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## Take a break from taxes

Annual sales tax holiday lets shoppers find back-to-school bargains Aug. 5

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

As preparations for the new school year get underway, parents may want to pencil in the dates for the annual Texas Sales Tax holiday.

Clothing, footwear, school supplies, and backpacks priced below \$100 will be exempt from sales tax for a three day period, Friday through Sunday, Aug. 5-7.

"As families all over our state prepare to send their children back to school, we hope folks take advantage of this opportunity to get the supplies they need and save some money in the process," stated Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar in a press release. "As the father of three young children, I know how these expenses can add up. This event provides Texas families with some relief from state and local sales taxes."

According to the Texas Comptroller's Office, shoppers are expected to save an estimated \$92 million in state and local taxes during the weekend.

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## The start of it all

In April 2014, local, state, and federal dignitaries (top photo) took part in groundbreaking ceremonies to celebrate the start of construction on the southern leg of the U.S. Highway 87 reliever route. Among those present at the event was former Howard County Commissioner William Crooker (bottom photo), who was a driving force behind the project. After two years of construction, the 8.5-mile route, named the William Crooker Memorial Highway, is almost ready to welcome motorists. A ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the project's completion was scheduled for this morning, and the road is expected to be open to traffic sometime next week.



File photos

## PBE's 'Moonlight Run' set for Friday

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Permian Basin Events will hold the second in its series of summer "Moonlight Run" events this Friday.

The event will kick off at 11:55 p.m. July 22; later events in the series will be Aug. 19 and Sept. 16. The first event was held May 20.

"We always have it during a full moon, so it's real bright," said Charese Felty of Permian Basin Events. "We have a lot of families come out. The kids really get into it because they get to stay up late."

Pets are also welcomed, so long as they are on leashes, Felty said.

"And as long as they are family-friend-

ly," she added. "We don't want anyone getting bit."

Runners often wear luminescent glow bracelets, glow necklaces and other similar apparel, Felty said.

According to the event's website, the run also features "cool blacklight areas".

Felty urges those interested in participating in the run to pre-register at [www.permianbasinevents.com](http://www.permianbasinevents.com).

"They do receive a discount for pre-registering," she said.

Entry in each race is \$20 for pre-registering runners and \$25 for those who register the day of the event.

In addition to getting a discount for registering early, families with three or more people are eligible for a family

discount by emailing [craig@permianbasinevents.com](mailto:craig@permianbasinevents.com).

The event is sponsored by Big Spring Health Food Store, Adrian Calvio State Farm Insurance, Back In Motion Chiropractic, Craig Peterson Farms, H-E-B, Dr. Amy Reese, Border States Electric, the YMCA, Texas Sports Supply and My Favorite Place day spa.

"There is nothing quite like the nighttime view from the overlook on Scenic Mountain," reads the Permian Basin Events website. "Get your glow on and come enjoy this series."

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com).



Courtesy photo See **VIDEO**, Page 3

## THC sponsors video contest

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

The deadline to enter the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Bankhead Highway video contest is rapidly approaching.

The THC is holding the contest as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Bankhead Highway, the first all-weather transcontinental highway spanning from Washington, D.C., to San Diego, Calif. Around

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## Obituaries

## Elizabeth 'Ann' McDaniel



Elizabeth "Ann" McDaniel, 89, of Midland, Texas, passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2016.

Ann, the third child of four of Friend Holcomb Talbott and Clara Mae Soldan was born Nov. 19, 1926, in Beatrice, Neb. At the age of 11, Ann and her family returned to Clara Mae's birthplace of Big Spring, Texas, in 1937. After graduating Big Spring High School in 1943, Ann attended Hardin-Simmons College, Texas Wesleyan College, and Texas Tech University, where she studied music.

Ann married her childhood sweetheart, Boyd Jack McDaniel, on June 4, 1947, in Big Spring, Texas, returning to College Station where Jack completed his degree in civil engineering in 1948, Class of '45.

In 1953, Ann and Jack moved to Abilene, Texas, where Jack joined his father in the contracting business. After Jack began his career as director of public works with the City of Abilene, they moved to Corpus Christi, Houston, and Austin as they followed his various appointments. Upon retirement, they moved to Kerrville, eventually making their final move to Manor Park in Midland, Texas.

Following her love and study of music, Ann served as Choir Director at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Abilene. While in Corpus, she worked for general manager George Green at Dillard's Department Store, and continued in the same line of work in Houston at Foley's.

Ann was an active member and volunteer of the Junior League in Abilene, Corpus Christi, Houston, and Austin. She was a staunch member of the Republican Women's Club, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Ann loved her

gardening and became a member of the Austin Junior League Garden Club and Anderson Mill Garden Club, where she is credited for starting the annual quilt tradition for scholarship money, still going strong today.

Ann is preceded in death by her husband, Jack; her parents, Friend Holcomb and Clara Mae Talbott; and siblings, Charles Blakely Talbott, William Soldan Talbott, and Bonnie Lou Talbott.

Ann is survived by her son, Boyd John and wife Janet Zinn McDaniel of Midland, Texas; and Jan's children, Chris Mouton, his wife Rachel and children, of Jenks, Okla., and Carrie Armbruster-Grosch, her husband Mark and children, of Cedar Park, Texas; daughter Bonnie Beth and husband Ronald James Clements of Houston, Texas, and their children, Emma Yvonne Clements, husband Richard Graham, and children of Reading, England, Nicole Elizabeth Clements and husband Joshua Fraser of Lawrence, Kan., and Ryan James Clements of Houston, Texas; and her much-loved nieces and nephews.

The family expresses their gratitude towards their church family at Grace Presbyterian Church of Midland; the staff and healthcare workers at Midland Memorial Hospital and Hospice of Midland; and loving caregiver Lucy Armendariz.

The Memorial Service will be held at Manor Park Chapel at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2016. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Manor Park Inc. (<https://manorparkinc.org/donate-info.php>), Hospice of Midland (<http://hospicemidland.org/donations/donate>), Grace Presbyterian Church Music Department, or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Cindy Ann Gonzales



Cindy Ann Gonzales, 29, of Big Spring died Friday, July 15, 2016, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, July 22, 2016, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 23, 2016, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 8, 1987, to Yolanda Martinez Gonzales and Manuel Rojo Gonzales in Big Spring. She is a lifetime resident of Big Spring, attending Holy Trinity Catholic

Church. Cindy graduated from Big Spring High School in 2007, worked for MHMR and was very active in the special Olympics.

Cindy is survived by her mother, Yolanda Gonzales; one sister, Monica Gonzales; two brothers, Manuel Gonzales Jr. and wife Cecilia, and Alonzo Gonzales, all of Big Spring; grandparents, Eufrosia Gonzales of Big Spring, and Lupe and Simona Martinez of Coahoma; two nieces; two nephews; eight aunts and uncles; and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Manuel Rojo Gonzales; her grandfather, Geronimo "Lupe" Gonzales; and two uncles.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## James Coker



James Ron Coker of Iowa Park, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, died July 15, 2016, in Dallas.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 21, 2016 at Dutton Funeral Home in Iowa Park, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2016 at Lakeview Church of the Nazarene in Wichita Falls, Texas. Graveside services will follow at Highland Cemetery in Iowa Park, Texas.

Ron was born Dec 2, 1942, in Ola, Ark. Ron served in the US Army, and after serving his country he opened his own cabinet shop which he operated for more than 30 years. During that time, he also did volunteer work for his local church.

Please share your tributes with the family by visiting [www.duttonfuneralhome.com](http://www.duttonfuneralhome.com)

## Andres Rodriguez

The Rev. Andres Rodriguez, 95, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## Wayne Walker

Wayne Walker, 78, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 20, 2016, in Houston. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

## WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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

## THURSDAY

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

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

## FRIDAY

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

## SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JAMES ARTHUR WHITED**, 50, of 309 W. Fifth St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CAREY MATTHEW WARREN**, 51, of 409 Dallas St. was arrested on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.
- **EDWIN MATTHEWS**, 53, of 1311 W. Third St. was arrested on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear, open container in a motor vehicle - driver, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and driving with an invalid license.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2600 block of Langley Drive.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- **EDWIN LEE MATTHEWS**, 53, was booked by BSPD on two motions to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance (less than one gram); and on warrants for failure to appear, open container in a vehicle - driver, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and driving with an invalid license.
- **CAREY MATT WARREN**, 51, was booked by BSPD on warrants for speeding and violation of promise to appear.
- **JAMES ARTHUR WHITED**, 50, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of East 11<sup>th</sup> Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Cindy
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 900 block of East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of East FM 700.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Joann. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of West Second Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Madison. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20.

night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

## SUNDAY

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

## MONDAY

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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# Take note

• The West Highway 80 Church of Christ, 3900 Old State Highway 80, is hosting a Gospel Meeting this week.

The event, which started Sunday, will run through Friday at 7 p.m. each evening. The event features Pulpit Minister Bro. Anthony Fletcher of the Barret Station Church of Christ in Houston preaching on the theme "What About the Church of Christ?" The message is based on the text of Colossians 1:24: "Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church."

The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact the church at 267-6483.

