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Feds open civil rights investigation in Louisiana shooting

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — In a swift move by authorities to keep tensions from boiling over, the U.S. Justice Department launched a civil rights investigation Wednesday into the video-recorded killing of a black man who was shot as he scuffled with two white police officers on the pavement outside a convenience store.

A law enforcement official said a gun was taken from 37-year-old Alton Sterling after he was killed early Tuesday in the parking lot where he regularly sold homemade music CDs from a folding table. The official was not authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

It was not clear from the murky cell-phone footage whether Sterling had the gun in his hand or was reaching for it when he was shot. A witness said he saw police pull a gun from Sterling's pocket after the shooting.

The shooting in the Louisiana



capital — and shocking videos that found their way all over the internet — set off angry protests in the city's black community and brought calls for an outside investigation. It came at a time when law enforcement of- ficers across the country are under close scrutiny over what some see as indiscriminate use of deadly force against blacks.

Moving quickly just one day after the shooting, Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards asked the Justice Department to take the lead in the investigation.

"I have very serious concerns. The video is disturbing, to say the least," the governor said at a news conference.

Edwards also met with black community leaders to reassure them about the investigation and to ask

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Kids' triathlon returns



File photo

A participant in the 2015 Permian Basin Events Super Sprint and Kids' Triathlon completes the swimming portion of the competition. This year's event will be Saturday in Comanche Trail Park.

Run, bike, and swim event set for Saturday

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

Runners will take their marks this Saturday, July 9 to run, bike, and swim their way to the finish line in the annual Permian Basin Events Super Sprint and Kids' Triathlon.

"This really is fun for the entire family," said Cherise Felty, event organizer. "Kids on the swim team do this, but so do people who have never done something like this before."

The Kids' Triathlon is open for kids ages six through 15 and is broken into age groups of 6-10 and 11-15. The six through 10 group's race will consist of a 100 meter swim, a four kilometer bike, and a one kilometer run, with just one loop each. The older bracket's race consists

of a 200 meter swim, an eight kilometer bike, and a two kilometer run with two loops each.

"This is my granddaughter's fourth year in a row," said Felty. "She'll be moving up in age but she really enjoys it."

And for those older teens and adults, the Super Sprint is open to those from 16 to 99 years old, according to a flyer. The spectator friendly three loop course consists of a 300 meter swim, a 12 kilometer bike, and a three kilometer run.

"(It's an) excellent first tri(athlon) but great fun for the old pro, too," read a flyer.

According to Felty, participants in the Super Sprint can complete however many loops they feel comfortable with. The swimming portion of both the Kids' Triath-

lon and the Super Sprint will be at the Russ Mc Ewen Aquatic Center and the bike and run will be in Comanche Trail Park. But its not just athletes that will benefit from this mid-summer exercise.

"Partial proceeds from this event will go to the Howard County Young Marines," said Felty.

Packet pickup and late registration is the evening before the race on Friday, July 8 from 5-8 pm at the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center. The next day, the Kids' Triathlon begins at 7 a.m., the Super Sprint begins at 8 a.m., and the award ceremony begins at 10 a.m.

For more information or to register online for the event, go to www.permianbasinevents.com and click on "retro" or "super sprint" under the Events tab.

How to beat the heat

As extreme temperatures arrive, experts share tips on how to stay cool(er)

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The heat is on. Officials are urging area residents to find ways to keep cool as temperatures are expected to reach triple digits throughout the Crossroads today.

The National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory for most of West Texas and eastern New Mexico, warning that temperatures could reach as high as 112 in some areas.

Locally, the forecast calls for a high of 101 today, and conditions aren't expected to cool down anytime soon — temperatures are expected to reach into the mid-to-high 90s throughout the rest of the week.


With high temperatures comes a greater chance of heat-related sicknesses, including heat exhaustion and heat stroke. To combat that possibility, experts suggest taking the following steps during extremely hot weather:

- Stay hydrated — drink plenty of fluids even if you don't feel thirsty, taking small amounts often. Don't drink alcohol and limit tea and coffee as these are mildly diuretic;
- Stay out of the sun, especially during the hottest part of the day, and do any essential outdoor jobs early in the morning when it's cooler;

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27 indicted during grand jury session

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The following individuals were indicted during the most recent session of the Howard County Grand Jury:

- Jomar Demond Adams, 33, of 505 Young St., Big Spring, possession of a controlled substance, (state jail felony).
- Preston Keith Alexander, 18, of 2616 Dow, Big Spring, graffiti, (state jail felony).
- Dijuan Edward Ausbie, 27, of 1504 Tucson, Big Spring, possession of controlled substance, (second degree felony enhanced).
- Sammie Burlison, 23, of CR

2865, Marlin, Texas, possession of a controlled substance (second degree felony).

- Adrian Ricardo Dehoyos, 24, currently residing at the Howard County Detention Center, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, (state jail felony).

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Obituaries

Ora Elizabeth Ballew Jenkins



Ora Elizabeth Ballew Jenkins, 88, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at the Big Spring Center for Skilled Nursing.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 8, 2016, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Mike Couch of First Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be at Myers and Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring on Thursday, July 7, 2016, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pallbearers are Raymond Jenkins, Ryan Hughey, Derek Hicks, Michael Jenkins, Terry Jenkins, Mack Armstrong and Gary Prater. Honorary Pallbearers are Larry Henderson and Jeff Alexander.

Ora, daughter of Gilbert and Abbie Fry Ballew, was born in Eldorado, Texas, May 9, 1928. She graduated from Eldorado High School, where she was involved in all types of sports. She then attended Draughn's Business College in Abilene. While in Abilene, she met Dudley Jenkins and they were married April 14, 1947. During their years of marriage, they lived in Abilene, San Angelo and then settled in Big Spring in 1951 to make their home. Ora was a bookkeeper by trade, working at the Ford house in Stanton for a number of years and then retiring from Gamco Industries after 17 years of service.

She was a member of the Does Auxiliary, which

was part of the Elk Lodge, and held numerous positions through the years. Ora also enjoyed being Club Den Mother for her son's Boy Scout troop. After retirement, she continued to keep books and personal taxes for many years in her home. She enjoyed craft activities and spent many years doing acrylic/oil paintings which every member of family are blessed to have received.

Ora is survived by her three children, Sandra Hughey, Virginia Taylor and husband Dale, and Bill Jenkins and wife Dolores, all of Big Spring. Also known as Meme or Mema, she is survived by five grandchildren, Raymond Jenkins and Kat of Lubbock, Ryan Hughey and wife Jana of Lubbock, Derek Hicks and Bella of Frisco, Nina Armstrong and husband Mack from Seguin, and Michael Jenkins and wife Amanda of Little Elm; five great-grandchildren, Kameron Armstrong, Whittany Jenkins, Rylan and Drake Hughey, and Mason Jenkins; step-grandchildren, Amanda Blissard and daughters Myka and Aubree of Big Spring, Jessica Barrioz and husband John Raymond and daughters Josalyn and Jaicie of Midland, Casey Taylor and wife Kara and children Azelyn and Casen and Court of Monahans; one sister-in-law, Jody Miller of Houston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dudley Jenkins of 66 years; her parents; two brothers and two sisters; and her son-in-law, Norman Hughey in 2009.

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

Paid obituary

Cooper L. Proctor

Cooper L. Proctor, 66, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Calvin "Bud" Hughes

Calvin "Bud" Hughes, 80, of Ackerly, died Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Loy Harold Anderson

Loy Harold Anderson, 86, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Alfonso Rodriguez

Alfonso Rodriguez, 78, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 33, of 538 Westover Road Apt. #104 was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/indecent exposure.
- **RINNIE JONES**, 33, of 1905 Wasson Road Apt. #67 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **LUIS MIGUEL LOPEZ**, 32, of 1111 W. Seventh St. was arrested

on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- **LEWIS JAY ARMSTRONG**, 27, of 1086 E. Navajo St. in Farmington, N.M., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a blood alcohol content greater than or equal to 0.15 percent.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of East Third Street and the 2600 block of South

Gregg Street.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Glasgo and Father Delaney streets and at the intersection of Second and Jones streets; and in the 2200 block of South Gregg Street.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road and in the 1000 block of North Main Street.

