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France reels as truck attack kills 84 in Nice

The Associated Press

NICE, France — A Frenchman of Tunisian descent drove a truck through crowds celebrating Bastille Day along Nice's beachfront, killing at least 84 people, many of them children. The slaughter

ended only after police killed the armed attacker in a hail of bullets.

French leaders on Friday extended the country's 9-month-old state of emergency and vowed to deploy thousands of police reservists on the streets after Thursday night's massacre of pedestri-

ans leaving a fireworks display for France's national independence day.

Video shot by terrified civilians shows crowds fleeing in panic, leaping off the elevated pavement onto the beach below, and police finally surrounding the stationary truck and fatally shooting its

driver.

Wassim Bouhlel, a native of Nice, told The Associated Press he saw a truck drive into the crowd, then its driver emerged with a gun and started shooting.

"There was carnage on the road. Bodies everywhere," he said.

Police identified the attacker as a 31-year-old Nice resident and said he had drawn a gun on them. The truck's windshield was riddled with bullets.

No group has claimed responsibility for the carnage.

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Big Spring ISD: Trustees set date for tax hearing

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A public hearing over Big Spring ISD's budget and 2017 tax rate will be held on Aug. 11.

Trustees approved the date Thursday night to hold the hearing over the proposed budget and rate of \$1.3995 per \$100 valuation. The proposed rate breaks down to \$1.1195 per \$100 for maintenance and operation, which is the same as last year, and .28 cents per \$100 for debt service.

During the budgeting process, officials have been working to offset an estimated \$2.2 million loss in state and local revenue. District officials have been trimming positions through attrition as one way to lower operating costs.

According to Susan Bryan, director of business services, the proposed tax rate figure may change once the Howard County Appraisal Office releases official appraised values. Estimated values released by the appraisal district in April showed Big Spring ISD values at \$1.4 billion, down \$300 million.

Trustees will consider officially adopting the proposed tax rate and budget during a specially called meeting on Aug. 25.

In other business, trustees:

- Heard an update on the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) fifth and sixth grade retests. The Texas Education Agency uses these state-mandated test to judge a student's grade level comprehension of the academic curriculum. The results are used to determine the overall academic per-

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Honoring first responders



Courtesy photo

SMMC joined together with the community in prayer for first responders, police officers, and medical personnel on Friday morning. Pastor Kevin Knudson led the prayer and Albert Cavazos of the Big Spring Fire Department concluded the ceremony by playing bagpipes. The gathering was held in light of recent events.

GOP convention: Panel decision leaves anti-Trump movement with little to no hope

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The struggle by conservatives for an 11th-hour derailment of Donald Trump's drive for the Republican presidential nomination is gasping for breath after a committee at the GOP national convention crushed their push to let delegates back the candidate of their choice.

The convention's rules committee, dominated by Trump backers

and top national and state GOP officials, used a voice vote late Thursday to reject the proposal, a result that was expected.

A series of related votes underscored the 112-member panel's one-sided opposition to the conservatives' drive, and it appeared uncertain whether its backers could gather enough support to force the full convention to revisit the proposal when it convenes Monday. Foes said they believed the movement was essentially finished.

"It was never real, it was always overblown," said Ron Kaufman, a party leader from Massachusetts after Thursday's late-night vote. "They were never there."

For good measure, the rules panel approved words specifically stating that party rules allow delegates to be "bound" to candidates they were committed to by state primaries and caucuses.

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Registration for theater camp ongoing

Registration for the Children's Miracle Theater for the Arts' (CMTA) two-week August camp is now on-going.

"Performing arts is not only for those who aspire to be professional actors or performers," said Sharon Rich, CMTA program director. "Involvement in theater teaches the art of act-

ing, but can teach great life lessons including self-confidence, team work, concentration, self discipline and cooperation; improving memory skills, imagination, social awareness, and a general appreciation for all art forms, and fun while learning."

CMTA is open to children

from ages 6-12. The registration fee for "You are a Star" summer camp is \$30. The camp will be held Aug. 8 through 19, and classes are 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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delegate who authored the proposal, said afterward that she would try gathering the signatures of 28 rules committee members needed to force a convention floor showdown. Her plan would let delegates “cast a vote of conscience” and back the contender of their choice.

“It’s just the start,” said Unruh, who like many of her allies supported the now abandoned presidential campaign of Texas Sen. Ted Cruz. “There’s no shock here, this was expected.”

Even if she forces a floor vote next week, she seems unlikely to win the majority of

the 2,472 delegates she’d need to prevail.

The amendment became the focal point of furious lobbying that for weeks pitted conservatives against the Trump campaign and top leaders of the Republican Party.

Unruh encountered overwhelming opposition from delegates arguing that it would be unthinkable for the party to abandon Trump after he overwhelmingly won GOP primaries and caucuses and garnered more than 13 million votes.

“You want to ignore what is really the grassroots, which is millions and millions and millions of voters who voted for Donald Trump,” said Stephen Munisteri, a delegate and leading GOP figure from Texas.

While on a path to near-certain victory, Trump has drawn bitter opposition from Republicans who say he’s not conservative and is an inept campaigner whose harsh statements will cause his defeat and losses by GOP candidates for Congress and elsewhere.

Earlier Thursday, talks between top party officials and recalcitrant conservatives broke down, increasing the odds of nationally televised clashes during next week’s sessions on other GOP rules that leaders have hoped to avoid.

As Thursday’s negotiations foundered, the alliance between the Trump campaign and leaders of the Republican National Committee showed its muscle and rejected con-

servatives’ repeated attempts to revamp party rules.

In one showdown, the rules committee voted 86-23 to reject an effort by conservatives to eliminate the RNC’s ability to change party rules in years between national conventions.

In another, the panel used a voice vote to defeat a plan to bar members of the RNC from being lobbyists — a profession that employs many of them in their home states — though it would have exempted lobbyists for nonprofit organizations.

In a gesture to conservatives, the rules panel voted to create a commission that by 2018 could propose changes to the GOP’s presidential nominating process, which came under intense fire this year.

Trump called the system “rigged” early on, and his opponents have demanded more power for delegates to select a fresh nominee.

The failed talks included Ken Cuccinelli, a leader of the conservatives who was a Cruz campaign adviser, and RNC chairman Reince Priebus. They focused on conservative proposals aimed at appealing to grassroots conservatives that would take power away from Priebus and the 168-member RNC.

Both sides agreed that the bargaining broke down over an effort by conservatives to provide extra convention delegates to states with primaries closed to independent and Democratic voters, many of whom flocked to Trump in this year’s voting.

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but French officials called it an undeniable act of terror. The assault on revelers in the southern French city rocked a nation still dealing with the aftermath of two attacks in Paris last year that killed 147 people and were claimed by the Islamic State extremist group.

“Terrorism is a threat that weighs heavily upon France and will continue to weigh for a long time,” Prime Minister Manuel Valls

said after French President Francois Hollande called an emergency government meeting Friday. “We are facing a war that terrorism has brought to us. The goal of terrorists is to instill fear and panic. And France is a great country, and a great democracy, that will not allow itself to be destabilized.”

Hollande rushed to Nice, 690 kilometers (490 miles) south of Paris, to offer his condolences after the emergency meeting.

