

Way to go, kid!



The State Farm Insurance mascot congratulates one of the participants in the Permian Basin Events Super Sprint and Kids' Triathlon in Comanche Trail Park Saturday.

Trump expects more violence, friction between police, blacks

County rejects HCAD budget

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

County Commissioners unanimously rejected the Howard County Appraisal District's proposed budget Monday night sending it back with two requests, cutting out employee raises and reducing operating expenses by 10 percent.

"We ask our own people to cut their budget 10 percent and we are not going to be able to give our people a raise and I don't see why we should approve for them to give them that kind of raise and increase their budget," Precinct 3 County Commissioner John Cline explained after



he made the motion to deny the budget with the two requests.

According to Howard County Judge Kathryn G. Wiseman, the proposed Appraisal District's budget included \$10,532 worth of raises for the entity's office employees and possible merit increases of \$11,609.

There was no open discussion of the issue at Monday night's meeting. Commissioners raised concerns at their previous meeting about the proposed raises and operating expenditures before tabling the issue. Commissioners voted unanimously to reject the budget except Commissioner Craig Bailey, who was absent from the meeting. In other business, commissioners are considering adopting a resolution to retain mineral rights from the sale of property that was turned back to the taxing entities because of delinquent taxes. According to Wiseman, Josh Hamby is currently drafting the resolution and working through several small problems this issue has created. "The reason it came up is because we have numerous offers to lease or buy mineral values that we had no idea that the county still owned." Wiseman explained.

The Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Donald Trump says he believes relations between police and the nation's African-American community are "far worse" than people think, predicting that protests against police violence that followed last week's slaying of five police officers in Dallas "might be just the beginning for this summer."

In an interview Monday with The Associated Press, the presumptive GOP nominee struck a balance between the law-and-order rhetoric he has espoused during his campaign and an appreciation for the concerns held by African-Americans nationwide about the conduct of police.

Trump suggested that a lack of training for officers might be at least partially to blame for the two police



Trump

shootings that led to last Thursday's protest in Dallas, where a lone gunman killed five in an act of vengeance against white officers. At the same time, Trump denounced the name of the Black Lives Matter movement as "a verv divisive term."

The interview followed a speech on veterans issues in which Trump declared, "I am the law and order candidate," an echo of Richard Nixon's response to protest violence that broke out in 1968 following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Like Trump, Nixon was a Republican running for president at the time.

"It's time for our hostility against our police, and against all members of law enforcement, to end, and end immediately, right now," Trump said during his speech, comparing anti-police sentiment to the harassment faced by returning veterans in the aftermath of the Vietnam War.

But Trump also referenced the "tragic deaths in Louisiana and Minnesota" during his event, saying they made clear that "a lot of work" must be done to ensure all Americans feel their safety is being protected.

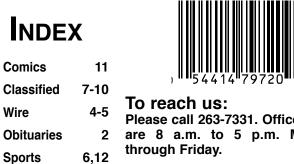
Trump said he was disturbed by the images of the killings of Alton Sterling, who was shot by police last Tuesday in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, after being pinned to the pavement by two officers. The altercation that captured on cell phone video.

The following day, Philando Castile was fatally shot by an officer in suburban St. Paul, Minnesota, an act livestreamed on Facebook by his

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All taxing entities will have pass to a resolution for this to work, Wiseman

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Abbott to have skin grafts after accident

The Associated Press

DALLAS Texas Gov. Greg Abbott spent Monday night in the hospital and will miss President Barack Obama's visit to Dallas in the wake of the deadly shooting as he recovers from extensive burns on his legs and feet caused by scalding hot water.

Abbott's office announced he had developed a "minor infection" after sustaining secondand third-degree burns on both legs below the knee and both feet on Thursday, while vacationing with his family in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The Republican will remain at Brooke

Army Medical Center in San Antonio and, on Tuesday, will undergo skin grafts to repair damage to his feet.

Afterward, he's "expected to be discharged and will return to Austin," his office said in a statement, adding, "As a result

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LOCAL

Obituaries

Maxine Owens



Last week the Lord chose Maxine Owens to be with Him, her mother and her sons.

Maxine was born Feb. 11, 1940, in Haskell, Texas, to Lenora Turnbow Proctor. She grew to be a beautiful person who was "mom" to many more than the three children she gave birth to.

She spent most of her life in Big Spring and West Texas, but had several adventurous times across

the U.S., as she loved to experience life in new places. She was, in her words, a "hair dresser" for many years in Big Spring, then graduated from the Howard College Nursing Program in 1985. She worked caring for the those who could not care for themselves in Big Spring and Lubbock.

At age 75, she became ill, and came back to Big Spring to be close to her family. She loved spending

Shirley Lynn Martin



Shirley Lynn Martin, 64, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 11, 2016 at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 15, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Skip Hedgpeth officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July

14, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Shirley was born June 18, 1952, in Dalhart, Texas, and married William "Bubba" Martin June 27, 1992, in Las Vegas, Nev.

She worked for Texas Instruments in Midland for several years before becoming a secretary for the

Richard Lee Bonrud

Richard Lee Bonrud, 85, of Stanton, died July 10, 2016. Services are pending at a later date in South Dakota.

Survivors include children Lanell Sauer, Leslee

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• MARK STEVEN ROMINE, 43, of 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. #1204 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ERIKA NICOLE HILARIO. 25, of 1900 Martin Luther King Boulevard Apt. #714 was arrested on outstanding warrants.

LATUNYA ROSINE cards, or dominoes — and winning!

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lenora Turnbow McCarty, Bill Proctor, and Cecil Williams; and her sons, John Wesley Holden and Ricky Paul Holden.

She is survived by her husband, Russell W. Owens; her daughter, Renee Barraza; three grandchildren, Michelle Leath and her husband Ryan, Codee Barraza and his wife Kayla, and Carlee Barraza; three great-grandchildren, Gentry Barraza, and Ryder and Chevelle Leath; and numerous extended family members.

