions.

Pittsburgh knocked off the New York Rangers in the first round, Washington in round two and then rallied from a 3-2 series deficit to beat Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference final. "In the playoffs, sud-

denly we thought we could beat any team," Malkin said. "We tried to play the same game we played in 2009." The Penguins were in

control for almost the entire final. They did not trail until Game 5 at home and responded to a strong push from San Jose in the clincher to avoid a decisive seventh game. Pittsburgh held San Jose to just one shot on goal in the first 19 minutes of the third period to preserve the onegoal lead. The Penguins sealed it when Crosby that set up Hornqvist's empty-netter.

"You dream your whole life for this," said Kessel, the former Maple Leaf who led the Penguins with 22 points this postseason. "How can you ask for anything

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better than this? Winning the Cup is what your dream of and what you play for."

Logan Couture scored the lone goal for the Sharks, who were making their first trip to the final in their 25-year history. Martin Jones made 24 saves and was San Jose's best player for the

"The end is like hitting a wall," coach Peter DeBoer said. "But only one team can win." While the season end-

ed in disappointment, it also was a bit of a breakthrough for Joe Thornton, Patrick Marleau and the rest of a franchise that had been known for playoff collapses, most notably in 2014 when the Sharks blew a 3-0 series lead in the first round to Los Angeles.

"We thought we had the team, going through the teams we did in the West," Thornton said. "It's just tough right now.'

There was an electric atmosphere before the final home game of the season in San Jose with fans starting their "Let's Go Sharks!" chants well before the opening puck drop and an elaborate pregame light and video show firing up the fans. But the Penguins jumped ahead for the fifth time in six games this series after Dainius Zubrus was sent off for tripping when Crosby's line didn't allow San Jose to leave its own zone. Dumoulin took advantage when his point shot beat Jones for a rare soft goal allowed by the Sharks' netminder.

The Sharks tied it early in the period when Couture beat Murray with a big shot for his 30th point of the postseason. Pittsburgh answered 1:19 later when Crosby sent a pass from behind the net to Letang, who beat Jones from a sharp angle to the short side.

Sharks F Melker Karlsson missed a few blocked a shot from shifts in the first period Marc-Edouard Vlasic after falling awkwardly into the boards and limping off the ice. ... Couture joined Philadelphia's Daniel Briere (2010), Malkin (2009) and Crosby (2009) as the only players in the past 20 years with 30 points in a postseason.



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He has all the ability, all the physical ability in the world," Britt Smith said.

Williams shined defensively when he was on the field, but eventually his lack of awareness in key situations led to Hill and Paris getting more playing time. Williams was picked off at first base in five of the first six home games of the year. In the game

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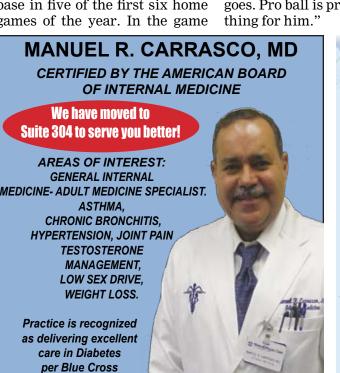
he wasn't picked off, he failed to reach base.

"When he goes into pro ball, he'll have the opportunity to continue to develop his skills without the pressure of winning and losing because in the minor leagues that doesn't matter," Smith said. "He has enough speed to play center, it's really about what they want to do with him. He's strong, he's athletic, and he can really, really run. He's just really raw. He's behind the curve as far as baseball goes. Pro ball is probably the best

Smith said he wasn't surprised that only two of his players were drafted.

"Most of our guys the past two years signed professionally out of Howard, so we really didn't have a ton of guys still playing in college," he said.

Smith added that Dean Steinhagen, who just helped his Texas Christian University Horned Frogs clinch a trip to Omaha for the College World Series, will more than likely get a free agent offer when the Horned Frogs' season ends.



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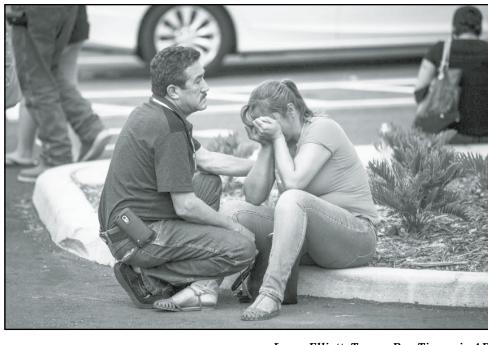
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### World in brief



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Friends and family grieve after a list of hospitalized victims was released June 12, 2016 near the Orlando Regional Medical Center in Orlando, Fla. Fifty people were killed and at least 53 were wounded in the shooting at the Pulse nightclub.

### As mass shootings plague US, survivors mourn lack of change

DENVER (AP) — The deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history has people around the world wondering why mass violence keeps happening in America.

For those who have lived through mass shootings, and for the law enforcement officers trying to prevent them, the answer is self-evident.

"Because we allow it," said Sandy Phillips, whose daughter was among 12 killed at Colorado movie theater in July 2012.

The nation began the week mourning the 50 people killed early Sunday when a gunman wielding an assaulttype rifle and a handgun opened fire inside a crowded gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. Authorities are investigating whether the assault was an act of terrorism, a hate crime, or both. Politicians lamented the violence as tragically familiar despite its staggering scale.

The causes of mass shootings are as disparate as the cases themselves, but those involved in other tragedies couldn't help but feel the similari-

### Another night of drinking and dancing, until the shots began

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Jon Alamo was ready for a good time.

The 22-year-old clothing store sales clerk arrived at Pulse in Orlando at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, clad all in blue from his button-down shirt adorned with palm trees to his loafers.