Sheriff & Fire/EMS

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- **LEWIS JAY ARMSTRONG**, 27, was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MARK ANTHONY COMPEAN**, 35, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for violation of bond or protective order.
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct/indecent exposure.
- **MITCHELL ALAN DUSH**, 38, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance (3 to 28 grams).
- **LUPE GUTIERREZ**, 38, was booked by BSPD on charges of public intoxication, possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).
- **RINNIE L. JONES**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.
- **LUIS MIGUEL LOPEZ**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- **TYLER RAY NICHOLS**, 26, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

- **ANTONIO PENA JR.**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **RAYMOND NOEL RANDO**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft (\$100 to \$750).

- **LOUIS SERRANO III**, 42, was booked by Glasscock County on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

- **DEEANNA KAY WOODARD**, 34, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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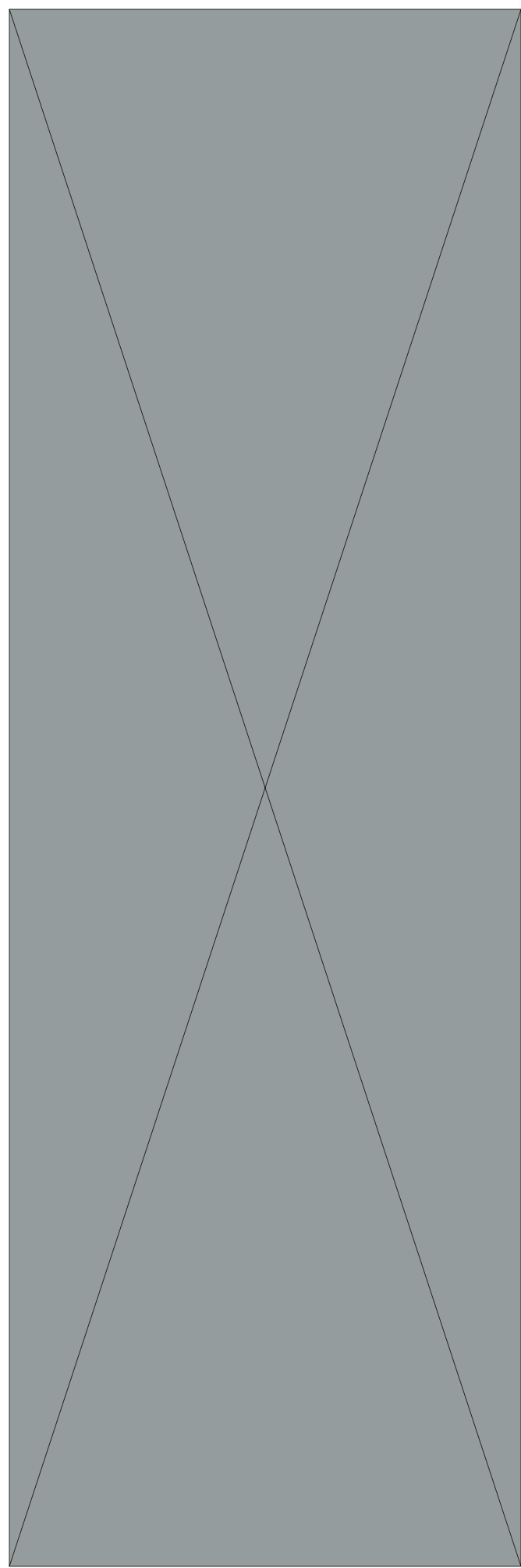
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in

the 1800 block of North Highway 87.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Phillip Elliott

Phillip Elliott, 77, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.



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Take note

- The biennial Forsan Reunion is scheduled for the first weekend in August, 5-6. Festivities kick off with a dinner for former students, teachers, parents and spouses at Spanish Inn. Following the dinner, all participants are invited to an open house reception in the banquet room at La Quinta Inn at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 6, reunion day activities begin at 9 a.m. in the Forsan School Cafeteria. A continental breakfast is provided at 9 a.m. followed by introductions and an invocation. At 1 p.m., Al's

Bar-B-Que will cater the lunch. The total cost for reunion day activities is \$25. Invitation will include a pre-registration form that must be received by July 10.

- 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.

To attend contact: Brenda L. Walters, P.O. Box 1232, Lamesa, Texas 79331 or call 806-872-9318.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted.

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their help in keeping protests peaceful. He expressed hope that once the community sees that the shooting is "going to be investigated impartially, professionally and thoroughly" by the Justice Department, "the tensions will ease."

In a statement, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton called the shooting a tragedy and said trust between police and the communities they serve needs to be rebuilt.

"Something is pro-

foundly wrong when so many Americans have reason to believe that our country doesn't consider them as precious as others because of the color of their skin," Clinton said.

Baton Rouge Police Chief Carl Dabadie Jr. said that Sterling was armed — Dabadie didn't specify the type of weapon — but that there are still questions about what happened.

"Like you, there is a lot that we do not understand. And at this point, like you, I am demanding answers," Dabadie said, calling the shooting a "horrible tragedy."

Sterling was confronted by police after an anonymous caller reported being threatened by someone with gun outside the store, authorities said.

In the cellphone video taken by a community activist and posted online, one of the officers tackled Sterling, and the two officers pinned him to the pavement.

Someone yelled, "He's got a gun! Gun!" and one officer pulled his weapon from his holster. After some shouting, what sounded like a gunshot could be heard. The camera pulled away before more shots were heard.

The officers, identified by the chief as Blane Salamoni, a four-year member of the department, and Howie Lake II, who has been on the force for three years, were placed on administrative leave, which is standard department procedure.

Lake was involved in another police shooting in December 2014. He told detectives investigating that shooting that he fired six or seven times when a suspect refused to drop his gun, threatened to kill himself and pointed his revolver at officers. The man was wounded by police.

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- Use your air-conditioner or fans. Cooling one room is easier and cheaper than cooling the whole house. Cool your bedroom two or three hours before bedtime, and open windows for ventilation in the evening when it's cooler;

- If you don't have air-conditioning, arrange to go to a cool place and leave as early as possible to avoid travelling in the heat;

- Place damp towels around neck and shoulders to cool yourself,

place your feet in basin or bucket of cool water. Cool water is better than icy cold, which causes your blood vessels to constrict and slows down the body's ability to radiate heat. Be mindful of people who can't do this for themselves such as disabled people, children and babies.

- Eat frequent small meals and avoid cooking. Store food in the refrigerator.

- Rest — don't do unnecessary work, think siesta.

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- Robert Blake Hooper, 26, currently residing at the Howard County Detention Center, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, (second degree felony); and assault-family or household member by impeding breathing or circulation (third degree felony).

- Craig William Mayfield, 26, of 1000 Justice Way, Abilene, theft, more than \$2,500 but under \$30,000 (state jail felony) and burglary of a habitation, (second degree felony).

- Lorenzo Torres Ramirez, 31, of 706 S. Lancaster, Big Spring, possession of a controlled substance, (state jail felony).

- Katherine Delores Scaggs, 45, of 510 Benton, Big Spring, theft of property, less than \$2,500 with two or more

convictions, (second degree felony enhanced).

- Jacob Wayne Spencer, 36, of 1505 W. Dyer, Breckenridge, Texas, evading motor fuel tax (second degree felony); transport motor fuel without shipping document, (second degree felony); and possession of a controlled substance, (state jail felony).

- Marie Princess Trevino, 28, of 1401 N. Highway 87, No. 1003, Big Spring, theft more than \$2,500 but less than \$30,000, (state jail felony).

- Alonzo Vasquez, 35, currently residing in the Howard County Detention Center, possession of a controlled substance, (state jail felony).

