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## Funtastic Fourth slated for this weekend

By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer

Downtown Big Spring will be busy with people and music this weekend with the first day of the 2017 Alon USA and 7/11 Funtastic Fourth starting Friday. Friday evening at 6 p.m. the opening ceremonies will kick off the Funtastic Fourth for the residents of Big Spring. The Honor Guard will perform with the national an-

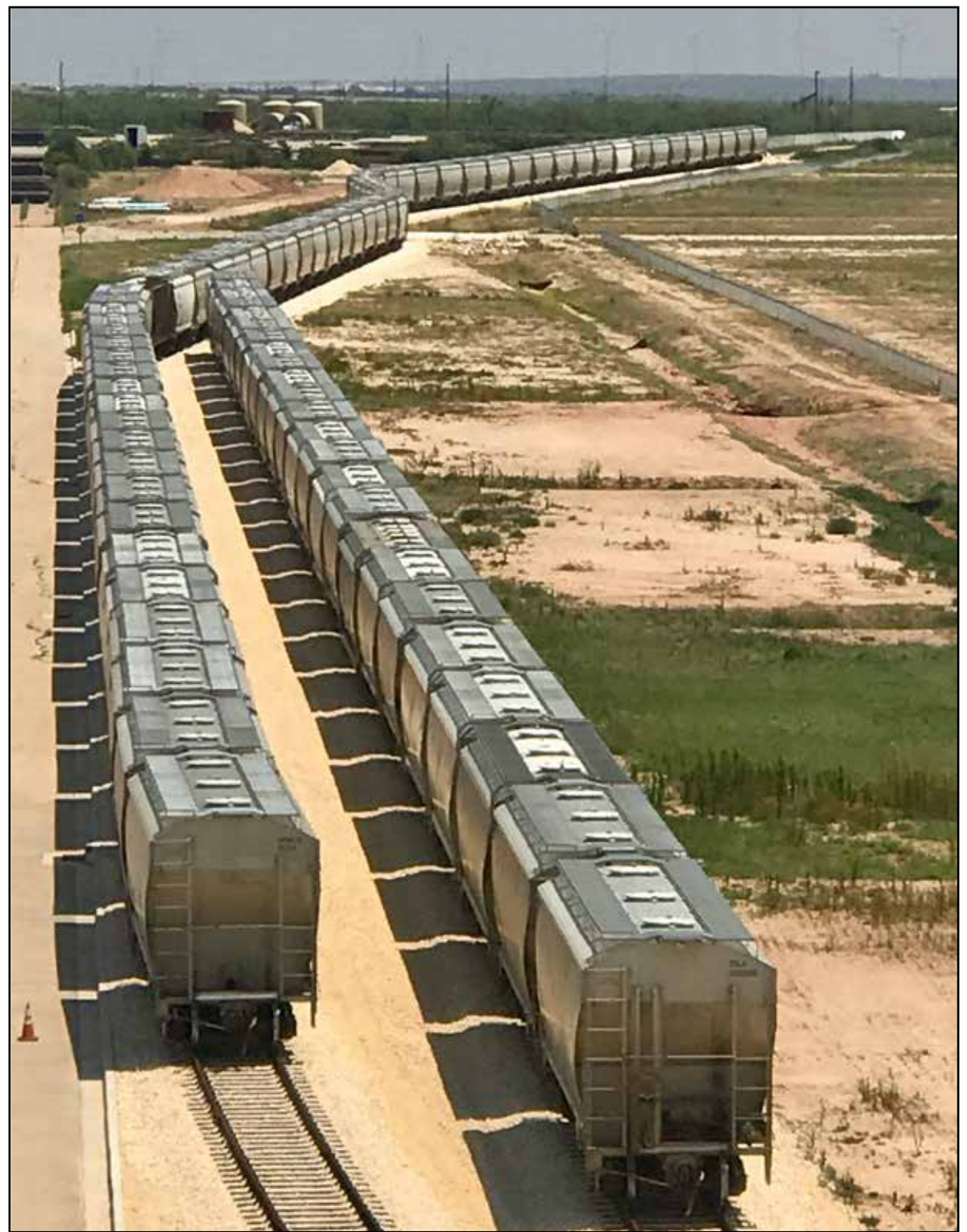
them alongside the Howard College High Kicking Hawks and Mistie's Dance Studio. Following the opening ceremonies, the event will waste no time getting right into the music with the band Spur 327 set to play at 7 p.m. The band will be followed by West Texas favorites Mark McKinney playing at 8:30 p.m. and Ronnie Milsap taking the stage at 10 p.m. A brief break will be pro-

vided after Spur 327 plays their set, in the form of 7/11's hot dog eating contest. The contest will take place in front of the stage at 8 p.m. Space is limited for the event so anyone who wished to participate is encouraged to apply early. "7/11 always gives nice prizes to the winners," said Allan Johnson, who helps organize the event. Saturday will be featuring

some huge band names that any rock fans will recognize, including Quiet Riot and Great White. The event also has a 9 a.m. praise and worship time on Saturday, according to Johnson, where music will be performed by some locals, including the Spring Creek Fellowship Church and Johnson himself. At 5 p.m. on Saturday, the Towneplace Suites VIP sec-

tion opens up followed by State Limbo who is set to take the stage at 5:30 p.m. Right after the band finishes they will be followed by Buzz Kill at 7 p.m. and then Quiet Riot is set for 8:45 p.m. Following Quiet Riot's set, the event will be hosting a meet and greet with Great White. Tickets can be purchased for \$100 for each band. See **FOURTH**, Page 3

## Rail project near completion



*Courtesy photo*  
**Big Spring Economic Development Corporation funded \$3.38 million in rail infrastructure at the McMahan/Wrinkle Airport & Industrial Park. The project is near final completion and is currently being utilized by several businesses and operated by Big Spring Rail in the Industrial Park.**

## One dead in vehicle rollover

**Special to the Herald**  
 A Big Spring man is dead following a one-vehicle accident on FM 669 Tuesday evening. According to a press release by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Marcos Garza, 57, was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green at the scene in Howard County about 10 miles south of Big Spring after rolling his 2008

Ford F-150. "Vehicle #1 (Garza's truck) was traveling east on FM 669 at a high rate of speed," the release states. "Vehicle #1 entered a curve in the roadway and rolled." The accident occurred at 7:08 p.m., the release says. According to the report, Garza was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. Services are currently pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## Racing towards the finish line

Permian Basin Events plans Super Sprint, Kids' Triathlon

By **AMANDA ELSTON**  
 Managing Editor

Local athletes, take your marks: The Big Spring Super Sprint and Kids' Triathlon is getting ready to get set and go! For the fifth year, Permian Basin Events is inviting seasoned triathletes, beginners, and children alike to swim, bike, and run their way to the finish line. Both races will take place the same day, Saturday, July 8, with the Kids' Triathlon kicking off the morning bright and early at 7 a.m in Comanche Trail Park and the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center. "The ages for the Kids' Triathlon are from six to 15," said event organizer Cherise Felty. "They do a loop in the lazy river. We turn off the jets and so the younger kids do one loop and the older kids do two loops and they they get out and get on their bikes and ride the course on their bikes and then they bring their bike back and they run."

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## Senate GOP health bill: Cut Medicaid, end no-coverage fines

By **ALAN FRAM** and **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans would cut Medicaid, end penalties for people not buying insurance and erase a raft of tax increases as part of their long-awaited plan to scuttle President Barack Obama's health care law, congressional aides and lobbyists say. After weeks of closed-door meetings that angered Dem-

ocrats and some Republicans, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, planned to release the proposal Thursday. The package represents McConnell's attempt to quell criticism by party moderates and conservatives and win the support he needs in a vote he hopes to stage next week. In a departure from the version the House approved

last month, which President Donald Trump privately called "mean," the Senate plan would drop the House's waivers allowing states to let insurers boost premiums on some people with pre-existing conditions. It would largely retain the subsidies Obama provided to help millions buy insurance, which are pegged mostly to

people's incomes and the premiums they pay. The House's tax credits were tied to people's ages, a change the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said would boost out-of-pocket costs to many lower earners. Starting in 2020, the Senate version would begin

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CHAD LEE PUGA**, 32, of 108 E 16th Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **ANDRENA LEIGH MORENO**, 33, of 1002 N Main Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **KENNETH WAYNE PHILLIPS JR.**, 24, of 906 Runnels, was

arrested on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.