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

CMTA a non-profit organization open to children from ages 6-12. The registration fee for "Your 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. CMTA shirts are \$10. Classes will be held in the New Hope School building, 118 Cedar Road.

Children will learn stage set and prop design, building, painting and stage setting as well as on stage acting.

For more information or to register, contact Sharon Rich, program director, at 432-517-0723. Space is limited.

• The Eighth Annual West Texas Talent Search is seeking contestants to compete for up to \$5,000 in cash and prizes. The categories available are: Top musical act age 11 and younger; top musical act age 12 to 16; top musical act—adult; top dance act; and

top musical act in the field of comedy, poetry, magic, or other. The last day to sign up is Thursday, and the final preliminary will be held at Odessa College at 2 p.m., July 23. Artists selected as semi-finalists will be given a chance to perform at both the Midland County Fair and the Permian Basin Fair. The talent search will conclude at Deaderick Hall at Odessa College on Sept. 24. The event is sponsored by the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities. For more information contact Executive Director Daniel R. Ryan at 432-978-7405. The application and rules are at [www.westtexasalent.com](http://www.westtexasalent.com)

• 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.

• 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.

### 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 Col-

lege. 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 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 268-4721.

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Kay Francis Conner, 77, died Thursday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM Thursday at Cornerstone Church. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Adam Robinson, 27, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 5:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. A graveside service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday in Wilmore, Kansas.

Cindy Gonzales, 29, died Friday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Wayne Walker, 78, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rev. Andres Rodriguez, 95, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## VIDEO

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850 miles of the route runs through Texas from Texarkana to El Paso.

Both the Big Spring Auditorium and Hotel Settles were built along the historic Bankhead Highway. In fact, Big Spring is one of four tour pilot cities participating in the THC's historic Bankhead tourism project.

According to a THC press release, the Faces

and Places of the Bankhead Highway contest is "open to all levels of filmmakers—from first-timers to professionals—the THC is now accepting short film submissions that showcase experiences along the Texas portion of the famed historic highway."

The filmmakers are asked to showcase "highlights of their Bankhead adventures," the release stated. "Explore the restored courthouses and historic downtowns that have anchored their communities for

generations. Document the colorful characters and unique places that form a community's authentic culture and heritage. Show viewers how to have a road trip adventure and present your perspective on how Texans remember the iconic route."

According to the THC, filmmakers may plan their Bankhead Highway journey using the THC's "Historic Bankhead Highway" mobile tour, available at [texasimetravel.com/bankhead](http://texasimetravel.com/bankhead). Submissions are due by Aug 8. Se-

lected submissions will be shared on the THC's social media channels throughout the contest period.

The entries will be narrowed down to six finalists whose work will be shown at the DRIVEN Film Festival in Mount Vernon, Texas, Sept. 9-11. A cash prize will be awarded to the winning video.

History buffs can learn more about the Bankhead Highway by visiting downtown Big Spring. The Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Center (CVB) has placed three photo displays in windows of different historical buildings downtown on Third Street. They picture old buildings with a history provided and at the

end, asks a question to get the mind thinking about Big Spring. The first one is located outside on the window of the CVB building.

For more Bankhead Highway-related events and complete contest rules, including a link to submit entries, visit [texasimetravel.com/bankhead](http://texasimetravel.com/bankhead).

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list of qualifying school supplies from the Texas Comptroller website: binders, book bags, calculators, cellophane tape, blackboard chalk, compasses, composition books, crayons, erasers and folders including expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila.

Glue, paste and paste sticks, highlighters, index cards, index card boxes, legal pads, lunch boxes, markers, (including dry erase markers), notebooks and paper including loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper.

Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens, protractors, rulers, scissors and writing tablets.

A partial list of qualifying clothing, footwear and other items is as follows: adult diapers, aprons (household),

athletic socks, baby bibs, baby clothes, baby diapers (cloth or disposable), baseball caps, baseball jerseys, belts with attached buckles, blouses, boots (general purpose), climbing (cleated or spiked), cowboy, hiking, bow ties, bowling shirts, bras, camp clothes, caps (baseball, fishing, golf), chef uniforms, children's novelty costumes, clerical vestments, coats and wraps, coveralls, diapers (cloth and disposable), dresses, earmuffs, cold weather, employee uniforms (unless rented), fishing caps, and fishing vests (non-flotation).


Football accessories, football, jerseys, gloves (generally), dress (unless rented), leather, golf caps, golf dresses, golf jackets and windbreakers, golf shirts, golf skirts, graduation caps and gowns, gym suits and uniforms, hats, hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts, hosiery, including support hosiery, hunting vests, jackets, jeans, jogging apparel, knitted caps or hats, leg warmers, leotards and tights, neck-

wear and ties, nightgowns and nightshirts, painter pants, pajamas and pants, panty hose.

Raincoats and ponchos, rain hats, religious clothing, robes, safety shoes (adaptable for street wear), scarves, scout uniforms, shawls and wraps, shirts, shirts (hooded), cross trainers, dress shoes, flip-flops (rubber thongs), jellies, running, sandals, slippers, sneakers and tennis and walking shoes, Shorts, skirts, sleepwear, nightgowns, pajamas, slippers, slips, soccer socks, socks, suits, slacks, and jackets, support hosiery, suspenders, sweatshirts, sweat suits, sweaters, swim-suits, tennis dresses and tennis shorts.

Tennis shoes, tennis skirts, ties (neckties – all), tights, trousers, underclothes, underpants, undershirts, uniforms (school, work, nurse, waitress, military, postal, police, fire), veils, vests (generally), fishing (non-flotation), hunting, work clothes, work uniforms, and workout clothes.

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## DAILY PRAYER

You, Lord, enrich our lives with both  
Your expected and unexpected  
blessings. Amen.

## Encouraged by the Pence pick

I believe that Donald Trump was smart to pick Indiana Gov. Mike Pence to be his running mate. All things considered, it's an encouraging development, whether Trump picked him because he truly wanted him or he did so at the strong urging of his advisers.

If he was Trump's first choice among finalists, it's encouraging because it shows he is comfortable with a traditional conservative who strongly self-identifies as and behaves like a devout Christian. It indicates he understands the value to the ticket in picking someone who seems to be the Antitrump in terms of personality and style — and to some extent on policy issues, as well.

If he chose him grudgingly under pressure from his confidants and consultants, it's still mildly reassuring because it indicates that on matters of tremendous import,

Trump will sometimes defer, which signals that he might very well listen to advisers on important policy matters, even when he disagrees.

Many of Trump's defenders have assured us that even if Trump can sometimes be brash and impulsive, he would surround himself with brilliant advisers as he has done in his businesses. My concern has been that even brilliant counselors might not be able to penetrate Trump's ego and that Trump might not be sufficiently informed on the issues to benefit greatly from wise counsel with which he instinctively disagrees.

We have seen numerous examples of Trump's taking his own advice above that of his advisers, such as when some of them strongly cautioned him to present his "other side" to the public.

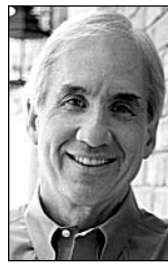
Usually, he decided instead to continue letting Trump be Trump.

I acknowledge that, on the

other hand, it could be a cynical move. Let's not delude ourselves into believing that vice presidents are any more relevant than presidents choose to make them. If Trump had to be persuaded against his will to pick Pence, it may have been that the Pence advocates also convinced him that there was a big political upside to it and no substantive downside.

That is, picking Pence would help Trump's image to some unknown extent among certain remaining Republican Trump skeptics and others, but it would in no way cramp Trump's style when governing.

He could listen to or ignore his vice president at will. Even if you choose to analyze this through wholly cynical lenses, I still believe that it was a very prudent decision.



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Why?

Well, it's partly because I'm not an alt-right Republican who aligns with Trump on every issue.

I am a constitutional conservative who believes that the source of almost all of America's problems today can be traced in some way to the abandonment of our founding principles and that the solution is to return to the policies of limited government.

I believe that Pence is a constitutionalist and a bona fide conservative, even if I don't agree with him on every single issue or approve of every decision he has made.

I also believe he is a good man — a man of wisdom, humility,

maturity and judgment — who not only talks the Christian talk but walks the Christian walk. If Trump truly does listen to advisers as his ardent supporters claim, then Pence's proximity to the Oval Office for the next four years could only be a positive development.

Based on what I've observed so far — and it's admittedly early in the life of the Trump-Pence ticket — Pence also seems temperamentally suited to be Trump's running mate.

It is not every constitutional conservative who would feel comfortable joining the Trump ticket.

It promises to be very difficult at times, especially when Trump says or does something that might make a traditional conservative cringe.

Pence seems to have the ideal disposition to thread this needle — to be supportive of Trump without compromising his own principles.

I choose to hope that is the case, anyway.

Apart from the "Never Trump" group — who would not vote for Trump under any circumstances — those constitutional conservatives who believe that Pence is a sellout for agreeing to run with Trump can't have it both ways. Would they rather Trump have picked a mirror image of himself?

Why can't we just give Pence the benefit of the doubt and assume he's doing this because he believes his decision to join the ticket is in the best interests of the nation, even if Trump was not his first choice to be president?