A memorial celebration of Maxine's life will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at the Dora Roberts Community Center Lake Room with the Rev. Lynn Robertson officiating.

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

Paid obituary

city of Big Spring. She loved being with her family and watching her grandchildren.

Shirley is survived by her husband, William "Bubba" Martin; two sons, Tom Heiskell and wife Krisha of Colorado City, and Gary Martin and wife Summer of Big Spring; two daughters, Amy Miller and husband Billy of Colorado City, and Leslie Sheets and husband Logan of Clovis, N.M.; one brother, Jimmy McCartney of Dalhart; and four sisters, Cathy Simi of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Carol Spear and husband Jim of Renton, Wash., Jean Clements of Lady Lake, Fla., and Betty Davis of San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Marion Viretta (Houston) McCartney; and one brother, Cecil McCartney Jr.

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Bonrud, Larry Bonrud, Lynn Bonrud, and Lonny Papa.

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

FOSTER, 44, of 812 Lorilla St. was arrested on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.

ERNESTO **ENRIQUE** ٠ SILVAS, 32, of 105 W. 24th St. was arrested on a warrant for theft (\$50 to \$500).

ANTHONY ANDREW RIVAS, 20, of 1505 Johnson St. was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less

than 2 oz.).

• **THEFT** was reported in the 600 block of West Interstate 20 and the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn.

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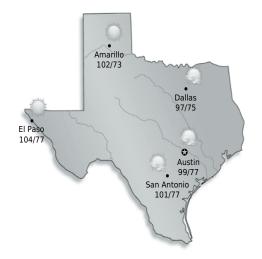
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Brownwood	99 73 Sunny	Midland	105 78 Sunny
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Corsicana	97 75 M Cloudy	Rosenberg	96 77 Sunny
Dallas	97 75 M Cloudy	San Antonio	101 77 Cloudy
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MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block

time with her family playing games — Wa-hoo,

Chariff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

LATUNYA ROSINE **FOSTER**, 44, was booked by

BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• ERIKA NICOLE HILARIO, 25, was booked by BSPD on warrants for parent contributing to non-attendance.

ANTHONY ANDREW **RIVAS**, 20, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of

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.

\$500).

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

THURSDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• 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.

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 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• OUTSIDE FIRE was reported in the 1600 block of Kiowa.

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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.

• A garage sale sponsoring Richard Olivas and his family will be held this Saturday, July 16th from 8 a.m. to noon at 1602 Virginia. Olivas was recently in a motorcycle accident and suffered from many broken bones and a head injury. All proceeds from the sale will go towards his medical bills and other expenses. Cash donations will also be accepted on site.

· 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. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

• The Howard County Fair quilters for the annual Quilt Fundraiser.

For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

 Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 $\frac{1}{2}$ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

 Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Volunteer opportunities

 The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-

 The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs. state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

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added. As part of the sale, the county will make full disclosure to the purchaser it will be keeping all mineral rights to the property, she said. Commissioners tabled the issue for now until the resolution could be drafted. In other business, Commissioners approved:

• The 911 budget.

• Financial reports.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody can be contacted by calling 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mailing citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

"divisive."

"A lot of people agree with that. A lot of people feel that it is inherently racist. And it's a very divisive term," he said. "Because all lives matter. It's a very, very divisive term."

Trump added that has heard some Black Lives Matter activists say "horrible, horrible things about police and about others."

"And certainly if they're going to allow that to go along rhetorically, this is not a good thing for our country."

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Jose Mendez Cuellar. 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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girlfriend. "I thought they were

horrible, horrible to witness," Trump said. "Whether that's a lack of training or whatever, but I thought they were two incidents that were absolutely horrible to witness. At the same time, our country is losing its spirit. African-Americans are absolutely losing their spirit."

Trump framed that issue in largely economic terms, blaming

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of today's news, and re-

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to attend tomorrow's

the mood of the nation's black community on unemployment and low wages.

"Jobs can solve so many problems," he said. "And we're going to open our country up and we're going to be a huge jobs producer again instead of having terrible jobs.

"Our good jobs are going away, they're going away from this country," he added. "We're going to open our country up again for great jobs where people can make terrific livings and be happy."

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President Obama said the other day that he doesn't called from Texas to say

are not getting along in

this country. We are in

a gunman had opened fire in downtown Dallas — an attack that killed five police officers. Abbott's injury wasn't

reported until late Sun-

been working on a statement detailing the burning Thursday, but abandoned it because of the shooting. Instead, Abbott released statements about the attack late Thursday night and ear-

And the press actually

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"When you say black lives matter, that's inherently racist," Giuliani said. "Black lives matter. White lives matter. Asian lives matter. Hispanic lives matter. That's anti-American and it's racist."

Asked whether he agreed with Giuliani's assessment, Trump said the group's name is

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Abbott is chairman of day. the Texas delegation to next week's Republican National Convention in Cleveland, but his office says he may not be well enough to attend. Monday's statement said that "further decisions on Governor Abbott's schedule continue to be day-to-day." Abbott endorsed the Republican presidential bid of Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, but now says he will back Donald Trump. Abbott was treated for several hours last week at a Wyoming medical center. As he was being released, a top aide

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Asked what he would say to African-Americans who feel targeted by police because of their race,

Trump said, "We have to talk to 'em and we have to build up the spirt." He added: "We have to talk with the police. And we have to get people to really get along. People

a divided country." Trump went on to predict the problem would only grow worse. "When

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memorial service." Abbott's wife, Cecilia, will attend in his place.

Obama cut short a visit to Spain and will be in Dallas to deliver remarks at a memorial service. He also is expected to meet with families of the officers killed.

Abbott spokesman Matt Hirsch has said the governor scalded himself with hot water, but has declined to provide further details. The governor uses a wheelchair after a tree fell on him while he was out for a jog in 1984, leaving him paralyzed from the

Abbott returned to Texas against what his staff said were doctor's orders not to travel. He held a news conference in Dallas on Friday, but didn't disclose being burned. Hirsch said that his legs were wrapped at the time, but that wasn't evident since they were covered by his pants.