“France was struck on the day of its national holiday, July 14,

the symbol of liberty,” Hollande said Friday, denouncing “this monstrosity” — a truck bearing down on citizens “with the intention of killing, smashing and massacring.”

Hollande said it was not clear whether the driver had accomplices. The Paris prosecutor’s office opened an investigation for “murder and attempted murder in an organized group linked to a terrorist enterprise.”

The truck knocked over and crushed pedestrians over a distance of two kilometers (1 ¼ miles), a lawmaker

said. Broadcast footage showed a scene of horror along Nice’s famous promenade, with broken bodies splayed on the asphalt, some piled near one another, others bleeding onto the roadway or twisted into unnatural shapes.

The regional president, Christian Estrosi, told BFM TV that “the driver fired on the crowd, according to the police who killed him.” He said more than 10 children were among the dead, which also included two Americans and people from Russia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

Some people tried to escape into the water, according to Eric Ciotti, a lawmaker who represents Nice.

“A person jumped onto the truck to try to stop it,” Ciotti told Europe 1 radio. “It’s at that moment that the police were able to neutralize this terrorist. I won’t forget the look of this policewoman who intercepted the killer.”

Flags were lowered to half-staff in Nice, Paris, Brussels and many capitals across Europe. Hollande announced a three-month extension to the state of emergency imposed after the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris that killed 130 victims. The government declared three days of national mourning to begin Saturday.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve, who traveled to the scene, said police were trying

to identify the driver. “We are in a war with terrorists who want to strike us at any price and in a very violent way,” he said.

Ciotti said identification papers were found in the truck and that investigators were trying to determine whether they were legitimate.

Partiers in summer apparel ran for their lives down Nice’s palm tree-lined Promenade des Anglais, the city’s famous seaside boulevard.

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formance of a school and school district. Director of Curriculum Kristen Joslin said at this time early test scores look promising for the elementary especially at Moss and Marcy Elementary schools. All four elementary schools were rated “improvement required,” by TEA last year. Test scores at the sixth and seventh

grade level were down, Joslin reported to the board. TEA is expected to release district and campus ratings in August.

- Approved a \$1,000 donation from the Big Spring Area Foundation to the Child Nutrition Catering Fund for its tower garden project.

- Approved the Local Innovation Plan.

- Heard a report by George Bancroft, community relations coordinator, that district has

11 positions to fill at the elementary and junior high level before school begins. Several of those positions have strong candidates, Bancroft added.

- Learned the Big Spring ISD district convocation will be held at 8 a.m. Aug 10 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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Reflections: Prejudice and protests

This past week we have been shaken by the sniper killing of five uniformed officers at the Black Lives Matter demonstration in Dallas. The killings were apparently the work of a lone gunman who was not affiliated with Black Lives Matter. The tragedy followed national outrage after police officers shot and killed Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge and Philando Castille in Minneapolis.



BILL TINSLEY

In Dallas, Shetamia Taylor, a black woman, participated in the peaceful protest with her four boys. When the gunshots rang out she saw an officer hit near her. The office warned her to run for safety. She did. But she was immediately shot in the leg. She fell to the ground. When the officers saw she

was hit, they gathered around her to protect her. "I saw another officer get shot ... Right there in front of me," she said. The police loaded Taylor into their bullet-riddled police car and took her to Baylor Hospital, where she is expected to make a full recovery. The officer that was hit died. Taylor wept as she thanked the police department, "They were really heroes for us."

The tragic deaths in Baton Rouge, Minneapolis, and Dallas reminded us that prejudice and racial tension always lie just below the surface. Like lava beneath the earth, racism and cultural prejudice seep through cracks in the seemingly peaceful landscapes and, on occasion, erupt with devastating violence.

We witnessed a similar eruption 24 years ago when smoke curled above Los Angeles for 60 days following the acquittal of white police officers in the video-taped beating of Rodney King. Rioting black mobs dragged

white and Hispanic truck drivers from their cabs and began beating them in retaliation. The police abandoned the scene. Four civilians ran to rescue Reginald Denny, a white truck driver who was pulled from his cab and beaten with a brick. Minutes later, at the same intersection, the angry mob dragged Fidel Lopez from his truck, smashed his forehead and attempted to slice off his ear. A black minister nearby ran to the scene, threw himself over Lopez' bleeding body and screamed, "If you kill him you will have to kill me too!"

Reginald Denny's four rescuers and the black minister who saved Fidel Lopez and the officers who protected Shetamia Taylor remind us of Jesus' story regarding race and prejudice. If we would "love our neighbor as we love ourselves," we must love those who are different than we are. Like the Samaritan who stopped to render aid to a dying victim beside the road, we must realize that every stranger

is our neighbor, every man is our brother, every woman our sister.

Racial prejudice is a global problem. It exists in every generation, on every continent, in every nation. It exists between white, red, black, brown and yellow. It exists between generations and cultures. We are prone to fear and suspect those who look different, talk different, and act differently than we do. Only faith that lifts us beyond our provincial prejudices can save us. The Apostle Paul, who grew up as an ambitious Pharisee and outgrew his prejudices through faith in Christ, wrote, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com

Church News

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m., and worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Alive in Christ invites everyone to join them, especially those who haven't been to church before and those for whom it's been a while.

Kent Ivey will present the scripture readings this week.

Wednesday night Bible study has ended for the summer. Watch Church News in the *Herald* to learn when the next Bible study begins.

Tune in to KBYG on 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 every morning for a devotional entitled "Morning Meditation Thoughts" sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. Call 432-264-7818 or e-mail at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com for more information.

First Church of the Nazarene

This Sunday, Pastor Cal will be continuing his series on "under construction."

VBS is coming Aug. 1 through 5, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. nightly. This year's theme is "Bold!! Prepare Children to be Bold for Jesus."

Check out all the small groups by visiting the website at nazfamily.org. Sunday Morning Youth, Adult and Children's Classes meet at 9 a.m. throughout the campus. Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Children's Church starts at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday night's weekly prayer starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. for a live broadcast of the service. Contact the church office at 432-267-7015. The church is located at 1400 Lancaster.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church would like to welcome anyone new or old to join them this Sunday. Fellowship begins at 9:15 a.m., Sunday school at 9:45, and worship starts at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday is the ninth Sunday after Pentecost. The Rev. Joel Miller will be preaching a sermon called, "The Unknown God" taken from Acts

17. In addition to the word, Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault have selected a variety of musical pieces that will be sure to delight.

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. If you have any questions regarding their services, or any goings-on, call 432-517-4821 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church invites everyone to join them Sunday 10:30 am for fellowship, praise and worship, and the Word of God.

Mid-Week Bible Study is Wednesday at 7 p.m. The ladies will meet with First Lady Bella Willard in the Main Sanctuary, and the men will join Pastor Willard in the Academic Resource Center for study of God's Word.

Aug. 7, CCC will have communion during the 10:30 a.m. service.

The annual Back To School Picnic will be Aug. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Old Settlers Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park. There will be food, fun, and games for all ages. Call the church for more information.

Oct. 22 and 23, CCC will celebrate the ninth Church Anniversary. Mark your calendars for this special weekend.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other questions, contact the church administrative office at 432-264-0015 or visit facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or www.cccbigspring.org

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring.

