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Supreme Court strikes down Texas abortion regs

By MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court issued its strongest defense of abortion rights in a quarter-century Monday, striking down Texas' widely replicated rules that sharply reduced abortion clinics in the nation's second-most-populous

By a 5-3 vote, the justices rejected the state's arguments that its 2013 law and follow-up regulations were needed to protect women's health. The rules required doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and forced clinics to meet hospital-like standards for outpatient surgery.

The clinics that challenged the law argued that it was merely a veiled attempt to make it harder for women to get abortions by forcing the closure of more than half the roughly 40 clinics that operated before the law took ef-

Justice Stephen Breyer's majority opinion for the court held that the regulations are medically unnecessary and unconstitutionally limit women's right to abortions.

Breyer wrote that "the surgicalcenter requirement, like the admitting privileges requirement, provides few, if any, health benefits for women, poses a substantial obstacle to women seeking abortions and constitutes an 'undue burden' on their constitutional right to do so."

Thirteen states have similar requirements, enacted as part of a wave of abortion restrictions that states have imposed in recent years. Others include limits on when in a pregnancy abortions may be performed and the use of drugs that induce abortions without surgical intervention.

Amy Hagstrom Miller, the owner of several Texas clinics among her eight facilities in five states, predicted that the decision would "put a stop to this trend of copycat legislation."

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said the law "was an effort to improve minimum safety standards and ensure capable care for Texas women. It's exceedingly unfortunate that the court has taken the ability to protect women's health out of the hands of Texas citizens and their duly elected representatives."

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100% a Steer fan

New Big Spring ISD assistant superintendent on the job

By LYNDEL MOODY

Although an Andrews High School graduate, Jay McWilliams, the new assistant superintendent of Big Spring ISD, says come fall he will be 100 percent a Steer fan.

"My family was happy when I got this job but she (his sister who still lives in Andrews) told me we just can't pull (for your team)," McWilliams said. "The colors are the same, but I am a Big Spring Steer through and through now. That's the way it's going to be."

McWilliams' first day on the job was June 1. Since then, he has stayed busy updating student and employee handbooks, conforming policies to reflect the newest changes set by the state, meeting with personnel including all the district's campus principals and house hunting. He and his wife have just closed on a home in

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HERALD photo/LYNDEL MOODY

Jay McWilliams is the new assistant superintendent for Big Spring ISD. He began his tenure June 1. McWilliams comes from McCamey where he served as the high school principal.

Sunset in the Crossroads



HERALD photo/Roger Cline West Texas is well-known for spectacular sunsets, and Monday evening's at

8:57 p.m., shown here from the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, was no exception. The summer solstice was June 20, which means days are already gradually getting shorter, but it's still a long time until winter.

DPS increases enforcement for Fourth of July

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN-The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging Texans to make safe driving practices a priority during the July Fourth holiday weekend. From July 1 — July 4, DPS Troopers will join law enforcement from across the state in looking for drunk drivers, and speeding, seat belt and other traffic violators.

"DPS is calling on Texans to help keep our roadways and communities safe by celebrating responsibly and using extra caution during Independence Day festivities," said DPS Director Steven Mc-Craw. "During the holiday weekend, Troopers will be on the lookout for impaired and

dangerous drivers; and anyone who plans to drink alcohol should also plan to take alternate transportation or designate a sober driver."

During the 2015 Fourth of July enforcement period, DPS Troopers made 496 DWI arrests, and issued 7,211 speeding citations, 1,156 seat belt/ child safety seat citations and 1,007 no insurance citations.

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Obituaries

Joyce Molett



Joyce Molett, 69, of Littlefield, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, June 27, 2016, at her home.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 30, 2016, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial

She was born June 9, 1947, in Big Spring to Helen Threats and Charlie Noble. She grew up most of her life in Big Spring; however,

she lived in Clovis, N.M., for 33 years. Joyce was a Baptist and a homemaker.

Julia R. Lopez



Julia R. Lopez, 84, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 25, 2016, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Arosary will be at 7p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Monsignor Bernard Gully officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 16, 1932, to Nicolasa Rodriguez Lopez and Atanacio Lopez in Ciudad Manuel Doblado, Mexico. Julia married Jose J. Lopez, Jan. 15, 1953, and they came to Big Spring in

Joyce is survived by her husband, Calvin Molett of Littlefield; three daughters, Louise Molett of Littlefield, and Mechell Molett and Geanetta Molett. both of Clovis; three sons, Bobby Molett and Eugene Molett, both of Clovis, and Michael Haskins of Albuquerque, N.M.; 22 grandchildren; 19 greatgrandchildren; two sisters, Charlene Rushin and Mary Threats, both of Big Spring; one brother, Gary Peterson of California; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Larry Peterson; one sister, Doris Lewis; one grandson; and one great grandson.

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

She worked for many years at Spanish Inn, Coker's, Wagon Wheel, and Alberto's. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Julia is survived by two daughters, Maria Garcia, and Janie Yanez and her husband Genaro, all of Big Spring; one son, Uvaldo "Val" Lopez and Angela Britton of Charlottesville, Va.; one sister, Tita Munoz and husband Agapito of Mexico; one brother, Liborio Lopez and wife Ramona of Mexico; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Jose J. Lopez, on June 6, 2014; one daughter, Rosario Lopez; and two brothers, Juan R. Lopez and Miguel R. Lopez.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- ZZACKRAY ALLEN OLY-ER-RHODES, 23, of 1400 Johnson was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear; and on other outstanding warrants.
- MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 37, of 1007 S. Scurry St. was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief (less than \$30,000)/impairing or interrupting public service.
- DERRICK TODD DRAKE, 30, of 1515 Stadium St. was arrested on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.
- JACOB CASEY RUBIO, 26, of 605 Saunders in Coahoma was arrested on a warrant for injury to a child with intent/bodily inju-
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 200 block of Circle Drive.
- THEFT was reported on Old Gail Highway and in the 6500

block of East Midway Road, the 2500 block of Ent Drive, and the 2600 block of Langley Drive.

- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2600 block of Ent.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 100 block of West 16th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITA-**TION** was reported in the 1900 block of South Main Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this

• DERRICK TODD DRAKE, 30, was booked by BSPD for bondsor detention.

- MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 37, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief impairing or interrupting public service.
- ZZACKRAY ALLEN RHO-**DES**, 23, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for assault causing bodily injury, man off bond for evading arrest failure to appear/evading arrest

or detention, and no driver's license.

- MANUEL E. RIVERA III, 37, was booked by RSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JACOB CASEY RUBIO, 26, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for injury to a child with intent/bodily injury.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/ EMS reported the following activ-

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of Goliad. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was report-

ed in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

Medical Center.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was
- reported on North Highway 350. • FALSE FIRE ALARM was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87.
- FIRE ALARM was reported in the 1800 block of West FM 700.

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.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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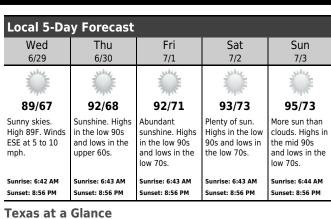
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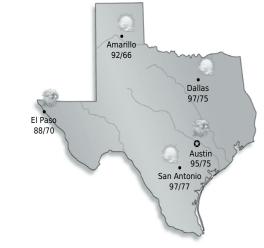
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- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weighin is confidential 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.

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Take Note

• Feeling patriotic? Consider taking part in the Coahoma Freedom Parade July 2. There is no entry fee and no need to pre-register. Simply show up at the Coahoma Football Stadium by 9 a.m. Floats cars and trucks, motorcycles, bikes, strollers and walkers are all accepted. Four prizes for "Most decorated, patriotic entry" will be judged and awarded this year. First place prize is \$100, second place is \$75, third is \$50, and fourth is \$25. Judging starts at 9:30 a.m.