- **STEVEN RAY JOHNSON**, 24, of 4707 Chaparral Road, was arrested on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of Richie Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- **AARON PAUL DELEON**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended with previous conviction or suspension.
- **TYLAR MORGAN MAREE HALE**, 19, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for burglary of habitation.

• **CODY DEJUAN HAWKINS**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• **EDRION PATRICK HOUSTON**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to appear, failure to control speed, and two counts of no driver's license.

• **STEVEN RAY JOHNSON**, 24, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for burglary of habitation.

• **ANDRENA LEIGH MORENO**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parent contrib-

• **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of E I-20 and the 3600 block of W Highway 80.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa Avenue and the 1600 block of E 6th Street.

• **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 800 block of S Aylesford Street.

uting to non-attendance.

• **KENNETH WAYNE PHILLIPS JR.**, 24, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for burglary of habitation.

• **CHAD LEE PUGA**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a motion to revoke warrant for burglary of habitation.

• **JOHNNY RICHARD REYES**, 29, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for failure to identify fugitive.

• **LEROY HILBERT ZUBIATE**, 33, was booked by the HCSO on a bench warrant.

## Take Note

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• The Big Spring Salvation Army is holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those in Howard County who need one but can't afford it. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

People who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 to register and receive the distribution date.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• 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 has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

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

• 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 432-271-2138.

• 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,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

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

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering



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## Obituaries

### Marcos Garza

Marcos Garza, 57, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 20, 2017, in Big Spring. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of West 4th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Scott Drive.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of South Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Golf Course Road.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Johnson.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on North Highway 87.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near North Highway 87 and FM 1584.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near MM 167 on I-20.

## Support Groups

### 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 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

• 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.

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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**BILL**

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shifting increasing amounts of tax credits away from higher earners, making more funds available to lower-income recipients, some officials said.

The emerging Senate bill was described by people on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Facing uniform Democratic opposition, the Senate plan would fail if just three of the chamber's 52 Republicans defect. More than half a dozen GOP senators have expressed problems with the measure, and a defeat would be a humiliating setback for Trump and McConnell on one of their party's top priorities.

"We have a responsibility to move forward, and we are,"

said McConnell, R-Ky.

GOP Senate leaders were eager for a seal of approval from Trump, who had urged them to produce a bill more "generous" than the House's.

"It's going to be important to get the president's support to get us across the finish line," No. 2 Senate GOP leader John Cornyn of Texas said Wednesday of White House officials.

Democrats say GOP characterizations of Obama's law as failing are wrong, while the Republican effort would boot millions off coverage and leave others facing higher out-of-pocket costs. The budget office said the House bill would cause 23 million to lose coverage by 2026.

The Senate measure would phase out the extra money Obama provided to expand the federal-state Medicaid program for the poor and disabled to millions of additional

low earners. But it would be more gradual than the House bill, which cuts off the extra funds for new Medicaid beneficiaries in 2020. Republican senators from states that expanded Medicaid, such as Ohio's Rob Portman, want to extend that phase-out to seven years.

The Senate proposal would impose annual limits on the federal money that goes to each state for the overall Medicaid program, which would tighten even further beginning in 2025. Unlimited federal dollars now flow to each state for Medicaid, covering all eligible beneficiaries and services.

Like the House bill, the Senate measure would block federal payments to Planned Parenthood, two sources said. Many Republicans have long fought that organization because it provides abortions.

But it was unclear if, or how, the Senate would follow the House's path and forbid the use of health care tax credits to buy coverage that includes abortions. Such a prohibition is a major demand by conservatives, but special rules the Senate is using to ease passage of the legislation restrict the policy changes the measure can include.

The Senate would end the tax penalties Obama's law created for people not buying insurance and larger employers not offering coverage to workers. The so-called individual mandate — aimed at keeping insurance markets solvent by prompting younger, healthier people to buy policies — has long been one of the GOP's favorite targets.

To help pay for its expanded coverage to around 20 million more people, Obama's law increased taxes on higher in-

come people, medical industry companies and others, totaling around \$1 trillion over a decade. Like the House bill, the Senate plan would repeal or delay those tax boosts.

The House waiver allowing higher premiums for some people with pre-existing serious illnesses was added shortly before that chamber approved its bill last month and helped attract conservative support. It has come under widespread criticism from Democrats and helped prompt some moderate House Republicans to vote against the measure. Conservatives like Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., have warned they could oppose the bill if it doesn't go far enough in dismantling Obama's law. Moderates including Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, have expressed concern that the measure would cause many to lose coverage.

**RACES**

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The course for children ages six to 10 consists of one loop (100 m) around the lazy river at the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center, a four-kilometer bike ride, and a one-kilometer run. Children ages 11 to 15 will swim two loops around the lazy river (200 m), bike eight kilometers, and run two kilometers.

After all children are off of the course, the adult Super Sprint will commence around 8 a.m. While the distances are less than a typical triathlon, Felty said it was perfect for those gearing up for a triathlon or beginners interested in getting started.

"The distances are less than they are at the Comanche Warrior (a triath-

lon Permian Basin Events puts on) so it is perfect for a beginner or a person wanting to try a triathlon and has never done one before," said Felty. "It's a great way to get started."

The Super Sprint's course will consist of a 300 meter swim, a 12 kilometer bike ride, and a three kilometer run.

According to Felty, both races are spectator friendly.

"If parents are coming to watch their kids, they can see them pretty easily," said Felty. "We have had some parents decide they want to run along with the kids and that is fine. It's very family-oriented."

After both races are completed, the award ceremony kicks off at 10 a.m.

There will be different awards for age groups as well as male and female

awards.

Roads will be closed to cars during both the Kids' Triathlon and the Super Sprint.

"The bike and run are in Comanche Park so they close it off to cars in order to keep participants safe," said Felty. "There won't be cars driving in the park so we can keep the kids and adults safe. When they do their bike and run course in the park they won't be on any major roads."

While sign-ups for both races are currently open, Felty encourages those interested to sign up earlier rather than later.

"The best way is to sign up early," said Felty. We can guarantee their shirt size a little better. They can sign up the day before as well. We are going to have packet pick up for those who registered on-

line from 5 to 8 p.m. on the 7th. We set up a tent and the ones who have registered come and pick up their packet in order to participate the next day. Sometimes people sign up then which is fine. They can register then too."

Participants can go to permianbasinevents.com to sign up and learn more information about the races.

"We do it early enough before it gets hot," said Felty. "It's just family oriented and we encourage people to sign up. We have a lot of volunteers who help us and it's just a fun day."

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**FOURTH**

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Quiet Riot will also be having a meet and greet at 10:15 p.m. following Great White's meet.

Great White is set to perform at 10:45 p.m. on Saturday night finishing off the two days of live music and activities.

The Towneplace Suites by Marriott VIP section opens on 5:30 p.m Friday, and on 5:00 p.m. Saturday. The VIP section will feature its own private toilets, a free meal each day, and a private bar for those who do not like to stand in line. Tickets for the section can be purchased for \$50 each night or \$85 for both. However, tickets are selling out fast for the section. Anyone interested can contact a Downtown Revitalization Association member for details.

Parents will also be able to purchase wristbands for kids to take part in the Kidzone. The wristbands are \$20 each day for unlimited rides on the many rides and booths they have set up. Some activities include a mechanical bull, a ferris wheel, and a 'super slide'.

"The Kidzone is incredible this year," said Christy Brorman, president of the Downtown Revitalization Association.

The Funtastic Fourth wouldn't be possible without help from its main sponsors: Alon USA and 7/11. It also relies on the help of the many volunteers and the Downtown Revitalization Association who help put it together and keep it running smooth. For those interested in volunteering, visit the website or contact Lana Saverance at 432-816-1058 for more information.