Each Sunday morning, the 9 a.m. Traditions service features the church's pipe organ, the Celebration Choir, and classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge service at 11 a.m. is led by the church's worship band, and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Adrian Calvio and many others. The Bridge is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday during both services, Pastor Ivins will continue a message

series entitled "Summer of Love." Through the series, the congregation is exploring what it means to share the love of Christ with others inside and outside the church. Sunday's message is entitled "Foolish Love" and is taken from I Corinthians 1:10-31.

On Monday, the congregation's older elementary kids will head off to the "Whoz-We-R" Camp at Ceta Canyon. They will return to Big Spring on Friday..

On Wednesday, Pastor Ivins will continue his study in the Gospel of Mark at Noon Bible Study in Garrett Hall. A meal will be served, beginning at 11:50 a.m., for a small fee. All are welcome.

While the adult Celebration Choir continues its summer vacation through July, the worship band for the Bridge will still rehearse at its regular time on Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m.

First United Methodist is gearing up for Vacation Bible School, which kicks off July 25. To register your child, please phone the church office at 432-267-6394. Vacation Bible School is offered at no cost.

For more information on any activity, please visit our website at www.fumchs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church encourage you to gather with them in worship of Jesus Christ, Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Select the time that is best for you, and join BHDC in praising God and learning from His Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, email jwalterhouse@gmail.com

First Baptist Church

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer" - 2 Samuel 22:2.

Pastor Mark Lindsey and the people of First Baptist invite you to Sunday morning worship service at 10:50 a.m.

This week, Pastor Mark will continue the message series "Summer in the Psalms." Through this study, the congregation is connecting with their

needs and the abundant resources of God's provision. Music Minister Alan Schantz will sing "Your Grace Still Amazes Me," and lead the music for the service. Assistance is available for those with mobility issues; use the circle drive on the west side, and someone will be happy to help you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you can join the worship through the website at fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 Sunday School classes meet throughout the building. Children will gather in the Good News Garage on the first floor; and youth, college students, and adults will meet in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early for fellowship and coffee.

At 5:30, you're invited to participate in the Sunday evening worship and small group study entitled "I Will" by Thom Ranier. There will be worship and a light meal, followed by discussion time in inter-generational small groups. The study focuses on "Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian," and is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the body of Christ. There is no fee for the meal or materials. Children will meet separately for a fun time of Bible based activities.

Summerama director Morgan Metcalf has loads of exciting things planned for your youngsters going into first grade through seventh grade. Summerama is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 267-8223 to find out more and register your child.

Contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 if you would like to attend Family Camp this Friday through Sunday. The camp will have guided devotional and worship times, as well as tons of recreation for the whole family. The amenities are hotel-style suites for your entire group. Don't miss out.

Wednesday evening schedule begins with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5 to 6, followed by activities for all age groups. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details. Lasagna is on the menu this week..

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700.

Family Faith Center

Summer is flying by fast. School supplies fill the stores. Everyone is scurrying to take advantage of one more trip to visit relatives, one more weekend in the water at the lake, one more camping trip gazing at the

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Kids with Purpose



Local kids participating in First United Methodist Church's "Kids With Purpose" program visited Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans' Home Monday. They delivered homemade luminaries, decorated planter pots, and played games and interacted with the residents.

Courtesy photos



Focus on making our own H.O.M.E.s godly

You might have heard it said, "As the home goes, so goes the nation." As Christians, this is important to remember. How many of us are troubled about the state of our country? If you are like me, then you are heartbroken over the violent events that have happened recently. We are very quick to point fingers and accuse. However, we should be quick to take a long, hard look at ourselves and really focus on the state of our own home. Let us look at some ways to make our homes what God desires them to be.



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never be all they can be if we do not honor God. We must have great respect and reverence toward God and His word. We must also honor God's design and pattern for the home. God, through creation and His instituting marriage, has ordained the home, and we must honor His will and make Him the top priority in our homes.

We also must honor one another, within the home and without. Every person who has ever lived on the Earth is made in the image of God. There is only one race – the Human race. Acts 17:26, "And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth..." (ESV). Genesis 3:20, "The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living" (ESV).

We must not become blinded by prejudice, arrogant

pride, or hurt feelings so that we lose sight of the truth that each and every person is a soul made in God's image. Every soul matters to God, so every soul should matter to me!

OBEY – When we truly put God first, we will be willing to do as He instructs. It also comes down to the fact of whether or not we trust God. This is the basis of faith. Do I trust God and believe that His word is the truth, or do I listen to what society and contemporary culture tells me? Fathers/Husbands need to be the spiritual leader of the family. Mothers/Wives need to respect the position that God has given the husband and be a suitable helper working by his side to fulfill God's will. Children must be obedient. If we want our society to change, then we must start with our own homes.

MEDITATE – How can we obey God's commands if we do not know what they are? We learn and know God's instruction by His word alone. If we put God first and desire to obey Him, then we must study the Bible. Being able to meditate on something is among the highest levels of learning. You can hear God's word proclaimed but, if that is your only exposure to it, then you will never truly understand it for yourself. You can read it and study it as well. We should all have the attitude of the psalmist when he wrote, "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Psalms 119:11).

ETERNAL – We must have a spiritual perspective. "The world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:17). If we

get too wrapped up only in what this world has to offer, then our homes, along with each member of our family, will not be in a position to spend eternity in heaven.

Jesus said that the most important commandment is this: "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:30-31; ESV). If I want to change the world, I must start with myself! Then I must work with my family, my neighborhood, and my community.

May God bless our homes as we strive to serve Him.

Greg Surles is the pastor of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

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stars and cooking outdoors over a campfire, or maybe just a few hours hidden in a hammock with a favorite book.

The FFC Sweet Dreams Ladies' Retreat will be held on the FFC campus at 810 E 11th Place in Big Spring (across from Big Spring High School). Special guest speaker will be Terri Savelle Foy. Registration begins this July 22 at 6 p.m. and continues with an opening session with Terri at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium. The weekend continues July 23 at 9 a.m. with a waffle bar breakfast in the annex building and Terri's second session at 10 a.m., followed by a mid-day meal at 12:30. Afternoon sessions begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by a farewell pajama party at 4 p.m. Conference tickets are only \$30 for the two-day event, and include meals. They can be purchased at the church office or online at the church website. For more information check out our website at www.ffcbigspring.org/sweet-dreams-2016.

First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, will meet in the library at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. The Chancel Choir will not meet this month.

Ellen Austin is in charge of refreshments for "Take Ten" for this Sunday.

Lectionary for the ninth Sunday

after Pentecost is Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; and Luke 10:38-42. Elder Buddy Cochrane will deliver the sermon. Laura Holleman, organist, will provide the music.

The worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before the radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you can listen in on KBST 1490 AM beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for the service, call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting the website www.fpchs.org. On the website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Pastor Holstedt.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning the message comes from Romans 12:9 and Romans 12:17-19, and is called "Just Love."

There will be a community block party and movie night on July 23. Activities, food, and games for all ages will be offered at the event. Movie title and times will be published next week.

The Sunday evening study is called "Does This Mean Me?" It deals with discerning which passages in the Bible are descriptive stories, which are instructions for believers in the modern day, and which are examples for the lives of everyday Christians. This Sunday, the study will encompass the second half of Romans Chapter 12.