Coahoma Freedom Parade T-shirts are available at Coahoma City Hall for \$15. Fun at City Park will start immediately following the parade; Five-dollar hamburgers will be available, sponsored by Western Bank. Fun activities at the event will include a basketball free-throw contest and a power tool race. There will also be a water slide. For more information call Lori Martinez at 816-4555 or Connie Shaw at 394-4000.

• 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 cor-

ner of 3rd St. and Austin Avenue. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and a catered meal will be served at 1 p.m. 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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Supreme Court will review unusual citizenship law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to referee a dispute about an odd piece of U.S. citizenship law that treats men and women differently.

The justices said they will hear a case about a law that applies only to children born outside the U.S. to one parent who is an American and one who is not. The law makes it easier for children whose mother is a citizen to become citizens themselves. Even after reform legislation in 1986, children of American fathers face higher hurdles claiming citizenship for themselves.

The federal appeals court in New York struck down the law in the case of Luis Ramon

rales-

Santana. He challenged the law and asserted he is a U.S. citizen after U.S. authorities sought to deport him after convictions for robbery and attempted murder.

Morales-Santana is the son a of a Dominican mother and an American father, who left Puerto Rico for the Dominican Republic 20 days before his 19th birthday. For people born before 1986 to parents

who are not married, their U.S. citizen fathers had to have lived in the U.S. for 10 years, at least five of them after the age of 14. Morales-Santana's father missed meeting the second part of that requirement by 20 days. American mothers need

only have lived in the U.S. continuously for a year before the birth of a child.

Changes to immigration

law made in 1986 reduced the total residency time for fathers to five years, only two of which had to be after the

By contrast, a child born in the United States, regardless of the parents' nationality, is a U.S. citizen, as is a child born abroad to two American citizens if one of them has ever lived in the United

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In addition, Troopers made 268 fugitive arrests and 187 felony ar-

According to Texas Department of Transportation, in 2015, 960 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol, accounting for 27 percent of the total number of last year's traffic fatalities.

DPS offers the following tips for a safe July Fourth holiday:

Do not drink and drive.

Slow down — especially in bad weather, construction areas, traffic and unfamiliar areas.

Monitor weather conditions. In the event of inclement weather, avoid high water and use extra caution on roadways.

Eliminate distractions

while driving, including the use of mobile

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it's the

Be careful when driv-

ing off road since hot catalytic converters can ignite dry vegetation. Do not use personal

fireworks - attend sanctioned, professional displays instead. Never toss a cigarette

out of a car window, and don't put cigarettes out on the ground. Keep a fire extinguish er and water handy if

cooking outdoors or dur-

ing a campfire.

Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated — it's

Also, move over a lane or slow down if you see a fellow motorist on the side of the road.

McWILLIAMS

Big Spring and hope to make a full transition from their life in McCamey, where they have spent the last 16 years, before school begins.

McWilliams comes to the position after eight years as the principal of McCamey High School, part of a small school system in Upton County. Always ready for new challenges, after several visits with Big Spring ISD Superintendent Chris Wigington, McWilliams said he felt Big Spring seemed like

"When I talked with Chris, I really liked his ideas, his vision, his team concept – we use a lot of athletic acronyms – we are so similar in a lot of our views, we hit it off," McWilliams said. "One of my roles is helping all the principals in the district. Their immediate supervisor is me. I loved being able to help others with things I went through. I see a lot of positive things going on and I really wanted to be a part of it."

The walls and shelves of his office are already filled with Big Spring Steer memorabilia. A Steer banner hangs from one of the walls. Near the builtin wall shelves sits a large custom-made cross created by one of his former co-workers and decorated with black cloth and a Steer emblem.

Of course, McWilliams also has a few items displayed of his previous employment, including a football signed by his 2006 state-finalist McCamey Badgers football team. He was the head football

coach at the time, a position he had for eight years. McWilliams also served as athletic director before accepting the high school principal position.

His passion for education came earlier in his life. In fact, McWilliams cites his father as his biggest influence. After he graduated from high school in 1979, McWilliams headed to Angelo State University where he earned his bachelor's in education.

"I knew from the first day I stepped into school that I wanted to coach and teach," he said. "My dad was a teacher and coach and retired as a principal. Both my brother and sister are in education. My dad was a big influence to me. He never said, 'You ought to go into education,' but I watched what he did, his influence on kids, and later as a principal, and thought I wanted to do that."

McWilliams earned a master of education degree from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. and his superintendent's certification from Region 18 Education Service Center.

He replaces Jim White, a retired superintendent who was serving temporarily in the position after the unexpected death of Danny Ferrell in January McWilliams brings 33 years of experience in the

educational field to the job. He and his wife have two grown children, a son and daughter, McWilliams' son is also a coach and teacher in Texas. "We are very excited to be here and to help make

Big Spring ISD the best it can be, and help keep it rolling," he said. "I want to be a part of helping not only our district, but also our kids do great things in the future."

Justices Anthony Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan joined Breyer's majority. Ginsburg wrote a short

opinion noting that laws like Texas' "that do little or nothing for health, but rather strew impediments to abortion, cannot survive judicial inspection" under the court's earlier abortionrights decisions. She pointed specifically to Roe v. Wade in 1973 and Planned Parenthood v. Casey in 1992, of which Kennedy was one of three authors.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas dissented.

Thomas wrote that the "exemplifies the court's troubling tendency 'to bend the rules when any effort to limit abortion, or even to speak in opposition to abortion, is at issue.'"

Thomas was quoting an earlier abortion dissent from Justice Antonin Scalia, who died in February. Scalia has not yet been replaced, so only eight justices

the law.

Alito, reading a summary of his dissent in court, said the clinics should have lost on technical, procedural grounds. Alito said the court was adopting a rule of, "If at first you don't succeed, sue, sue again." Abortion

providers said the rules would have cut the number of abortion clinics in Texas to fewer than 10 if they had been allowed to take full effect.

Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights, which represented the clinics, said, "The Supreme Court sent a loud and clear message that politicians cannot use deceptive means to shut down abortion clinics."

President Barack Obama praised the decision, saying, "We remain strongly committed to the protection of women's health, including protecting a woman's access to safe, affordable health care and her right to determine her own future."

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton called the outcome "a victory for

women in Texas and across America."

Abortion opponents had hoped Kennedy, who wrote a 2007 opinion upholding a federal ban on a certain type of abortion, would conclude that states can enact health-related measures to make abortions

Instead, he sided with his four more liberal colleagues.

Thecourt "hasstripped from states the authority to extend additional protections to women such as clinic safety standards or admitting privilege requirements for abortionists," said Notre Dame University law professor Carter Snead.

Texas is among 10 states with similar admitting-privileges requirements, according to the Center for Reproductive Rights. The requirement is in effect in most of Texas, Missouri, North Dakota and Tennessee. It is on hold in Alabama, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Wiscon-The hospital-like out-

patient surgery standards are in place in Michigan, Missouri,

Pennsylvania and Virginia, and are blocked in Tennessee and Texas, according to the center.

Texas passed a broad bill imposing several abortion restrictions in 2013. Clinics won several favorable rulings in a federal district court in Texas. But each time, the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the

Breyer's opinion was a rebuke of the appeals court and a vindication for U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel, who had held a trial on the challenged provisions and struck them down.

Separate lawsuits are pending over admittingprivileges laws in Louisiana and Mississippi, the other states covered by the 5th circuit. The laws are on hold in both states, and a panel of federal appellate judges has concluded the Mississippi law probably is unconstitutional because it would force the only abortion clinic in the state to close.

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Daily Prayer

Thank You, Lord, for our friends, our family and our many blessings. Thank You.

Amen.

As in Britain, so over here

he president of the Texas Nationalist Movement, picking up on the precedent set by British voters, desires that the Southwestern empire where I make my home hold its

my home hold its own vote on seceding from the topheavy politburo that seems to run America. Good luck on persuading the U.S. Army to march away from Fort Hood on command of whatever unlikely coalition the Nationalist Move-



WILLIAM MURCHISON

ment might assemble.
On the other hand, the Supreme Court of the same country to which the nationalists would wave bye-bye reminded many on Monday of the pass to which we have come over the past 70 or 80 years. We have a central government that calls

governments closest to the people might see as right or just or in the popular interest.