As for me, I am gratified and encouraged by Trump's pick and view it as a welcome development and one that I hope foreshadows more good fruit.

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## Questioning Saudi role in 9/11

Formerly classified, 28 pages of a probe into the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks are a mystery no longer. Their release 14 years after Congress made the rest of its report public was supposed to end suspicions of an official Saudi role in the horror. It did not.

Nearly 15 years has passed since terrorists weaponized four jetliners full of passengers. Two plowed into the World Trade Center's twin towers. One hit the Pentagon. And another (headed to an unclear destination) crashed in a field in Pennsylvania.

Fifteen of the 19 hijackers were Saudi nationals. The locked-up 28 pages addressed possible ties between the Saudi royal family and government and some of the terrorists.

President George W. Bush withheld that section, arguing that its disclosure could jeopardize U.S. intelligence sources. Others say he wanted to protect U.S.-Saudi relations for a number of reasons, one being the Bush family's close ties to the royal family.

The declassified pages dealt with part of a massive FBI investigation into the catastrophe of 9/11.

They included reports that two of the hijackers had been in contact with suspected Saudi intelligence officials in San Diego. There was evidence of communications between an al-Qaida operative and a diplomat in the Saudi Embassy in Washington. That kind of thing.

Unsettling but no "smoking gun." Much of the information, we are told, was preliminary and unvetted.

"We need to put an end to conspiracy theories and idle speculation that do nothing to shed light on the 9/11 attacks," Richard Burr, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said in a statement after the 28 pages' release.

Not so fast, responded some prominent doubters. One is former Sen. Bob Graham, who headed that same committee in 2002. "I think the linkages are so multiple and strong and reinforcing," he recently told Yahoo News, that it's hard not to believe that a "support network came from Saudi Arabia."

The gun that most definitely smokes is Saudi financing of extremist Wahhabi Muslims now terrorizing and destabilizing large parts of the globe. Their hate-filled theology inspires both al-Qaida and its rival, the Islamic State.

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"Donors in Saudi Arabia constitute the most significant source of funding to Sunni terrorist groups worldwide," then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton wrote in a 2009 cable, according to WikiLeaks.

To this day, the money continues to flow into Europe, Africa and Asia.

Kosovo is a startling example.

Its population had long adhered to a moderate version of Islam and viewed Americans as liberators from their Serbian foes. Then Saudi money flooded the country with mosques and radical clerics. What was a relatively easygoing European society started turning intolerant and fundamentalist.

Wahhabism authorizes the killing of Muslims who do not adhere to its strict code, never mind others. Radicalized Kosovars now intimidate and attack journalists, politicians and even old-line Muslim clerics. Many of its young are abandoning their home to fight for the Islamic State.

What once sounded outlandish — the idea that Saudi officialdom had anything to do with the Sept. 11 outrage — now seems within the realm. And that has fueled bills in Congress to let survivors of the 9/11 tragedy sue the Saudi government and others.

The Obama administration opposes such suits as a bad precedent. Its argument is a strong one, even as we understand the desire to wrest some reparation for the 9/11 tragedy.

There will never be a time to stop asking how almost 3,000 people came to be murdered on U.S. soil in a matter of hours. The declassified 28 pages may clear up some suspicions, but others remain. The questions are not going away.

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# Check this out at the Howard County Library

The first book I want to share with you is a very special. I too have a "heart warrior" and know first hand some of what this family has encountered. "Special Heart" by Bret Baier with Jim Mills (070.409 BAI B) is a journey of faith, hope, courage, and love. News anchor Bret Baier tells the story of the journey and struggle he encounters when his son is diagnosed with congenital heart disease at birth. Even though his son is six, this book takes you through his three open-heart surgeries, seven angioplasties, and a stomach



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surgery. When Brett started the journey of writing this book and sharing his family's story, he hoped it would help other families going through the same struggles. "Special Heart's" reach has surpassed their dreams and changed their lives. While they have more hurdles ahead with their son and his health, they have a different perspective after hearing others' stories. There's a reason why their son is still alive and Brett truly believes this book is a part of it. He hopes his story can inspire others and provide comfort to those who are going through tough times. God has a plan for him and their family is going to soak in and celebrate every moment of it.

"Thriving as a New Teacher" by John F. Eller & Sheila A. Eller (371.1 ELL J) provides new teachers with the tools they need for success as they begin their career. Confident and effective, thriving new teachers focus on six critical spheres related to their teaching — the areas that impact them and their students the most, from knowing and caring for themselves as teachers to understanding and implementing effective assessments. With this book, teachers will learn the six spheres: self, students and families, classroom management, curriculum management, assessment, and colleagues; understand the important role of teachers, the challenges new teachers face, and strategies to overcome those challenges; access templates, including self-assessments and checklists, to support their efforts as teachers; discover tools to promote positive behavior and handle disruptive behavior; and connect with students, parents, school leaders, and colleagues to create an atmosphere that supports both teachers and students.



"The Family Caregiver's Manual" by David Levy, JD, (649.8 LEV D) provides a model for effective planning and decision-making, focusing on the nonclinical aspects of caregiving—legal, financial, emotional, social—which are often neglected by medical professionals. Drawn from more than 25 years of experience, this comprehensive manual sets forth how to evaluate priorities, understand options, and face bedrock issues, so caregivers can make informed decisions for their loved ones, while balancing their own needs and gaining peace of mind.

"A Lucky Child" by Thomas Buerghenthal (940.5 BUE T) is a memoir of surviving Auschwitz as a young boy. Thomas Buerghenthal was 10 years old when he and his parents were placed on a train bound for Auschwitz, where Thomas was separated from his family. He managed by his wits and some remarkable strokes of luck to survive the camp and the infamous death march. Filled with stirring and true insights of a child, this acclaimed memoir conveys the sheer force of will and determination that even the youngest victims of the Holocaust evinced. Buerghenthal dem-

onstrates that beauty is present even in the face of the greatest adversity. "A Lucky Child" is a compelling reminder of the power of grace and the resilience of the human spirit.

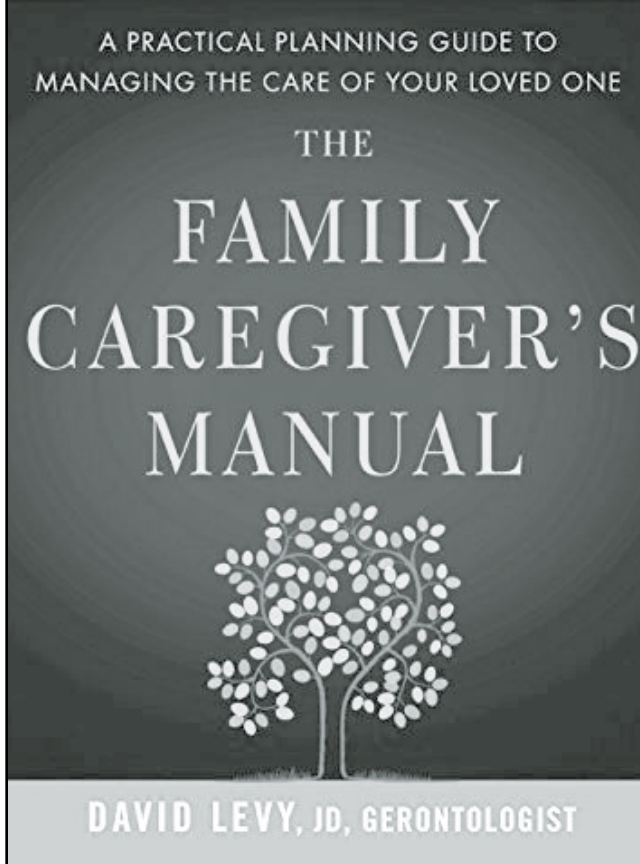
"Amazing Women of the Civil War" by Webb Garrison (973.708 GAR W) is a book of fascinating true stories of women who made a difference during the Civil War. The women featured in Part One: All's Fair in Love and War are Sarah Edmonds, aka Frank Thompson, The Roswell Women, Six Vignettes, Harriet Tubman, Mary Walker, and Kady Brownell. Part Two: Army Wives features Mary Custis Lee, Julia Dent Grant, Eliza Anderson, Princess Agnes, and Lucy Hayes.

and Mary Ann Ball Bickerdyke. Part Five: Movers and Shakers features Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mary Todd Lincoln, Mary Boykin Chesnut, Julia Ward, Louisa May Alcott, Barbara Frietchie, Varina Davis, and Anna Ella Carroll.

Here's hoping that a vicarious adventure into the lives of three dozen amazing women from the Civil War will give you a new outlook on this troubled time in American history and that you will enjoy getting to know these women as real people instead of just names in a reference book.