- Preston Cody Walker, 30, currently residing in the Howard County Detention Center, forgery, (state jail felony).

- Adrian Aguilar, 25, of 3815 S. Main, Las Cruces, N.M., possession of a controlled substance,

more than 400 grams ((first degree felony enhanced).

- Alejandro Gallegos, 23, of 2524 N. Main Building 1, Las Cruces, N.M., possession of a controlled substance, more than 400, (first degree felony enhanced).

- Bobby Lynn Brumley, 53, of 2309 Brumley Road, Big Spring, evading arrest with a vehicle, (third degree felony).

- Marsati Machel Clark, 21, of 1510 E. Old Colorado City Highway, Big Spring, possession of a controlled substance, (state jail felony).

- Herbert Rolando Diaz, 48, of 3503 Durango Dr., Dallas, Texas, possession of a controlled substance, (state jail felony).

- Javier Esau Escobar, 38, of 108 7th St., Sterling City, Texas, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, (second degree felony enhanced).

- Trig Daniel Gikely, 20, currently residing in the Howard County

Jail, possession of a controlled substance, (second degree felony); and theft of a firearm, (state jail felony).

- Christopher Isaiha Hinojos, 17, currently residing in the Howard County Jail, burglary of a habitation, (second degree felony).

- Christopher A. Lopez, 18, of 3608 Calvin, Big Spring, burglary of a habitation, (second degree felony).

- Ashley Ray Miramontes, 26, currently residing in the Howard County Detention Center, burglary of a habitation, (second degree felony); and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, (second degree felony).

- Andrea Denise (Alender) Land, 43, currently residing in the Howard County Jail, theft, less than \$1,000 with two or more convictions, (third degree felony enhanced).

- Manuel Junior Mata, 29, of 700 N. Moss Lake

Road, Big Spring, evading arrest with a vehicle, (third degree felony).

- Marcus Anthony Miller, 26, of 601 Caylor, Big Spring, assault family or household member by impeding breathing or circulation, (third degree felony).

- Samantha Barbara Munoz, 22, of 1007 Sycamore, Big Spring, possession of a controlled substance, (state jail felony)

- Christian Parke, 25, of 4111 Dixon, Big Spring, debit card abuse, (state jail felony).

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Alfonso Rodriguez, 78, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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Jose Mendez Cuelar, Jr., 57, died June 28, 2016. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help with expenses.

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News in brief

Louisiana police shooting caught on video strains community

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — An emotional, at times angry, evening unfolded in the working class, predominantly black Louisiana neighborhood where the police killing of a black man was caught on videotape.

Hundreds of mourners, friends and family members of Alton Sterling, 37, gathered Wednesday in Baton Rouge for a second night of protest, prayer and remembrance.

Sterling was shot early Tuesday as he wrestled with two white police officers outside the convenience store where he sold music and movies on compact discs. Police say he was armed.

Cellphone video of the shooting posted online by a community activist set off angry protests, coming at a time when law enforcement officers across the country are under close scrutiny over what some see as indiscriminate use of deadly force against blacks.

Moving quickly to keep tensions from boiling over, Democratic Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards asked the U.S. Justice Department to lead a civil rights investigation into the killing.

Obama heads to Europe amid British referendum's aftershocks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is slated to embark on a five-day, two-country mission to buck up a beleaguered Europe and brush back an aggressive Moscow on what is expected to be his last presidential visit to the continent.

Obama is due to attend a summit of NATO allies in Warsaw, before moving on to Seville and Madrid for his first presidential visit to Spain. In both corners of the continent, he'll be surrounded by leaders still reeling from Britain's decision to pull out of the European Union and sorting through uncertainty about the future of the decades-old experiment in international cooperation.

The White House says Obama will arrive with words of reassurance that the departure — whenever it occurs — won't disrupt the decades-old trans-

Atlantic ties that bind. He'll emphasize that Britain's exit, which does not affect its membership in NATO, only makes the 28-member military alliance more essential and its cooperation with the European Union more important. And amid leaders' anxiety about whether his possible successor, Republican Donald Trump, would retrench from Europe, Obama will make case for stronger alliances and the benefits of globalization.

Obama plans to emphasize America's "continued, very strong support for the European project which has been at the center of so much security and prosperity" around the world, said Ben Rhodes, deputy national security adviser.

The president's arrival early Friday will be his first chance to deliver that message in person, both to the European leaders tasked with smoothly navigating the tricky divorce and British Prime Minister David Cameron, whom Obama personally tried but failed to save from the wave of anti-European sentiment that fueled the vote.

NATO summit to retool alliance to face new threats

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — In what some are terming NATO's most important meeting in a generation, U.S. President Barack Obama and the leaders of the 27 other member nations are deciding how to retool the Cold War-era military alliance to face a daunting range of modern threats, from a hostile Kremlin to religious-fueled violence and attacks in cyberspace.

They meet in the Polish capital, Warsaw, for a two-day summit starting Friday.

"We live in a more dangerous world, with terrorism, with turmoil, especially to the south of the alliance, in Iraq, Syria, North Africa," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told The Associated Press. "But also with a Russia which is more assertive, a Russia which has tripled its defense spending since 2000, and which has used force against an independent nation in Europe, Ukraine."

"This has really changed our security environment," Stoltenberg

said. "NATO has to respond. When the world is changing, we have to change."

Recently, yet another factor of uncertainty has arisen inside the trans-Atlantic community with the decision by British voters to pull their country — NATO's leading European military power — out of the European Union, just as the economic bloc and the U.S.-led alliance are planning unprecedented cooperation on security and defense.

Homicide ruling of SEAL death raises safety questions

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Navy SEALs basic training is designed to be a difficult selection process to find the U.S. military's strongest fighters and turn them into an elite force able to dive into the world's deadliest places from Somalia to Syria.

Seaman James Derek Lovelace was in his first week of the six-month program in Coronado, near San Diego, when he died during the strenuous training.

His lips turning blue and his face purple, the Navy SEAL trainee dressed in full gear was treading water in a giant pool when his instructor pushed him underwater at least twice — actions a medical examiner ruled Wednesday made his drowning death a homicide, not an accident.

The highly unusual ruling is serious and could affect the SEALs' basic training practices, said former Navy Capt. Lawrence Brennan, an adjunct professor at Fordham Law School who served as a Navy judge advocate.

The ruling on the May 6 drowning of the 21-year-old raises questions about the safety of the grueling training that some argue is necessary to create warriors charged with missions like the one that took down Osama Bin Laden. It also raises questions about where the line is drawn between what is considered to be rigorous training to weed out the weakest and abuse that leads to a homicide.

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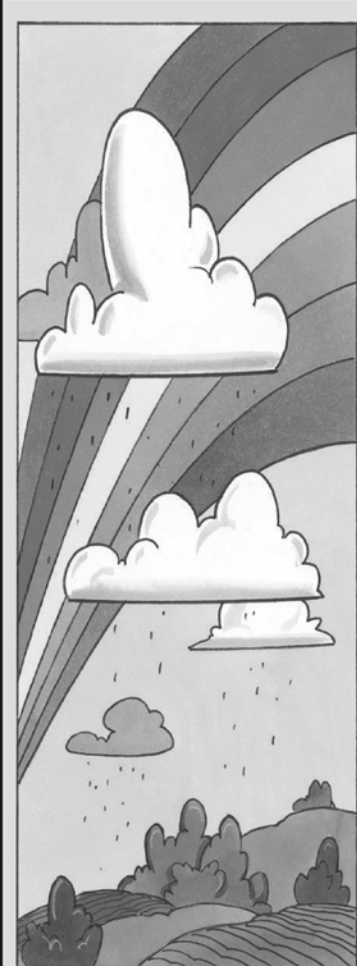


Out of Reach

Rainbows are often depicted with a pot of gold at the end. If you have ever tried to follow a rainbow in the sky, however, you know that it is impossible to find the end. That's because rainbows are simply reflections of the sun's rays in raindrops.