Theonlyhintanything was wrong, Hirsch said, was that the governor was wearing orthopedic shoes rather than the dress shoes or boots he usually dons in public.

The governor's communications team had

ly Friday morning, as well as an open letter to Texans, urging unity in the face of tragedy.

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Finger-pointing over fingerprinting: Checks could be flawed



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Raquel Vanderpool talks with her son, Tyler, at home in Newport, Mich. The past didn't just repeat for Raquel so much as it re-materialized in a different form. She had been working as a nurse's aide for nearly a decade when a change in state law required her Michigan-based employer to conduct FBI fingerprint background checks. In Vanderpool's case, it turned up a conviction for falsifying a prescription for painkillers she'd received from a dentist when she was 19. Except it wasn't actually a conviction. That didn't prevent the mother of two from losing her job and plunging into an economic tailspin while she tried to clear up the confusion.

By DAVID PORTER

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) -Raquel Vanderpool found out the hard way that while fingerprints don't lie, they don't always tell the whole truth.

Vanderpool had been working as a nurse's aide for nearly a decade when a change in state law required her Michigan employer to conduct FBI fingerprint background checks on employees.

It turned up a conviction for falsifying a prescription for painkillers years earlier, when she was 19.

Except the charge actually had been dismissed and the record sealed after Vanderpool went through a diversionary program for youthful offenders. That didn't prevent the mother of two from losing her job and, eventually, her house.

"I completed my end, and unfortunately the state failed

to remove that from my record," said Vanderpool, now 34. "Because somebody didn't do their job, I lost mine and a whole lot more."

Her story is far from unique. According to studies by the federal Government Accountability Office and the Department of Justice, depending on which state you live in, as many as one-half of the criminal records in the FBI's fingerprint system could have missing or inaccurate information on how criminal cases were resolved.

It worries civil rights and employment rights advocates at a time when job-related requests for fingerprint background checks have soared since 9/11. The nonprofit National Employment Law Project estimated the FBI performed about 2.8 million checks in 2002; an FBI spokesman said recently the bureau has processed roughly 24 million since October.

And the issue of reliability in fingerprint records has come into sharper focus recently as ride-hailing companies battle states and municipalities over fingerprinting of their drivers.

Uber pulled out of Austin, Texas, over the checks, and recently the Chicago City Council left fingerprinting out of its new ride-hailing regulations after Uber and Lyft threatened to leave the city.

The companies' concerns that fingerprint data can omit the disposition, or resolution, of a criminal case — whether it ended in a conviction, acquittal or dropping of charges – are grounded in truth, said Maurice Emsellem, program director for the nonprofit National Employment Law Project, which did a study on the issue in 2013 and updated it last year.

"You have to work with what you've got, but what we've seen is that in states like California where they track down the missing dispositions, then the information is more reliable," Emsellem said. "Otherwise,

without that kind of followup, you're going to continue to see a lot of workers, mostly workers of color, fall through the cracks."

Most galling for Vanderpool, she said, was that she was able to have the record changed in the state criminal database within a few days.

Convincing the state department in charge of licensing took far longer. Although she still works in the same field, Vanderpool lost her state certification and now earns about \$3 per hour less than she earned before her troubles with the fingerprint system began in 2009.

The National Employment Law Project estimates hundreds of thousands of job applicants in fields such as education, health care and security that routinely rely on fingerprint checks have been affected by incomplete or inaccurate records.

For example, the Transportation Security Administration's post-9/11 screening program for port workers led to more than 50,000 appeals of inaccurate or incomplete criminal history information, according to a 2013 NELP report. It generally works this way: An applicant for a job or license provides fingerprints that are checked against state criminal records and the FBI's database. If the FBI check yields a positive match, the FBI sends the criminal record back to the state, which then determines if the offense disqualifies the applicant. The applicant can challenge and correct inaccurate information.

Life, love, & chaos: Maturity and growing up

aving two teenage girls, I am often asked by them why I don't treat them more like adults.

My 14 year old prefers to be babied and then wonders why she isn't allowed to do some more risky or more mature things

that her sister goes to do.

My 16 year old feels that we don't respect her and let her live her life the way she wants to. However, making some decisions that may come back to haunt her in the future means that we have to show restraint as parents and not give into their every desire.



Julie

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selves, it seems that it is not always the solution.

It is sometimes difficult to decide when to be patient with them to take off on their brand new wings or when it is time to give them a gentle shove into life.

I want them to be prepared for the future, their future. They can't live at home, eating with us for the rest of their lives.

Laundry was easy, when they got old enough and I showed them how to use the washing machine a few times, I just quit doing their laundry. They have both been doing their own laundry for years now.

When it comes to cooking, they both have the ability to read the recipes and cook, but they don't.

week. I believe I have passed this hatred of cleaning to my children. While they both do what needs to be done, they grumble and mumble and put it off for as long as possible.

The more I think about it, I believe my kids are learning responsibility at a reasonable pace. They show maturity in the fact that they are doing what needs to be done, despite their resistance.

Maturity is doing what needs to be done, especially when you don't want to do it and being responsible.

It is amazing how many things we miss, while looking at everything else.

It is very simple, they are my babies no matter how old they get.

While I do encourage them to do more adult things and take responsibility, their lack of following through

with such things as doing the dishes or cooking makes me hold the reins and continue to steer them.

They both show ambition for their futures by making plans and trying to do well in school to accomplish their future goals, but it is the day to day living has me concerned.

However, upon further reflection, I think that maybe I enable them. My husband and I have left the house stocked with food and left for the evening several times. Later we receive a text, "I am hungry" or "What's for dinner?" There is food. You have food. You have the ability to cook said food, cook it.