Children's activities on Wednesday

afternoons have wrapped up for the school year, but there will be youth activities continuing on occasion throughout the summer. A new youth minister is in place, so watch these articles for further information. There is also a Bible study geared toward adults on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. throughout the year.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Spring Creek Fellowship

A new Men's Bible Study begins July 28. The title of the study is "To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain". There

will be a 'kick-off' gathering on Thursday at 7 p.m. for anyone interested.

The Pain Management Group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Steve Purdy for more information.

The church continues taking donations for the new kitchen. If you would like to contribute or would like more information, please contact the

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After reeling, Rangers exit break as AL's best



By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers went into the All-Star break reeling, with nine losses their last 12 games and three-fifths of their starting rotation still on the disabled list.

Their last game was a 10-run loss at home to the team with the American League's worst record.

"We went through a stretch where we didn't play good as a team," third baseman Adrian Beltre said. "We understand we're going to go through highs and lows and I assume this is our low."

As bad as that stretch was — that 15-5 loss to Minnesota was the fifth time in nine games they allowed at least 10 runs — the Rangers go into Wrigley Field this weekend (still with the AL's best record (54-36) and a 5 1/2-game division lead over

the Houston Astros. That is the largest AL West lead Texas has ever had coming out of the midsummer break, but it had been as big as 10 games in late June.

"We have the right team to get in the postseason, and after getting in the postseason, we have enough talent and experience to keep moving on," shortstop Elvis Andrus said.

Right-hander Yu Darvish is scheduled to return from the disabled list and rejoin the rotation Saturday for the second of three games against the Chicago Cubs. With All-Star lefty Cole Hamels set for the series finale, it will be only the fourth time this season Texas' top aces pitch in back-to-back games.

Here are some things that went right before the break and others second-year manager

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Ian Desmond, right, has been the Rangers' best player this season, according to third baseman Adrian Beltre.

AP Photo

Spurs make it official, sign forward Pau Gasol

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs signed Pau Gasol, beefing up a front line that will be without Tim Duncan next season for the first time in 19 years. They brought back guard Manu Ginobili, too.

The 7-foot Gasol has won two NBA titles and is a six-time All-Star. Gasol is one of six players in NBA history to reach 19,000 points, 10,000 rebounds, 3,000 assists and 1,500 blocks, joining Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Hakeem Olajuwon, Shaquille O'Neal, Kevin Garnett and Duncan, who retired earlier this week.

The Spurs did not release terms Thursday, but a person with knowledge of the situation previously told The Associated Press that he has a two-year deal worth more than \$30 million.

The 36-year-old Gasol has been one of the league's most talented and versatile big men for the last 15 years. He spent the last two seasons in Chicago and averaged 16.5 points, 11.0 rebounds and 4.1 assists

this year, his game showing few signs of aging. An unselfish player, he should fit right in with Gregg Popovich's ball-moving system, and the Spurs' reputation for resting players for the playoffs had to be appealing to Gasol.

Ginobili, a four-time champion with the Spurs, will return for his 15th season. He has averaged 14.0 points, 4.0 assists, 3.7 rebounds and 1.37 steals in 923 games.

There were a number of suitors lining up for Gasol, including Portland, Minnesota and Toronto. The Timberwolves offered him a two-year deal worth \$36 million to open negotiations, but Gasol wanted to play for a team that was ready to contend for a championship and he joins a Spurs frontcourt that features LaMarcus Aldridge and Kawhi Leonard.

Over 1,055 career NBA games, Gasol has averaged 18.2 points, 9.5 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 1.68 blocks while

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FILE - In this April 9, 2016, file photo, Chicago Bulls center Pau Gasol (16) grabs a rebound from Cleveland Cavaliers center Tristan Thompson (13) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Chicago.

Oklahoma overwhelming preseason pick for Big 12 title

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Oklahoma is the overwhelming preseason pick to win another Big 12 title.

With quarterback Baker Mayfield among seven returning starters on offense, the Sooners got 24 of 26 first-place votes in the preseason media poll released Thursday.

TCU got the other two first-place vote and was picked second, followed by Oklahoma State, Baylor and Texas. Texas Tech, West Virginia, Kansas State, Iowa State and Kansas rounded out the poll.

The Sooners last year won their record ninth Big 12 championship, all in coach Bob Stoops' 17 seasons, and made it into the College Football Playoff.

Mayfield was the Big 12's offensive player of the year last season, and has been tabbed as the preseason offensive player of the year. He threw for 3,700 yards and 36 touchdowns last season.

From Olympics to a 66, Patrick Reed having quite a road trip

TROON, Scotland (AP) — It's already been quite a road trip for Patrick Reed.

He'd love to return home with the claret jug.

Not long after arriving in Scotland, Reed learned he'll get a chance to play in the Olympics. Then, he went out and shot 66 Thursday in the opening round of the British Open.

"I need to stick to my game plan," Reed said after his 5-under score left him three shots behind fellow American Phil Mickelson. "I know it works."

Until now, Reed is perhaps best known for his youthful boast two years ago that he already considered himself one of the top five players in the game. He added to his bad-boy reputation in the Ryder Cup, where he seemed to thrive on the heckling by European fans.

While he hasn't exactly backed up that swagger, the 25-year-old was playing well enough to land a spot in the first Olympic golf competition since 1904, getting on the U.S. team when Dustin Johnson dropped out last weekend because of health concerns in Brazil.

Even so, Reed hasn't made the same



AP Photo/Ben Curtis

Patrick Reed of the United States looks at his put on the 5th green during the first round of the British Open Golf Championship at the Royal Troon Golf Club in Troon, Scotland, Thursday.

mark as other youthful Americans. Jordan Spieth already has two major titles. Rickie Fowler has a bunch of endorsements and no shortage of hype.

"I don't mind flying underneath the

radar," Reed insisted. "Of course, if you're playing well you want to be noticed."

Reed has yet to win in 2016. Royal Troon wouldn't be a bad place to start.

"This year hasn't been quite how I wanted it to be," he said. "I've had a lot of top 10's, but I don't go to play golf tournaments to finish top 10. I try to go and win golf tournaments."

Reed is playing in the Open for only the third time, but his familiarity with links golf goes back a lot farther than that. A decade ago, he got a chance to play in the Junior British Open.

"Just watching the different shots that other players were hitting, I always thought it would be fun because I love to create shots and hit the funny things," the Texan said. "At home, you can't do that. It's too soft. You can't hit the stinger 2-iron and let it run, or the low hook chip shot and watch it bounce up a hill and kind of trickle over."

Back in 2006, Reed not only got a chance to play links golf. He was also able to watch the big boys at Hoylake.

"It was scorching," Reed remembered. "I don't think Tiger really hit a driver. It was nothing but irons. To watch somebody hit an iron 320 or 330 yards, yet the ball is only flying 240, 230, and just watching it run, it just showed that it would probably be a pretty cool."

SEC media days end, now some things to look for next season

By **DAVID BRANDT**

AP Sports Writer

HOOVER, Ala. — Alabama is once again the favorite to win the Southeastern Conference, while LSU, Tennessee, Mississippi and the rest of the league try to figure out a way to derail the Tide.

The Crimson Tide's title defense is one of several things to watch next season that was discussed during SEC media days, along with Tennessee's resurgence as the favorite in the league's Eastern Division.

Three new coaches were

introduced at the meetings that ended Thursday — South Carolina's Will Muschamp, Missouri's Barry Odom and Georgia's Kirby Smart — while LSU running back Leonard Fournette, Ole Miss quarterback Chad Kelly and Tennessee signal-caller

Joshua Dobbs were among the most sought-after player interviews.