The U.S. government of our time is, for many purposes, the European Union with an Ivy

League accent.

all major shots, sets all major

policies; never mind what those

On Monday, our land's highest court, by a vote of 5 to 3, rebuked Texas for actions its lawmakers had viewed as consequential in protecting unborn life. The court said a 2013 Texas law upgrading medical standards for abortion clinics imposed an "undue burden" on women seeking abortions.

The law's rigorous requirements — clinics had to meet the standards for ambulatory surgical centers, with admitting privileges at local hospitals required for abortion doctors

— had cut in half the number of abortion clinics in Texas. The court majority's judgment: "Each (provision) places a substantial obstacle in the path of women seeking a previability abortion, each constitutes an undue burden on abortion access ... and each violates the Federal Constitution."

The U.S. government's promotion, in 1973, of abortion to the status of constitutional right stripped Texas of its former right to confer on unborn life unambiguous preference over a woman's asserted right to control of her body. According to the Supreme Court's 7-to-2 majority, the hicks in Texas and elsewhere could maintain their antique notions as to the value of unborn life, but the Supreme Court was stepping in to demonstrate the limit of those notions. So much for the supposed rights of local people to make decisions locally, in accordance, more or less, with the plan of the Founding Fathers.

States' attempts to improve the lot of the unborn rest on shaky grounds, pending some improbable moral counterreformation in American politics. The court keeps a close watch on uppity state legislators who note, among other realities of the abortion age, a growing moral callousness that allowed a Philadelphia abortionist several years ago to kill infants born alive, and even to commit manslaughter on a patient.

Ah, but too bad for states like Texas that stepped in to close the doors on potential horrors of that sort. The court wanted evidence that the requirement for hospital admitting privileges "would have helped even one woman obtain better treatment." Instead, the court majority focused on the

inconveniences attendant on navigating interstate highways to reach a trustworthy, and still open, clinic in one of the state's big cities. The judgment of mere lawmakers representing mere people is hardly to be trusted these days — just as in Europe, come to think of it.

More and more, the rule of "experts" (e.g., Supreme Court justices) takes precedence over the understandings — touching as the experts might own them to be — of those who live on the ground floor of society, taking in the comings and goings that make up life.

A majority of Britons registered their discontent with arrangements that leave them playing second fiddle to the EU experts clustered in Brussels, who enjoy unfettered power to overrule local desires not in concert with the big picture the experts paint.

So it is over here, with arrangements from New Deal days that assign Washington, D.C., priority in the large matters of life, such as the protections to which life is entitled. There is little consolation in knowing one's self to be part of an international problem. There may be some in knowing that the resultant anger and discontent are spreading fast, with consequences too shocking to forecast.

William Murchison writes from Dallas. His latest book is "The Cost of Liberty: The Life of John Dickinson." To find out more about William Murchison, and to see features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.



Mental illness and policy

did my mother's grocery shopping last Saturday. She's 88 years old and uses a walker, so most "outside" jobs are mine now. Heading

home after I put the groceries way, I thought I'd stop for ice cream.

I parked in front of a corner store with a sign in the window reading, "Cigarettes Sold At Legal Minimum," went in and selected a chocolate-covered ice cream bar fro



Marc Dion

ice cream bar from the freezer. I went over to the counter to pay, holding the ice cream bar in my right hand and two \$1 bills in my left hand.

"Any kind you want," said the guy in front of me at the counter.

"This kind?" said the heavy set Indian man behind the counter, holding up a blue pack of cigarettes. "Any kind," the man in front

"Any kind," the man in front of me said. "My name is Mikey, and I don't give a" There's a high-rise apart-

ment building across from the store. Red brick and very tall, it houses elderly people, some drug addicts and a number of people whose problems are more difficult to define. Mikey had a jittery look in his eyes that is not uncommon in the neighborhood.

cigarettes and Mikey handed over some money. We were the only three people in the store. "The devil is after me," Mike

The clerk handed over the

"The devil is after me," Mik said.
The store owner silently

handed over the change.

"And if some Hare Krishna kills me, you see what happens," Mikey said.

The guy behind the counter said nothing.

Mikey left mumbling I put

Mikey left, mumbling. I put my ice cream bar down on a mat decorated with words in praise of chewing tobacco. "Lots of crazy people in this

city," the store owner said, taking my money. When the government builds housing for people who are beir

housing for people who are being chased by the devil, they do not build it in the suburbs. People in the cities are told this is because we have the "services" needed by those who are one step ahead of Satan. People in the suburbs require no explanation.

"I learn one thing" the store

"I learn one thing," the store owner said to me. "If you don't talk to them, they talk anyway, but if you talk to them, they talk more.

"I don't talk to them," he said.

He gave me my change.

"Come back again," he said. "I will," I said.

I got in my truck, unwrapped the ice cream and ate it on the short drive home.

About two blocks from the store, I caught up with Mikey. He was walking down the sidewalk, screaming. Every so often, he stopped, took a clear plastic bottle from his pocket and poured a clear fluid onto the sidewalk. Maybe it was holy water. Other than members of the clergy, the Mikeys of the world are the people most likely to be carrying holy water.

I drove slowly when I drove past Mikey. People screaming on the sidewalk are more likely to run out into traffic than almost any other group of people

It was a Saturday. The societal

It was a Saturday. The societal safety net relaxes on Saturday. There's a good chance that the store owner provided the only "services" Mikey got that Saturday.

Unless he went to a gun store. To find out more about Marc Munroe Dion and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit www. creators.com. Dion's latest book, "King of The World on \$14 an Hour," is a collection of his best 2014 columns, and is available for Nook and Kindle.

TransCanada seeks \$15B for rejection of Keystone pipeline

By GRANT SCHULTE **Associated Press**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) -The company that proposed the Keystone XL pipeline is seeking \$15 billion in damages from the federal government after the Obama administration rejected the Canada-to-Texas project, a company spokesman said Monday.

TransCanada Inc. filed a request for arbitration Friday under the North American Free Trade Agreement, arguing that the State Department's actions led the company to believe the project would win approval. Obama rejected a federal permit for the project in November, saying it would have undercut the nation's reputation as a global leader on addressing climate change.

The Calgary-based company argues that it moved forward with the project under the assumption that it would win approval, given numerous federal reviews and the government's approval of the original Keystone pipeline. It also alleges that the administration rejected the project to bolster its environmental credentials.

"TransCanada has been unjustly deprived of the value of its multi-billion dollar investment by the U.S. Administration's arbitrary and unjustified denial," company spokesman Mark Cooper said. "It is our responsibility to take the actions we deem appropriate to protect our rights."

The pipeline would have 830,000 barrels of crude oil per day from Hardisty, Alberta, in Canada to Steele City, Neb., where it would have connected to existing pipelines running south to Gulf Coast refineries. The final route would have run through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Department State spokesman said the agency doesn't comment on pending litigation.

The \$8 billion pipeline, first announced in 2008, faced numerous roadblocks from environmental groups, as well as some landowners where it would have crossed.

Pipeline opponents said the claim highlights a problem with NAFTA as well as the proposed Tran-Pacific Partnership, which Congress has yet to ratify. Both allow foreign companies to challenge domestic laws in front of international arbitration panels, and could be used to circumvent federal environmental rules, said Michael Brune, the Sierra Club's executive director.

"TransCanada filed this NAFTA challenge as a bullying tactic," said Jane Kleeb, executive director of the anti-pipeline group Bold Nebraska.

for him.

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Abortion ruling may not open door for new Texas clinics

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Abortion providers celebrating the U.S. Supreme Court striking down major Texas abortion restrictions Monday also begrudgingly acknowledged a daunting reality: The damage is done, and no time soon are women likely to see new clinics replacing about 20 abortion facilities lost since 2013.