"Point Blank" is book 26 in Fern Michael's Sisterhood Series (F MIC F). The members of the Sisterhood always stand together and that includes aiding and protecting the men in their lives. Yoko's partner Harry Wong has received a phone call from his old schoolmate Jun Yu. Jun Yu resided at the same temple where Harry's daughter, Lily, was training, but they were all forced to evacuate. Jun Yu managed to get his son out, but Lily is missing. Jun is trusting Harry to guard his wife Ling and their two children, whom he has smuggled to America. As long-time ally Pearl Barnes whisks Ling and her children to safety via her underground railroad, the Sisters and their allies head to the war room to make plans. Finding Lily is a top priority, and Kathryn's partner, Bert Navarro, comes up with a way for the group to travel to China. The odds are stacked against them, but when the Sisterhood is involved, you can always bet on the underdog.

Guess I'll have to save the rest of the fiction books for next week. I leave you with a quote from Katherine Patterson: "It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading. Something that will stretch their imaginations — something that will help them make sense of their own lives and encourage them to reach out toward people whose lives are quite different from their own."



Part Three: Couriers, Spies, and Subversives features Elizabeth Van Lew, Belle Boyd, Major Pauline Cushman, Emma Sansom, Nancy Hart, and Rose Greenhow. Part Four: Angels of Mercy features Clarissa Harlowe Barton, Phoebe Pember, Katharine Prescott Wormeley, Dorothea Dix,

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# Cleveland police relying heavily on bike patrols

By **MARK GILLISPIE and MICHAEL HILL**

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland police trying to keep protests from turning violent during the Republican convention are relying heavily on officers on bikes, who are not only more maneuverable but are seen as friendlier and less intimidating.

Police Chief Calvin Williams said the city bought 300 bicycles for the event on the advice of the police in Charlotte, North Carolina, which hosted the 2012 Democratic convention. Officers on loan from more than a dozen police departments are on bike patrol in the city, he said.

"Getting around town is a lot easier and a lot faster," Williams said. "The tactics they use for crowd management and to monitor and assist for protests, you can't do it on foot, can't do it in vehicles."

The bikes also offer a less tangible benefit: making officers more approachable.

"The bicycle breaks down all kinds of barriers," said Maureen Becker, executive director of the International Police Mountain Bike Association. "It's a catalyst for conversation. It is less intimidating than some other types of vehicles. And most people can relate in some way shape form to being on a bicycle."

Tensions between police and the public have been running high over

the past two weeks.

Two black men were shot to death by police in Louisiana and Minnesota, and eight officers were killed in two ambushes in Dallas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Many officers are on edge.

The bike patrols have been a common sight around Cleveland in the past few days, with officers riding black bicycles and wearing black helmets and shorts.

Some wear armored vests over their uniforms, while others have protective gear on underneath their shirts.

During an event Monday evening, about 100 bike officers wheeled slowly around the Public Square in a long black line.

One Cleveland police officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because is not supposed to talk to the media, said the bikes are perfect for an area with closed streets and multiple incidents to respond to.

"With the road bike, the ease of getting around is just exponentially higher than any other vehicle," he said. He said he doesn't feel vulnerable, since he wears an armored vest and is so mobile.

"I feel safer on a bike because I can get away and take cover," he said.

Law enforcement agencies nationwide began re-evaluating how they respond to protests after officers with military-style gear clashed with dem-



AP Photo/Patrick Semansky

**Law enforcement with bikes, wait in downtown Cleveland, Tuesday, July 19, 2016, during the second day of the Republican convention.**

onstrators in 2014 in Ferguson, Missouri, over the police shooting of Michael Brown. A Justice Department report found that the equipment "produced a negative public reaction" in the community.

Political conventions saw the first use of officers on bikes in 2000 in Philadelphia and Los Angeles, with the use expanding considerably over the years, Becker said.

Tiger Mountain Tactical, a company that provides crowd-control instruction for police cyclists, sent several bicycle officers from the Seattle area to Cleveland to help with training.

Officers must complete a 32-hour training class before they can join a bike unit, said Steve Kensinger, a

police officer in Madison, Ohio, who trained 80 officers from northern Ohio for the convention.

"It's intense. Not everyone passes," he said.

Officers on bikes can maneuver quickly through crowds and get into parks and alleys inaccessible by car.

The bicycles can also be used to separate protest groups, as was done briefly in Cleveland on Monday.

"The beauty of the bike is that when you hold it forward and turn it sideways, it becomes a barrier," said Thor Eells, chairman with the National Tactical Officers Association and a commander with the police department in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

# GOP Rep. Steve King asks how minorities gave to civilization

CLEVELAND (AP) — Iowa Republican U.S. Rep. Steve King, one of the most conservative members of Congress and a harsh critic of immigration, has questioned the contributions to civilization of groups of people who aren't white.

During an appearance Monday on MSNBC from the site of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, King responded to comments on the racial makeup of the convention crowd, which is largely white.

"This whole old white people business does get a little tired," he said. "I'd ask you to go back through history and figure out where are these contributions that have been made by

these other categories of people that you're talking about? Where did any other subgroup of people contribute more to civilization?"

When asked by host Chris Hayes whether he meant contributions by "white people," King made a more general statement. King said he was referring to "Western civilization itself, that's rooted in Western Europe, Eastern Europe and the United States of America, and every place where the footprint of Christianity settled the world. That's all of Western civilization," he said.

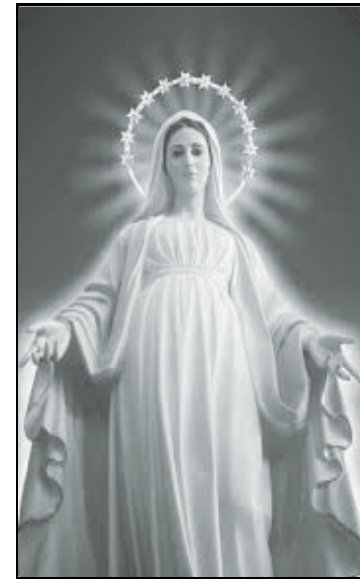
The comments sparked a heated response from Urban Radio Networks reporter April Ryan and Esquire writer Charles

Pierce, who were also on the panel. Hayes quickly moved on with the segment after noting that, "If you're looking at the ledger of Western civilization, for every flourishing democracy, you have Hitler and Stalin as well."

In a later conversation between Ryan and Hayes on Periscope, Ryan said she was "kind of shaken" by what she described as King's "in my face racism." Hayes said he thought during the segment that a debate on "what's the best race" would be "preposterous."

A spokeswoman for King hasn't responded to a request for comment on the congressman's remarks.

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**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (never known to fail)**  
O most Beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in the necessity. There are none that can withstand your power.

O show me you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times)

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# Big 12 moves toward expansion



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Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby addresses attendees during Big 12 media day, Monday, July 18, 2016, in Dallas.

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

The Big 12 is accepting resumes from expansion candidates.

The smallest Power Five conference took a significant step toward adding members Tuesday when its university presidents directed Commissioner Bob Bowlsby to begin evaluating schools interested in joining.

Oklahoma President David Boren said the board of directors voted unanimously during a meeting Tuesday in Dallas that coincided with football media days to take another step toward adding to the 10-member league, but they stopped just short of committing to future expansion.

"I think it's a statement from the board that we want to move forward," Boren said. "We've had discussion of the attributes of some of those schools that have come to us and expressed interest. And that we want to move forward and have a full evaluation of exactly the level of their interest, what kind of proposals they might make to us in terms of terms and conditions for joining the conference.

When the conference ultimately

makes a decision and how many schools it might add are still up in the air, Boren said.

Bowlsby said his work could be done before the end of the football season.

"It's possible that this could extend to our October board meeting, but it's also possible that we could have a special meeting sometime between now and then," the commissioner said.

The Big 12 has been a 10-team conference since 2012, after Nebraska, Colorado, Texas A&M and Missouri left during the last major wave of realignment and TCU and West Virginia joined.

The conference has been battling around the idea of adding more members for more than a year and begins its search with plenty of suitors. The Big 12 has been getting pitches behind the scenes for months from American Athletic Conference schools such as Cincinnati, Connecticut, Memphis, Houston and Central Florida. BYU, a football independent, has made it known it wants into a Power Five conference. Colorado State has also reached out to Big 12 leaders.

"We've been contacted by a number of institutions, and I

would imagine after this news breaks we'll be contacted again," Bowlsby said.

The Big 12 has already announced plans to reinstitute its conference championship game in 2017.

The reconstituted Big 12 in 2014 hailed its round-robin football schedule as the way to produce "One True Champion," but the slogan looked silly when it ended up with co-champions that season. Both TCU and Baylor were left out of the first College Football Playoff. After that season, the Big 12 began to reassess.

Conference leaders decided not to overreact to one year's results and instead studied expansion, along with bringing back the title game and trying to start its own television network.

Oklahoma reached the College Football Playoff as the Big 12 champion last season, tempering some of the conference's nervousness. Firms hired to crunch the numbers for the Big 12 told the conference earlier this year that expanding would increase the chances of making it to the playoff and boost revenue.

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## New Baylor AD Rhoades sees opportunities, not challenges

DALLAS (AP) — Mack Rhoades doesn't pretend to fully understand the mistakes Baylor has made. The school's new athletic director is just intent on doing his part to make sure they don't happen again.

Rhoades was formally introduced Monday by Baylor, a program reeling from allegations that it didn't properly handle sexual assault claims against some football players.