Even when trying to push them to do for them-

Well, I will continue to pray and hope that in time, and with encouragement, they will begin to take care of a few more things for themselves.

I hate cleaning, it is the worst thing in the world for me to clean my house from top to bottom and watch it slowly get taken over by everyone's junk and trash. It is a never ending cycle that I have detested my entire life. I want to clean something and see it still clean in a

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News in brief

Spokesman: Obama to offer Dallas 'some measure of comfort

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama will be in a different city but still in an all-too-familiar place when he leads the nation in honoring more lives cut short by a man with a gun.

Obama will try Tuesday to help grief-stricken Dallas begin to heal less than a week after five of its police officers were slain in the line of duty. They were shot by an Army veteranturned-sniper during a brazen act of violence that Obama denounced as a "vicious, calculated and despicable attack on law enforcement" by a "demented" individual.

Just a few weeks ago, Obama spent hours in Orlando, Florida, consoling the loved ones of 49 people who were killed in a shooting rampage at a nightclub.

In what has become an unwelcome but regular duty of his presidency. Obama was preparing to address an interfaith memorial service in Dallas for the officers. They were killed last Thursday while standing guard as hundreds of people peacefully protested the police killings of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota earlier in the week.

The attack ended with the gunman, Micah Johnson, 25, blown up by a bomb delivered by a police robot. The black Army veteran portrayed the attack on the white officers as payback for the fatal police shootings of black men in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and suburban Minneapolis.

Police shooting strikes fear in city marked by its diversity

DALLAS (AP) — When the first shots rang out, Marcus Carter was standing on a downtown Dallas street corner. Beau Nazary was tending to customers in his family's Mediterranean restaurant. And Gillian Breidenbach was in her high-rise condo, her teenage son with friends somewhere below the gleaming city landscape shining through her windows.

Black. Iranian. White.

The chaos and panic that ensued when Micah Johnson sprayed bullets at a protest against police brutality, killing five officers, resonated across a city increasingly defined by its diversity. Now Dallas has become a focal point in the nation's ongoing debate and struggles around race and has dipped to about 50 percent. Nearly a quarter of all Dallas residents today were born in another country.

Death reignites hard questions for Minnesota black leaders

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — For many leaders in Minnesota's black community, the dropping of a federal investigation and no charges being filed after a black man was killed by Minneapolis police in November was reason to question whether months of work to repair racial disparities and policecommunity relations had paid off.

The question is again being asked after last week's fatal police shooting of another black man in the Twin Cities area.

The governor has promised justice to the family of Philando Castile, who was fatally shot while reaching for his wallet during a traffic stop Wednesday in suburban St. Paul, according to his girlfriend, who videostreamed the shooting's bloody aftermath on Facebook. The shooting came eight months after police fatally shot 24-year-old Jamar Clark in Minneapolis during what authorities said was an altercation with police.

"I do not have faith in our justice system," Nekima Levy-Pounds, head of the Minneapolis NAACP, told protesters last week while reflecting on Clark's case. Another protest sparked by Castile's death shut down Interstate 94 in St. Paul late Saturday, resulting in dozens of arrests.Clark's death drew Minnesota into the national debate over police-involved deaths of young black men. Soon after, lawmakers designated \$35 million for job training, investment funds and other programs targeting impoverished black residents in Minnesota, where African Americans make up just 6 percent of residents but are four times as likely to be unemployed as whites.

Panel says no legal basis for China's South

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)

global power relations in an increasingly dangerous hotspot. It comes as the U.S. has ramped up its military presence in the region and could seek to marshal world opinion to pressure Beijing into complying with the verdict. A new Philippine leader who appears friendlier to Beijing could also influence the aftermath of the ruling.

Poll: Clinton struggles to make inroads with young Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hillary Clinton is struggling to make inroads among young Americans who overwhelmingly supported Bernie Sanders during the Democratic presidential primary, a worrisome sign as she tries to reassemble the coalition that twice propelled Barack Obama into the White House.

Opinions of Clinton among young Americans vary by race and ethnicity, according to a new GenForward poll of adults ages 18 to 30. The majority of the nation's younger blacks and Asian-Americans have a favorable impression of Clinton, but the presumptive Democratic nominee struggles with whites and Hispanics.

Just 26 percent of young whites and 49 percent of Hispanics have a positive opinion of the former secretary of state. Both groups overwhelmingly say she is not trustworthy.

"I just don't see her being honest and straightforward," said Alexander Tomas, an 18-year-old Hispanic from Fort Worth, Texas. A recent high school graduate, Tomas supported Sanders in the state's Democratic primary, but says he's now undecided about his choice in November.

Clinton and Sanders set to appear together in **New Hampshire**

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) – Bernie Sanders is offering his long-awaited endorsement to Democratic rival Hillary Clinton, hoping to transfer the energy of his insurgent campaign

Sanders and Clinton



Hampshire Tuesday for the first time since he won a 22-point landside over Clinton in the state's presidential primary. Democrats familiar with the plans said Sanders will publicly endorse Clinton's White House bid after weeks of negotiations between the Clinton and Sanders campaigns. The Democrats spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of Sanders' formal announcement.

The joint event at a Portsmouth high school will seek to project Democratic unity before Republicans formally nominate Trump next week in Cleveland. Clinton has campaigned with President Barack Obama and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren in recent weeks, warning Democrats of the threat of a Trump presidency.

Decade after war with Israel, another war batters Hezbollah

AYNATA, Lebanon (AP) – In frontline villages of south Lebanon, the posters of Hezbollah members killed fighting Israel 10 years ago still stand, but have faded. Now rising up around them is a new generation of posters, bearing the faces of young fighters from the militant group killed in Syria. They reflect the Shiite group's radical shift from decades fighting Israel, a cause that at one time earned it soaring popularity across the Arab and Muslim world, to the far less popular role fighting fellow Arabs in defense of Syria's president, Bashar Assad. It is a venture that is proving costly. The war in neighboring Syria is bleeding Hezbollah of fighters and experienced military commanders, and has left the group more vulnerable to accusations of complete subservience to Iran, which rallied Hezbollah to intervene in the war. So far, more than a thousand of the group's fighters, including several founding members, have been killed in Syria, a toll higher than the one incurred by the group in nearly two decades of fighting Is-

raeli occupation forces.