The restrictions that justices toppled in a 5-3 decision have already forced more than half of Texas' abortion clinics out of business — from 41 facilities before the law was passed to 19. Had the law that former State Senator Democratic Wendy Davis once temporarily blocked with an 11-hour filibuster been found constitutional, only 10 would have remained open in a state of 27 million people.

But while the biggest abortion ruling by the Supreme Court in a generation leaves Planned Parenthood and others in Texas free to open smaller and more modest clinics, providers made no promises about breaking ground on new

vas just wanted to talk to Rodriguez.

Rodriguez's wife told authorities

Morales-Rivas was jailed Monday,

where records didn't list an attorney

Gunfire kills man, injuries

3, at Houston apartment

her husband said he found the weed

And any openings, they cau tioned, could take years, meaning that women in rural Texas counties are still likely to face hours-long drives to abortion clinics for the foreseeable fu-

Buildings need to be leased. Staffs need to be hired. Clinics must still obtain state licenses and funds for medical equipment must be raised. Meanwhile, the Republicancontrolled Legislature is all but certain to remain hostile to abortion providers that try to expand.

"We really have a daunting task to determine whether and how we can reopen our health centers," said Whole Woman's Health founder Amy Hagstrom Miller, whose chain of abortion clinics in Texas includes the state's only provider on the southern border with Mexico.

Planned Parenthood Presi dent Cecile Richards also would not immediately commit to the nation's largest abortion provider opening more Texas clinics, but she expressed hope.

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police are investigating after a 40-year-old man was fatally shot during an altercation at an apartment complex and three others, including a child, were wounded by gunfire.

Police said that the 40-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene on Sunday evening. The other three people who were struck by gunfire were a 3-year-old boy, a 19-year-old woman and a 21-year-old man. Police say their injuries weren't life-threatening.

Police had previous runins with mom who killed daughters

FULSHEAR, Texas (AP) — Officers had been called out 14 times since 2012 to the home of a mother who killed her two daughters and was fatally shot by police, a Texas sheriff's office said Monday.

Some of the calls were related to alarm issues, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office said in a news release. But officials said that due to legal constraints by the county attorney, they couldn't describe the other calls for

Sheriff's office spokeswoman Caitilin Espinosa had told People magazine that prior calls had involved a "mental crisis" related to 42-year-old Christy Sheats.

Sheriff Troy Nehls said a family argument led to the shooting Friday evening at a home just outside the Houston suburb of Fulshear. Prior to the shooting, Sheats convened a family meeting in the living room that was attended by her husband, Jason Sheats, and her daughters, Taylor Sheats, 22, and Madison Sheats, 17, according to the sheriff's office

"During that meeting, Christy Sheats held up a gun and shot both girls," the sheriff's office said.

Jason Sheats and the daughters ran outside, where Madison Sheats collapsed and died. Jason Sheats ran to the end of a cul-de-sac.

Taylor Sheats was shot again by her

mother on the street. A witness told investigators Christy Sheats then went back in the home, reloaded her gun and shot Taylor once more.

When officers arrived, they saw Christy Sheats shooting one of her daughters in the street, the sheriff's office said.

An officer fatally shot Christy Sheats after she refused to obey commands to drop her handgun. Taylor Sheats was taken to a Houston hospital, where she died. A Facebook profile consistent with Sheats' biographical details included a pro-gun post, alongside posts about how much she loved members of her family.

Man arrested in fatal Texas shooting over weed eater

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a man has been charged with fatally shooting a Southeast Texas man who had his weed eater.

Liberty County sheriff's office said Monday that 28-year-old Melvin Morales-Rivas was charged with murder in the early Sunday death of 45-yearold Vincente Rodriguez.

Officials say Rodriguez was shot in his front yard after going outside to try to extinguish his burning ve-

Rodriguez and his wife were initially awakened by someone knocking on their door.

Officials say the man who knocked on the door later went to police, saying the fire and shooting were a surprise to him. He thought Morales-Ri-



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- Greek yogurt tablespoons honey
- lime, zest only
- 11/4 cups Montmorency tart cherry juice
- lime, juice only
- cup finely chopped fresh mint leaves
- tablespoons light rum (optional)

Stir together yogurt, honey and lime zest. In separate bowl, stir together tart cherry juice, lime juice, mint and rum, if desired.

Spoon two alternate layers of yogurt and cherry mixture into each mold. Insert sticks into molds and freeze until solid, about 6

To unmold pops, run mold under warm water for a few seconds, being careful not to thaw pops. Store in freezer for up to 2 months.

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gredients together.

In small bowl, stir together syrup and almond butter until combined and gently fold into nut mixture until completely incorporated.

Transfer bar mixture to prepared baking dish.

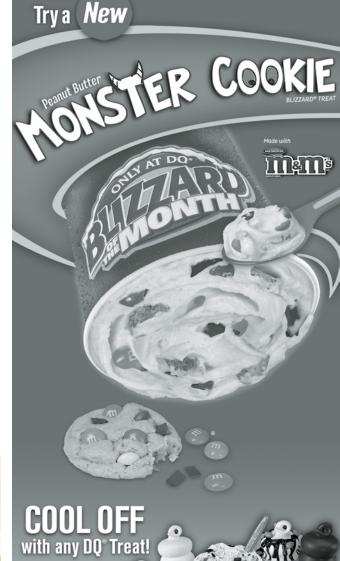
Using extra sheet of parchment paper, press down on mixture to form it to pan, ensuring there are no

pan on wire drying rack. Place in fridge or freezer for faster cooling. Remove parchment paper with cooled bars from

Bake 15 minutes; allow bars to cool completely in

pan and, using serrated knife, slice into 10 even bars. Remove parchment paper from bottom of Wrap each bar individually with plastic wrap.

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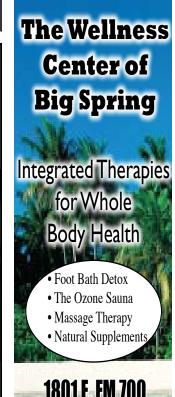
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Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes Servings: 10

- 1 cup chopped raw cashews
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- 1/2cup puffed rice cereal
- 1/4 cup pumpkin seeds
- 1/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chunks
- teaspoon 1/8 sea salt
- tablespoon whole golden flaxseeds
- cup brown
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almond butter Heat oven to 325 F; line

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Recovery underway in W.Va. town 'built to carry on'



Volunteer Kelsi Shawver hands a cupcake to a young girl at a food line set up for flood victims, emergency responders and other volunteers Monday, June 27, 2016, in Rainelle, West Virginia.

RAINELLE, W.Va. (AP) — When the torrential rains stopped in the tiny West Virginia town of Rainelle, the volunteers started showing By Monday, a small food

line at a shopping plaza had ballooned from a couple of hundred hot dogs and hamburgers to a feast for flood victims — everything from bananas to cupcakes to nachos — and more hot dogs. Behind the food line, a large room was filled halfway to the ceiling with bags of donated clothing.

As volunteers sorted the items, the extent of last Thursday's deluge came into clearer focus: Thousands of homes

and businesses were damaged or destroyed and at least 23 people were killed when up to 9 inches of rain fell in a short span, causing perhaps the worst flooding the state has seen in three decades. More than 400 people were living in shelters across the state.

"We haven't stopped feeding people," volunteer Kelsi Shawver said inside the Park Center shopping plaza. "I don't even know that I'd call it volunteering. I'm just here to help." Some of the worst

destruction was in Rainelle, a town of about 1,500 people surrounded by hills, Meadow River and several tributaries. Founded by the brothers, Thomas and John, and once home to the largest hardwood lumber mill in the world, the town's motto is "A town built to carry on ... building great things since 1906," according to its web-

The recovery and rebuilding has already begun. Along U.S. Route 60, the piles along the road

came in two forms - ruined belongings and donated household supplies that needed to be picked up. At the shopping plaza, state troopers assisted with traffic flow and helped carry items to a supply drop-off and distribution center while helicopters buzzed overhead.