"There are just certain things that we won't tolerate and moving forward, you know, everybody will be on that same page," Rhoades said. "And when I say everybody, that's the university, that's the athletics department, that's our coaches, our student-athletes. Everyone."

His introduction came on the first day of Big 12 football media days, and a day before interim president David Garland and two Baylor regents make a presentation to the league's board of directors and answer questions. That board, made up of league presidents and chancellors, could possibly levy sanctions against Baylor.

Garland said Baylor officials will tell board members all they know from the external independent review by the Pepper Hamilton law firm that accused football coaches and staff of interfering with investigations into sexual assault complaints against players, and even impeding potential criminal proceedings.

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## Pujols hits two HRs, Halos beat Rangers 8-6

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The fastball hit Albert Pujols in the side of his batting helmet, glancing off the bill and barely missing his face. The slugger went down in a frighter heap, but eventually dusted himself off and ran the bases.

The Los Angeles Angels are also trying to get up from a rough start to their season, and their veteran slugger is leading with both his example and his potent bat.

Pujols hit a pair of three-run homers in his first six RBI game since 2009, and the Angels remained unbeaten since the All-Star break with their season-best fifth straight victory, 8-6 over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Pujols connected in the fourth and fifth innings against Kyle Lohse (0-2) for his second multi-homer game in three days, propelling the Angels (42-52) to their ninth win in 11 games overall.

"I'm starting to swing the bat well now," Pujols said. "Our team



AP Photo/Lenny Ignelzi

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Kyle Lohse works against the Los Angeles Angels in the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 19, 2016, in Anaheim, Calif.

needs that in the second half of the season, especially against the guys we're chasing."

Pujols then stayed in the game in the seventh inning when Texas reliever Tony Barnette accidentally hit him in the head with a 92-mph pitch. Barnette was just as concerned as the Angels' training staff, apologizing three times on the field and again

between the clubhouses afterward.

"It's a scary thing, hitting a guy in the head," Barnette said. "Especially up and tight like that, it can do some damage. I've got a family, he's got family, and it can be scary stuff for them. I'm glad he's OK."

Pujols shrugged it off. "I'm pretty sure that's the last thing that he

wants to do on an 0-2 count, but it's one of those things that happens in a game," Pujols said. "I just told him, 'It happens. It's baseball.'"

Pujols' homers were the 578th and 579th of his career, pulling him closer to Mark McGwire (583) for 10th place on baseball's career list. He has 11 RBIs in the last three days.



AP Photo/Ben Margot

Home plate umpire Manny Gonzalez, center, watches as Houston Astros' Marwin Gonzalez, left, is tagged out by Oakland Athletics' Matt McBride.

## A's rally from 3 down to beat Astros

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Marcus Semien rounded third base on Josh Reddick's 10th-inning infield single, and Reddick's first thought was disbelief.

Then Semien slid home for the game-ending run not long after Oakland wasted a big opportunity in the ninth.

Semien scored from second base on Reddick's two-out infield single to lift the A's to a 4-3 win over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

"It was a really good game for us," manager Bob Melvin said. "There was a lot of fight tonight,

for sure. A lot of good things transpired."

The A's rallied from three runs down and trailed 3-2 before Coco Crisp's tying double off Astros closer Will Harris in the ninth.

After the Astros stranded the bases loaded in the top of the 10th, Reddick won it with the sixth walk-off hit of his career.

Semien singled with two outs off Pat Neshek (2-2) and stole second. Yonder Alonso walked before Reddick singled to deep shortstop. Houston's Carlos Correa fielded the ball cleanly but threw wide of

home as Semien slid safely in with the winning run.

"I was wondering why he was going and being sent in the first place," Reddick said of Semien. "Then I saw the throw and I was like 'Thank you, thank you, thank you.' I think he'd agree he had no business going. But sometimes you have to push the issue, and it worked."

Crisp finished with two hits while Ryon Healy added two hits and two RBIs for the A's. Oakland

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## Romo, Flacco, Suggs, Nelson key players returning from devastating injuries

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

Tony Romo taking snaps. Joe Flacco hurling passes. Jordy Nelson and Keenan Allen catching them. Terrell Suggs and Cam Wake

harassing opposing quarterbacks. Ryan Clady trying to prevent such things.

Jamaal Charles running wild.

It sure would be nice to see these stars on the field and not on injured reserve, where

they wound up in 2015.

As NFL teams head to training camp, nearly all of them have key players they desperately need to return to health. Here's a look at those most in need.

BALTIMORE — No team

had its season ruined more by injuries than the Ravens. Along with Flacco and Suggs, they lost half-dozen regulars, including playmakers Steve Smith Sr. and Justin Forsett.

Flacco, the 2013 Super Bowl MVP, played in 122 straight

games, fifth-longest string for a quarterback in NFL history, before tearing his left ACL and MCL in November. He believes he is on pace to start the preseason.

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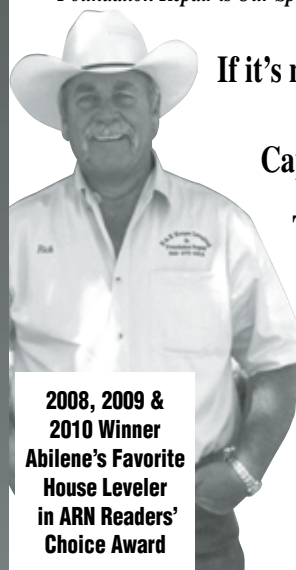
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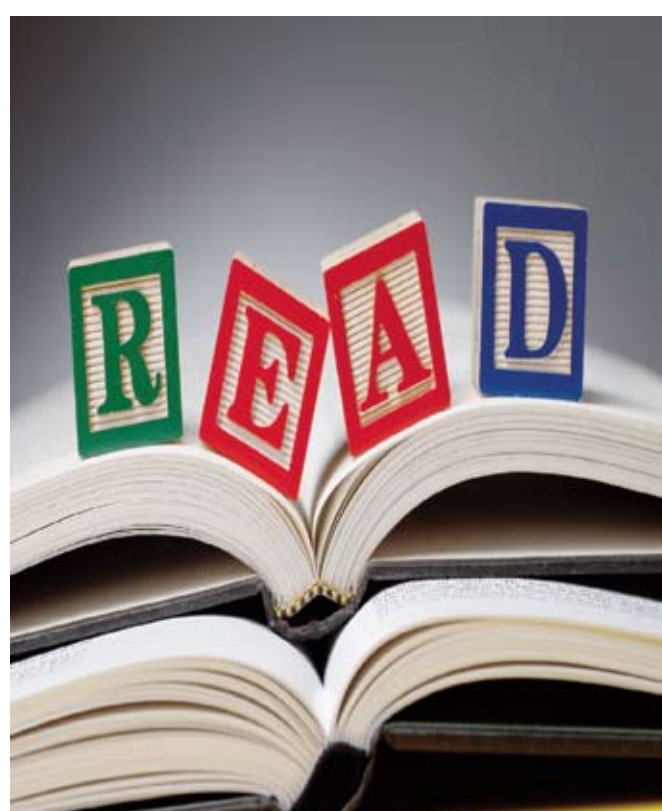
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Full Moon After-Party

There are those who live as though the sole purpose of being on this earth is to enjoy it. The full moon after-party in Aquarius asks: Is that really so wrong? Some will find themselves feeling jealous and judgmental at the same time. Others will simply be happy for their resident hedonists and celebrate them today.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Business guru Raymond Aaron said, "If you don't have an assistant, you are one." You'll certainly feel like an assistant as you run around tending to dozens of details today.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You needn't worry about what you're going to contribute to others that will mean something. It will all happen in the moment. You'll capture hearts by just being you -- the

courageous and selfless version.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Maybe you made some adjustments because you had to, not because you wanted to. Still, there's strength in versatility. Those adjustments will work for you, and ultimately you'll be glad you were strong enough to bend.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). That person asking you annoying questions is just trying to get to know you. Hopefully, it's flattering that someone wants to be closer to you, even if that person doesn't have a clue how to go about it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You can easily sense social tension, and when you do, your immediate response is to smooth things over with a joke or diversion. This is just one of your many charming habits.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may be putting your all into a project, and yet the desired result still eludes you. If this makes you frustrated, all the better. A touch of angry energy will push you

to reach for and achieve something better.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're spiritually generous, and this is why you can be as enthusiastic about the successes of others as you would be if the win were your own. You'll rejoice in the chance to celebrate the people around you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The astral influences may have you feeling edgy. Among the many ways to work off this stress, the easiest way is to exercise. For bonus benefits, try a form of exercise you haven't endeavored before.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've very few regrets. Everything that's happened, good and bad, has made you who you are today. You'll find a way to profit from one of your past mistakes.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today will offer opportunity to develop your inner world. Your experiences will mimic the scenes in your mind, so taking charge of your imagination is a powerful way to bring

about the changes you desire.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've a strong will, big goals and the freedom to pursue them. This is a magic combination. The current circumstances are more precious and rare than you think. Use them to your advantage -- now!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're used to leading in a certain arena but were you to back off and let another person help, your schedule would open up, your load would lighten and you would be quite impressed by what happens next.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 20). Your talent for rapport and knack for warming people up to you will help you reach a significant goal in August. You'll be paid well for this, but more importantly, you'll make a difference. September features you in a new role. You'll love what you and a small group build in November. February will test your skills. Pisces and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers

are: 4, 10, 3, 33 and 12.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I eat, drink, work and spend too much. I am in too much debt and feel like my lifestyle is dragging me down, little by little each day. I want to make changes, but I don't want to enter therapy to do it. I don't have the time or money to excavate my past. How can a Sagittarius with a life out of balance find a shortcut to sanity?"