The ends of a rainbow may look like they are on earth, but they're really not. This may be one of the reasons leprechauns are known to hide their gold at the end of a rainbow.

According to an Irish legend, any leprechaun caught by a human must tell where they have hidden their pot of gold. As long as they have put their gold at the end of a rainbow, which humans cannot find, their gold will be safe!

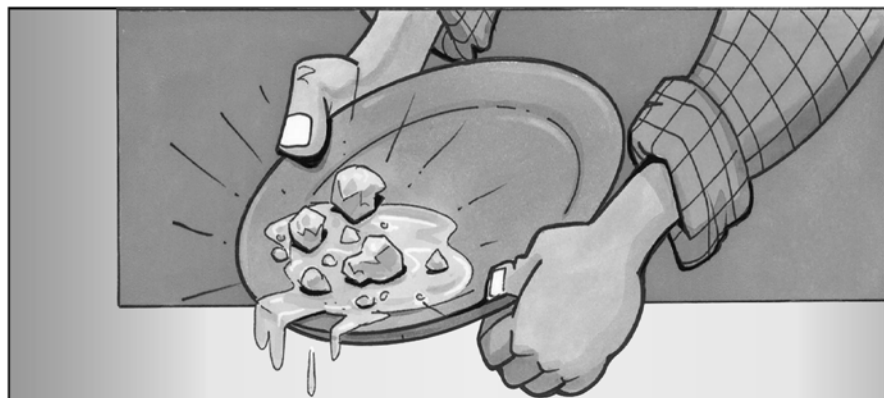


Name That Color

Each of the following is a color on the rainbow. Fill in the blanks to name that color.

- 1) G _ E _ _ _
- 2) _ L U _
- 3) Y E _ _ O _
- 4) O _ A _ G _
- 5) _ I O _ E _
- 6) _ E _
- 7) _ N _ I _ O

Answers: (1) Green, (2) Blue, (3) Yellow, (4) Orange, (5) Violet, (6) Red, (7) Indigo



What Rhymes with Gold?

List 10 words that rhyme with "gold." 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____

8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

Some answers: bold, cold, fold, hold, mold, old, rolled, scold, sold, told



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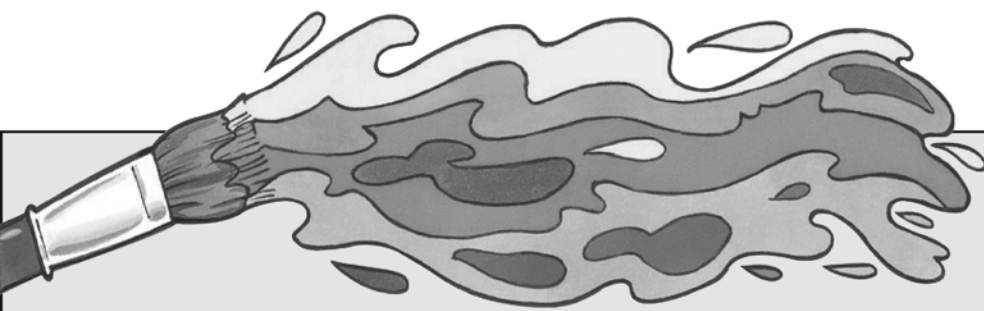
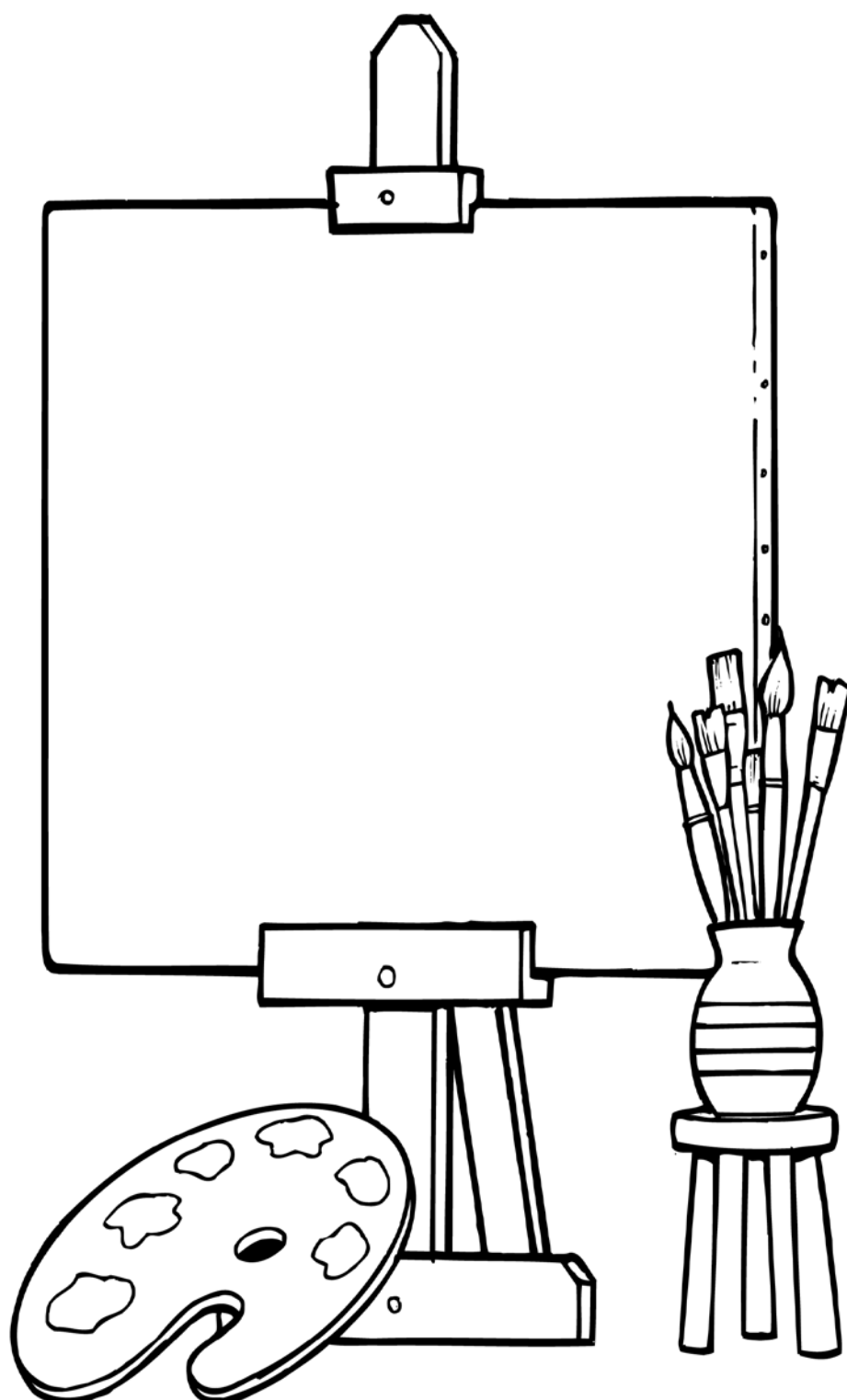
Q: What is a cat's favorite color?

A: Purple, of course!

Q: What is green and red all over?

A: An angry shamrock.

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Fact or Fiction?

Color Combo Challenge

As Easter gets closer, kids everywhere will be coloring eggs. While some will turn to egg coloring kits, others will use food coloring. Whatever method you use, you may want to know something about color mixing, especially if you plan to decorate your eggs with paint. Here are some questions about color combinations. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Red and purple make orange. Fact or Fiction?
- 2) Blue and red make purple. Fact or Fiction?
- 3) Black and red make pink. Fact or Fiction?
- 4) Blue and yellow make green. Fact or Fiction?
- 5) Green and white make gray. Fact or Fiction?
- 6) Red and green make brown. Fact or Fiction?
- 7) Green and black make dark green. Fact or Fiction?
- 8) Purple and black make lavender. Fact or Fiction?
- 9) Red and brown make maroon. Fact or Fiction?
- 10) Brown and white make tan. Fact or Fiction?