For more information regarding the Alon USA and 7/11 Funtastic Fourth and the events, visit their website at www.bigspringdra.com. Contact information for DRA members and a full schedule of the two day event is available online.

Contact Staff Writer Robert Barlow at (432) 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

**Mourners gather for funeral of student detained in N Korea**

By DAKE KANG

Associated Press  
WYOMING, Ohio (AP) — Hundreds of mourners gathered Thursday to celebrate the life of an American college student who was detained in North Korea for over a year and died shortly after being returned home to Ohio in a coma.

Otto Warmbier's brother, sister and friends were among the scheduled speakers for the funeral Thursday at a high school in his hometown of Wyoming, near Cincinnati. A rabbi was officiating at the public service, which was closed to the news media.

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, a Republican from the Cincinnati area, told the throng of reporters stationed outside that Warmbier was "an amazing young man" from a resilient family and that North Korea must be held accountable for what hap-

pened to the 22-year-old University of Virginia student, who died Monday.

"This college kid never should have been detained in the first place," said Portman, who previously revealed that he met secretly with North Korean officials in New York last December to press for Warmbier's release. He said North Korea's treatment of Otto demonstrated "a basic disregard for human rights, for human dignity."

Warmbier was accused of trying to steal a propaganda banner while visiting North Korea in 2015 and was later convicted of subversion. His family said they were told that he had been in a coma since shortly after he was sentenced to prison with hard labor in March 2016.

After he returned to Ohio, doctors determined he had suffered a "severe neurological injury" of unknown cause. Warm-

bier's family objected to an autopsy, so the Hamilton County coroner's office conducted only an external examination of his body and is still trying to determine his cause of death.

It was his life that held mourners' attention Thursday as they fondly remembered a spirited student-athlete who was socially magnetic and had a positive impact on the people around him, whether it was in class, at a swim club or in his travels.

His former soccer coach, Steve Thomas, said Warmbier came from a religious family and was involved in mission trips and a birthright trip to Israel.

"He had a deep desire to know God in a personal way," Thomas said.

"He wasn't big on doing things because he was supposed to do it. He did things because

he wanted to do them."

A handout for the funeral featured a photo of Warmbier posing next to his mother and included a quote from his salutatorian speech in 2013: "This is our season finale. This is the end of one great show, but just the beginning to hundreds of new spin-offs."

About a hundred people were turned away from the funeral as the auditorium holding roughly 2,000 people was filled to capacity. The attendees included Ambassador Joseph Yun, the U.S. special envoy who traveled to Pyongyang to bring Warmbier back.

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## Dallas narrows search for new police chief to 8 candidates

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas has narrowed its search for a new police chief to eight candidates.

City Manager T.C. Broadnax on Wednesday named the finalists to replace David Brown, who retired in October. There are three internal candidates including Deputy Chief Malik Aziz, the executive director of the National Black Police Association. In 2015, Aziz was a finalist for the top police job in Tucson, Arizona.

Other contenders come from departments in Seattle, Detroit, Los Angeles, Maryland and neighboring Grand Prairie, Texas.

David Pughes has been interim police chief, but has said it's not a job he wants permanently.

Brown's leadership was lauded after the fatal shootings last July of four Dallas officers and one transit officer. He also drew criticism during his tenure over how to deal with a violent crime surge.

## Texas oil company opens regional headquarters in New Mexico

HOBBS, N.M. (AP) — A Texas-based oil company has opened a new regional headquarters in southeastern New Mexico as activity in the Permian Basin heats up.

Officials with Mewbourne Oil say the new office represents the company's commitment to the region and its interest in expansion in the years to come.

Founder and owner Curtis Mewbourne says the Permian, which spans parts of New Mexico and West Texas, has emerged as one of the premier basins in the global oil and gas industry.

Mewbourne already is among the most active oil and gas drillers in New Mexico. The company has about 135 employees in Hobbs and expects to hire more.

Gov. Susana Martinez was among those who were in Hobbs on Wednesday to mark the opening of Mewbourne's new office.

## Houston to join lawsuit against Texas 'sanctuary city' law

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston city leaders have voted to join a lawsuit trying to halt a Texas law that would crack down on "sanctuary cities."

The City Council voted 10-6, with one abstention, Wednesday to join the lawsuit, filed in San Antonio federal court.

Houston joins Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, El Paso County and several organizations challenging the law.

The law, which takes effect in September, would let police ask people about their immigration status during routine stops.

It also threatens elected officials with removal from office if they don't cooperate with federal immigration authorities.

Mayor Sylvester Turner said Houston is not going to act like Immigration and Customs Enforcement and "if there is any bill that says I could be removed because I make that pronouncement, I'm concerned with that."

## F-16 jet catches fire at Houston airport; pilot ejects

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials say an F-16 fighter jet caught fire while attempting to take off at Ellington Airport in Houston and the pilot ejected.

The Houston Fire Department says in a statement that crews were dispatched to assist with a "downed plane" late Wednesday morning. The statement says the F-16 was on fire on the ground after the pilot ejected.

The pilot was transported to a hospital. Officials had no immediate information on the extent of the pilot's injuries or further details on what caused the accident at Ellington Airport, which is home to a Texas Air National Guard base.

Airport spokesman Bill Begley says the incident happened as the jet was taking off.

Further details weren't immediately available Wednesday.

## Texas murder suspect took officer's gun to fire on others

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — A South Texas police chief says a murder suspect who wounded three police officers in an exchange of gunfire had taken the service weapon of one officer to fire on the others.

Laredo Chief Claudio Trevino said during a news conference Tuesday that suspect Antonio Geraldo Rodriguez used his own weapon during a June 2 confrontation outside a convenience store to wound officer Mario Casares.

Rodriguez then took Casares' weapon and kept firing. It's not clear whether the others were injured by Rodriguez's own weapon or the officer's.

Trevino says the video reveals that Rodriguez likely died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound rather than being shot by an officer.

Rodriguez was being sought in the shooting death of his girlfriend.

The officers were treated and released from San Antonio hospitals.

## Tropical Storm Cindy: Drenching rains, flood threat on coast



**Kenny Kuluz wades through flood waters at the Ocean Springs, Miss., harbor as the combination of high tide and the rain bands of Tropical Storm Cindy, dumped rain on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Wednesday morning, June 21, 2017.**

By KEVIN MCGILL

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tropical Storm Cindy sent drenching rain bands over the north Gulf Coast on Wednesday, swamping low-lying coastal roads and pushing a waterspout ashore in one beachfront community as residents from east Texas to the Florida Panhandle warily eyed the storm's slow crawl toward land.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, like his Alabama counterpart a day earlier, declared a state of emergency Wednesday as dangerous flash-flooding remained a threat.

Cindy had weakened slightly, with top sustained winds dropping to 50 mph (85 kph) from 60 mph (95 kph) earlier, but heavy rain bands spinning off

the storm remained the biggest threat to coastal residents across parts of five states. A tropical storm warning was in effect along the coast from San Luis Pass, Texas, to the mouth of the Mississippi River.

On the Mississippi coast, a waterspout came ashore in Biloxi even as heavy rains slackened early Wednesday. Harrison County Emergency Management Director Rupert Lacy said there were no injuries but fences, trees and power lines were damaged.

"There's still a long stretch of tropical moisture coming across the Gulf of Mexico," said Alek Krautmann of the National Weather Service in Slidell, Louisiana. "We still think there's a heavy rain potential really through Thursday night and early Friday."

By Wednesday morning, the storm had dumped from 2 to 7 inches (50-180 millimeters) of rain on parts of southern Louisiana. In coastal Mississippi, some areas received 6 to 9 inches (150-230 millimeters). Bands of dry air pulled into the storm from the northwest helped spread out the rain bands, Krautmann said, somewhat easing the danger of flooding overnight.