Pretend that a miracle has happened and your life is suddenly in balance. How can you tell? What does it look like? What are you doing differently? Perhaps you see yourself going on a walk, getting more sleep at night or talking with an optimistic and supportive friend. These are the kinds small changes you can implement to put your life back on track. Sagittarius is ruled by Jupiter, the emperor of "too much." When this planet shines the energy of expansion on your endeavors, it turns blessings like food, drink and work into sources of

stress. Trying to contain Jupiter's massive energy through self-discipline can be a futile feat, as human willpower is an exhaustible resource. However, you can outsmart the planetary influence through small behavioral changes.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** This year, she played Sandy in a live televised version of "Grease." The performance involved hundreds of moving technical parts, an intense vocal challenge and hugely complex choreography sequences, but Julianne Hough was undaunted. The Cancer dancer and style guru was born under an artistic Libra moon, which bodes well for ballroom, as Libra is the sign of being elegantly in sync with a partner.

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Annie's Mailbox

Everyone Likes a Quit-ter

**Dear Annie:** My dad has been a smoker for his whole life, which is why we were all so proud of him when he announced that he had successfully quit several months ago. I was elated. It had been an ongoing argument between my parents throughout my childhood. It always stressed me out to hear them fighting about it. It feels so good to know that my dad actually cares about his health and knows that we care, too. He's even taken up jogging, something he was never able to do before because he'd start hacking up a lung.

However, the most recent time I visited home (I'm away at college), I caught my dad smoking outside in the garage one night. I quickly turned away, and I know he doesn't know that I caught him, but I am so devastated. My whole family would be devastated. The next day, I asked him how the not-smoking thing was going, seeing whether he'd confess, and he just said, "Great!" I feel so betrayed that he could just flat out lie about it. Along with feeling upset, I am torn when it comes to handling this situation because I know I can't keep it to myself. My mom works so hard and cares so much. I don't

like seeing her lied to. I feel as if she deserves to know the truth. Now I'm just trying to figure out how to go about dropping this bomb on her when I know it will just break her heart and my dad will be angry. How do I do this? -- Nonsmoker Son

**Dear Nonsmoker:** So he had a slip-up? Surprise! Your dad's human. Cigarettes are highly addictive, and he's been smoking his whole life.

Talk to him about the matter privately. Be compassionate and try to understand where he's coming from. On average, it takes eight to 11 tries before a smoker successfully stops for good. Don't quit on him.

**Dear Annie:** I've learned that there is a difference between constructive criticism and just hurting someone's feelings, and I'm having a hard time separating the two right now. My friend is a loud chewer. She smacks her food. She talks with her mouth full. She slurps. It is disgusting. I find it incredible that somebody could get away with being raised that way, but the rest of her family is the same way, so she clearly has no idea. She really is a great girl and one of my closest friends, but this is a major pet peeve. Also, she complains about how she never gets asked on second dates, and I can't help but wonder whether

this is why. I just don't know whether that kind of habit is one that can be easily broken, and I worry for her. I don't know how to go about telling her that she is being gross when she eats without having it come out in a way that would just hurt her feelings. All I know is I feel a responsibility to do something about this. What do you think I should do? -- Quiet Friend

**Dear Quiet:** I don't doubt that her dates have had allergic reactions to these "see-food" dinners. Few things are less attractive than

chewing with one's mouth open.

Tell her, in a gentle way, that it might be beneficial for her to watch out and make sure she is conscious of how she is eating. You'll be doing her a huge favor. Good friends are honest friends -- even when it means telling a pal she

eats like Cookie Monster (in much politer terms, of course).

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Delicate misrepresentation**

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 9 8  
♥ J 9 6 4 2  
♦ A J  
♣ K Q 3

**WEST**  
♠ 7 6 4 2  
♥ 7  
♦ K 7 6 5 3  
♣ 10 8 2

**EAST**  
♠ K Q 10  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ 10 9 4 2  
♣ 9 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 5 3  
♥ A K Q 10  
♦ Q 8  
♣ A J 7 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass 6 ♥

Opening lead — two of spades.

A defender seldom paints a false picture of his hand to his partner because to transmit false messages to partner strikes at the very core of successful defense.

But there are hands where it doesn't matter whether partner is fooled, because in the bigger picture the deception may end up fooling declarer.

Take this case where North-South reached six hearts on the bidding shown. Assume you're East and partner leads the deuce of spades, on which declarer plays dummy's eight. Your normal play would be the ten, forcing declarer's ace.

After this start, declarer would surely make six hearts. He'd draw three rounds of trumps, cash four clubs, discarding a spade from dummy, and take a diamond finesse. When it succeeded, he'd be home free. His only loser would be a spade.

Now let's go back to trick one and play the king of spades instead of the ten! This play might make your partner unhappy, for he'll think South has the A-Q-10, but his malaise will be short-lived.

After you play the king, declarer is almost certain to think your partner led from the Q-10-x-x. If he does, he is sure to go down. He will draw trumps and eventually play a spade toward the J-9, expecting to establish the jack as a trick. He will be planning to discard dummy's jack of diamonds later on a club and thereby avoid risking the diamond finesse. Needless to say, South will be more than a bit chagrined when you cash the Q-10 of spades to beat the slam.

By playing the king of spades at trick one, you offer declarer an alternative line of play that he is otherwise unlikely to choose. South is almost certain to avail himself of this offer and thus bring about his own demise.

Tomorrow: Detective work works well.

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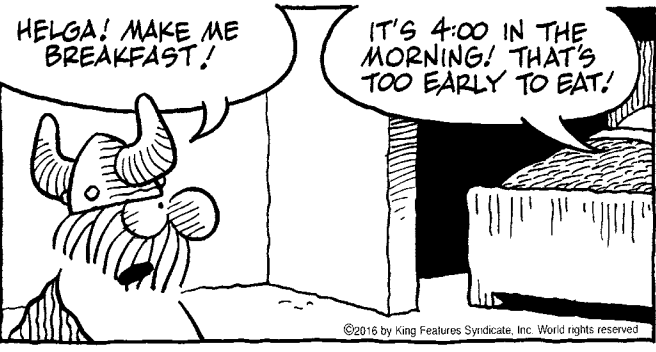
"It's not polite to talk with your mouth full... of dumb thoughts!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Why do they call the teachers 'counselors'?"

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HELGA! MAKE ME BREAKFAST!

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CAN YOU SPARE SOME CHANGE FOR A COFFEE?

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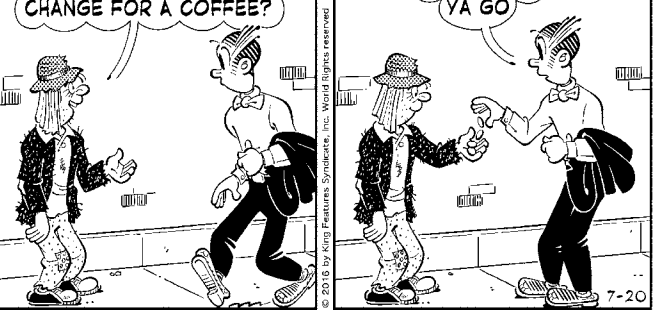


I STAND BEFORE YOU A HUMBLE MAN.



A MAN WHOSE HUMILITY IS HIS GREATEST ASSET.

BLONDIE



OKAY, HERE YA GO



COULD YOU SPARE A LITTLE MORE? I USUALLY GET THE VENTI SIZE

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 20, the 202nd day of 2016. There are 164 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 20, 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

Kennedy Shriver, were held at Soldier Field in Chicago. In 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching the surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module.

voted 98-0 to renew the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act for another quarter-century. Five years ago: Six Republican presidential hopefuls traded tweets in the first presidential debate conducted through Twitter.

WIZARD OF ID



MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL, WHO'S THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL?

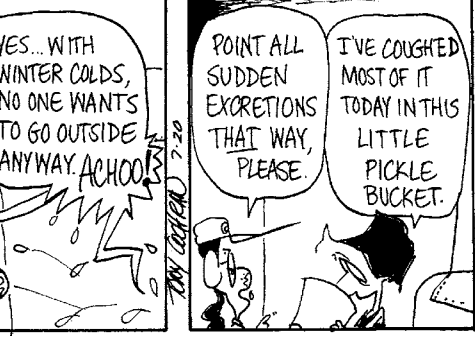


SHE IS. THE ONE THEY CALL 'SNOW WHITE'

AGNES



I THINK YOU GOT A SUMMER COLD!



I HATE SUMMER COLDS.