There was also the notable absence of veteran SEC coaches Steve Spurrier and Mark Richt.

Spurrier — known as much for his quick one-liners as his

success on the field — retired last season after 23 years in the league with Florida and most recently South Carolina. Richt was fired by Georgia after 15 seasons in November and is now at Miami.

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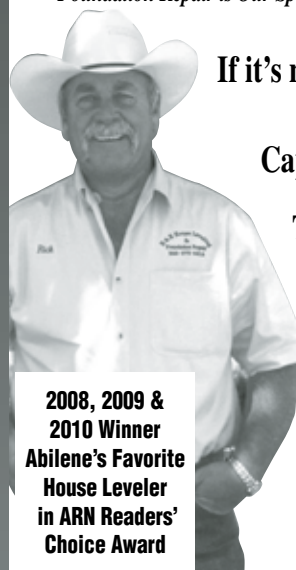
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New Lunar Horizons

The curious, open-minded Sagittarius moon suggests that those who are

overly certain about what they know will miss what the newbies notice. There is so much to be gained from scrutinizing our beliefs these days -- humor, deeper insights, playfulness, new direction, connections with different people and circles and much, much more.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's a day to be assertive. If you don't ask, you won't get. If you don't leave a voicemail, they won't call back. Make the first gesture and then make the next one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Like a feral creature you meet in the wilderness, a surprise powerful force is coming into your life. This wildcat has a gift in its mouth. Tame the lion and the gift is yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just because the words sound smart or zip with wit or ring with loveliness doesn't mean they are true. Honesty will come in unassuming tones today. Sensational results will come from acting on quiet truths.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Things feel different on the other side of a goal. Success changes opinions. Expect this when people you know get in a winning position. Expect this of yourself after your victory.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Laughter is medicine. As it is with all medicine, too much of what makes you feel better will make you feel worse. Contemplation, meditation and a gentle look at the state of things are what's called for -- no spin necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life is going fast. In the blur of events, important details could get lost. Stop a moment to calm down. Also, remembering the lessons of the past will give you more power going forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The universe will be like a chiropractor to your soul, quickly twisting and pushing to snap you back into the proper alignment. Everything will fall into place with a crackle and pop.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Have you noticed how they keep coming to you with their problems? It's because you keep handling everything. Stop cultivating their helplessness or you'll soon be exhausted by the drain of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The fun will involve a level of physical risk. If it doesn't get you breathing deeply and sweating some, it won't be as much of a thrill. The less you hold back, the more you'll smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The one who helps you also hurts you. You're the only one who can decide if the way this weighs out makes it worthwhile to you in the end. For now, just be aware with your scale on the ready.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Many heroes are drawn to help others and know how to do it well because they themselves have been, at one time or another, victims. And if you feel like more of a victim than a hero right now, this will soon turn around.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The other generations need you. You bring a joy to their lives that can't be duplicated by anyone else. The time you spend with someone older or younger will be received as the precious gift it is.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 15). Let the opportunities come to you through the next four weeks. When you stop chasing you'll see just what you have that's worthy of being chased. What you share with a loved one's family will build good will and good fortune in your own. The celebration in November requires travel. Personal improvements lead to professional ones. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 2, 15, 38 and 44.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Go where the music is and your love life will soak in a similar pulse. TAURUS: The relationship with one who understands your silliness and matches it is a gem to be polished. GEMINI: The friends who need you will not be able to return favors for a while, but you'll catch the good vibes from another source. CANCER: Love will start as friendship then become a sweeter and more profound connection. LEO: When you make no promises you'll break no promises. VIRGO: You're likely to make exceptions to your own rules because a certain person changes the way you think about those rules. LIBRA: You're drawn to powerful people, not ruthless people. You'll be attracted to one who offers mercy. SCORPIO: The one who brags about what he knows -- doesn't. SAGITTARIUS: Second chances, third chances... you've been known to give fourth ones, too. The fifth one will be the charm, right? CAPRICORN: When

you're not kidding, you're showing affection in other ways. AQUARIUS: The first time someone touches you is an important moment. That's why you never offer your touch, however casual, until you're sure it's time. PISCES: A look from across the room can be intimate. A whispered word can be distant. **COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Cancer is the sign of home and hearth, while Sagittarius is famously curious for adventuring into the unknown. So what happens when this odd combo lands in the same place and time? With the current sun/moon arrangement it's likely a case of opposites attracting... and how. The fire-sign energy of Sagittarius brings out something very exciting in those born under the sign of the moon.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Annie's Mailbox

Mail Thief

Dear Annie: I live in a large apartment building in a very safe part of town. It's an older building, and all of the mail for the complex is in one room. Large packages are placed by the mailbox in that room rather than brought up the four flights of stairs.

A few weeks ago, I purchased a couple of expensive kitchen gadgets online and was waiting excitedly for them to arrive. As the order said five to seven business days, the more than two weeks I'd been waiting seemed wrong. I work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., so I knew that the package would arrive while I was at work. However, I checked for it every day before and after work, just in case. Nothing.

After tracking the package online, I saw that my order had arrived three days earlier. But it had gone missing. I told the apartment manager, and he said there wasn't any video surveillance. The best I could do would be to put up signs asking for info or saying that the package had been mistakenly picked up and to have it delivered to me or the apartment manager. I can be refunded for the kitchenware through the online retailer, but, Annie, how do I deal with neighbors stealing my stuff? I don't feel as safe in this apartment now, even though I've been living

here for more than four years. -- Signed, Sealed, Delivered ... and Stolen

Dear Stolen: If you want to feel safer around your neighbors, get to know them. It's harder to steal a Ginsu knife from someone you know -- and who may be in your kitchen one day -- than from a stranger who is merely a name on a packing slip.

Consider planning a barbecue or movie night for the complex. You'll make friends, and the other people in your building will recognize you as an active member in your community. In the meantime, to ease your mind, have your packages delivered to the post office for you to pick up or delivered to your work.

Dear Annie: I had my first child when I was still a teenager, and we've always been exceptionally close as mother and daughter. When my daughter had her own children in her mid-20s, I was still young enough to be mistaken for their mom. I've enjoyed fun and close relationships with my grandsons and my granddaughter.

However, I just found out that my 14-year-old granddaughter, Emma, has been in therapy for the past few months because she was cutting herself. She's been acting out since my daughter and her husband got divorced last year. I heard one of my grandsons talking

about Emma's "sessions" and asked my daughter what was going on. I've done some research online about cutting, and I know that Emma's health should be our main focus. But I'm hurt that no one told me about this sooner. I have always been there for my family and would think my family members would turn to me when things get hard. -- Confused Nana

Dear Nana: Your daughter is acting purely on instinct, a mama bear in survival mode. She hasn't been thinking about anyone but her little cub.

The most important thing is getting your granddaughter help. It sounds as if she is on that path.

Your family didn't mean to hurt you by leaving you out. Try to remember what it's like to be in the trenches of parenthood with a

young daughter. It's easy to get tunnel vision when in such a crisis.

Set your emotions aside, and just be there for your family -- as you're already doing.