Still, there were widespread reports of street and road flooding along the Gulf Coast as far east as Florida, where the National Park Service reported the bridge between Navarre Beach and Pensacola Beach was closed. One emergency official also reported downed trees and other damage in and around Fort Walton Beach in the Florida Panhandle after a storm cell blew through.

## Ex-Texas nurse accused of killing dozens charged with murder

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former Texas nurse who prosecutors say may be responsible for the deaths of up to 60 young children was indicted Wednesday on a murder charge for the second time in recent weeks.

The Bexar County district attorney's office said in a statement that Geneve Jones was charged in the September 1981 death of 2-year-old Rosemary Vega.

She was charged with a separate count of murder last month in the death of an 11-month-old boy.

Jones, 66, is serving concurrent 99-year and 60-year sentences in state prison for the 1982 killing of another toddler and the sicken-

ing of a 4-week-old boy who survived. But she was scheduled to be released in March under a mandatory release law in place when she was convicted.

During Jones' time working at a San Antonio hospital and elsewhere in Texas, children died of unexplained seizures and other complications.

District Attorney Nico LaHood previously said investigators believe Jones may have killed some or all of those children because they died under unusual circumstances during or shortly after her shifts.

The 11-month-old boy died of a fatal overdose of an anti-seizure drug, Dilantin, and prosecutors at Jones' 1984 murder trial said the nurse lethally injected children at a clinic in Kerrville, northwest of San Antonio, to demonstrate the need for a

pediatric intensive care unit at a nearby hospital.

Other prosecutors theorized that Jones' tactic was to take swift medical action and save some of her victims, making herself appear to be a sort of miracle worker.

It's not clear why Jones' actions, involving so many suspected victims, were not detected earlier. But Sam Millsap, a previous district attorney in Bexar

County, told KSAT-TV in 2013 that medical records at the San Antonio hospital at one point were accidentally destroyed, hampering efforts by investigators to prove their suspicions. She received a letter of recommendation in 1982 from the hospital that described her as "loyal, dependable and trustworthy," according to a report jointly published by Texas Monthly and Pro Publica.



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Answers: 1) S'mores, 2) Hot dogs, 3) Stew, 4) Marshmallows, 5) Hamburgers, 6) Fish, 7) Chili



## Jokes and Riddles

Q: What should you do when you find a fork in the road on a hike?  
A: Stop and have lunch.

Q: How can you start a fire with two pieces of wood?  
A: Make sure one is a matchstick.

## Old Faithful

Have you ever been to Yellowstone National Park? If so, you may have seen Old Faithful. It is a cone-shaped geyser that erupts about every 91 minutes, shooting 3,700 to 8,400 gallons of boiling water into the air.

A group of explorers discovered Old Faithful in 1870. They were surprised to see it, and after watching it for a while, they named it Old Faithful because of its regular eruptions.

Today, Old Faithful continues to delight park visitors. It is not the biggest or the most consistent geyser, but it is a sight to behold nonetheless.



## What Rhymes with Tent

- List 10 words that rhyme with "tent."
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Some answers: bent, cent, dent, lent, meant, rent, sent, spent, went

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## Fact or Fiction? WILDLIFE CHALLENGE

If you have ever been camping, you have probably seen, if not heard, some wildlife. How much do you know about wildlife? Take this quiz and find out.

- 1) Deer are quiet creatures that drivers fear running into. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 2) Geese quack. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 3) Tigers growl and often go after campers' food. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 4) Copperheads rattle their tails to let campers know they are near or about to strike. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 5) Beavers build lodges to live in. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 6) Owls do most of their hooting during the day. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 7) Bullfrogs croak so loud they can often be heard miles away. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 8) Squirrels like to dine on hawks. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 9) Crickets squawk. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 10) Fish rarely make any noise, other than an occasional splash when they jump up out of the water. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, you won't find tigers at campgrounds, but you may find bears and they like to get into campers' food, 4) Fiction, rattlesnakes are the only snakes with a rattle on their tails, 5) Fact, 6) Fiction, owls mostly sleep during the day, 7) Fact, 8) Fiction, hawks like to dine on squirrels, 9) Fiction, crickets chirp, hawks squawk, 10) Fact

### Mike Fiers wins 4th straight decision as Astros beat A's 5-1

By JANEY McCAULEY

AP Baseball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Houston Astros have found success stringing together hits, even just base hits. They had five singles in the decisive sixth Wednesday night.

Carlos Correa homered, Mike Fiers struck out five over six innings to win his fourth straight decision, and the majors-best Astros won for the ninth straight time in Oakland, beating the Athletics 5-1.

Evan Gattis hit a two-run single in the sixth against A's lefty Sean Manaea to break a scoreless tie and back Fiers (5-2). The right-hander also won his seventh straight road decision in his last 11 away outings for Houston (49-24).

"The five singles in an inning continues to be the theme where we can put together the innings and score runs without the home run," manager A.J. Hinch said. "That impressed me that we just took what he gave us, hit the ball hard, got some good results and scored some runs."

Jake Marisnick added an RBI single in the decisive sixth inning of the Astros' 14th victory in the last 15 overall against Oakland. Marisnick added a sacrifice fly in the eighth after the A's got on the board with pinch-hitter Stephen Vogt's RBI groundout.

Correa connected for his 14th homer in the ninth against Josh Smith and also turned a couple of snazzy double plays.

"That's why our team's so dynamic," third baseman Alex Bregman said. "We've got speed, we've got power, we've got power arms."

Manaea (6-4) lost for the first time in seven starts since a May 15 defeat at Seattle. He had won five consecutive decisions overall, but is yet to beat Houston in six starts.

"They're unbelievable, one through nine, you don't catch any breaks," Manaea said.

Vogt, a catcher, played left field for the first time since July 2, 2014, at

Detroit and had several balls immediately hit his way as Oakland lost a third straight game since an impressive four-game sweep of the New York Yankees over the weekend.

"We could have done something a little differently, but if it got down there we wanted another left-handed bat in the lineup and he wanted to play, so he did a nice job with that," manager Bob Melvin said.

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: INF Marwin Gonzalez, who injured his left hand earlier this month, didn't play against a lefty starter — his second straight game out of the lineup. He is healthy but Hinch said he wants to wait until the weekend at Seattle to use Gonzalez against left-handed pitchers. ... Rehabbing RHP Collin McHugh, who is dealing with elbow discomfort and is yet to pitch this year, threw 24 pitches in live batting practice in Florida and "felt fine" according to Hinch. The plan is for him to do another similar session.

Athletics: 3B Matt Chapman sat out for a third straight day with a left knee infection. An antibiotic is helping. "Swelling's coming down a little bit, range of motion better. I'm not sure when we're going to be comfortable putting him in the field yet, but it's not today," Melvin said. ... RF Matt Joyce returned to the lineup leading off after missing Tuesday with back tightness.

#### ROAD STREAK

Houston's nine straight victories at the Coliseum mark the Astros' longest road winning streak in a single venue since 11 in a row at Cincinnati's Great American Ball Park from 2007-09. Houston will go for a sweep in Thursday afternoon's series finale.

#### UP NEXT

Rookie RHP David Paulino (1-0) looks to follow up his first major league victory with another stellar start in the series finale opposite A's RHP Jesse Hahn (3-4), who is 2-0 with a 2.81 ERA in three outings since coming off the DL on June 6.



AP photo

Houston Astros' Jose Altuve, right, slides safely to third base behind Oakland Athletics' Ryan Healy during the sixth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 21, 2017, in Oakland, Calif. Altuve advanced on a single by Carlos Correa.



AP photo

Houston Astros' Evan Gattis swings for a two-run single off Oakland Athletics' Sean Manaea during the sixth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 21, 2017, in Oakland, Calif.

### Blue Jays hold on for 7-5 win over Rangers after 6-run 1st

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Darwin Barney's two-run homer capped a big first inning and was just enough for the Toronto Blue Jays to earn a victory — and again get within one game of their first .500 record this season.

Still, the shot by Barney over the left-field wall that capped a quick six-run outburst in a 7-5 win Wednesday night wasn't quite as exciting as Rangers slugger Joey Gallo's drive that ricocheted off of it for an inside-the-park homer.