Newsday Crossword

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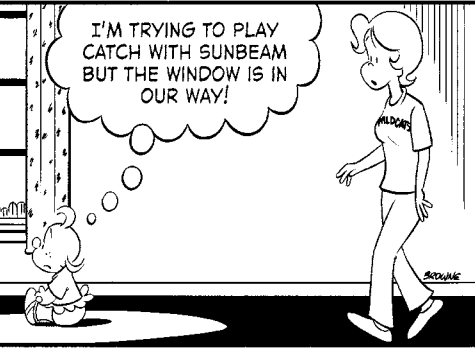
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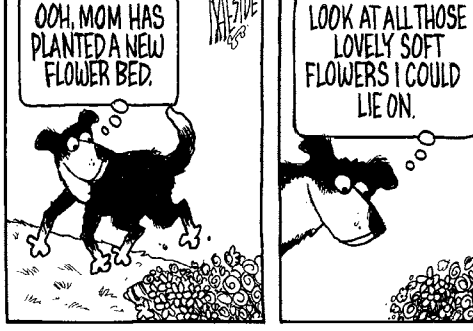


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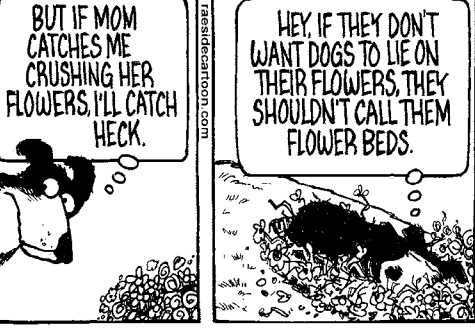


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THE OTHER COAST

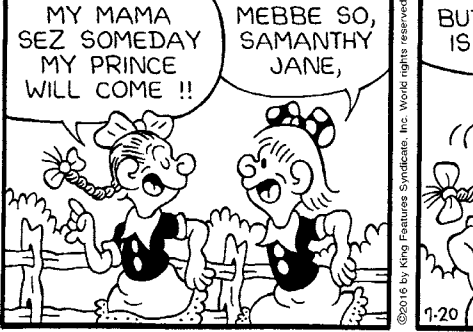


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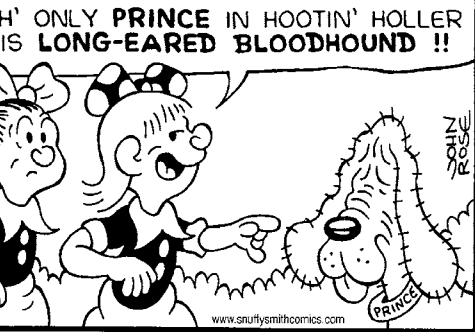


HEY, IF THEY DON'T WANT DOGS TO LIE ON THEIR FLOWERS, THEY SHOULDN'T CALL THEM FLOWER BEDS.

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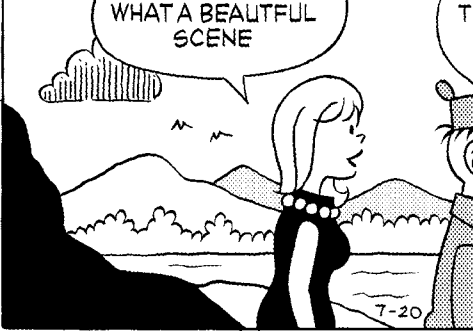


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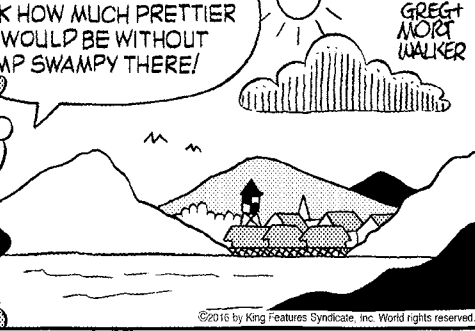


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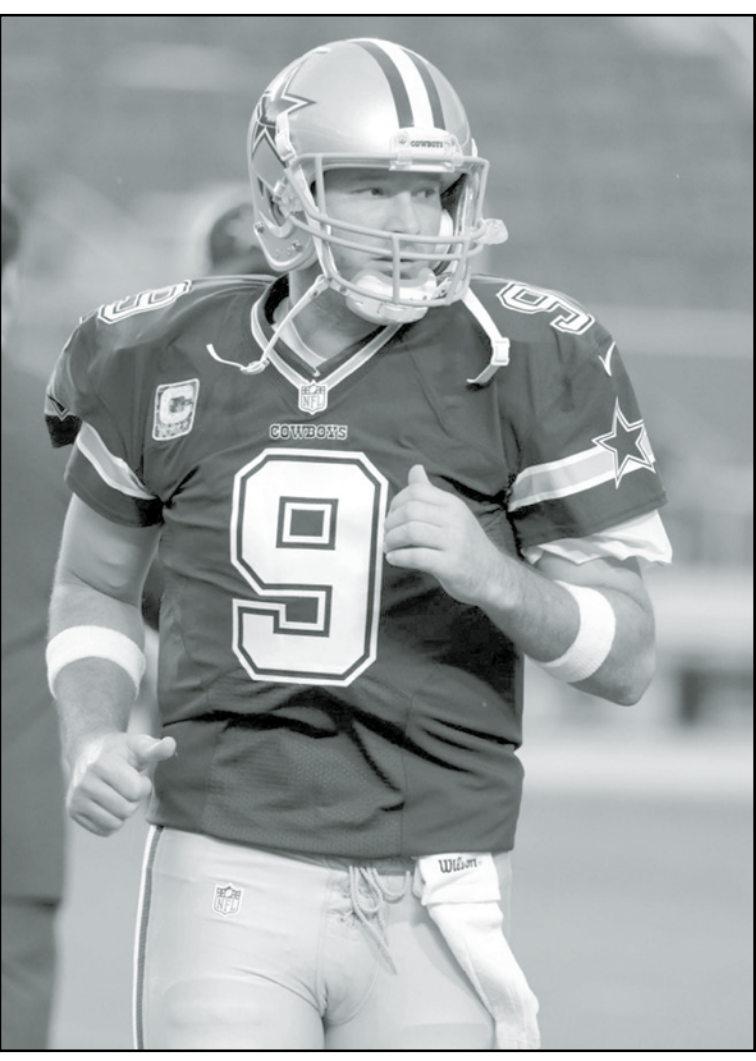
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WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SCENE



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**NFL**

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"I wanted to be the guy who played 15, 16, 17 years and didn't miss a snap," Flacco said. "I had to come to grips with it pretty quickly because it was my reality. That was the toughest part, not being able to be on the field with the guys for the last six games."

Suggs wasn't on the field for almost the entire 2015 schedule. The six-time Pro Bowl linebacker tore his Achilles tendon in the opener at Denver.

He has not been available to talk about his rehab, but coach John Harbaugh is optimistic Suggs will be ready for training camp.

DALLAS — Around Big D, folks fully believe Romo's return to health will ensure the Cowboys' return to the post-season. He'll likely need a similar recovery by receiver Dez Bryant — and a vastly improved defense that includes the return of cornerback Or-

lando Scandrick — for that to happen.

But having Romo on hand instead of Brandon Weeden or Matt Cassel or Kellen Moore, well, need we say more?

MIAMI — After spending all those millions on DT Ndamukong Suh, Miami's defense ranked 25th overall, 28th against the run. It had 31 sacks; opponents had 45.

And now, sacks leader Oliver Vernon is a Giant.

That means Wake will need to, uh, wake up a unit that surrendered 44 touchdowns. He's coming off a torn left Achilles tendon that cost him nine games.

Wake has averaged 10 sacks for his seven seasons and is a four-time Pro Bowler.

"It's another obstacle to overcome," he said. "I've been doing it my whole career. I wouldn't expect this to be any different."

NEW YORK JETS — Clady has never played a snap for the Jets, who gambled and traded for him after mainstay D'Brickshaw Ferguson retired. They hope he can fill

a massive hole at left tackle, something Clady has done exceptionally well for most of the seven pro seasons he's gotten onto the field.

Last year wasn't one of them; Clady missed Denver's championship run with a torn left ACL sustained in May 2015. Two years before that, he managed to get into only two games before a Lisfranc foot injury sidelined him.

GREEN BAY — It could be argued that no player's recovery is more critical to his team's title chances than Packers wideout Nelson from a torn right ACL. Even with good health for Romo, Flacco, Suggs, Wake and Clady, their teams are dealing with many other issues.

Not so much in Green Bay, which has the elements to be a solid contender in the NFC. If, that is, Nelson is back to supply Aaron Rodgers with a reliable threat all over the field in the passing game.

"I just need to make sure I'm ready to go come the start of training camp and the regular season," Nelson said.

**BIG 12**

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Boren has been the leading advocate for expansion. He said the conference was "psychologically disadvantaged" by having only 10 teams. On the other side, Texas wanted to stay at 10 — and keep its own Longhorn Network in place.

In June, the Big 12 said starting a TV network was unlikely. Expansion also seemed unlikely coming out of those meetings. Even Boren was backing off.