The Rainelle United Meth-

odist Church, thought to be the largest structure in the world built entirely of American Chestnut lumber, had also turned into a donation center. The church had only minor flooding in the basement.

Cindy Chamberlain, who oversees the shopping center distribution center, said she worked with the American Red Cross during the massive response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

"It parallels Katrina. It is that bad," she said.

Chamberlain said she has seen an "amazing outpouring of love" from more than a dozen states, along with residents from throughout West Virginia. Because it's early in the response, she said she needs fewer donations of clothing and more items such as bottled water, cleaning supplies and money.

As food was served, the skies opened up and dropped more rain on the alreadysoaked town. Fortunately, most of the floodwaters had receded and there weren't any major problems after the brief downpour.

"That was the first thing that went through my head." Valerie Oney said. "I was like, 'Oh my, is this going to happen again? Are we sacrificing everything for nothing?"

Another downpour hit in the afternoon, but didn't stop workers at the church from handing out supplies.

Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin said during a press conference in Clendenin, about 70 miles northwest of Rainelle, that thousands of homes were lost and "thousands of others that will need some kind of rehab done to them to fix them up. Same thing with business-

Clendenin Mayor Gary Bledsoe said 99 percent of the town's businesses were gone and 60 percent of the town's homes were destroyed. The town has a population of about 1,200 people. Tomblin didn't have any specific statewide numbers on the destruc-

The governor defended the state's preparation and response, but conceded they were caught off guard by an uncertain forecast and just how much rain fell in such a short amount of time. "We didn't anticipate, I

it was with as heavy amounts as we had," the governor said. "I think that it just came up so fast and no one was expecting high water to this proportion." Two men who were presumed dead when a camper

don't think, being as bad as

was swept away in rushing waters were accounted for and the state revised its death toll Monday to 23. That number includes 20 bodies found and three people who are missing and presumed dead. The drew comparisons to

November 1985, floods that remain the state's most expensive natural disaster with more than \$570 million in damage and 47 dead.

Some residents formed armed patrols to protect what was left of their homes and possessions after reports of looting.

Fayette County Sheriff Steve Kessler warned potential looters in a Facebook post that anyone caught would be arrested and jailed, according to WCHS-TV.

"If the residents of this area catch you first, you may not make it to jail," he said.

Group deploys military veterans to volunteer in Detroit



Veterans Thomas Hart, left, and Damika Wallace work on building outdoor furniture at a park in Detroit.

DETROIT (AP) — Dozens of military veterans have come to Detroit to rebuild neglected areas of the financially distressed city.

It marks the latest and largest — effort undertaken by St. Louis, Missouri-based The Mission Continues, a nonprofit that encourages and aids volunteerism by veterans to ease the post-military transition.

Teams of volunteers fanned out Monday to three locations in a neighborhood on the

northeast side of Detroit. At a park, Iraq and Afghanistan veteran Ben Eichel, 33, and others picked up trash and built benches.

'When you're not part of something that's bigger than yourself, you lose that identity. You become isolated, and a lot of us tend to go to dark places," said Eichel, of Denver, taking a break from trying to remove a rusted-out fence. "So, The Mission Continues was there and got me involved in the community. It helped me reintegrate in civilian society effectively, because I learned that I'm not just a veteran."

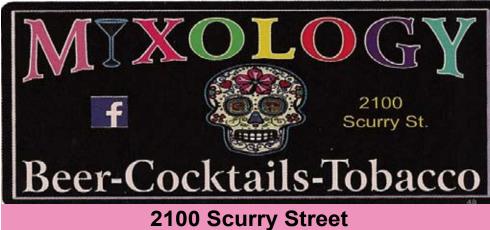
The Detroit deployment, which is known as Operation Motown Muster, got underway Saturday and will end

Wednesday. In addition to park beautification, the volunteers will also convert a school classroom into an art gallery and clean vacant lots.

believe

strongly that military veterans are really uniquely poised to help try to solve some of these community challenges all over the country," according to

group official Mary Beth Bruggeman, who should know. She was a combat engineer with the U.S. Marines and was part of the force that invaded Iraq in 2003.



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Pitching reigns as Big Spring sweeps Monday

Intermediate All-Stars on Cruz control, seniors throw no-hitter



Big Spring's Brayden Cruz throws a pitch during Monday's game against the Odessa West All-Stars. Cruz struck out five batters in a row in the third and fourth innings.

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The 13-year-old Big Spring Intermediate All-Stars made things look easy Monday against Odessa's West All-Stars.

Two days after losing to Odessa West 10-9, Big Spring won the rematch 10-4 to set up a winner-take-all final tonight.

Starting pitcher Brayden Cruz was having no problems locating his pitches and had Odessa West off balance all game long, striking out eight in 5.1 innings. He struck out the side in the third and the first two batters in the fourth for five straight Ks.

Cruz helped his own cause with a home run in the fourth inning, and Kyler Seymore added another home run in the fifth. Gaige Hill contributed with a 2-for-3 performance at the plate.

The second rematch for the

tournament championship will take place at 7 p.m. tonight at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

The 14-year-old Junior All-Stars got an impressive start from Jared Marquez on the mound, pitching six innings and giving up only two earned runs while striking out one in a 6-5 Big Spring win over the Midland All-Stars.

Marquez was aided by a huge first inning from his offense, giving him plenty of breathing room to start. Big Spring opened the game with four straight hits by Jeremiah Johnson, Zack Schneider, Isaac Murillo, and Jordan Enriquez, with Johnson's hit being a double. All four would come around to score, and Big Spring would get a fifth run in the inning when Marquez reached on an error and was driven home with a single

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Rangers wrap up win at 2:44 a.m., outlast Yanks

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - By the time Adrian Beltre stepped to the plate with the bases loaded well past midnight, Yankee Stadium was nearly deserted. So could he hear his 9-yearold son cheering for him to get a hit?

"Clearly," Beltre said.

Texas Rangers wrapped up a weird win at 2:44 a.m. Tuesday, rallying after a rain delay of more than 3 1/2 hours in the ninth inning to beat the New York Yankees 9-6 with maybe 100 fans left in the stands.

The ballpark was so empty that shouts from Texas players hollering in the dugout for Beltre's go-ahead, two-run single could easily be heard bouncing around the yard.

"The wait, it was worth it." Beltre said.

Texas trailed 6-5 when Kirby Yates replaced closer Aroldis Chapman after the delay with a runner on first and no outs. Yates (2-1) hit three batters, and Beltre and Elvis Andrus each hit a two-run single.

By then, the cleaning crews had already started their work in the upper

Rain-themed songs wafted over the sound system while showers fell during the break of 3 hours, 35 minutes. A half-dozen policemen without slickers or umbrellas got soaked while ringing the field,



AP Photo/Kathy Willens

Texas Rangers batter Shin-Soo Choo (17) returns to the dugout as grounds crew workers pull the tarp over the field in the top of the ninth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees in New York, Monday, June 27, 2016.

ensuring nobody tried to slide on the tarp — no one

me, the game should've been stopped earlier than that," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We played in horrible conditions, and I think you risk injuries to players. And we saw a bunch of their outfielders slip.

"It's hard for me to understand what happened tonight, how it got to this point. But it did and we

Texas manager Jeff Banister didn't want to quibble with how the umpires handled the weather.

"What matters is they allowed this game to be completed," he said.

Umpire crew chief Paul Nauert said "our job is to try to get the game in. Just to cut it short for rain is not something that we're doing. We take that integrity part of it very seriously."

"You've got to give both teams an equal, fair opportunity," he said. "We were going to wait as long as we

It was nowhere near the longest rain delay at this stadium. Two months after it opened in 2009, the start of a game against Washington was delayed 5 1/2 hours.

There is no official record of the longest rain delay in major league history.