"It went up, I looked back to find the wall and when I looked back to find the ball again I had no idea where it was," said Blue Jays left fielder Steve Pearce, who crashed hard into the wall trying to make the play — and left the game an inning later with a bruised right knee.

Ryan Goins drove in three runs for Toronto, including a two-run double in the first that preceded Barney's homer off Tyson Ross. Barney was 4 for 40 in his previous 15 games.

In the series finale Thursday, Toronto (35-36) will try for the ninth time this season to get to .500.

Gallo's 19th homer, an opposite-field shot leading off the fifth, was among his career-high three extra-base hits — he also had two doubles and scored three runs. The 6-foot-5, 230-pound slugger was 6 for 50 over his previous 14 games before a night off Tuesday.

"As soon as it hit the wall and he went down, I thought I might have a chance at scoring. It was pretty exciting," Gallo said.

"Day down I think freshened him up a little bit," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "It's always fun to watch a big man like that run around the bases. ... It's fun to watch when this guy is swinging the bat well."

Joe Biagini (2-6) struck out five in 5 2/3 innings for his first win in seven starts since May 12.

Roberto Osuna worked the ninth for his 19th save. The right-hander has converted his last 18 chances since consecutive blown saves in late April.

Ross (1-1) threw 41 pitches in the first and allowed seven runs over three innings in only his second start since signing with Texas as a free agent

in January. San Diego's opening day starter in 2016 missed the rest of the season because of right shoulder issues, then was out to start this season while recovering from surgery for thoracic outlet syndrome.

Goins' RBI groundout in the third put Toronto up 7-0, before Shin-Soo Choo's two-run homer in the bottom of the inning.

Gallo doubled again in the sixth and scored on a two-run single by Delino DeShields, the last Texas hit.

"They just kept creeping back; we scored early," Toronto manager John Gibbons said. "We took advantage of the kid in the first."

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

Blue Jays: Pearce, who was 3 for 3 at the plate, was replaced in left field to start the sixth. "At first, when the adrenaline was in there, I thought I could go," he said. ... RHP Leonel Campos was put on the 10-day disabled list, a day after he strained his right groin covering first base. The Blue Jays' 12 players on the DL match Tampa Bay for most in the majors.

Rangers: LHP Cole Hamels (right oblique strain) threw 81 pitches in 5 2/3 innings for Double-A Frisco and could return to the Texas rotation as early as next week. He's been out since late April.

#### SHORT HOPS

Jose Bautista made his Blue Jays-record 857th career start in right field, breaking a tie with Jesse Barfield. ... Choo had two hits and two walks, reaching base multiple times for the seventh game in a row and 10th time in 11 games. He has reached base in 26 of 51 plate appearances over his last 11 games.

#### INSIDE THE PARK

The Rangers have 26 inside-the-park homers in their history. Gallo's was only the fourth at home in 24 seasons in their current ballpark.

#### UP NEXT

Blue Jays: The Blue Jays are 0-8 when attempting to even their record, including a 6-1 loss Tuesday night, and have been outscored 62-20 in those defeats.

Rangers: Texas wraps up a seven-game homestand before playing 20 of its next 26 games on the road. The Rangers have lost eight of their last 12 at home.



AP photo

Toronto Blue Jays' Ryan Goins follows through on a two-run double as Texas Rangers' Jonathan Lucroy, right, watches during the first inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, June 21, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo (17) is congratulated by Joey Gallo, right, after Choo hit a two-run home run that scored Gallo, as Toronto Blue Jays catcher Luke Maile stands by the plate during the third inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, June 21, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

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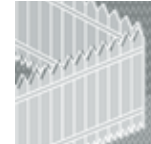
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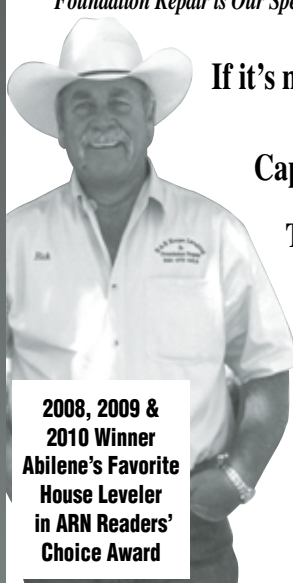
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(and repeat and repeat and repeat).

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The examples and ideas that come to mind are the most available ones to your brain, not necessarily the best or most accurate ones. For the best results, question and test everything.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** To be very literal in your interpretation of what is directed to you is to miss the intention of almost everything. People rarely say what they mean, after all. Feel the tone.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Attraction is the glue of the universe. Desire brings things into being. If you feel needy, if you are left wanting, if you are a slave to your cravings, find the creative force in this and let it power you.

**LEO (July 23-**

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**Aug. 22).** Sometimes we don't want what's good for us. The more we want something, the less wise we become. Back off. Detach. Don't ask, "Will I?" before you ask, "Should I?"

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** If you learn from every scenario, the more scenarios you live, the more you'll learn. So when the question of whether to go or stay arises, if your aim is to be wiser, the answer is usually to go.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Though you value sincerity, you also see the value in its opposite, which today amounts to someone's rather creative way of assembling the given information in order to accomplish the greater good. Call it diplomacy.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You

admire those who are better prepared, but don't let that stop you from jumping in and doing your best with whatever you have and wherever you are in the learning process.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Conversations have a way of getting off-track as people keep talking to try and make a connection that may never come. Instead, keep it brief, say what you need to say, and then leave and let it sink in.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Tremendous rationality can have a way of dulling your senses. This has been a theme for you lately and the cosmic challenge really comes to a peak today. Use your feelings; choose your heart.

**AQUARIUS (Jan.**

**20-Feb. 18).** This is no time to start falling in line. You could save the day by marching to your own drum. Give yourself the leeway to mess around, try things on and poke your nose into the parts of it that don't seem meant for you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** To rebel is a natural urge. Without it there's no progress. Remember this when -- for reasons you can't explain -- you want to overturn the authority (even if said authority is only a voice in your own head).

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back to visit from time to time. When they do visit, they expect me to entertain them. I feel that because they are staying with her, it is my time to take a break. They don't seem to realize the pressures I go through every day, when I wonder whether she will answer the door or I will find her on the floor.

Am I being unreasonable in wanting to be able to "escape" mentally and physically for a couple of days whenever it is convenient for them to "escape" their out-of-state lives and visit? I'd like to be able to visit my children and maybe travel a little bit. They not only try to make me feel guilty but also put my mom up to calling me on their behalf. -- Needing a Break in Pensacola

**Dear Needing a Break:** It is absolutely reasonable -- and smart -- that you want some time alone and away from the stresses of caretaking. To

properly take care of anyone, you first need to take care of yourself. If your batteries are constantly drained, they'll eventually be past the point of recharging. Look into hiring some professional help to supplement your own care of your mother. Many insurances, including Medicare and Medicaid, include some form of hospice coverage. Visit <https://hospice-foundation.org>.

As for your siblings, how they want to treat your mother is their choice. Though you can't force them to spend more time with her, you can stick up for yourself and ask them to stop shifting blame onto you. You are a wonderful daughter. Don't let them make you think otherwise because of their own selfish motives.

**Dear Annie:** I can no longer take this digital world.

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instead of letting it run for two hours; my old dishwasher ran with nothing but a push of the start button. I cannot get an ice cube from my new refrigerator. It's like an algebra problem. I used to get ice cubes from my old refrigerator by opening the freezer door and grabbing the ice cube tray. New refrigerators do not come equipped with ice cube trays.

My old TV set used to turn on with the click of a single button on the remote. My new TV requires three or four clicks before the picture turns on. I used to play a tape by simply pushing "play" and turned it off by pushing "off." I am still trying to learn the steps that one has to go through to turn off a DVR. This is the reason mental problems are on the rise for people over 80. -- Digital Victim

**Dear Digital Victim:** I feel your pain. I hate having to use two remotes and a considerable amount of

brainpower just to turn on the nightly news. But look at it this way: These technological challenges, although frustrating, are working your brain. Cognitive psychologists have found that learning new skills helps to ward off dementia by strengthening connections between different areas of the brain.