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"Downtown Dallas is a hub," Breidenbach said. "And now it's a crime scene."

Hispanics, blacks and whites in Dallas has increased by the hundreds of thousands. Blacks who migrated North in the first half of the 20th century have returned in droves to Southern cities like Dallas, in pursuit of better jobs and black middle-class networks. Hispanics, including many emigrating from Mexico, have settled in Texas cities where they have long historic and cultural roots. The white population in Dallas, proportionally,

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Spieth: Pulling out of Olympics hardest choice he ever made

TROON. Scotland (AP) - Jordan Spiethsaid pulling out of the Olympics was the hardest decision he's ever made, and that it likely will haunt him as he's watching golfers compete for a gold medal in Rio de Janeiro for the first time in 112 years.

Spieth cited "health concerns" as his reason for withdrawing, though he said the Zika virus was only part of it. Asked what kept him out of the Olympics, the 22-year-old Texan would only say that it was personal and anyone in his shoes would have made the same choice.

"Why was it so hard? Because I'm a huge believer in Olympic golf." Spieth said Tuesday during a news conference that touched only briefly on his bid for the third leg of the career Grand Slam at the British Open.

"This year I just had to try and weigh a risk that doesn't present itself every year," he said. "And just at the time that I had to make the decision, I just felt this was the right move for me. Not everybody's going to understand. Nobody's going to understand what it's like in my shoes. ... Mine came down to just a very personal decision that, again, I don't expect anybody to understand, but trust that I believe I'm making the right decision for myself, for my future and for those around me."

Spieth's stock has risen sharply in the last vear after he won the Masters and U.S. Open and made a spirited run at the Grand Slam. With 18 other players having withdrawn, he was looked upon as someone whose commitment might ease the backlash against golf for its perceived indifference about the sport returning to the Olympics.



In this June 16, 2016, file photo, Jordan Spieth watches his tee shot on the third hole during the first round of the U.S. Open golf championship at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa.

That didn't stop him understand it. They from following his instincts.

Spieth said he didn't make up his mind until Monday morning, and the decision was his alone.

"Everybody's entitled to their own opinion," Spieth said. "I'm not worrying about anybody else except myself, and again, I don't six of the last eight maexpect people to fully jors — will be in Rio

don't know what I know about myself and my future and my goals. Therefore, there's nothing I can do about it except go on and try to again focus on this week."

Spieth's decision means none of the top four in the world ranking - they have won when golf is part of the Olympic program for the first time since St. Louis in 1904.

Jason Day, Dustin Johnson and Rory McIlroy previously pulled out, all citing Zika and their plans to start a family or have more children. The mosquito-borne Zika virus has been linked to severe

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RockHounds still on fire with sweep of Arkansas

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) -- Bryan Anderson doubled twice, driving in a run and also scoring one as the Midland Rock-Hounds beat the Arkansas Travelers 7-1 on Monday. The RockHounds swept the three-game series with the win.

Matt Chapman singled twice with a run and an RBI for Midland.

Up 1-0 in the third, Midland extended its lead when Josh Rodriguez hit an RBI single and Anderson hit a sacrifice fly.

Arkansas answered in the next half-inning when Alex Yarbrough scored on a ground out to get within two.

Midland southpaw Brandon Mann (1-0) picked up a quality start and the win after allowing one run on eight hits over 6 1/3 innings. Opposing starter Victor Alcantara took the loss.

With the win, Midland is now 13-4 in their last 17 games.

So much for golf's triumphant return to Olympics

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

TROON, Scotland – So much for golf's triumphant return to the Olympics.

Any hope of Rio hosting a men's tournament that anyone beyond the hardcore aficionado will give a flip about took a knockout blow Monday when the last of the Big Four, Jordan Spieth, delivered his regrets to the powers that run international golf.

"It's certainly disappointing," said Peter Dawson, head of a world governing body that was essentially created to get golf back in the Olympics for the first time since 1904. "There is no doubt that the number of withdrawals hasn't shed golf in the best



national Golf Federation, Ty Votaw, confirmed that no one associated with the course — from hundreds of construction workers to those now charged with keeping it in top condition - has been diagnosed with Zika.

"Personally, I think there's been something of an over-reaction to the Zika situation," Dawson said.

He's got a point, especially when one considers that all the top female players will be in Rio, some of them surely planning to start families of their own someday.

Then again, it's easy to see why there's such a divide between the sexes. The men never seemed to be all that thrilled about adding the Olympics to their already crowded schedules. The women embraced the chance to elevate their sport beyond its niche status.

light."

What an understatement.

Now that Spieth has followed the lead of Jason Day, Dustin Johnson and Rory McIlroy, Rio will be putting on a men's tournament roughly equivalent to the John Deere Classic, missing the top four-ranked players in the world and seven of the leading 15.

Come to think of it, the John Deere might have an edge on the Olympics, since that second-tier PGA Tour event will be played the same week as the Olympics. Spieth, the defending champion, suddenly has an opening on his schedule. If he shows up in

Rory McIlroy, left, and Jason Day walk to the 13th green during the semifinal round at the Dell Match Play Championship golf tournament at Austin County Club.

the Quad Cities, it would only add to golf's gold medal fiasco.

How did we get to this point?

There's plenty of blame to go around, from skittish golfers who latched on to the threat of the Zika to justify their decisions to tone-deaf executives who made a mess of this year's schedule, cramming too many important tournaments into too short of a time period.

Let's start with the players.

While it's hard to blame anyone for

citing health concerns as a reason to skip the Olympics, and the dangers of Zika are undeniable to those who want to have children, the mosquitoborne virus is clearly much less of a threat during the Brazilian winter.