Answers: (1) Fiction, (2) Fact, (3) Fiction, (4) Fact, (5) Fiction, (6) Fact, (7) Fact, (8) Fiction, (9) Fiction, (10) Fact

Briles asks court to remove him from Baylor lawsuit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Fired Baylor coach Art Briles is fighting back, nearly two months after he was let go in the fallout over how the school investigated rape allegations.

His latest move came Wednesday when Briles asked a federal judge to remove him from a lawsuit that accuses him and other school officials of ignoring a woman's claims she was raped by former player Tevin Elliot, who was later convicted and sent to prison.

Former Baylor student Jasmin Hernandez sued in March, naming Briles, former athletic director Ian McCaw and the Baylor Board of Regents as co-defendants. She alleges they violated federal Title IX rules against gender discrimination in programs that receive federal aid. The Associated Press generally doesn't identify sexual assault victims, but Hernandez has spoken publicly to draw attention to the case.

Briles' lawyers argue he can't be sued as an individual in a Title IX lawsuit. They also say claims that Briles ignored warnings of a sexual predator on his team were based on hearsay, and that any action against him would fall outside of a two-year statute of limitations. Hernandez was attacked in 2012 and didn't file her lawsuit until 2016.

Briles' motion argues that the Title IX claims against McCaw and the regents should also be dismissed and that he can't be held liable for the attack on Hernandez under state law.

"It is well established in Texas that as a general rule, a person has no legal duty to protect another from the criminal acts of another," Briles' motion argues.

Even the limited liability standards Texas does allow don't apply to Briles in this case, the motion said.

"Coach Briles was not the employer of Tevin Elliot or (Hernandez), two adult students of Baylor University, who met off-campus at a private apartment complex during a party that was not organized or sponsored by Coach Briles or Baylor University," Briles' motion said.

Briles' lawyers filed a separate motion asking the court to consider removing Hernandez attorney Alex Zalkin from the case or at least order him to not discuss it publicly. Briles alleges Zalkin falsely told ESPN on June 20 that the coach broke a promise to attend a June 17 settlement meeting to apologize to Hernandez but didn't show. Briles said he never spoke with Hernandez or her lawyers.

Zalkin's statement to ESPN was "for the sole purposes of defaming the character, credibility, and reputation of Coach Briles and deprive him of a fair trial in a Court of law," Briles' motion said, accusing Zalkin of waging a "media war" against the coach.

Briles' motion against Zalkin also emphatically renewed his insistence that he does not want to settle with Hernandez "because he did not do anything wrong."

Zalkin said he was aware of Briles' motions but declined immediate comment.

Ortiz hits 20th HR; Sox beat sloppy Rangers

BOSTON (AP) — David Ortiz was upset how he was swinging a night earlier. It didn't take long to fix his swing.

Ortiz reached 20 homers on the 15th consecutive season on his first at-bat and drove in three runs, Steven Wright pitched efficiently into the seventh inning and the Boston Red Sox beat the sloppy Texas Rangers 11-6 on Wednesday night.

After his last at-bat in Tuesday's loss, Ortiz cracked his bat in half over his knee after a broken-bat single. He felt a lot more focused his first time up Wednesday.

"I went deep today," he said, with a wink and a smile.

Ortiz made it 2-0 in the first with his 523rd homer, a drive over the bullpens in right. He's hit over 20 homers in each of his 14 seasons with Boston after exactly 20 his final year with Minnesota in 2002. The 40-year-old slugger has said he's retiring after this season.

"Last night I feel like I was using my bottom hand too much," Ortiz said. "I like to make adjustments real fast. You have to, the pitching is too good right now and you



AP Photo/Charles Krupa

Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz celebrates after his two-run home run off Texas Rangers starting pitcher Martin Perez during the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park, Wednesday, July 6, 2016, in Boston.

have to be on top of your game."

Bryce Brentz drove in three runs with two singles and Ryan Hanigan had a two-run single for the Red Sox, who took two of three from the AL West-leading Rangers.

"Early two-run homer, clean first inning by Steven," Boston manager John Farrell said. "That's proved to be a successful combo."

Prince Fielder hit a two-run homer for Texas, which has lost six of eight and finished

a 10-game, three-city trip at 4-6.

"Obviously not how we wanted to finish the road trip," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "It will be nice to get back home, and to Arlington (Texas) and sleep in our own beds, show up tomorrow and hopefully put together four quality baseball games before the break."

Wright (10-5) gave up six runs — five earned — and was pulled after Ian Desmond's two-run triple with no outs

in the seventh. The 31-year-old knuckleballer was voted an All-Star for the first time in his career.

Texas starter Martin Perez (7-5) was tagged for 11 runs — seven earned — in four innings.

The Red Sox opened an 11-1 lead by scoring five runs in the second, two in the third and two more in the fourth.

In the second, they scored all the runs on two hits, capitalizing on three errors for four unearned runs. Hanigan had a bases-loaded, two-run single, Mookie Betts an RBI double and Ortiz a sacrifice fly.

In the third, Brentz had an RBI single and he added a two-run single the next inning.

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The Rangers' infield committed all three errors in the second — one each by second baseman Rougned Odor, shortstop Elvis Andrus and third baseman Adrian Beltré.

LIKE FATHER LIKE SON
Fielder tied his father — Cecil — with his 319th homer. The elder Fielder played 13 seasons in the big leagues, 1985-98.

Serena Williams powers to Wimbledon final

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

LONDON — Serena Williams is once again one victory from her record-equaling 22nd Grand Slam title after powering her way into the Wimbledon final.

In control from start to finish, Williams needed all of 48 minutes to overwhelm Elena Vesnina 6-2, 6-0 on Thursday in a semifinal that felt more like a training session.

Except Williams probably gets more of a workout when she practices.

"It's never easy out there," Williams said in an interview with the BBC after leaving Centre Court.

Sure looked easy.

Williams' serve was in fine form, reaching 123 mph and producing 11 aces against the 50th-ranked Vesnina, who was participating in her first major semifinal and trying to become the first unseeded woman to reach the title match at the All England Club in the Open era.

Williams won 28 of 31 points that she served, including the last 17. She compiled a 28-9 edge in total winners.

Since winning her sixth Wimble-

don trophy a year ago to raise her career count to 21 majors, Williams has come quite close to tying Steffi Graf with 22, the most in the Open era, which began in 1968 (Margaret Court holds the all-time mark of 24). But Williams was surprisingly beaten by Roberta Vinci in the U.S. Open semifinals last September, by Angelique Kerber in the Australian Open final this January, and by Garbine Muguruza in the French Open final last month.

Now Williams has given herself yet another chance to catch Graf.

"Obviously, I'm 0 for 2, so determined to get at least one this year," Williams said.

In the second semifinal Thursday, Williams' older sister Venus was to face Kerber, a German who is seeded No. 4.

This is the 11th Grand Slam tournament at which both Williams siblings reached the semifinals; one or the other wound up with the title on each of the previous 10 occasions. That includes four past meetings in the Wimbledon final.

The 36-year-old Venus is the oldest Grand Slam semifinalist since Martina Navratilova made the 1994 Wimbledon final at age 37.



AP Photo/Ben Curtis

Serena Williams of the U.S returns to Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia during their women's singles match on day nine of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

Kidney recipient wants Rio trip despite Zika risk

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Defending Olympic champion Aries Merritt rushed back from a kidney transplant to be ready for Rio. He won't let Zika stand in his way, no matter how much his doctors object.

Qualifying in the 110-meter hurdles at Olympic Track and Field Trials begins Friday. Should Merritt make the U.S. team, he said he won't think twice about racing in Rio even though the mosquito-borne virus could pose a greater risk to him than most due to the transplant.

"They're very, very concerned. They've asked me many, times: 'Have you considered not going?'" said Merritt, who holds the world record in the hurdles (12.80 seconds in September 2012). "I'm like, 'Well, that's not an option. If I make it I'm going.'"