That said, you don't have to drive yourself crazy figuring things out on your own. Ask a store associate for help next time you're buying such a product. You might also benefit from taking a computer course at your local library, as it could help you feel savvier with technology overall. Don't give up.

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**sudoku**

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

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		5	2		8	4		

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
**The Tel Aviv Coup**

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 8 5 4 3  
♥ A 9 8 7 4  
♦ 6  
♣ Q

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

**EAST**  
♠ J 9  
♥ 6 5 3 2  
♦ K 10 8 7  
♣ A 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♥ K 6  
♦ K Q J 10  
♠ A Q 9 2  
♣ K J 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2NT Pass 3♥ Pass  
3NT Pass 4NT Pass  
5♦ Pass 6♥ Pass  
Opening lead — ten of spades.

ding shown, and L.L. No. 1 led the ten of spades. This was a rather unusual lead — in most circles the ten would signify a singleton or doubleton ten, or else the 10-9-x(-x) of spades.

Declarer followed low from dummy, expecting to make the slam easily, whereupon L.L. No. 2 complicated the situation by playing the jack on the ten. Actually, L.L. No. 2 was trying to show a doubleton by starting a high-low signal, but South did not know this and naturally assumed that West had started with the 10-9-7-2.

After taking the first spade with the king, declarer tested trumps. Had they divided 2-2 or 3-1, he would have had no problem making the slam. But when West showed out on the heart king, South was forced to continue with his Q-J-10 in order to exhaust East of trumps.

Declarer then led the six of spades from his hand and finessed dummy's eight, completely confident that West had started with the 10-9-7-2 (or at least the 10-9-7). But East won with the nine and triumphantly cashed the ace of clubs to bring an end to the sad affair.

Thus poor South became the victim of the very first Tel Aviv Coup.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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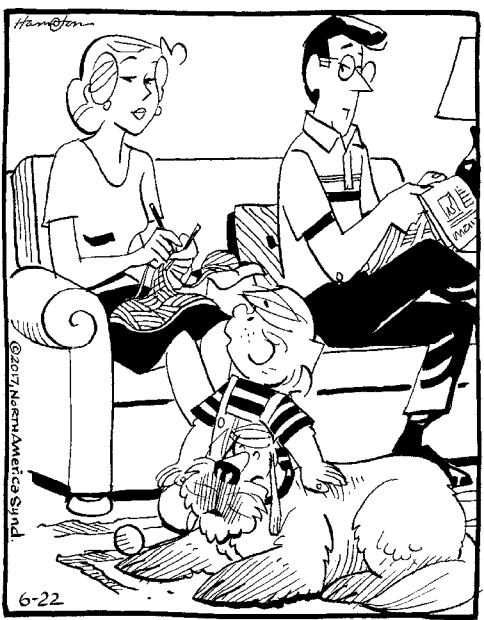
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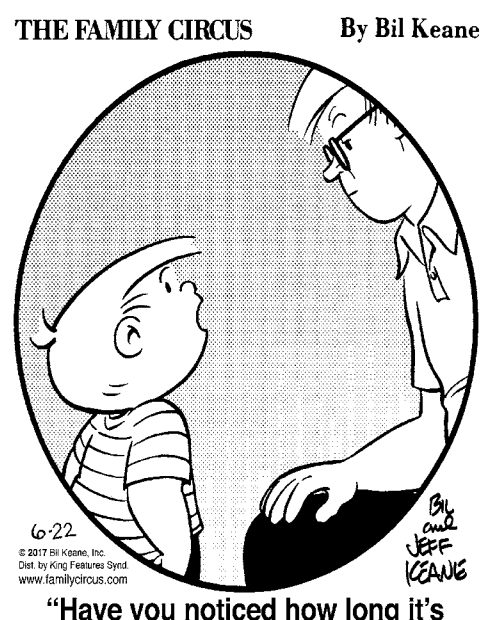
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"GINA'S NEW DOG MUST BE BROKEN. HER DAD'S HAVIN' HER FIXED."

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bill Keane

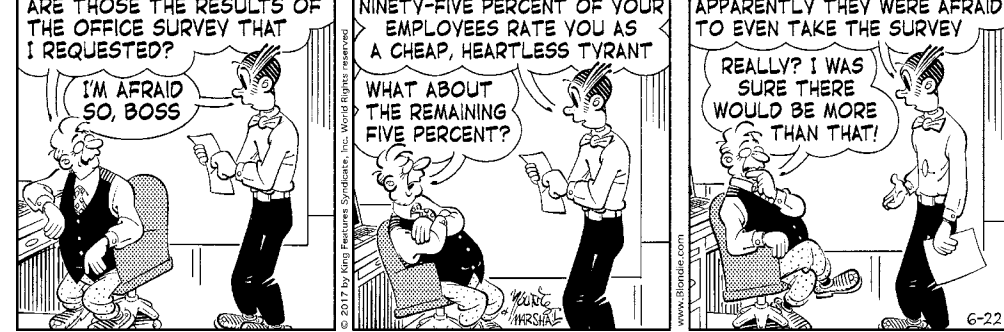


"Have you noticed how long it's taking for my next birthday to get here?"