Also, as Dawson wryly noted in what appeared to be an underhanded shot at those who backed out, "we haven't lost a greenskeeper yet" at the new course constructed in Rio.

Asked to expand on that assessment, the vice president of the Inter-

When the threat of Zika came along, it provided a convenient excuse for those who may not have wanted to go to the Olympics in the first place.

"I don't know if golf has its place in the Olympics," said Zach Johnson, the reigning British Open champion who didn't qualify for one of the four U.S. spots in Rio. "I didn't dream of winning a gold medal in golf as a kid. It wasn't an option."

Johnson makes the point - and

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AP Photo/Lenny Ignelzi

Stanton wins Derby

SAN DIEGO (AP) – Giancarlo Stanton wore out Petco Park with a record display of power in the All-Star Home Run Derby on Monday night, peppering every landmark from the left field corner to center field.

Stanton hit 20 homers in the final round to best defending champion Todd Frazier of the Chicago White Sox.

Overall, the Miami Mar-

lins slugger hit a record 61, shattering the single-night mark of 41 by Bobby Abreu in 2005.

Stanton's impressive shots hit the top level of the Western Metal Supply Co. Building in the left-field corner and the top of the batter's eye in center field. He sent several balls just below the giant scoreboard high atop the left-field stands and several over the bullpens.

Duncan's retirement the latest in a summer full of goodbyes

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI

AP Basketball Writer

Tim Duncan and Kobe Bryant. Dwyane Wade and Kevin Durant. Derrick Rose and Joakim Noah.

Players synonymous with their cities and their franchises are now gone in a summer of upheaval the NBA has rarely seen before, and the teams left behind begin their searches for new identities after saying the hardest of goodbyes.

"You never would've been able to convince me a couple years back that Wade wouldn't finish his career in Miami or Durant would have moved on in his prime from that great Oklahoma City team, or Rose after his MVP year, four years later he's not in Chicago anymore," ABC analyst Jeff Van Gundy said. "It just shows you. It's a hard league. It's hard to keep your group together. And when it is able to stay together, stay relevant, stay competitive, you're very, very fortunate."

Count the San Antonio Spurs among the chosen few. Duncan fell in their lap when the Spurs won the draft lottery in 1997, and coach Gregg Popovich has long credited that bit of luck for the franchise's unprecedented run of success.

Five championships, two MVPs for Duncan, the most enduring success story in American sports.

"Leadership can come from many different areas, but when your best player is the best leader, it's amazing how everybody else falls in line," said Timberwolves GM Scott Layden, who was an assistant GM with the Spurs for the previous four seasons. "The other thing is how he's done it with such humility and modesty. Not looking for any attention and accolades. It's

more of what is good for the team. ... Both on and off the court, he set the tone day-in and day-out."

Bryant beat Duncan out of the door by a couple of months, ending 20 colorful seasons with the Lakers with a 60-point outburst in his final game. The consistency wasn't the same as Duncan's, but the Lakers captured five titles as well during Bryant's time and vaulted back into the league's hierarchy.

Wade left the Heat for his hometown Bulls after 13 brilliant seasons and is perhaps the biggest sports hero in Miami history, having delivered three championships to South Beach and serving as an ambassador for the glitzy city by the bay.

"Moments like this, it sucks," Wade said on Saturday after taking a two-year,

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Had East followed low, there would indeed have been a very rapid conclusion after South played the eight to force West to win the trick and concede the contract. But East rudely upset the apple cart when he inserted the nine of spades, after which South had to go down one.

Declarer had essentially the right idea at the start, but he chose the wrong way to achieve his goal. A far better approach — one that is virtually certain to succeed — is to discard the eight of spades on dumny's fourth club and then play a diamond to the jack.

After West wins with the queen, there is no escape. He must either return a spade into the A-Q or yield a ruff-and-discard by returning a diamond. Either way, the contract is made.

By discarding a spade rather than a diamond on the fourth club, South guarantees a successful outcome if West — as seems highly likely from the play to the first trick — has the queen of diamonds. Even if East unexpectedly turns up with the queen, South still has the spade finesse to fall back on.

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too little and just right for you -- and you're a fairly light sleeper -- you might be able to avoid a bear attack. In a related story, the Libra moon provides balance through the first day of Venus in Leo. To keep the lions and bears at bay, know what's right for you -- and stay lighthearted.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Simplicity and economy will get you in shape for the battle ahead. In other words, it's time to get lean and mean with your project so you'll have the strength and resources to do well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Is this a time of want or a time of plenty? The fact is that you do have plenty, but it's not

self of dependencies. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are socially susceptible in the best possible way. When

you see a person doing good, you immediately adopt the same behavior. When you encounter a fault in another, you immediately examine and eradicate your own.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You had one way to accomplish things, and now the bigger, better tools give you several ways. Is your work going to be better because of this? It's doubtful, at least at first. But as you learn, things will get better. Be patient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a reason you're in the place where you are. The people around you need you. You won't be able to help or see all whom you wish to connect with, but don't let that discourage you from touching the ones you can reach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is no way to be perfect at the job you're doing, but there are a million ways to be good at it. Stop worrying so much, and commit

to doing your best with each small task.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This is a day when it behooves you to quietly maintain your own privacy. Reveal nothing, be cautious in what you say and don't even think about posting pictures to social media of your whereabouts or your meals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It is amazing how many will take a pious stand, judging the others for not believing or behaving as they do, meanwhile not even bothering to uphold the basic values of honesty, decency and common sense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're so ambitious right now that there is simply no way you'll have the time, energy or resources to do everything you want to. Make a list and prioritize it. Planning will be the key to your success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Of course winning is important to you, but try not to lose sight of what really matters -- the usefulness and help you provide

others. If you make even one person's life easier

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are those who naturally fall within the bell curve of there are those who have to work hard to fit in. Be kind to those in the second category, as you'll be their guide and solace today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've an open mind and a lot of compassion for the quiet thinkers around you. You're in this category, too, today, doing the invisible work that is every bit as hard as the work that makes one sweat.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 12). Your year starts with the excitement of being adored. Can you take this much attention? You'll find out in the weeks to come as it will continue being heaped upon you. There's a promotion in September and an expansion to your domestic scene in November. An investment made in January will pay well in five years. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 13,

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QUESTION: "When I go out with my girlfriends, they get noticed and I do not. I'm a Scorpio, not remarkable looking, but I think I'm physically on par with my girlfriends. So what's the deal? I come away from a night out feeling like there must be something wrong with me while they get hit on right and left."