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Send your questions for Annie

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

Partner bids One Diamond, and the next player passes. What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠93♥85♦KJ862♣AQ73
- ♠KJ9♥AK8♦107♣Q9862
- ♠AJ7♥A10♦KJ643♣AJ8
- ♠AQ93♥AQ87♦—♣A9875

1. **Two clubs.** You don't quite have the values for a jump to three diamonds (forcing to game), and are too good for a single raise to two diamonds (which would indicate six to 10 points). As usual when faced with this dilemma, you bid a side suit initially -- in this case, clubs -- planning to show diamond support at your next turn without jumping.

By combining these two bids, you indicate a hand of 11 or 12 points that was worth a raise to two and a half diamonds. Partner may then go on or not, depending on his hand.

2. **Two notrump.** With a hand so well-suited for notrump play, there is no good reason for responding two clubs. Ordinarily, a five-card suit is not suppressed, but when it is a minor and an 11-trick contract is only a distant hope, while a nine-trick game in notrump is very promising, the minor suit can be concealed. Two notrump shows 13 to 15 points and is forcing to game.

3. **Three clubs.** You can't settle for less than a slam with a holding of 18 high-card points, excellent trump support and controls in every suit. In such cases, it is normal to start with a jump-shift in another suit in order to alert partner to the possibility of a small or grand slam.

However, here you have no genuine side suit in which to jump-shift. So, at the risk of temporarily deceiving partner (you plan to support diamonds strongly from here on in), you manufacture a suit because that is the only way you can apprise him of the potential for slam. Clubs are chosen rather than spades because it is dangerous to make a jump-shift in a suit higher in rank than the one you plan as the eventual trump suit.

An immediate jump to four notrump is also acceptable, but you might find yourself guessing whether to bid a grand slam if partner shows up with, say, an ace and two kings. Keeping the bidding lower may allow you to get a better picture of partner's hand, and you can always use Blackwood later on.

4. **Two clubs.** This is a fine hand to have opposite an opening bid, but it loses much of its luster when partner starts with one diamond. A jump-shift would be out of order because it is not wise to eat up valuable bidding space when you have no idea where you're going. The best approach is to respond in your longest suit first, planning to bid spades and hearts later (if necessary) and thereby describe your 4-4-0-5 distribution.

Tomorrow: That's all there is to it.
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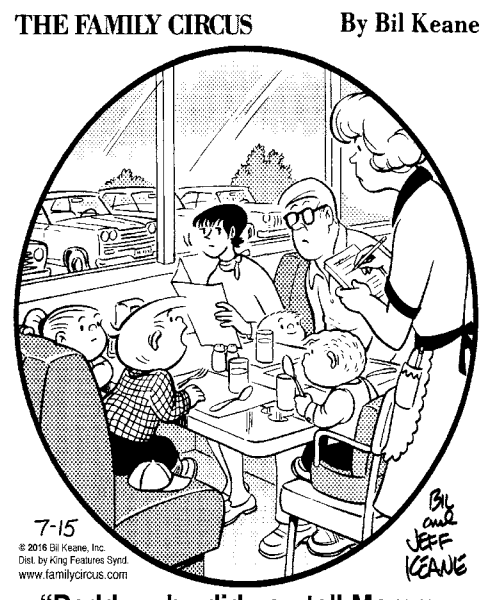
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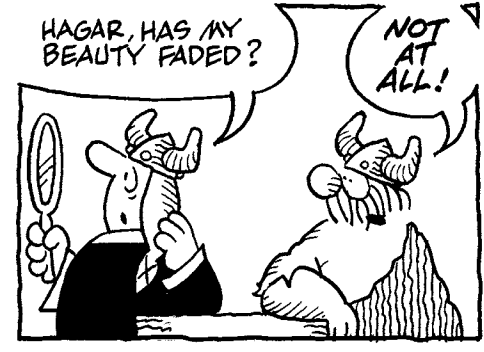
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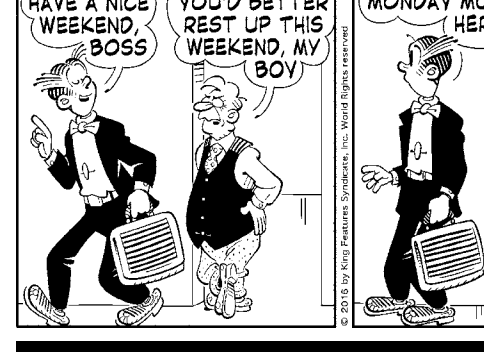


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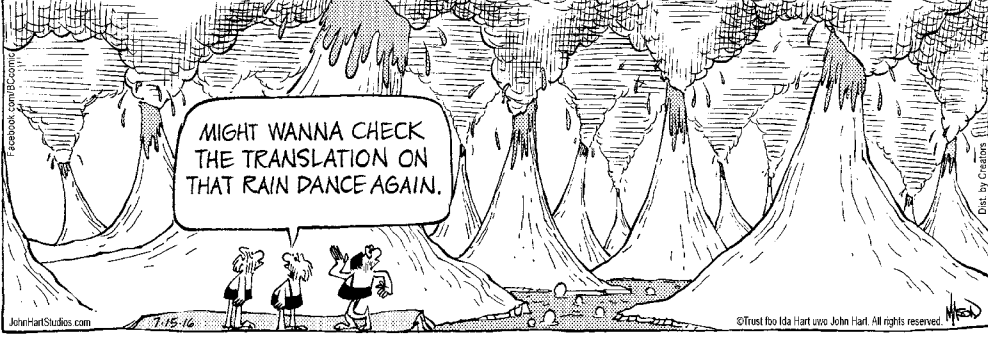
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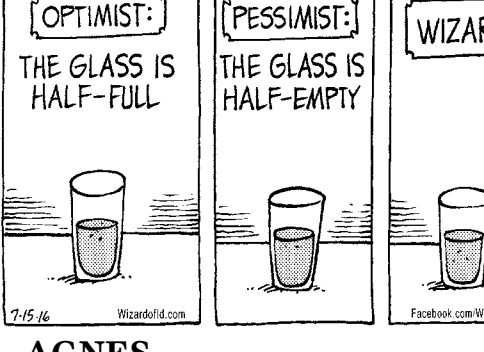
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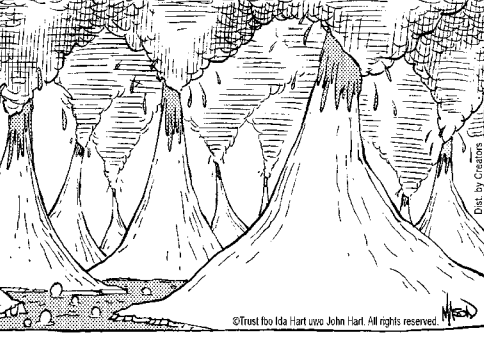
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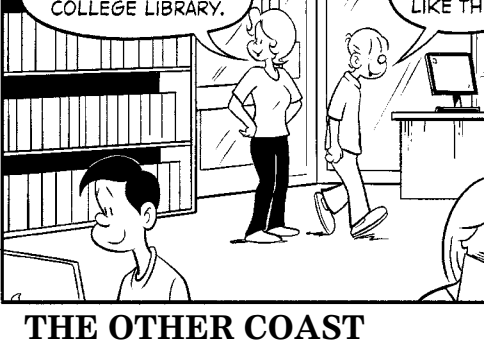
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 15, the 197th day of 2016. There are 169 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 15, 1976, a 36-hour kidnap ordeal began for 26 schoolchildren and their bus driver as they were abducted near Chowchilla, California, by three gunmen and imprisoned in an underground cell. (The captives escaped unharmed; the kidnapers were caught.) On this date: In 1799, French soldiers in Egypt discovered the Rosetta Stone, which proved instrumental in deciphering ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union. Manitoba entered confederation as the fifth Canadian province. In 1916, Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products Co., was founded in Seattle. In 1932, President Herbert Hoover announced he was slashing his own salary by 20 percent, from \$75,000 to \$60,000 a year; he also cut Cabinet members' salaries by 15 percent, from \$15,000 to \$12,750 a year. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman was nominated for another term of office by the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia. In 1954, a prototype of the Boeing 707, the model 367-80, made its maiden flight from Renton Field south of Seattle. In 1964, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in San Francisco. In 1971, President Richard Nixon delivered a televised address in which he announced that he had accepted an invitation to visit the People's Republic of China. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter delivered his "malaise" speech in which he lamented what he called a "crisis of confidence" in America. In 1985, a visibly gaunt Rock Hudson appeared at a news conference with actress Doris Day (it was later revealed Hudson was suffering from AIDS). In 1992, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in New York. In 1996, MSNBC, a 24-hour all-news network, made its debut on cable and the Internet. Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council condemned North Korea's missile tests and imposed limited sanctions; a defiant North said it would launch more missiles. Gummeh in Baghdad kidnapped the chairman of Iraq's Olympic committee, Ahmed al-Hijji, and at least 30 others. The space shuttle Discovery undocked from the international space station. Five years ago: Rupert Murdoch accepted the resignation of The Wall Street Journal's publisher, Les Hinton, and the chief of his British operations, Rebekah Brooks, as the once-defiant media mogul struggled to control an escalating phone hacking scandal. The Atlanta Braves earned their 10,000th win in franchise history with an 11-1 rout of the Washington Nationals.