The reason is simple: At 30, he doesn't know if this sort of chance will come around again.

Merritt won bronze at last year's world championships in Beijing with his kidneys barely functioning because of a genetic disorder. He received the transplant from his sister less than a week later. He had another follow-up surgery in October because of complications.

He is still in the healing process.

"Doctors told me I was supposed to be running maybe next year, not this year," Merritt said. "I really don't have that option to skip Olympic Games. It's not something I can skip. ... I don't have time to be skipping stuff."

He got a late start on training because of the



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FILE - In this Aug. 28, 2015, file photo, United States' Aries Merritt, center, France's Dimitri Bascou, left, and France's Garfield Darien compete in the men's 110m hurdles final at the World Athletics Championships at the Bird's Nest stadium in Beijing.

transplant and, other than a groin strain that cost him a few weeks, he says he's in competition shape.

"It's definitely been an uphill battle," Merritt said. "There are minor setbacks that happen. Every athlete goes through (something). It wouldn't be a journey if we didn't have something. It just can't be perfect all the time."

Merritt didn't let anyone know until just before worlds last August, but he was suffering from a rare genetic disorder that was diagnosed in 2013. For years, it turns out, his kidneys have been faltering, to the point where he ran the final at worlds on Aug. 28 at about eight pounds under his normal weight and with his kidneys barely functioning.

He finished 0.01 seconds behind Hansle Parchment of Jamaica for second. Sergey Shubenkov of Russia took gold.

Wade to Chicago

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade never really planned for this to happen. He wore shirts that called Miami "My City" and referred to AmericanAirlines Arena as "My House." He knew where the three boys that he's raising would go to high school. He had plans for what he wanted to do in South Florida whenever his basketball days were complete.

He called himself a #HeatLifer.

It was his plan. It's no longer his reality.

In a decision that essentially started what will become a massive shakeup of the franchise, Wade decided Wednesday night that he will leave the Miami Heat after 13 seasons. He agreed to terms on a two-year contract with the Chicago Bulls and will earn about \$47 million, instantly making him the highest-paid player on his new team — a distinction he never had in Miami.

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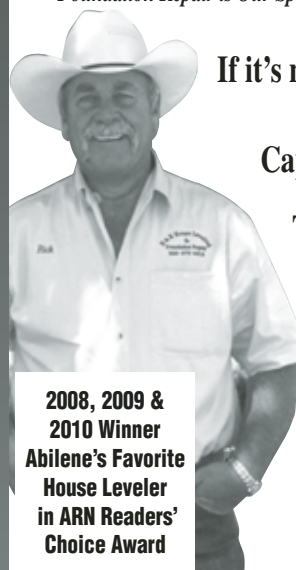
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Pluto Asks: Are You Settling?

If you invest seriously in the people you love, it's reasonable to expect them to protect your feelings, appreciate your efforts and cherish your essence.

Anything to the contrary is a sign that you're settling for far less than you deserve. Such dynamics will come to light with the opposition of powerful Pluto to the sun and Mercury.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Decorum will matter, and there will be points for good manners. Still, there will come a point in the day when the discussion naturally flows to the things people are not supposed to talk about, and it's nothing to shrink from.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You thought they were listening, but you may learn today that the information you gave fell on deaf ears, or at least

they don't recall it. Don't doubt yourself or blame them; just try to communicate again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are inherently worthy of love, and yet you still feel that you have something to prove, if only to yourself. Trying to impress others usually creates the opposite effect, but if you can impress yourself, well, that will be a thrill.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even though intellectually you realize that your time is finite, pretending like you have all the time in the world will align you with the mythological gods, who are so much more powerful and creative for the luxury of their immortality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It is natural to assume that other people are like you. They not always are. You'll be a good judge of character as long as you don't project your own personality onto the blank slate of an unknown person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A civilized life removed from nature only serves to make the

natural world a more uncertain place. Navigating natural realms will help the animal inside you and promote health and well-being on the deeper levels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You get along well with others, work and play nicely with your teammates and coexist harmoniously in whatever environment you find yourself in. And yet, you'll be amazingly productive in a realm that's entirely yours. Find it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When the unwitting hero of the horror movie puts a hand on the doorknob, the audience collectively thinks, "Don't go in there." It wouldn't be a good flick if the hero heeded warnings. You're not in the movie, though.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The theme is "romance" and what that means to you. Sometimes it's flowers and poetry. Sometimes it's a special night out. Right now romance is a state of understanding. Your efforts to this end will be most effective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). There are willful and selfish urges inside each and every person. Over time, you've learned to curb these tendencies. Witnessing them in others will be a little frustrating for you, though you can relate, so you have compassion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People want to be near you and will gather where you are. Whether it's at home or the lunch table or your work area, you'll have to give major hints to get anyone to leave.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Working toward compromise is the natural state of relationships now, including the relationship between your lower and higher urges and instincts. If you can balance those, you can balance anything.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 7). Ask the universe to wow you and the wonders will keep unfolding. You're willing to trade in your curiosity for skepticism, because this feels better to you. Bonus: Curiosity and optimism attract more interesting, creative and impressive

people to you. September features a loving commitment. December brings a new deal. Aquarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are 7, 20, 12, 14 and 32.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "After a couple of personally difficult years, the sun seems to be shining on me. I have a great job and a fulfilling and happy relationship with a wonderful man. We recently moved into our dream house. What more could a girl want? What do the stars have in store for us? My birthday is March 15, 1976; his is May 31, 1974."

Congratulations on your well-deserved good fortune! Your sun, Mercury and Venus are all in Pisces, the sign of intuition. You have strong instincts and have learned through the years to follow them to your benefit. Mars in Gemini shows you express yourself well and your relationship is fulfilling in part because you find it so easy to speak in the dulcet tones that your partner most wants to hear. His sun is in Gemini,

and with natal Jupiter in Pisces he shares some of your intuitive powers. He can also be quite sensitive and nurturing with three luminaries in Cancer. You would make ideal parents, and, with your mutual agreement to go in this direction, your combined chart suggests that you may invite new life into your family. This life will come in the form of an old soul, impossibly wise beyond his years.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: In a typical week, multitasking Beatles drummer Ringo Starr tours the world with his All-Starr band, puts together photography books and exhibits and saves the rhinos. The Cancer star was born when Venus was in sociable, witty Gemini and four other luminaries were in entertaining Leo. Three Taurus planets suggest stamina, determination and longevity.

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Annie's Mailbox

Hey, Pipe Down

Dear Annie: I'm a loud talker, apparently. I still don't believe I'm that loud, but I recently moved to a new city and started a new job, and the issue keeps coming up. My landlord has called me twice to yell at me about how others in my building sent her noise complaints. I wasn't having a party or anything. I had one friend over the first time, and the second time I was just talking on the phone. I was taken aback. The landlord really intimidated me, making threats about eviction. (She's not the most reasonable person.)

"OK," I figured, "my neighbors are a little high-strung." But then last week, at a job I just started a month ago, I had a performance review with my supervisor. One of the things he mentioned was that I need to keep my voice down. Some co-workers had complained they were having trouble focusing.

The thing is, I never notice I'm talking loud. It's just my normal voice. I managed to make it to my 30s without this being an issue. Why is this just coming up now? Maybe my new town is just full of strangely quiet people who need to loosen up. And anyway, how can someone change something as deeply ingrained

as the way she speaks? I really don't think there's anything I can do about it. At this point, I'm getting bitter. It feels as though everyone is out to get me. -- Loudspeaker

Dear Loudspeaker: It sounds as if the only thing these people are out to get is some peace and quiet. Given that this has happened at home and at work, you have to accept that the problem is you, not them. I sincerely suggest you have your ears checked. Hearing loss can start at any age.

In the meantime, swallow your pride and apologize to your neighbors. Let them know it's an issue you're working on, and give them your cellphone number so they can call you -- instead of the eviction-happy landlord -- if your volume is bothering them.