The start of a pennantrace game in 1999 between Cincinnati and the Brewers at Milwaukee was held up 5 hours, 47 minutes.

Coastal Carolina shut down by Arizona's Cloney in CWS loss

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Michael Paez and Coastal Carolina guessed wrong for most of Game 1 of the College World Series finals. JC Cloney was that

The Chanticleers managed just four singles in a 3-0 loss to Arizona on Monday night. Cloney struck out six and walked three in his second career complete game.

"You want to sit on a fastball, and he throws you a cutter," Paez said. "And you sit on the off-speed, and he throws a fastball."

Now Coastal Carolina (53-18) needs a win on Tuesday to stay alive for the school's first national championship in any sport. The Chanticleers haven't lost consecutive games since getting swept at Georgia Tech from

April 29-May 1. "We know where we're at. If we lose, it's over, obviously," coach Gary Gilmore said. "At this point we just want to play really aggressively and really hard and compete and play with a lot of confidence. Cloney, I honestly think he just kind of took a little bit of

that away from us tonight." The Chanticleers, playing in the finals in their first CWS appearance, went down in order four times against Cloney (8-4) and never had a runner advance to second base until

the ninth inning. Anthony Marks singled leading off and Zach Remillard bunted down the third-base line for a base hit on a close play. Connor Owings hit into a

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Correa breaks tie in 9th, Astros hold off Angels, 4-2

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — For most of the night Monday, the Astros trailed. Yet manager A.J. Hinch was confident if Houston could simply catch the Angels, the game would swing.

"When we can get into a game of bullpens, we feel pretty good about it," Hinch said. "They get their outs. I like going to our 'pen, certainly when it's a close

After the Astros rallied to tie the score with two runs in the seventh and then took the lead with two more in the ninth, closer Will Harris wriggled out of major trouble in the bottom of the inning to preserve a 4-2 vic-

Los Angeles loaded the bases with nobody out, but Harris struck out Jett Bandy and snagged Andrelton Simmons' comebacker to start a 1-2-3 double play that ended the game.

"Give Harris credit, he pitched out of a jam," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Our guys are battling, we're playing hard. We're just not winning enough situations in games to keep them on our terms. We did a lot of good things tonight, and the Astros did a couple of things bet-Carlos Correa's sacrifice fly

on a 3-0 pitch in the ninth with the bases loaded drove in the goahead run for the Astros. Houston scored its second run in the inning on a wild pitch by J.C.

The surging Astros have won

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AP Photo/Alex Gallardo

Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout, left, has fun with Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve, right, after Trout trips rounding second base on his way to third.

Jason Day says Zika fears will keep him out of Rio Olympics

AKRON, Ohio (AP) – Jason Day pulled out of the Olympics on Tuesday because of the Zika virus, costing golf its No. 1 player as it returns from a century-long absence at the games.

The sport has lost two of its biggest stars in the last week, adding to the perception that the Olympics are not a high priority. Rory McIlroy, a fourtime major champion, also said Zika will keep from competing in Rio de Janeiro.

"The sole reason for

er and one of the most prominent athletes to

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my decision is my con-

cerns about the possi-

ble transmission of the

Zika virus and the po-

tential risks that it may

present to my wife's fu-

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our family," Day said

Day and his wife, El-

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HOLIDAY and an CANCER (June 22- $_{Mathis}$ ideal time to touch back on the projects you weird circumstances feel have been stalled, thwarted or abandoned. in the morning. Your What's in there that's

worth picking up again? Fresh momentum is success. about to set in. Be like the surfer: ready to hop onto your board when the next wave comes in. ARIES (March

retrograde

21-April 19). As for this recent baffling twist, don't try to figure it all out just yet. At the very least, it will be more fun not to know right away. And if you never find out at all -- well, the mystery is something delicious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a day for physical daring and endeavoring to act before thinking about whether you should. The result might be a performance of stunning grace, but there are other risks you'd be wise to consider as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's some excitement, and it will

ence of the day as long as you remain slightly detached. The drama will be fun if you take a step back and refuse to be overly serious about

July 22). You'll probably have to alter your plan in order to accommodate flexible attitude will contribute greatly to your

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everything is aligned. You say what you want, and then you do it. Your purpose is unencumbered by doubt or obstacle. Your focus is narrow and laser-sharp. Go!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you distance yourself from the forces that would rob you of your peace, you're not running away: You're protecting and fortifying yourself so that you can bring the best "you" to life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Small-scale trials, tests and transformations are getting you ready for the bigger changes life will surely bring. Think of this afternoon's test as a drill for the real deal.

SCORPIO (Oct.

24-Nov. 21). Beware of those who would benefit from you thinking that the solution to the problem can be bought in a product. If this could really be bottled, it would be the most popular product sold on earth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The thing you used to do for fun may now seem quite the opposite, but that's the very nature of fun: Novelty, newness, risk and reward are all a part of the equation. It's time to search for new fun now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Success is rather simple for you today. Do what you say you'll do. This is made even easier if you don't say you'll do anything, freeing yourself up completely for a change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everyone has a heart, but not everyone leads with it like you do today. You'll wind up at a magical destination, all because you followed your heart's dictates.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're not careful, your tangents will go off on tangents until you are so far from the main road (conversationally, geographically, creatively or otherwise) that it'll take a major transportation

upgrade just to get back. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**

(June 28). Your cosmic gift is a deep sense of belonging. The person who understands you does this so fully and with so much love that you feel more like yourself than you've ever been. July and August see you renewing contracts and bringing your home into the future, too. There's travel to look forward to in September. Capricorn and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 3, 40, 19 and 25.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born June 19, 1969. Since Sept. 11, 2001, my professional life has taken a huge hit. I've constantly struggled to rebound, yet I keep finding myself at companies where the cover of the book doesn't match the contents. I'm single, and my career has come before marriage and starting a family. What do you see for me professionally and personally?"

Geminis are in the fortunate and precarious position of being adaptive spirits, clearly advantageous in the modern world. Be it an emergency trip to a satellite office to fix sales

figures, or helping a co-worker with a presentation, you're interested and engaged. Yet facile business scatters energies. Imagine laying on your deathbed when the epiphany hits: "Oops, I forgot to get married and have kids!" Perhaps this sounds dramatic. But Saturn's current transit has you (and other Geminis) taking your whole life under review, more succinctly: remembering the life you forgot to live, the person you forgot to be, while on the way to "somewhere else." Somewhere else may be an illusion. We only have this moment. So start where you are. For a life that supports your whole being, you've got to create it. In fact,

inflexibly insist on it. **CELEBRITY PRO-**FILES: Her mother left when she was 2 years old, and her father was in and out of jail. But "American Idol" alumnus Kellie Pickler is a sensitive Cancer who has found something positive to do with her life's misfortunes: turn them into country songs. She was born under a warrior moon -- that's Aries. And with Mercury and Venus in Leo, her playful creativity is at its best under the white-hot spotlight.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: Several years ago, our son lived with a very immature young woman. We tried to make her feel welcome, but she had no interest in getting to know us. The only thing she ever asked was how much our son would inherit.

She then had an affair. Our son asked whether he should leave her. My husband said yes, but I told my son that people make mistakes and it was his decision. He stayed. A few months later, she was worried he might leave, so she lied about using the pill and got pregnant. The baby was christened and baptized with only her family present. We saw the photos on Facebook. When they got married shortly after, they never said a word to us.

We decided not to hold a grudge. We bought a house where they could live for \$200 a month in rent, and gave them \$40,000 to furnish it. Our new daughter-inlaw said we should let

them live there rent-free

and they stopped paying rent. They also didn't take care of the house. So we sold it, and when we didn't give them the proceeds, she told everyone that we were terrible people and had stolen their money.