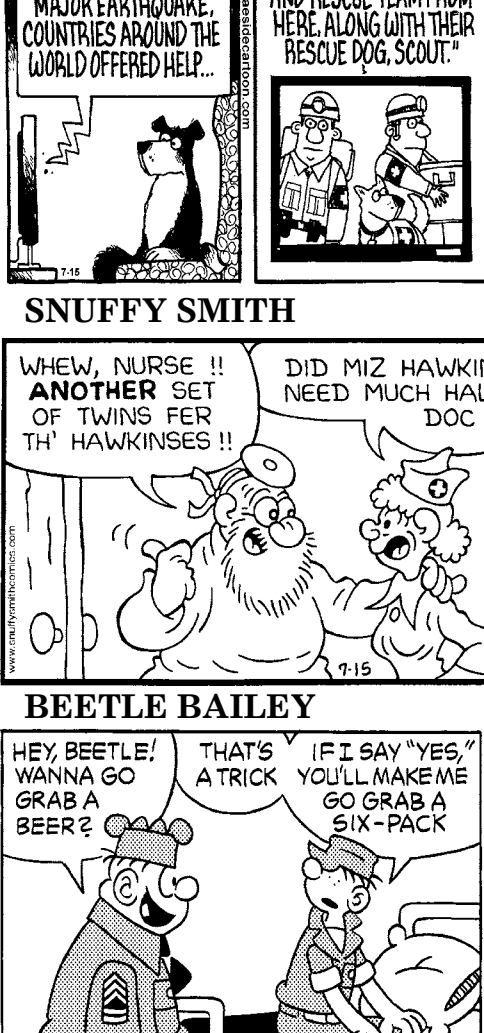
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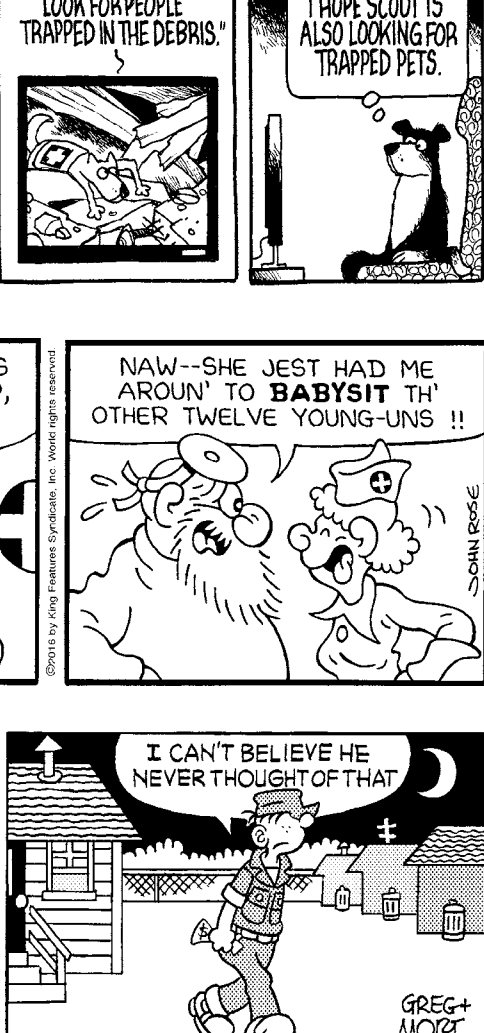
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SEC

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Here's a little more of what was discussed during SEC media days and what to look for next season:

TENNESSEE ON THE RISE: Tennessee was voted by the league's media as the overwhelming favorite to win the SEC's Eastern Division. That might seem surprising since the Volunteers haven't won their division since 2007, but they have amassed a lot of talent in Knoxville over the past few years. It also helps that the East is full of uncertainty with three new coaches at South Carolina, Georgia and Missouri.

Said coach Butch Jones: "That's why you play, is to be in a program like the University of Tennessee where everybody is talking about you. That's what you work for. Now it's what you do with that opportunity."

MISSOURI'S CHALLENGES: Odom, Missouri's first-year coach, stepped to the podium at SEC media days less than 24 hours after finding out that the man who hired him was

no longer with the school. Mack Rhoades resigned as Missouri's athletic director on Wednesday to take the same job at Baylor. Odom is under contract for five seasons with an annual salary of \$2.35 million, but it is more uncertainty next season for a school that's been the site of constant strife.

LAW & ORDER: Several Auburn and Alabama players aren't expected to miss playing time next season despite their legal problems during the off-season. Tide coach Nick Saban said left tackle Cam Robinson and reserve defensive back Hootie Jones are doing community service and police ride-alongs after a drug and weapons arrest. The charges were eventually dropped.

Auburn coach Gus Malzahn said four of his players who were arrested on misdemeanor or drug charges, including defensive end Byron Cowart and starting cornerback Carlton Davis, won't miss any time either.

OLEMISS INVESTIGATION: The Ole Miss football program has been under NCAA investigation for the better part of four years and the case looks like it could drag into 2017. Coach Hugh Freeze was pep-

pered with NCAA questions during SEC media days, but couldn't provide many answers because the investigation is ongoing. The school has already self-imposed some penalties, including scholarship reductions and three years of probation.

Freeze defended his program: "I have zero interest in cutting corners to be successful, and our staff knows that very well. I have a lot of things that I'm not very good at, but that is not a temptation."