Dear Annie: My wife has obsessive-compulsive disorder, and it's taking a toll on our relationship.

She opened up to me about her disorder when we were dating. I noticed some behavioral ticks -- tapping, counting, blinking, etc. -- but nothing major like what I imagined OCD to be like.

It wasn't until recently, a year into our marriage, that she started getting very aggressive about cleanliness in the house. She yells at me for dishes not being put back in the

exact right place. I usually end up feeling defensive and lashing out in turn. You can imagine how well that works out. It spirals into a big fight.

She's too stubborn to ever apologize. She would rather sleep on the couch for a few nights than admit she was wrong. We had a big fight last week, and I told her I think she needs to be in therapy. She got enraged and said I was trying to use her OCD against her to make her opinions seem illegitimate.

I don't know what to do. I am totally committed

to making our marriage work, but this keeps happening lately. -- Rattled Husband

Dear Rattled: Remember that OCD is the problem, not your wife. It bothers her just as much (or more) than it bothers you. Do encourage her to seek treatment, but approach the subject when things are calm.

Visit the International OCD Foundation website, at <https://iocdf.org>, for guidance about helping a loved one who has OCD.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The end justifies the means

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ Q 10 5 3	♥ A 7	♠ K 9 8 7	♥ J 8 4
♦ Q 7	♣ A 7	♦ J 8 4	♣ 10
♦ K Q 9 5	♣ K Q 6	♦ J 7 5 4 3	♣ J 7 5 4 3

WEST: ♠ A K 10 6, ♥ J 8 6 4 3 2, ♦ 9 8 2

SOUTH: ♠ A J 6 4 2, ♥ 9 5 3 2, ♦ A 7, ♣ A 10

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Deception plays a prominent role in bridge, just as it does in most other competitive endeavors. But while a declarer can practice deception with virtual impunity, the defenders run the risk of misleading their partners.

Nevertheless, there are occasions when a defender can judge that the only one who can fall victim to his ruse is the declarer. Here is a typical case.

West led the king of hearts, and East, sizing up the defense's

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ANSWERS

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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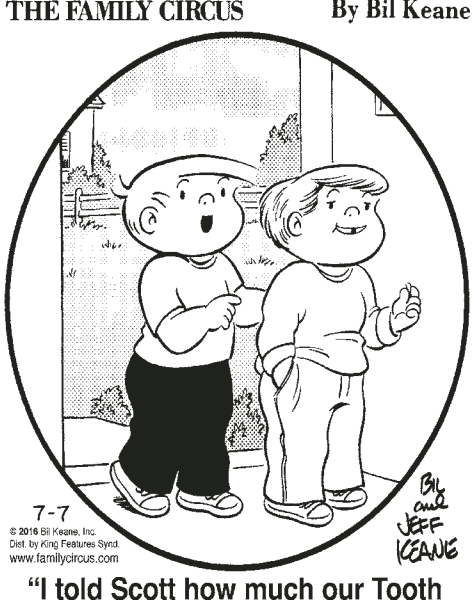
Tomorrow: Test your play.
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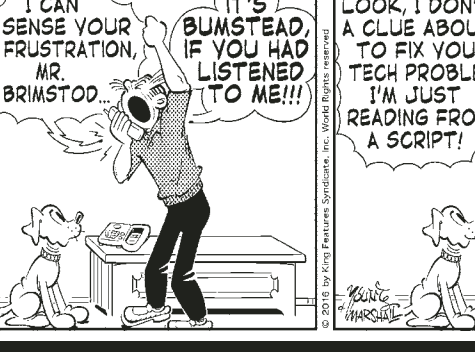
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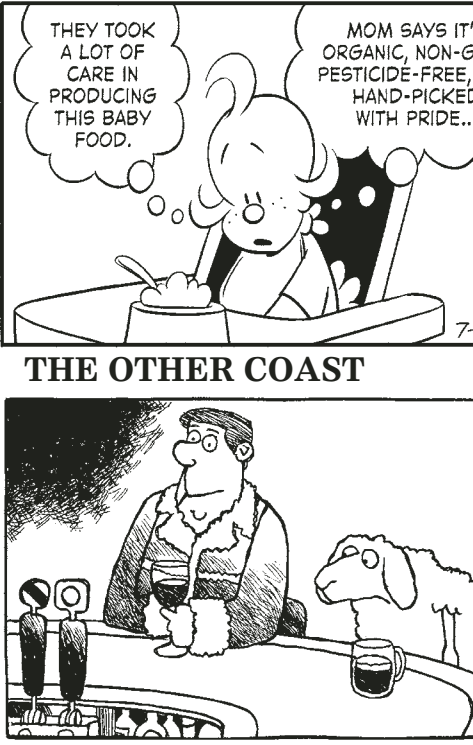
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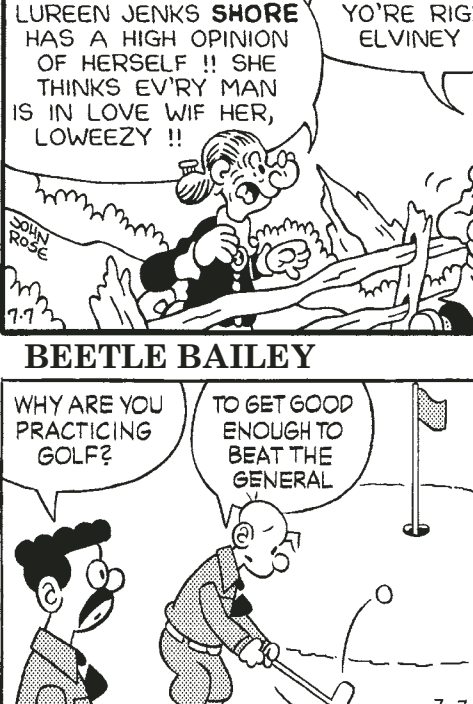
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 7, the 189th day of 2016. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On July 7, 1976, President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford hosted a White House dinner for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. The United States Military Academy at West Point included female cadets for the first time as 119 women joined the Class of 1980.
- On this date: In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey (mahn-tuh-RAH) after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.
- In 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln: Lewis Powell (aka Lewis Payne), David Herold, George Atzerodt and Mary Surratt, the first woman to be executed by the U.S. federal government.
- In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.
- In 1919, the first Transcontinental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles

crossed the United States, departed Washington, D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on Sept. 6, 1919.)

- In 1937, the Second Sino-Japanese War erupted into full-scale conflict as Imperial Japanese forces attacked the Marco Polo Bridge in Beijing.
- In 1946, Jimmy Carter, 21, married Rosalynn (ROH-zuh-lihn) Smith, 18, in Plains, Georgia.
- Also in 1946, Italian-born Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was canonized as the first American saint by Pope Pius XII.
- In 1948, six female U.S. Navy reservists became the first women to be sworn in to the regular Navy.
- In 1954, Elvis Presley made his radio debut as Memphis, Tennessee, station WHBQ played his first recording for Sun Records, "That's All Right."
- In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government.
- In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.
- In 1987, Lt. Col. Oliver North began his long-awaited public testimony at the Iran-Contra

hearing, telling Congress that he had "never carried out a single act, not one," without authorization.

In 1990, the first "Three Tenors" concert took place as opera stars Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras performed amid the brick ruins of Rome's Baths of Caracalla on the eve of the World Cup championship.

Ten years ago: Over Chinese and Russian objections, Japan introduced a draft U.N. Security Council resolution to sanction North Korea for test-launching a series of missiles. Syd Barrett, co-founder of Pink Floyd, died in Cambridge, England, at age 60.

Five years ago: Rupert Murdoch's media empire unexpectedly jettisoned News of the World, Britain's best-selling Sunday newspaper.