They now have two children and a third on the way. We are not allowed to see the grandchildren. Our son calls us once a month, but he's afraid to tell his wife. We just wrote a new will and are giving them nothing. We haven't told our son this, but we've told our other children that they can give their brother a share if they choose. But his wife has also cut off contact with the siblings, as well as our son's grandparents. It's been five years. We would still wel-

come her, but we aren't holding our breath. Our son says he's OK with this. He says he's not abused. Sometimes there is no happy end-

Situation Dear Resigned: We are so sorry your son

ing. -- Resigned to Our

married such an unkind, immature person. Also, that he is too cowardly to take a stand, fearful that she might leave. But that is highly unlikely. We wonder how your daughter-in-law would react if she learned that you might reconsider including them in your will if you were allowed to spend time with the grandchildren. She sounds mercenary enough to think about it. It's good that you have other children to lean on. Our condolences.

Dear Annie: I just returned from a bridal shower and learned that a few of us were not invited to the wedding. I am a good friend of the bride and of her mother. The other women at my table said, "See you at the wedding." I stayed silent. Several of us are bak-

ing the cake and cookies for the wedding. Most of us who are doing the baking are not invited. When did it become OK to invite people to a shower and not the wedding? -- Old-Fashioned

Dear Old-Fashioned:

It is not OK to invite friends and family to a shower and not the wedding. (Work showers fall into a different category.) It is especially rude to ask these same people to bake for the event, unless you are charging them a fee. However, there is a possibility that the bride assumes you will be in attendance anyway since you are preparing the desserts. You might talk to the bride's mother and clear it up. We'd hate for there to be a misunderstanding.

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By Steve Becker

You too can be a genius

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH **♥**A4 **♦** J 10 5 3 **♣**K 8 7 6 4 WEST **EAST ♠**A962 **♦** QJ 10 4 **♥**Ĵ8753 ♥KQ1092 **4**103 SOUTH **♦** K 8 3 **♥** 6 ♦ AKO974 ♣A92 The bidding: West South North East

Opening lead — king of hearts.

There are times when declarer must do something extra-special to accomplish his mission. Usually the required play is well off the beaten path, and the difficult part lies not so

much in executing it, which might be easy, but in recognizing it in the first For example, take the present case where South was in five diamonds and West led the king of hearts. Declarer won with the ace and

played the ace and another trump to

the jack. He then led a low club from

East followed low. But East put up the jack, and South had to take it with Declarer next tried the king and

dummy, planning to play the nine if

another club, hoping West would have to win the third club. But East won with the queen and returned the queen of spades, and South went down one. Declarer was very much on the

beam in trying to establish dummy's clubs without allowing East to gain the lead for the killing spade shift, but his thinking did not go far enough. There was a way to establish the clubs without losing the lead to East, but it was not easy to see. The winning play is to refuse to take West's king of hearts at trick one!

Let's say West continues with a heart to the ace (he has no more effective play). In that case, South discards a club, cashes the A-K of trumps, then plays the A-K of clubs and ruffs a club. A diamond to the ten allows South to discard two spades on dummy's 8-7 of clubs, leaving him with only one spade trick to lose.

By willingly surrendering the first trick to West, declarer ultimately gets two tricks in return. Instead of losing a club and two spades, he loses a heart and only one spade, and that is a profitable transaction no matter how you look at it.

Tomorrow: A case of simple arithmetic.

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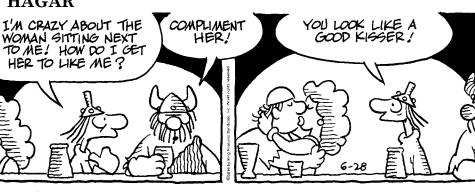
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 28, the 180th day of 2016. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights History:

On June 28, 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; from this battle arose the legend of "Molly Pitcher," a woman who was said to have carried water to colonial soldiers, then taken over firing her husband's cannon when he became injured.

On this date:

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Virginia.

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were shot to death in Sarajevo (sah-ruh-YAY'-voh) by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip ,Äî an act which sparked World War I

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') was signed in France, ending the World War. Independence, Missouri, future president Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia

Wallace. In 1939, Pan American

Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service with a flight that departed New York for Marseilles, France. In 1940, President Franklin

D. Roosevelt signed the Alien Registration Act, also known as the Smith Act, which required adult foreigners residing in the U.S. to be registered and fingerprinted. Corporate lawyer Wendell Willkie received the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Philadelphia (U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles McNary of Oregon was nominated for vice president). In 1944, the Republican

national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president. In 1950, North Korean forces

captured Seoul (sohl), the capital of South Korea.

In 1964, civil rights activist Malcolm X declared, "We want equality by any means necessary" during the Founding Rally of the Organization of Afro-American Unity in New

In 1975, screenwriter, producer and actor Rod Serling, 50, creator of "The Twilight Zone," died in Rochester, New

In 1989, about 1 million Serbs gathered to mark the 600th

anniversary of the Battle of Kosovo in 1389.

In 1996, the Citadel voted to admit women, ending a 153year-old men-only policy at the South Carolina military school. (The unanimous decision by the school's governing board came two days after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the all-male admissions policy at Virginia Military Institute.)

Ten years ago: Israeli warplanes buzzed the seaside home of Syria's president and bombed Hamas targets in Gaza to pressure Palestinian militants into freeing a kidnapped Israeli soldier, Cpl. Gilad Shalit.

Five years ago: Taliban fighters raided an international hotel in Kabul and killed 10 people on the eve of a conference to discuss plans for Afghan forces to take over security when international troops left by the end of 2014.

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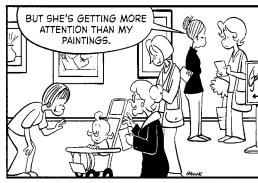
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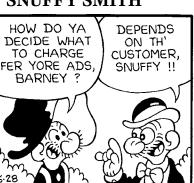




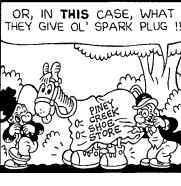




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- 18 Social blunder
- 19 West Coast sch. DOWN
- 20 Great poker hand
- 23 Thumbs-down vote 24 Music CD
- predecessors
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- (foot-soaking
- stuff) 28 Sharp knock
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double play, and Cloney caught G.K. Young looking at strike three to end the game.

The Wildcats (49-22) are in position to wrap up their fifth national title and first since 2012.

"They all know where we're at and what we're doing," first-year Arizona coach Jay Johnson said. "We need to prepare well tonight, the coaching staff and players alike, and get ready to attack the opportunity."

The Wildcats scored in the first when Ryan Aguilar singled in Cody Ramer, who led off with a double. Aguilar added another RBI single in the seventh to make it 3-0.

Arizona's defense, which has committed only one error at the CWS, continued to come up big. Second baseman Ramer, playing in short right field as part of a shift in the fourth, sprinted to barehand G.K. Young's grounder. His throw to first barely beat Young's headfirst slide. Right fielder Zach Gibbons went with his back to the wall to catch Paez's deep fly to end the eighth inning.

"I thought I got enough of it,"

Paez said, "but knowing this field, you can't predict what's going to happen."

Coastal Carolina starter Zack Hopeck (3-4) lasted 6 1/3 innings and threw 103 pitches, both career highs. He tipped his cap to the Coastal fans and got a hug from reliever Bobby Morrison as he neared the dugout.

Hopeck was solid, but Cloney was great.

Coastal Carolina was shut out for just the second time this season, and first since an 11-0 loss to Wake Forest on March 8. The Chanticleers had scored in 58 straight games.

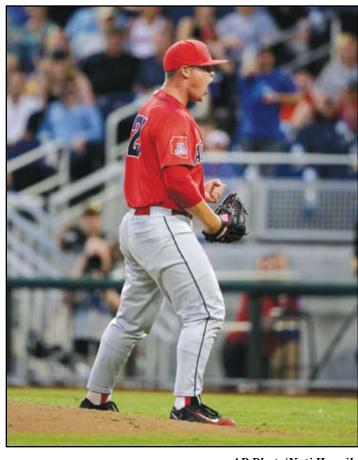
"The kids never quit," Gilmore said. "I think they were more frustrated than anything, just trying to figure out how to solve this guy and get some runners on base."