BIELEMA CHARM: The evolution of Arkansas' Bret Bielema from angry new coach to one of the SEC's class clowns has been interesting to watch. Bielema drew several laughs during his appearance on Wednesday thanks to self-deprecating humor and funny anecdotes. One likely reason the fourth-year coach is in a better mood: The Razorbacks are relevant again. Arkansas finished with an 8-5 record in 2015, including a 5-3 mark in the league.

Said Bielema: "At Arkansas, we're not built very sexy, we're just kind of a work in progress. We need a lot of time in the bathroom to get ready and come out and look great."

RANGERS

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Jeff Banister and the Rangers have to watch over the final 72 games when trying to win another AL West title:

SURPRISE ALL-STAR: Ian Desmond was a career shortstop his seven seasons with Washington, but turned down a deal to stay with the Nationals. He was unsigned until after the start of spring training, when he went to Texas and switched to left field to replace injured slugger Josh Hamilton. By mid-May, Desmond was the everyday center fielder and this week was the only Texas position player at the All-Star game.

"No doubt, he's been our best player," Beltre said.

"We found a center fielder ... one of the premier center fielders in the American League as far as you put the whole package together," Banister said. "He was a National League shortstop last year. That in itself is just phenomenal."

Desmond is hitting .322 with 15 home runs and 55 RBIs.

HURTING HURLERS: Darvish last pitched for the Rangers on June 8, only his third start for them since missing 2015 because of Tommy John surgery. He then went back on the DL with shoulder discomfort.

Colby Lewis (strained lat muscle) and Derek Holland (shoulder inflammation) both headed to the DL on the same day in late June.

Lewis (6-1, 3.21 ERA) is on the 60-day DL and can't return until at least late August, having made only one shortened start since his near perfect game June 16 at Oakland. Holland (5-5, 5.20) started playing catch again in the last week.

ONE GOAL: Beltre's sole goal in his 19th major league season is to finally win the World Series.

"I don't have a lot of time to basically be comfortable with just getting to the playoffs," said Beltre, the 37-year-old third baseman signed through 2018. "That's not enough for me. I'm here to push this thing to win the World Series."

SPURS

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shooting .510 from the floor and .755 from the free throw line in 35.3 minutes. He has appeared in 115 career playoff games, averaging 16.9 points, 9.6 rebounds and 3.4 assists

in 38 minutes. He has also helped Spain win silver medals in the 2008 and 2012 Olympics.

The 2002 Rookie of the Year was drafted with the third overall pick in 2001 and immediately dealt by Atlanta to Memphis, where he spent his first six-plus seasons. He joined the Los Angeles Lakers and won

championships there in 2009 and 2010. He signed with the Bulls in 2014.

Also signed Thursday: — Dejounte Murray, their top draft pick this year. The 6-foot-5 guard out of Washington was the 29th overall pick after averaging 16.1 points and 4.5 assists in his lone season with the Huskies. Murray is av-

eraging 11.0 points, 6.2 rebounds and 1.0 assists in 24.8 minutes through five games in the Summer League.

— 7-foot center Dewayne Dedmon, 26, who averaged 4.4 points and 3.9 rebounds in 12.2 minutes during 58 games with Orlando last season.

— 6-foot-10 forward

Davis Bertans, 23, who played the last two seasons with Laboral Kutxa in the Spanish league. Bertans has been part of the Latvian national team since 2011.

— Ryan Arcidiacono, the 6-foot-3 guard who helped lead Villanova to the NCAA title last season and was named the Most Outstanding

Player of the 2016 NCAA Final Four after scoring 16 points and setting up the game-winning three-pointer in the championship game.

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Did you ever wonder? Exploring holy days

Next God sets aside a rest day for the beginning of the next year, called Rosh Hashanah, or Head of the Year. This year Rosh Hashanah falls in October. Remember, this is the Hebrew new year; God set this date. Today, we operate on the Gregorian calendar created by the Romans.

A period of introspection begins 30 days before Rosh Hashanah. Things we have done or said that do not bring glory to our God, or things for which we have not forgiven others, are recalled. These are noted and remembered.

The Ten Days of Awe begins on Rosh Hashanah, and ends on Yom Kippur. If we truly regret any unkindness we have done, and truly repent during the Ten Days of Awe, God will forgive on Yom Kippur. Thus it is called the Day of Atonement. This is a day God set aside to spend with His believers... people who love Him.

Remember, "repent" means to completely turn your back on a sin and walk away, not stick around and be tempted to do it again.

Yom Kippur is also called the Festival of Trumpets, because it is commemorated with many blasts of the trumpet or shofar. A shofar is a trumpet made from a ram's horn. Some of these horns are long and twisting... very striking.

Yom Kippur is called a day of affliction. The people are asked to fast on this festival, denying themselves food and marital pleasures.

This was the day that Moses came down from Mt. Sinai with the Tablets of the Testimony, and saw the revelers worshipping the golden calf. He broke the Tablets, then he made the people drink water containing the ashes of the idol. The stomachs of those who had worshiped the idol began to swell, and the Levites knew which ones had turned away from God. The total of those who died was three thousand.

However, God forgave the rest of the Israelites and made another set of Tablets. This is to show us that we

serve a merciful God! If we truly repent and take our punishment, He accepts us back. God's next festival is Sukkot, meaning booths. This was to remind us of the 40 years that the Israelites lived in tents in the desert. Sukkot lasts for seven days. It is a time of joy and is possibly the biggest feast to the Lord.

This festival is devoted to prayer and sacrifice for the gentile nations... that God is still hoping will come to worship Him. The number of young bulls sacrificed totals 70, the number of primary nations spoken of in Gen 10.

Ninety-eight lambs were sacrificed, one for each of the curses spoken in the admonition

when Israel entered the land of Israel. (Deuteronomy 28)

People eat and sleep outside in their sukkah or tent for seven days, reminding themselves how the Lord took care of His people in the desert, even though they were rebellious.

I saw a picture of a sukkah in New York City. It was built of scrap lumber in the bed of a pickup! Probably this was the only outside space apartment dwellers had.

The next day after Sukkot is called Shemini Atzeres, meaning, the Eighth Day of Restriction. This means no work and no travel, which used to be like work.

After a week-long celebration which invited the Gentiles to come to worship God, on this day God asked the Israelites to hold a small, quiet celebration with Him. Then they could return home the next day.

This is the best I can describe the Holidays God set aside and asked us to keep for Him. How do you suppose He feels when He looks at what we call Holidays?

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CHURCH NEWS

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church office or come by on Sunday morning.

The Mother's Day Out program is now in session on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for children of ages 6 weeks through 4 years. The Five-Day Summer Program is also in full swing weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for children five years old through junior high school age. Contact Donna Sue Looney for more information.

If you have a smartphone, take a look at the Spring Creek app. With this app you can make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains and learn about upcoming events. Go to the app store on your smart phone, and search for Spring Creek Fellowship. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office so it keeps you updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings:
Sunday-
8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service
9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/ Connection Groups
10:15 am-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.
10:45 am-12 p.m.-Worship Service
Tuesday-
12 noon- Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group
Wednesday-
Community Groups- various times and places
Thursday



7 p.m.-"To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain" Men's Bible Study kick-off event (class begins July 28)
Friday-
7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday-
7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship
10 a.m.-"Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

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