First of all, your sign is known for being private and on the reserved side. This is in no way a flaw, and you can certainly make that air of mystery work for you. However, you might naturally exhibit some behaviors that make others afraid to approach you, and if the approach is what you want, this has to change.

Instead of worrying about whether you look fantastic or how you stack up on the attraction scale next to your friends, focus on how interested you are in your environment and how curious you are about the people around you. When you make light eye contact with people,

smile and look generally open to approach, chances are you'll get approached.

People who are open to approach have body language that is open and vulnerable. Don't be afraid to take up space. When you walk into a room, hold your own and then some. When you cross a room, the room should feel the force of your spirit.

CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: True to the nurturing nature of his Cancer sun sign, weight-loss guru Richard Simmons has helped thousands of people lose large amounts of weight. Simmons has been keeping a low profile lately, claiming to need a break after being in the public eye for 30 years. With his social Libra moon and outgoing Leo planets, this introverted period is not likely to last long.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

today, you've won. normal behavior, and

plenty of what you really want. Shed what you don't need and rid your-

Grandma Feels Used

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Dear Annie: I'm a grandmother to five children. My son Brian and his wife, Amanda, have a 3-year-old and a 6-month-old together.

They live several states away, about a five-hour drive. I get to see them close to once a month, though, as they continually ask me to watch the kids while they go on vacation.

When their baby was only 3 months old, they took a trip to a resort in Mexico. Personally, I would never leave an infant, so I don't understand their desire to leave so often. Now they're going on a week-

long cruise, and I'll be baby-sitting again.

I don't mind watching the grandkids. I love them to the moon and back, and really, I appreciate how nice it is that I get to spend time with them, especially while they're still little and thrilled to see their grandma. But I think it's getting out of hand, and I feel as if my son and daughter-in-law think I don't have a life of my own. Am I being ridiculous? -- Frustrated Grandma

Dear Frustrated:

Here's a word that will change your life: "No." Try using it the next time your son and his wife are daydreaming of making

a tropical getaway and leaving you in charge of their home life.

Annie's Mailbox 💩

Giving in to their requests all the time will leave you feeling taken advantage of and resentful. And that's a surefire way to damage your relationship with your son. Set boundaries.

Dear Annie: I am dating Jacob, a man I met online two years ago. Soon after we connected online, I broke it off with the guy I had been seeing and flew to meet Jacob in Utah, where he lives. We hit it off and decided to start a long-distance relationship. (I live on the East Coast.)

Things were great for the first few months. Then we started fighting almost every day, mostly about small stuff; he wasn't calling me enough and hadn't visited me (when I had visited him twice). We worked out a better routine, and he started visiting me every few months. But now I'm dealing with some other issues.

Jacob is Mormon. (I'm not religious.) He isn't fully committed to his faith anymore, but he still goes to church every week and has a lot of friends from that community. One of these friends is a woman who is about his age (he's 40) and has taken to sending me threatening Facebook messages about how I

am "bad" and Jacob is a "good man" who deserves "a nice Mormon girl." She makes me feel like a terrible person, and I've never even met this lady!

I brought this up with Jacob, but he continues to act as if everything is fine when he sees this woman in group settings. He said he doesn't want to confront her, because they have so many friends in common. I wish he would tell her to stop. He just laughs it off and says, "That's just how Mary is. Don't worry about her." Well, I do worry! -- Secular Girlfriend Dear Secular: Mor-

mon or not, Jacob should

not be allowing anyone to harass you in any way. If he is allowing this to go on from across the country, I shudder to think what he would tolerate if you lived in the same city. It sounds as if he either does not have much of a backbone to stick up for you or he does not care enough to. Move on and try to find a new boyfriend.

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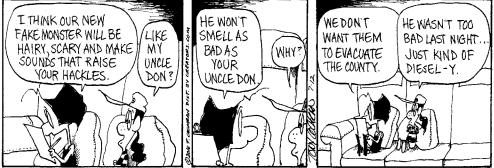
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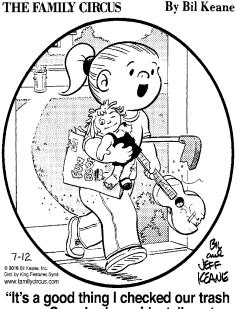


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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 12, the 194th day of 2016. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On July 12, 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced his choice of U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

On this date:

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Army Medal of Honor.

In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February

Eisenhower was flown by helicopter from the White House to a secret mountaintop location as part of a drill involving a mock nuclear attack on Washington.

In 1965, the Beach Boys single "California Girls" was released by Capitol Records.

In 1967, six days of race-related rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey; the violence claimed 26 lives.

In 1975, the African island nation of San Tome and Principe became independent of Portugal.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1988, Democratic presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis tapped Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as his running-mate.

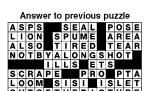
In 1991, a Japanese professor (Hitoshi Igarashi) who had translated Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses" was found stabbed to death, nine days after the novel's Italian translator was attacked in Milan.