ARIZONA ACES

Arizona pitching has yielded 12 earned runs in 11 CWS games at TD Ameritrade Park, for a 1.06 ERA. The Wildcats have allowed six earned runs in six games this year with 54 strikeouts in 54 innings.

UP NEXT

Arizona can clinch its fifth national championship with a win in Game 2 on Tuesday night.



AP Photo/Nati Harnik

Arizona pitcher JC Cloney reacts to the final out against Coastal Carolina in the ninth inning in Game 1 of the NCAA Men's College World Series finals baseball game in Omaha, Neb., Monday, June 27, 2016. Arizona won

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specifically cite Zika for not going to Rio. The others are McIlroy, Charl Schwartzel, Branden Grace and Marc Leishman, whose wife's immune system has not fully recovered after she nearly died last year of toxic shock syndrome. American cyclist

Tejay van Garderen is among a handful of athletes outside of golf who also cited Zika as the reason behind not going to Rio. Basketball star Stephen Curry said "other factors" played a role for him.

SWEEP

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from J.C. Escovedo.

Big Spring got their all-important sixth run in the fourth inning thanks to eratic pitching from Midland. Izaiha Valle had a oneout single, and Johnson followed with a walk. Schneider followed by grounding into a fielder's choice, but with runners on first and third, Murillo was hit by a pitch and Enriquez drew a bases loaded walk to drive in the game's winning run.

Johnson finished the game perfect, going 2-for-2 with two walks in his four plate appearclosed out the game with a 1-2-3 seventh inning after Marquez had reached his pitch count limit.

ances, and Schneider

Big Spring will take on Midland again in a rematch for the tournament championship tonight at 6 p.m. at Steer Park.

The 15-year-old Big Spring Senior All-Stars played about as well as they possibly could, beating the Midland All-Stars 17-0 in a runruled five-inning affair that saw Midland go hitless.

Big Spring starter Jack Everett threw 3.2 hitless innings before being pulled due to a pitch count nearing 50. Kobe Gutierrez followed Everett by retiring the four of the five batter he faced with one walk, finishing off the combined no-hitter. He struck out two in the process. Everett finished with three strikeouts and two walks.

Big Spring was held without a run in the first inning, but went on to score seven in the second, three in the third, and seven in the fourth. All seven runs in the fourth inning came with two outs after the first two batters flew out.

Zach Holmes, Jason Miramontes. Elijah Munoz, and Brett Berringer each finished with two hits. Brayden Sizenbach was perfect 3-for-3 with two singles, a double, two runs scored, and a walk in his four plate appear-

Big Spring will take on the Odessa East All-Stars tonight at 8:30 p.m. at Steer Park. Odessa East won the first meeting between the two teams 6-3 Sunday night.

ASTROS

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six straight against the Angels and eight of nine overall.

"(Correa) loves a big moment and is pretty calm under pressure," Hinch said. "He knows how to get runs in from third base, whether it be with a hit or the sac fly on a 3-0 count. That's a mature approach and the way to win the game. I want no one else up in the middle of our order."

The comeback enabled the Astros to overcome productive night from Angels star Mike Trout. He homered in his third consecutive game for Los Angeles, which has lost seven of eight. Trout added a pair of doubles and scored both Angels runs.

Trout's home run, his 17th, came on a pitch that was just inches off the ground.

"He's probably the best player on the planet," Hinch said. "He always factors in, one way or another."

Luke Gregerson (3-1) tossed a scoreless inning for the win, and Harris earned his seventh save in as many chances.

The Astros have the top bullpen in the majors since May 1. Harris has only been Houston's closer since June 5.



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House GOP reports faulty military on Benghazi attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Benghazi Committee, in a politically charged report, on faulted the military on Tuesday for responding too slowly to send help to Benghazi, Libya, during the deadly 2012 attacks despite clear orders from President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta.

Republicans on the panel released the 800-page report on the attacks that killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.

The panel's chairman, Rep. Gowdy, R-S.C., said,

"Nothing was en route to Libya at the time the last two Americans were killed almost eight hours after the attacks began." The report documents that the U.S. was slow to send help to the Americans "because of an obsession with hurting the Libyans' feelings," Gowdy said. The report also portrays a "series of heroic acts" by Americans under attack."

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Military leaders have testified repeatedly that they didn't have intelligence information on what was happening or the resources on alert to respond in time to the two attacks, hours apart.

Gowdy said the report was not aimed at Hillary Clinton, who was secretary of state at the time of the attacks and is now the presumptive Democratic nominee for president.

The Libya attacks became immediate political fodder, given their timing in the weeks before Obama's re-election, and that has not abated despite seven previous investigations. There has been finger-pointing on both sides over security at the U.S. diplomatic outpost in Benghazi and whether the White House initially tried to portray the assault as a protest over an offensive, anti-Muslim video, instead of a calculated terrorist attack.

The GOP report offers no major revelations, but that won't quiet the criticism of Clinton from conservatives, likely Republican rival Donald Trump and other critics.

In response to the report, Clinton's campaign said it had "not found anything to contradict the conclusions of the multiple, earlier investigations."

Committee Democrats released their own report Monday saying that while the State Department's security measures in Benghazi the night of Sept. 11, 2012, were "woefully inadequate," Clinton never personally turned down a request for additional security. Democrats said the military could not have done anything differently that night to save the lives of the Americans.

Supreme Court rejectspharmacists' religious rights appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is allowing Washington state to require pharmacies to dispense Plan B or other emergency contraceptives, rejecting an appeal from pharmacists who



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Demonstrators on both sides of the abortion issue stand in front of the Supreme Court in Washington, Monday, June 20, 2016, as the court announced several decisions.

said they have religious objections to providing the drugs.

The justices' order on Tuesday leaves in place rules first adopted in 2007 following reports that some women had been denied access to emergency contraceptives that are effective when taken within a few days of unprotected sex. Pharmacies must fill lawful prescriptions, but individual pharmacists with moral objections can refer patients to another pharmacist at the same store.

A Ralph's Thriftway pharmacy in Olympia, Washington, and two pharmacists sued, saying the rules required them to violate their religious beliefs.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas said they would have heard the appeal.

Calling the court's action an "ominous sign," Alito wrote a stinging 15-page dissent for the three dissenting justices. "If this is a sign of how religious liberty claims will be treated in the years ahead, those who value religious freedom have cause for great concern," he wrote.

A trial judge twice ruled for the pharmacists in the long-running lawsuit, but was twice overturned by the federal appeals court in San Francisco.

The case is Stormans Inc. v. Wiesman, 15-862.

Volkswagen settles emissionscheating cases for over \$15B

DETROIT (AP) — Volkswagen will spend more than \$15 billion to settle consumer lawsuits and government allegations that it cheated on emis-

sions tests in what lawyers are calling the largest auto-related class-action settlement in U.S. history.

Under the settlement revealed Tuesday by a U.S. District Court in San Francisco, VW will pay just over \$10 billion to either buy back or repair about 475,000 vehicles with cheating 2-liter diesel engines. The company also will compensate owners with payments of \$5,100 to \$10,000, depending on the age of their vehicles.

Although the company has been working on a repair for the vehicles for months, it appears that VW may not be able to fix the cars and will have to buy them all back, according to the documents.

The German automaker also has to pay governments \$2.7 billion for environmental mitigation and spend another \$2 billion for research on zero-emissions vehicles.

Volkswagen also settled with 44 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico, which also sued the company, agreeing to pay about \$603 million. That brings the total settlements announced Tuesday to

\$15.3 billion.

VW is still facing billions more in fines and penalties as well as possible criminal charges.

Volkswagen has admitted that the 2-liter diesels were programmed to turn on emissions controls during government lab tests and turn them off while on the road. Lawyers are still working on settlements for another 80,000 vehicles with 3-liter diesel engines. The company got away with the scheme for seven years.

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