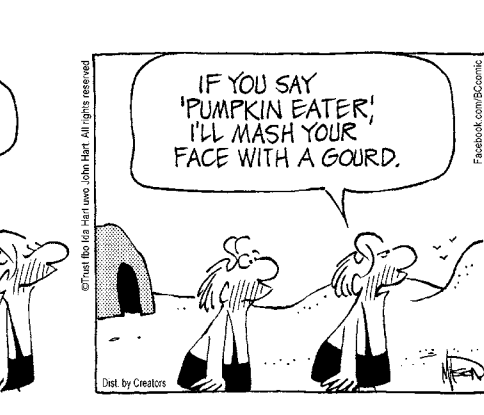
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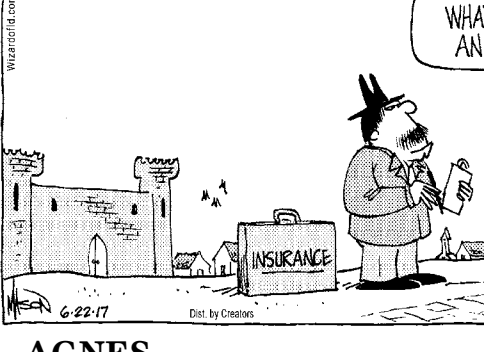
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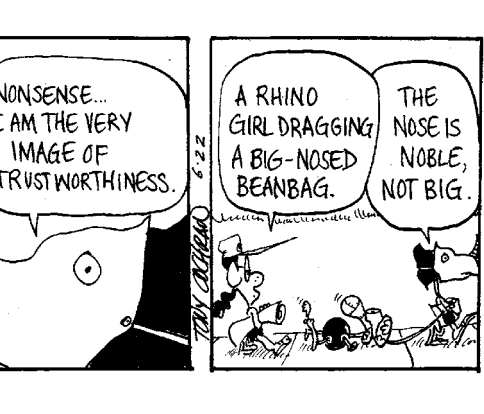
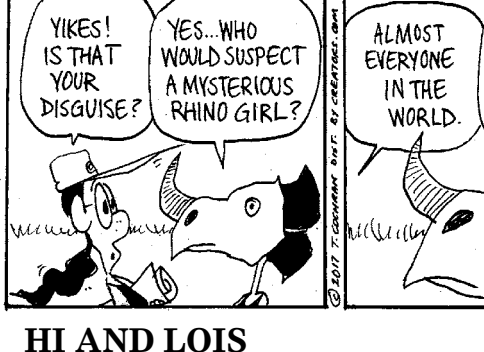
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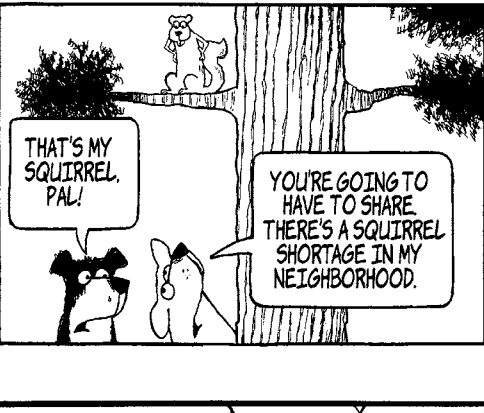
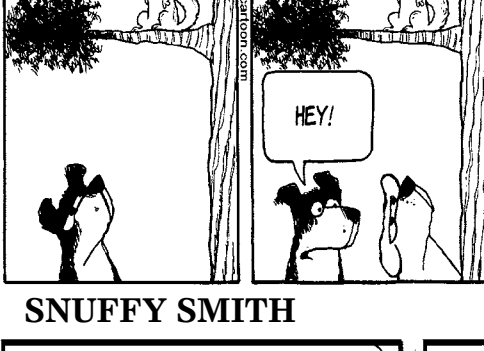
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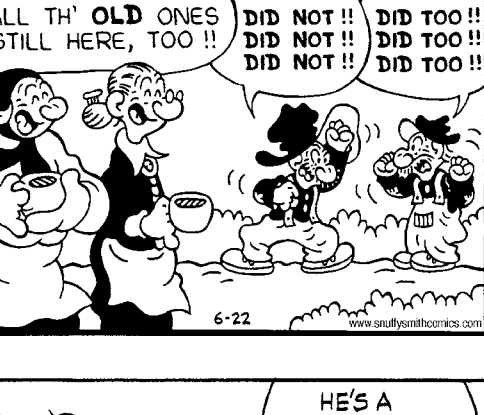
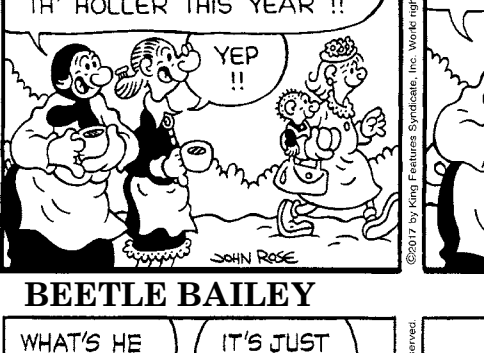
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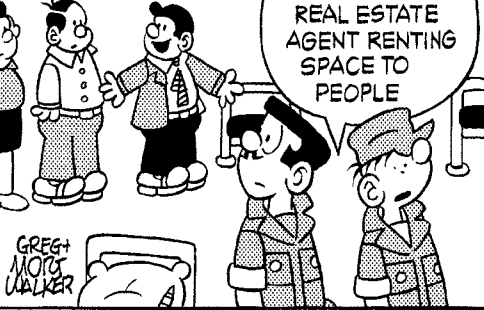
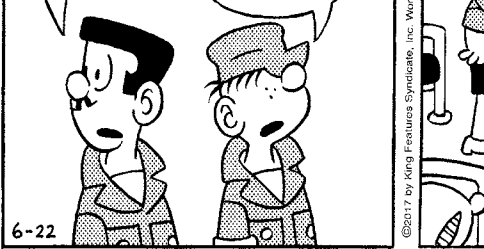
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**This Date In History**

Today is Thursday, June 22, the 173rd day of 2017. There are 192 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 22, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the "GI Bill of Rights."

On this date: In 1611, English explorer Henry Hudson, his son and several other people were set adrift in present-day Hudson Bay by mutineers aboard the Discovery.

In 1870, the United States Department of Justice was created.

In 1911, Britain's King George V was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

In 1937, Joe Louis began his reign as world heavyweight boxing champion by knocking out Jim Braddock in the eighth round of their fight in Chicago. (A year later on this date, Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in the first round of their rematch at Yankee Stadium.)

In 1940, during World War II, Adolf Hitler gained a stunning victory as France was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris.

In 1941, Nazi Germany launched Operation Barbarossa, a massive invasion of the Soviet Union.

In 1945, the World War II battle for Okinawa ended with an Allied victory.

In 1969, singer-actress Judy Garland died in London at age 47.

In 1977, John N. Mitchell became the first former U.S. Attorney General to go to prison as he began serving a sentence for his role in the Watergate cover-up. (He was released 19 months later.)

In 1987, actor-dancer Fred Astaire died in Los Angeles at age 88.

In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul*, unanimously ruled that "hate crime" laws that banned cross burning and similar expressions of racial bias violated free-speech rights.

In 1997, world leaders in Denver concluded the historic Summit of Eight that included Russia's first-ever full participation. Dr. Nancy W. Dickey was named the first female president of the American Medical Association.

Ten years ago: Atlantis and its seven astronauts returned to Earth safely, ending a two-week mission to deliver an addition to the international space station and bringing home crew member Sunita "Sunni" Williams, who set a then-record for longest single spaceflight by a woman at 195 days. Guy Vander Jagt, a 13-term Republican congressman from Michigan, died in Washington at age 75. The Pixar animated film "Ratatouille" had its Hollywood premiere.

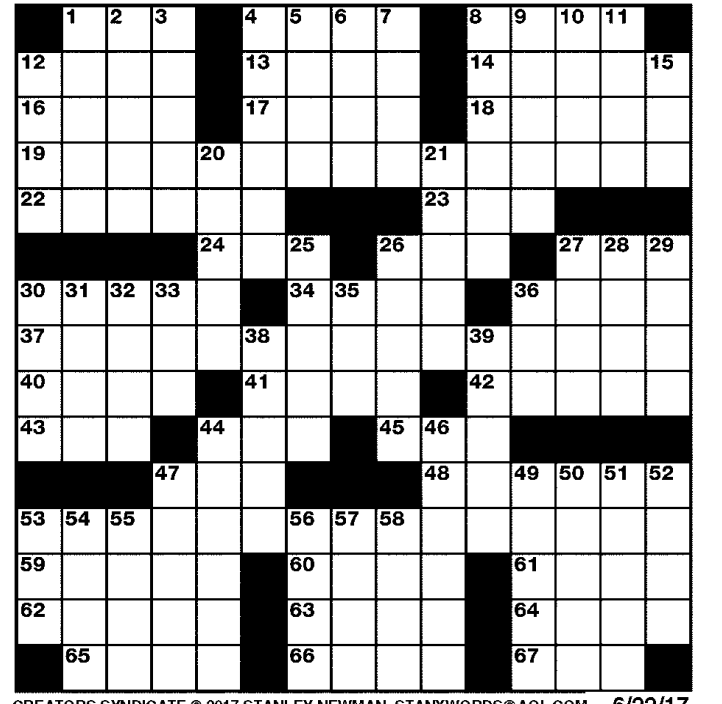
Five years ago: Ex-Penn State assistant coach Jerry Sandusky was convicted by a jury in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on 45 counts of sexually assaulting 10 boys over 15 years. (Sandusky is appealing a 30- to 60-year state prison sentence.) Monsignor William Lynn, a Roman Catholic church official in Philadelphia, was convicted of child endangerment but acquitted of conspiracy in a groundbreaking clergy-abuse trial, becoming the first U.S. church official convicted of a crime for mishandling abuse claims.

Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rays blocked by sunscreen
  - 4 Lettuce variety
  - 8 Netanyahu nickname
  - 12 Native Canadian
  - 13 "Zip-\_\_Doo-Dah"
  - 14 Author Ellison
  - 16 Incantation starter
  - 17 Chestnut horse
  - 18 Pile up
  - 19 Venerable beer brand
  - 22 GM subscription service
  - 23 Recent USNA grad
  - 24 Sound at shearings
  - 26 Phileas Fogg emulatur
  - 27 43rd POTUS
  - 30 BBC sitcom, for short
  - 34 Indonesian isle
  - 36 Primary *couleur*
  - 37 Parting song heard in *Sleepless in Seattle*
  - 40 Off-white shade
  - 41 Picnic trash
  - 42 Slacked off
  - 43 Middle muscles
  - 44 Spam-sending software
  - 45 Slot-to-fill abbr.
  - 47 "Sticky" sweet
  - 48 Because cash is at stake
  - 53 Provide a rude awakening
  - 59 Wrap up a win
  - 60 Syrian Republic
  - 61 Livestock holder
- DOWN**
- 1 Part of HUD
  - 2 Huff and puff
  - 3 Wild thing
  - 4 Name on 53 gold albums
  - 5 Object of admiration
  - 6 Wooer, from the French
  - 7 Nota\_\_
  - 8 Very bright
  - 9 Poetic feet
  - 10 Spill a secret
  - 11 \_\_facto
  - 12 Guitar's key changer
  - 15 QVC rival
  - 20 Striped pet
  - 21 Artifact
  - 25 Monks' leader
  - 26 Swell time
  - 27 Fast-talking
  - 28 Once existed
  - 29 Melville title character
  - 30 Swedish supergroup
  - 31 Invitation stipulation
  - 32 Wet lowlands
  - 33 Bart's grandpa
  - 35 Neighbor of Gr.
  - 36 Consumer protection org.
  - 38 Budget-friendly, in brand names
  - 39 Sandra's *Speed* costar
  - 44 Flat-topped terrain
  - 46 Mishandle on the diamond
  - 47 Lesser song on a 45
  - 49 Arafat's successor
  - 50 Shaq's claim to fame
  - 51 Youngest of the Jetsons
  - 52 Certain shelter
  - 53 Splatter catcher
  - 54 Pac-12 school
  - 55 Heartfelt
  - 56 Salt, symbolically
  - 57 Switch add-on
  - 58 Onetime Volvo rival



# Free speech on college campuses in the Senate spotlight



AP photo

In this May 10, 2017, file photo, Sen. Dianne Feinstein of Calif., speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington. Free speech on college campuses attracted congressional attention on Tuesday as a Senate panel questioned students, academics and lawyers after the abrupt cancellation of several high-profile speeches from California to Texas. Feinstein of California said the universities can't always deal with the fallout when anarchists and others respond to the appearance of a speaker they oppose. She said the biggest threat of violence often comes from people who don't attend the university.

By **KEVIN FREKING**

Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Free speech on college campuses attracted congressional attention on Tuesday as a Senate panel questioned students, academics and lawyers after the abrupt cancellation of several high-profile speeches from California to Texas.

Students and academics insisted the golden rule is for the speech to go on as long as violence can be prevented, dismissing the idea of intolerance.

The hearing came after a speech by conservative commentator Ann Coulter at the University of California at Berkeley was canceled amid fears of violent student protests. More recently, a commencement address by the No. 2 Senate Republican, John Cornyn of Texas, was canceled after opposition from students at a historically black university.

Eugene Volokh, a professor at the UCLA School of Law, said that a "heckler's veto" should not be allowed.

"I think the answer is to make sure they don't create a disturbance and to threaten them with punishment,

meaningful punishment, if they do create a disturbance," Volokh said. "If thugs learn that all they need to do in order to suppress speech is to threaten violence, then there will be more such threats."

But Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said the universities can't always deal with the fallout when anarchists and others respond to the appearance of a speaker they oppose. She said the biggest threat of violence often comes from people who don't attend the university.

"You don't think we learned a lesson at Kent State way back when?" Feinstein said at one point.

In 1970, National Guardsmen opened fire on protesters of the Vietnam War at Kent State University in Ohio. Four students died and nine others were wounded.

Zachary Wood, president of a student group called Uncomfortable Learning at Williams College in Massachusetts, said he identifies as a liberal Democrat, but he faced a strong backlash from fellow students when inviting provocative speakers to the campus. That backlash extended to the

school administration as well, which made it harder for Uncomfortable Learning to bring speakers to the campus and canceled one speech arranged by the group.

"Instead of nurturing thoughtful debate of controversial topics, many college educators and administrators discourage free debate by shielding students from offensive ideas," Wood said. "Yet, one person's offensive idea is another person's viewpoint."

The witnesses on Tuesday acknowledged that university officials at times have a difficult choice to make.

"These are always judgment calls that are made," said Frederick M. Lawrence, secretary and CEO of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the oldest honor society for the liberal arts and sciences in the United States. "I think the way to start with this is a strong presumption in favor of the speech."

Republicans on the committee were overwhelmingly critical of the cancellations. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said that on too many campuses, free speech appears to have been "sacrificed at the altar of political correctness."

Grassley said college students vote and when universities suppress speech they may "cause and exacerbate the political polariza-

tion that is so widely lamented in our society."

Richard Cohen, president of the Southern Poverty Law Center, said the tensions on college campuses reflect the growing political polarization in society, which has been exacerbated by the presidential campaign and growing white nationalist activity. He said that given the political climate in the country, he expects violent confrontations on college campuses to increase in the fall.

Cohen cited the appearance of white nationalist Richard Spencer at Auburn University this spring in telling lawmakers what the university did right and wrong in handling his speech. University officials were right to say they abhor Spencer's views, but they were wrong to cancel his appearance altogether out of fear of violence, Cohen said. A judge subsequently cleared the way for Spencer's speech after hearing arguments in a lawsuit claiming the university violated free-speech rights by trying to stop Spencer's appearance.

"The university was perfectly capable of providing for its security," Cohen said, adding that the cancellation allowed Spencer to "parade around as a 1st Amendment hero."

# Corpus Christi anti-bullying students program draws praise

By **BEATRIZ ALVARADO**  
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Damion Govea, 12, knows the good kids from the bad at Metro Elementary School of Design.

He's been in class with them long enough to tell them apart, he said.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports Damion is a good kid. And for his good behavior, he was cherry-picked from his home-room class to participate in an anti-bullying program that grouped them all together for one hour, once a week from March through the end of the school year.

He said realized something.

"Everyone is just the same," he said.

Damion was chosen to participate in Metro E's first Bullyproof pilot program. It was created and led by Corpus Christi Independent School District Police Sgt. Janelle Cantu.

The program's first class graduated in May. The group of sixth-grade students was made up of eight bullies, two victims of bullying and eight students who have a longstanding reputation for good behavior, said school counselor Josie Licon. The students were recommended for the program by teachers and administrators.

The Bullyproof team's makeup is strategic, Licon said.

"We had students who had experienced bullying (on both sides of the spectrum) and students who haven't experienced it but can help set an example," Licon said. "To work with the others and teach them in a sense that they are all the same. To learn from each other."

Licon said the program did not replace any disciplinary measures for students at Metro E. She was pleased that students developed a sense of belonging by participating in the course.

At the end of the year, all the kids were interacting," Licon said. "They had something in common — it did not

matter where they came from or what reputation they had, they all had something in common."

The group of children, Licon and Cantu not only discussed bullying during their time together but also tackled more expansive topics, Cantu said. The course encompassed all-around lessons on life.

"Some days the lesson was to talk," Cantu said. "The program is not only about bullying and its consequences. We also talked about making good choices, being a better person and setting goals."

Students created their first portfolio of accomplishments, which they are expected to build on throughout their life.

They also underwent CPR training, which is a 2013 legislative requirement for graduating high school that went into effect in 2014.

One key takeaway from the program was that trust is key to prevent and address bullying, Cantu said.

School district police officers have a unique opportunity to make a difference, Cantu said.

They patrol the hallways the students walk every day.

"You are able to build a rapport and I think that's key," Cantu said. "If your students can trust you . you have students coming to you. Because it's all about reporting. Kids who are being bullied tend not to tell anyone."

An online, anonymous reporting system is in place for all Corpus Christi Independent School District campuses.

For the 2016-17 school year, the system was used 746 times, said district spokeswoman Leanne Winkler Libby.

Cantu said after the report is received, there is no mandatory recourse expected from school officials.

Every campus handles it differently, she said. At Metro E, some students are placed on 15- to 30-day behavioral contracts during which they are expected to improve their behavior instead of facing disciplinary action.

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