Newsday Crossword

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Came down
- Patio door material
- Pesci comedy with a trial
- Hindu honorific
- Corral
- Informal gathering
- Tracy/Kelly drama with a trial
- Helpful contacts
- 2016 Summer Games setting
- Gannah in Hannah and Her Sisters
- Headquartered
- Tight spot
- Sugar source
- Routine
- Winery staple
- Business card no.
- Bogart drama with a trial
- Wetlands fauna
- Live
- Sound of distress
- Witherspoon comedy with a trial
- Flurry of events
- Work set on the Nile
- "The Confrontation," in *Les Miz*

DOWN

- React to a sour note
- Stingy
- Man, for example
- Landscapeing tool
- Believes, so to speak
- Legendary Chicago lawman
- Being broadcast
- Contract principal
- Never seen before
- Kindergarten period
- Downton Abbey airtel
- "That's it!"
- Flip over
- Start of a texter's view
- Syllabus segment
- Smartphone ancestors
- Rush off
- Much-seen-before
- Seat purchases, in brief
- Drenching
- Distress signal
- Thoroughly fine
- Rafter attachment
- Tropical nut
- Bulldog booster
- Stamp for a border
- Sikh wear
- Really lean on
- One wearing waders, perhaps
- Distress signal
- What dust layers imply
- Country singing effects
- Honors with a gala
- Innocent one
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DIVIDED AMERICA

Evangelicals feel alienated and anxious about the future



(AP Photo/David Goldman)

Lead pastor Richie Clendenen speaks during a service at the Christian Fellowship Church in Benton, Ky.

EDITOR'S NOTE — This story is part of *Divided America*, AP's ongoing exploration of the economic, social and political divisions in American society.

By **RACHEL ZOLL**

AP Religion Writer

BENTON, Kentucky (AP) — Pastor Richie Clendenen stepped away from the pulpit, microphone in hand. He walked the aisles of the Christian Fellowship Church, his voice rising to describe the perils believers face in 21st-century America.

"The Bible says in this life you will have troubles, you will have persecutions. And Jesus takes it a step further: You'll be hated by all nations for my name's sake," he said.

"Let me tell you," the minister said, "that time is here."

The faithful in the pews needed little convincing. Even in this deeply religious swath of western Kentucky — a state where about half the residents are evangelical — conservative Christians feel under siege.

For decades, they say, they have been steadily pushed to the sidelines of American life and have come under attack for their most deeply held beliefs, born of their reading of Scripture and their religious mandate to evangelize. The 1960s ban on prayer in public schools is still a fresh wound. Every legal challenge to a public Nativity scene or Ten Commandments display is another marginalization. They've been "steamrolled," they say, and "misunderstood."

Religious conservatives could once count on their neighbors to at least share their view of marriage. Those days are gone. Public opinion on same-sex relationships turned against conservatives even before the U.S. Supreme Court legalized gay marriage nationwide.

Now, many evangelicals say liberals want to seal their cultural victory by silencing the church. Liberals call this paranoid. But evangelicals see evidence of the threat in every new uproar over someone asserting a right to refuse recognition of same-sex marriages — whether it be a baker, a government clerk, or the leaders of religious charities and schools.

At a time when America's divisions — right-left, urban-rural, black-white and more — spill daily into people's lives, many Christian conservatives find themselves on the other side of the divide between "us" and "them."

"There's nobody hated more in this nation than Christians," Clendenen preached on a recent

Sunday. "Welcome to America's most wanted: You."

Evangelicals like those at Christian Fellowship are wrestling with their declining clout in public life.

The U.S. remains solidly religious and Christian, and evangelicals are still a formidable bloc in the Republican Party. But a series of losses in church membership and in public policy battles, along with America's changing demographics, are weakening evangelical influence, even in some of the most conservative regions of the country.

"Nobody would have guessed the pace of change. That's why so many people are yelling we have to take our country back," said Ed Stetzer, executive director of Lifeway Research, an evangelical consulting firm in Nashville, Tenn.

The Protestant majority that dominated American culture through U.S. history has dipped below 50 percent.

Liberal-leaning Protestant groups started shrinking earlier, but some evangelical churches are now in decline. The conservative Southern Baptist Convention lost 200,000 from its ranks in 2014 alone, dropping to 15.5 million, its smallest number in more than two decades.

At the same time, the Bible Belt, as a cultural force, is collapsing, said the Rev. Russell Moore, head of the Southern Baptist public policy agency.

Nearly a quarter of Americans say they no longer affiliate with a faith tradition. It's the highest share ever recorded in surveys, indicating the stigma for not being religious has eased — even in heavily evangelical areas. Americans who say they have no ties to organized religion now make up about 23 percent of the population, just behind evangelicals, who comprise about 25 percent, according to the Pew Research Center.

"People don't have to be culturally identified with evangelical Christianity in order to be seen as good people, good neighbors or good Americans," Moore said.

Politically, old guard religious right organizations such as the Moral Majority and the Christian Coalition are greatly diminished or gone, and no broadly unifying leader or organization has replaced them. In this year's

presidential race, the social policy issues championed by Christian conservatives are not central, even amid the furor over bathroom access for transgender people.

White evangelical voters remain very influential in early primaries, and they turn out at high rates in general elections. But they can't match the growth rate of groups that tend to support Democrats — Latinos, younger people and Americans with no religious affiliation.

No issue has more starkly illuminated conservative Christians' waning influence than the struggle over same-sex marriage.

Evangelicals were "all in" with their opposition to gay rights starting back with the Moral Majority in the 1980s, said Robert Jones, author of "The End of White Christian America." In the 2004 election, Americans appeared to be on the same page, approving bans on same-sex marriage in all 11 states where the measures were on the ballot. But by 2011, more than five in 10 Americans supported gay marriage. And now the business wing of the Republican Party is deserting social conservatives on the issue, largely backing anti-discrimination policies. Younger Americans, including younger evangelicals, are especially accepting of same-sex relationships, which means evangelicals "have lost a generation on this issue," Jones said.

"This issue is so prominent and so symbolic," said Jones, chief executive of Public Religion Research Institute, which specializes in surveys about religion and public life. "It was such a decisive loss, not only in the actual courts, the legal courts, but also in the court of public opinion." Clendenen saw "a lot of fear, a lot of anger" in his church after the Supreme Court ruling.

Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump uses rhetoric that has resonance for Christian conservatives who fear their teachings on marriage will soon be outlawed as hate speech.

"We're going to protect Christianity and I can say that," Trump has said. "I don't have to be politically correct."

If culture wars once felt remote amid the soybean and tobacco farms here, change is now obvious to Clendenen's congregants.

In Rowan County, on the other side of Kentucky, clerk Kim Davis spent five days in jail last year for refusing on religious grounds to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. In New Mexico and Oregon, a photographer and a baker were fined under nondiscrimination laws after refusing work for same-sex ceremonies.

The problem, many religious conservatives say, is that government is growing more coercive in many areas bearing on their beliefs.

Some faith-based nonprofits with government contracts have shuttered adoption programs because of new rules in some states that say agencies with taxpayer funding can't refuse placements with same-sex couples.

And religious leaders worry that Christian schools and colleges will lose accreditation or tax-exempt status over their codes of conduct barring same-sex relationships.

How to navigate this new reality? Some conservative Christians are determined to even more fiercely wage the culture wars, while others plan to withdraw as much as possible into their own communities.

There is, however, a segment that advocates confidently upholding their beliefs, but doing so in a gentler way that rejects the aggressive tone of the old religious right and takes up other issues, such as ending human trafficking, that can cross ideological lines.

Clendenen is cut from this mold. Now 38, he came of age when the religious right was at its apex, and he concluded any mix of partisan politics with Christianity was toxic for the church. He said evangelicals are partly responsible for the backlash against them because of the hateful language some used in the marriage debates. "I don't see the LGBT community as my enemy," he said.

Still, he uses the word persecution to describe what Christians are facing in the U.S., even though he feels strange doing so.

Preaching, Clendenen urged congregants to hold fast to their positions in a country that has grown hostile to them.

"Don't give up," he said. "Don't let your light go out."

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