But Monday, it was reported that ESPN will announce soon the creation of an Atlantic Coast Conference Network to start in 2019, a move expected to lead to a long exten-

sion of the conference's grant of media rights. The grant of rights virtually locks conference members together.

Boren acknowledged the ACC news influenced the Big 12. He said "we cannot just sit on the sidelines and not be proactive ourselves."

Big 12 leaders have acknowledged that none of the schools most likely to be added are a natural fit. None is guaranteed to deliver both highly competitive teams — especially football teams — as well as large new markets to increase the value of future media deals.

"I would say that we are looking for members that will grow over time as we grow," Bowlsby said, "that will bring stability to the conference."

**BAYLOR**

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Big 12 board members already have a copy of the 13-page findings of fact prepared by Pepper Hamilton, the only written report about the investigation. Baylor regents were also given a more extensive oral report.

Rhoades, who won't start full-time at Baylor until Aug. 15, said the best thing is for the school to be transparent and forthright.

"I want a culture where we understand that there is no one entity, anything bigger than Baylor University itself," Rhoades said.

At least three lawsuits have been brought against Baylor by women who claim the school was indifferent to or ignored claims of sexual assault and didn't enforce federal gender discrimination protections under Title IX.

When Baylor released the Pepper Hamilton report in May,

football coach Art Briles was immediately suspended and was gone a month later after reaching a mutual agreement with the school. Baylor president Ken Starr was demoted and AD Ian McCaw later resigned.

"Sexual violence is a topic throughout our country and it certainly happens on other campuses, and this is an opportunity for Baylor University, and certainly the athletics department, to be a leader in how we deal and handle sexual violence," Rhoades said. "I've got three unbelievably beautiful daughters that I love, and if you ask what's your motivation, there's my motivation."

Rhoades then pointed out his daughters, ranging in age from 18 to 22, sitting in the front row.

The 50-year-old Rhoades had been Missouri's athletic director for 15 months. Before that, he was AD for nearly six years at Houston, where he hired former Ohio State offensive coordinator

Tom Herman as head coach of the Cougars. He was the athletic director at Akron from 2005-09 and worked in the athletic departments at UTEP, Marquette and Yale.

"Much has been written about my motivations for coming to Waco. Let me be clear: This is an opportunity," he said. "An opportunity to help lead one of the world's leading Christian universities in our familiar Texas. A state where we came to love many, many years ago. A state where my grandfather, my hero, was born and raised."

Garland called Rhoades a relationship builder who cares about people campus-wide.

"I'm confident that he's going to build the kind of partnerships that we need to make the improvements that Baylor is committed to make," Garland said. "Mack is a man of faith and he believes in and is excited about the mission of Baylor University that is 170 years old."

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has won four of five since the All-Star break.

Jose Altuve matched his career-high with four hits while George Springer hit his career-high 21st home run for the Astros.

"Definitely a winnable game," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "Really this game was more about us not being able to close the game out. Late in the game it never felt like we had enough runs and it turned out we didn't."

Mark Rzepczynski (1-0) got the last out in the top of the 10th for the win.

Houston starter Dallas Keuchel took a shutout into the seventh before

giving up consecutive one-out hits to Billy Butler and Jake Smolinski. Healy followed with a two-run double off reliever Ken Giles to pull the A's to 3-2.

Oakland tied the game in the ninth with back-to-back doubles by Stephen Vogt and Crisp. Crisp thought he had homered and slowed rounding second before getting caught in a rundown.

Altuve padded his majors-leading hit total with his sixth fourth hit game of the season. Houston's All-Star second baseman singled in the first, doubled and scored in the third and tripled and scored in the fifth. He struck out looking in the eighth and singled again in the 10th.

Keuchel allowed two

runs and five hits over 6 1/3 innings. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner, who beat the A's in his final start before the All-Star break, struck out six and walked three.

A STEP FORWARD A's starter Daniel Overton, who was called up from Triple-A Nashville before the game, allowed three runs over 6 1/3 innings. The rookie left-hander struck out six and didn't walk a batter for the first time in three career starts.

Altuve's three hits raised his AL-leading average to .352 and extended his road hitting streak to 18 games. The diminutive infielder has also reached safely in 34 consecutive road games, the second-longest streak in Astros history.



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# In bumpy coronation, Trump takes GOP crown

CLEVELAND (AP) — The art of the coronation has taken something of a beating at the Republican National Convention. Nevertheless, Donald Trump now has the crown — and a final chance to summon unity from the party's restive ranks in the ritual's closing days.

The roll call of the states Tuesday night delivered Trump the nomination, which he welcomed from afar in a videotaped message saying "This is a movement, but we have to go all the way." House Speaker Paul Ryan announced that Trump had amassed 1,725 delegates, more than triple the number of his nearest competitor, the fruits of a political phenomenon without parallel in modern times.

Day 3 of the convention will bring two conservative stalwarts to the stage: Trump's running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a favorite of evangelicals; and the nominee's most tenacious challenger in the primaries, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, the man Trump used to call "Lyn' Ted."

Pence is heartily on board the Trump bandwagon; Cruz isn't yet, nor are many of his supporters in Cleveland. The senator's scheduled prime-time address will be keenly watched as a barometer of the party's fighting spirit as the GOP turns to the fall campaign against Democrat Hillary Clinton,

who accepts her nomination next week.

Trump, the in-your-face outsider, won at the cost of alienating many traditional Republicans both on the right and in the center, and the divide has spilled over into the convention, though without overwhelming it. The roll call unfolded largely according to plan after a day dominated by unwelcome attention over passages from an eight-year-old Michelle Obama speech that made their way into Melania Trump's address to the convention, almost word for word, the night before.

This, after unwelcome attention over a loud if short-lived protest on opening day over convention rules aimed at tamping down any remaining threat to Trump's triumph.

Tuesday night, speaker after speaker stepped forward to denounce Clinton, none to greater effect with the crowd than New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

The governor, a dropout in the GOP presidential race who ended up on the short list for Trump's running mate, energized the hall as he ticked through numerous accusations of wrongdoing against Clinton and implored delegates to shout "guilty." They not only did that, but interrupted him with shouts of "Lock her up."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told the crowd scandal



Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump's children, Donald Trump, Jr., Ivanka Trump, Eric Trump and Tiffany Trump, celebrate on the convention floor during the second day session of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Tuesday.

follows Hillary Clinton and former President Bill Clinton "like flies."

Two of Trump's children testified to his character. "For my father, impossible is just the starting point," said Donald Trump Jr., eldest of the nominee's five children. Tiffany Trump, 22, said her dad is a "natural-born encourager" and she recalled the notes he wrote on her report cards.

Questions about plagiarism surfaced for a second day in a row, this time in the eldest son's speech. But F.H. Buckley, the writer behind the original work in question this time — an article in The American Conservative — said he was a principal speechwriter for the younger Trump and said the campaign did nothing wrong.

On the convention floor, Rep. Mark Mead-

ows of North Carolina was feeling the fighting spirit, telling reporters, "It's all starting to gel."

Not so for Colorado delegate Kendal Unruh, a leader of the outmaneuvered anti-Trump contingent, who said it's time to "cancel the convention, stop the sham," and who warned Trump might run into a "show of displeasure" in his acceptance speech ending the convention Thursday night. Colorado cast most of its votes for Cruz.

Cruz was not expected to offer a full-throated endorsement in his speech, nor to rock the boat too much, given that his remarks were being vetted by Trump's people. In this at times undisciplined enterprise, though, who knew?

The convention offers Trump one of his best chances to convince

voters he's better suited for the presidency than Clinton. But the rocky start raised questions about his oversight of his campaign, which gives voters a window into how a candidate might handle the pressures of the presidency.

The plagiarism accusations centered on Monday night's well-received speech by Trump's wife, Melania. Two passages were nearly identical to a 2008 Democratic convention address by Mrs. Obama.

Trump's campaign chief, Paul Manafort, managed only to keep the controversy alive by insisting there was no evidence of plagiarism, an untenable assertion given the similarities. In contrast, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said he "prob-

ably" would have fired his own speechwriters under similar circumstances.

Donald Trump Jr. told reporters he was proud of Mrs. Trump's speech but people in the campaign "should have cleaned it up better."

As large and challenging as political conventions are, they pale in comparison with the scope of a president's responsibilities, and sloppiness in Cleveland could hint at what a Trump presidency could look like.

Whether that matters to voters, though, is another question. The billionaire has survived, even prospered through, a series of contentious episodes that might have consumed a conventional politician — or a conventional convention.

## Queen: Trump not authorized to use 'We Are The Champions'

NEW YORK (AP) — Queen says they don't want Donald Trump using their music and the classic rock band's publishing company says Trump has not asked for permission to use

the group's songs.

Sony/ATV Music Publishing — which administers Queen's catalog including songs such as "We Are the Champion" — said a statement Tuesday they have re-

peatedly asked Trump not to use the "We Are the Champions," which he played Monday during the first day of the Republican National Convention.

Trump's representa-

tive did not respond to questions about the Sony/ATV complaint Tuesday.

Queen also tweeted they were unhappy about Trump's use of the song on Tuesday.

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