"It was definitely going to be an awe-

some night," he said.

Like young people in clubs the world over, Alamo met up with some friends, and then some more friends. He danced in Pulse's main room, where people swayed to the beat of salsa music. Then Alamo drifted into the club's two other rooms, which grooved to more of a hip-hop vibe. He remembers hearing Rihanna's "Work," one of his favorite songs, and grinding to it on the dance floor.

It was supposed to be just a night of dancing and drinking, of looking good and gleefully partying into the early morning hours. It was Latin night at Pulse, one of Orlando's top gay venues, and two drag performers were scheduled to perform, one of them a big draw for appearing on a season of the TV show "RuPaul's Drag Race."

### **Analysis: Trump and Clinton** contrasts in Orlando response

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Donald Trump, Sunday's mass shooting in Florida was a moment to redouble his call for tougher action against terrorism and to take credit for "being right" about the threat. For Hillary Clinton, it was a time to choose words carefully and reiterate her call for keeping "weapons of war" off Amer-

The responses of Trump and Clinton to the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history were a study in contrasts for the two presumptive presidential nominees — one of whom will soon be leading a country fearful of terrorism, gun violence and the often merciless intersection of the

The motive behind Sunday's early morning rampage at a gay nightclub in Orlando was unknown when Trump and Clinton began weighing in. By day's end, authorities still had far to go in uncovering what led Omar Mateen, a 29-year-old American citizen from Florida, to open fire, kill 50 people and critically wound dozens

As information began trickling out, Trump took to Twitter to say he was "praying" for the victims and their families. "When will we get tough, smart & vigilant?" he wrote.

Within a few hours, the presumptive Republican nominee was back on social media saying that he'd appreciated "the congrats for being right on radical Islamic terrorism." After President Barack Obama did not use that same phrase to describe Mateen in his remarks from the White House, Trump released a statement saying the president "should step down" — a provocative response that far exceeds the typical Republican criticism of Obama's approach to extremism.

### Across the world, shock and condemnation at Orlando massacre

From across the world, officials and public figures are expressing condemnation and shock over the Florida mass shooting at the Pulse Orlando nightclub on Sunday when police say a gunman wielding an assault-type rifle opened fire, killing at least 50 people and wounding dozens.

**FRANCE** 

The Eiffel tower will shine in the colors of a rainbow on Monday night, starting at 10:45 p.m. (2045 GMT) to honor victims of the mass shooting at an Orlando gay club. Paris City Hall will pay its respects starting at about 1:30 p.m. (1130 GMT) when American and rainbow flags will fly.

France feels deeply the horror of deadly attacks after the November terror attacks on a music hall, restaurants and bars and the main sports stadium killed 130. That was preceded by attacks on a satirical newspaper and a kosher grocery store. All were claimed by the Islamic state group.

### A personal quest to document IS massacre of Iraqi Yazidis

DOHUK, Iraq (AP) — The walls and even the windows of Bahzad Farhan Murad's office are covered with lists. They name the thousands of people who were killed or are still missing after the Islamic State group launched an attack on unarmed Yazidi communities in northwestern Iraq nearly two years ago.

The 28-year-old Yazidi has been documenting crimes against his community ever since the August 2014 attack. He is collecting data on as many victims as he can, gathering information on the men who were executed in groups, the women who were captured and forced into sexual slavery. the children who were indoctrinated in extremist training camps. To date. he has conducted hundreds of interviews and produced detailed files on over 2.400 victims.

Murad says his aim is to help the victims by gathering as much evidence as possible to assist a future criminal prosecution and by preserving the historical record.

"I'm pretty sure that if we don't do it now, after 20 years no-one will remember. And they will say, 'nothing happened to the Yazidis," he said.

Iraq's Yazidi community — a small and isolated religious minority that combines elements of Islam, Zoroastrism and Christianity — has been repeatedly persecuted by successive governments and invading armies. Murad thinks it is crucial to document the most recent massacres in

### **Top Tony moments: Miranda's** tearful sonnet, Corden's antics

NEW YORK (AP) - As presenter

Barbra Streisand noted, "tonight our joy is tinged with sorrow" — and she wasn't the only one making reference to the horrific Orlando shootings during the Tony Awards ceremony. But the night was also a celebration of the power of theater to bring joy. And there much joy for the cast and creators of the wildly popular "Hamilton," which won a whopping 11 To-

A look at some of the night's top moments, both onstage and off:

A SEARING SONNET

"Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda, the eloquent hero of this Broadway season, is known for giving acceptance speeches in freestyling rap. But on this night, he told the crowd, he opted to write a sonnet instead. His own tears over the Orlando tragedy were infectious, as he spoke of "when senseless acts of tragedy remind us that nothing is promised, not one day." But, he added: "Hope and love last longer, and love is love is love is love."

### Nightclub shooter was a body builder, security guard

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — He was a body builder and a security guard, a religious man who attended the local mosque and wanted to become a po-

Early Sunday, 29-year-old Omar Mateen opened fire at a gay nightclub in Orlando in an attack that left 50 people dead and 53 wounded, police said.

Mateen was the son of an Afghan immigrant who had a talk show in the United States, the nature of which was not entirely clear: A former Afghan official said the program was pro-Taliban and a former colleague said it was enthusiastically pro-American.

He attended evening prayer services at the city's Islamic Center three to four times a week, most recently with his young son, said Imam Syed Shafeeq Rahman. Although he was not very social, he also showed no signs of violence, Rahman said. He said he last saw Mateen on Friday.

"When he finished prayer he would just leave," Rahman told The Associated Press. "He would not socialize with anybody. He would be quiet. He would be very peaceful."

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