In 1994, President Bill

others in a cross-border raid. (The bodies of the kidnapped soldiers, Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, were returned to Israel in 2008 in exchange for five Lebanese militants.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama awarded the Medal of Honor to Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Arthur Petry, who'd lost his right hand grabbing a live grenade to save his comrades in Afghanistan. A memorial service for former first lady Betty Ford in Palm Desert, California, was attended by Michelle Obama, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Rosalynn Carter and former President George W. Bush. Prince Fielder hit a three-run homer and Roy Halladay and his relief combined on a six-hitter to lead the NL over the AL 5-1 in the All-Star game.

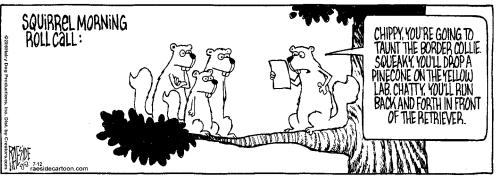
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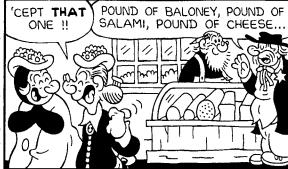


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\$47 million deal from the Bulls over Miami's offer of two years and \$40 million. "The business side of the sport, sometimes it just sucks. That's what we're dealing with."

Durant stunned the NBA by leaving his beloved Oklahoma City for the juggernaut in Golden State, ending a nine-year love affair between the lowkey superstar and a city he and Russell Westbrook put on the basketball map.

"Kevin was a part of the renaissance," Oklahoma City mayor Mick Cornett told ESPN last week. "This city has come so far, so fast, probably further, faster than any city in American history. Kevin was right there along with us. There's a slight sense of panic."

And finally, the Bulls traded Rose, a former MVP and one of the city's favorite sons, to the New York Knicks. Noah followed his friend to the Big Apple in free agency, meaning two of the players who embodied the franchise's grit and determination are now elsewhere.

The departures came under different circumstances and by different means, but they have served to upend the NBA. Player movement is one of the league's hallmarks, but Dwyane Wade in a Bulls jersey?

All players see their careers end eventually. But Kobe and Timmy in the same summer?

Injuries to Rose and Noah no doubt forced Chicago's hand. But both of the

Jae C. Hong, STF / Associated Press proud fighters wearing blue and orange?

It will take some getting used to for everyone involved, and it stands to have a major impact on the playoff chases in both conferences.

Duncan may not have been the force of nature he was for the Spurs in his earlier days, and he may have passed the torch to Kawhi Leonard and La-Marcus Aldridge last season. But his loss in the locker room, and in the paint, will be hard for the Spurs to overcome.

With Leonard, Aldridge, Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and now Pau Gasol in the fold, the Spurs should still be able to hang near the top of the Western Conference. Without No. 21 in the middle to keep things calm, it won't be easy.

"I think it goes way beyond the championships and the winning,' said Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer, a longtime Spurs assistant. "I think the culture that really, he's kind of the pillar it's been built around. It is almost impossible to quantify."

In some ways, things have only gotten easier for the Warriors and Cleveland Cavaliers, who have met in the NBA Finals the last two seasons.

Durant's move to Golden State gutted the Warriors' chief rival in the West and assembled perhaps the most potent starting lineup in league history in the Bay Area.

Wade's move to Chicago weakened a challenger to LeBron in the East.

Maybe the only question left to answer going into next season is not who will be there in the end, but how each of these proud franchises will handle their new beginnings.

SPIETH

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birth defects and possible neurological disorders in adults. International Golf Federation President Peter Dawson said Monday he thought

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it's a good one — that the Olympics should be reserved for sports such as swimming and gymnastics and wrestling, the ones that don't get a lot of attention outside of their every-four-years moment in the spotlight.

'No offense to the Olympics," Johnson said, "but I'd rather be on the Ryder Cup team."

A more legitimate complaint — and maybe this is what some players were stewing on all along — was the ludicrous schedule imposed on them this year, beginning with this week's British Open at Royal Troon.

The PGA Championship is two weeks later, followed by the Olympics two weeks after that, with lesser tournaments crammed in along the way. Two weeks after Rio, the FedEx Cup playoff begins, with four high-stakes tournaments in five weeks, culminating with the Tour Championship.

And, oh yeah, that's followed the very next week by the Ryder Cup.

"Adjustments were made to the schedule for this year," Votaw insisted. "People can debate as to how effectual those changes have been in terms of putting there was an overreaction to Zika and that none of the workers on the new golf course have been affected.

Spieth is staying with Rickie Fowler this week in Troon, and he said he was standing next to him when Fowler tweeted Sunday night that he

this event in the middle of the schedule."

Actually, no debate is necessary.

The PGA Championship should have been moved to a more accommodating spot — later in the year, at the very least, or more radically to a date ahead of the Masters, which wouldn't have been a complete break with tradition. In 1971, the PGA was shifted to February to escape the oppressive summer heat in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

That would have required a warm-weather site — Baltusrol, this year's host in New Jersey, clearly wouldn't have worked — but golf had seven years to get its house in order before Rio.

In that regard, it failed miserably.

But let's not feel sorry for a group of pampered players who fly around the world on private jets, their every whim catered to, their bank accounts brimming with millions of dollars. They could've squeezed

would be playing. Spieth had planned to room with Fowler in Rio.

"He said, 'No worries. I know you had to make it just for you. You're just going to be jealous when I get that gold," Spieth said. "That's what he said. So that's how it went."

in an extra week of golf if they really wanted to.

"They play most weeks of the year not at major championships," Dawson said. "I just don't think it actually matters at this point whether they regard (the Olympics) as much as a major or not, frankly. It doesn't stop them going to play" other tournaments.

No matter what, golf is heading to Rio as an afterthought, sure to face more questions about why it's even there than who's winning gold, silver and bronze.

That's an issue that will get a good, hard look next year from the International Olympic Committee, which will decide the sports that stay on the program beyond the 2020 Tokyo Games.

That means golf is assured of one more chance.

But after this fiasco, the IOC should already be looking for a sport that really wants to be there in 2024.

Ballroom dancing, anyone?



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