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Hobby Lobby fined \$3 million over smuggled Iraqi artifacts

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Hobby Lobby Stores has agreed to pay a \$3 million federal fine and forfeit thousands of ancient Iraqi artifacts smuggled from the Middle East that the government alleges were intentionally mislabeled, federal prosecutors said.

Prosecutors filed a civil complaint in New York on Wednesday in which Oklahoma City-based Hobby Lobby consented to the fine and forfeiture of thousands of tablets and bricks written in cuneiform, one of the earliest systems of writing, as well as other artifacts that prosecutors say were shipped without proper documentation.

Hobby Lobby executed an agreement to purchase over 5,500 artifacts in December 2010 for \$1.6 million. Prosecutors said acquisition of the artifacts "was fraught with red flags" and that packages bore shipping labels that

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Man dies from self-inflicted gunshot wound in parking lot of local funeral home Wednesday, police say

Herald Staff Report

KBest News has reported a fatality occurred in the parking lot of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home Wednesday.

According to the KBest report, police confirmed the vic-

tim was a male and the gunshot wound appears to be self-inflicted.

No further information available at this time and a phone call this morning to the Big Spring Police from the Herald was not returned by deadline.

Bought locally, sold locally



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Johnny Rodriguez looks at some of the props used in the making of Iron Orchard. The production crew of the independent movie wrapped up filming in Big Spring recently and placed some of its props on sale to the public Wednesday at a hangar located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

'Iron Orchard' props go on sale to the general public

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The public had a chance to take home a souvenir Wednesday from the newest movie filmed in Big Spring.

Filming for the independent movie "The Iron Orchard" wrapped up recently for the Big Spring loca-

tion, and props used in the production went on sale Wednesday to the general public. The sale was held at a hangar located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park.

One of the first customers of the day was Heritage Museum Curator Tammy Schrecengost, who pur-

chased a number of items, some to be added to the museum's catalog and some to be used for future fundraising endeavors.

"We are trying to recreate a scene or scenes in the movie so when it comes out we can hold a

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US weighs sanctions on Chinese companies

By **JOSH LEDERMAN** and **MATTHEW LEE**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Having lost patience with China, the Trump administration is studying new steps to starve North Korea of cash for its nuclear program, including an option that would infuriate Beijing: sanctions on Chinese companies that help keep the North's economy afloat.

It's an approach that's paid off for the U.S. in the past, especially with Iran, where American economic penalties helped drive Tehran to the nuclear negotiating table. Yet there are significant risks, too, including the possibility of opening a new rift with Beijing that could complicate U.S. diplomatic efforts on other critical issues.

The renewed look at "secondary sanctions" comes as Washington seeks a forceful response to North Korea's test this week of an intercontinental ballistic missile that could strike the United States. Few are advocating a military intervention that could endanger millions of lives in allied South Korea across the border. But options for turning the screw on the North financially also are imperfect.

"I don't like to talk about what I have planned, but I have some pretty severe things that we're thinking about," President Donald Trump said Thursday during an appearance at a news conference in Poland. "That doesn't mean we're going to do them."

He said the U.S. would be watching what

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Triathlon races into Comanche Trail Park Saturday

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Local children are laundering their swimsuits, tuning up their bikes, and pumping up their running shoes. The Kid's Triathlon is this weekend; and, along with the Big Spring Super Sprint for adults, the race aims to introduce young folks and racing newbies to the wonderful world of the Triathlon.

Permian Basin Events,

the company that organizes the event, also hosts several 5Ks, 10Ks, and other athletic racing events around the area.

"The distances are less than they are at the Comanche Warrior (another triathlon organized by PBE), 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."

Both races will be Saturday, Felty said. The Kids' Triathlon kicks off at 7 a.m., while the Super Sprint will get underway around 8 a.m., after all children are off the course. Both races start at the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center for the swim portion of the triathlon.

"The ages for the Kids' Triathlon are from six to 15," said 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 get out and get on their bikes and ride the course on their bikes and then they bring their bike back and they run."

For children ages six to 10, their course 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. For children ages 11 to 15, they will swim two loops around the lazy river (200 m), bike eight kilometers, and run two kilometers.

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Participants in the 2015 Kid's Triathlon race out of the city pool for the first leg of the race. This year's event is set for Saturday at the Comanche Trail Park.

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Obituaries

Wayne Bartlett



Wayne Bartlett, 83, lifetime resident of Howard County, died July 4, 2017, in Big Spring, Texas.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 7, at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Big Spring, Texas, with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor, and Dennis Etheredge officiating. Visitation will follow in the church parlor.

He was born July 9, 1933, in Big Spring, Texas. He married Jamie Walker, Oct. 24, 1952, who preceded him in death; and then married Mary Smith Nov. 24, 1983, who also preceded him in death. He then married Sandra Rhodes Feb. 4, 2006.

Wayne moved from the oilfields of Forsan in 1941 to Big Spring, and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1950. He attended Howard College and Texas Tech. He began working for Cosden Petroleum Corporation in December 1952, and he retired in 1996 from Fina after 44 years as a land man, division order supervisor, and pipeline patrol pilot. He was a member of the Cosden 25 Year Club, the Airport Development Board, Joint Airport Zoning Board, and the Cosden Credit Union Board for 19

years. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church.

Wayne loved the Lord Jesus Christ and his family; and enjoyed airplanes, motorcycles, camping, hunting, and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Bartlett; one daughter and son-in-law Lindy, and Craig Knappe of San Angelo; two grandsons, Christopher Bartlett Knappe and wife Kori of San Angelo, and Zachary Wayne Knappe and wife Jenna of San Angelo; and extended family, daughter and son-in-law, Neasa and Brandon Iden of Big Spring; son, Jeff Rhodes of Louisiana; one brother-in-law, Dwight Neas and wife George Ann of North Carolina; and four grandchildren, Berkley, Brayden, and Braxton Iden, and Brynlea Rhodes.

Wayne was also preceded in death by his parents, H.W. and Ethel Bartlett; his brother, the Rev. H.W. Bartlett and wife Clara; and stepdaughter, Melissa Lovelace.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; Gideon's International; or a charity of your choice.

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

Paid obituary

Heriberto Zamora



Heriberto Zamora, 62, of Laredo, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 2, 2017, in San Angelo.

Visitation was Wednesday, July 5, 2017, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Nieto Funeral Home and Crematory in Laredo, where a rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Funeral mass was celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, July 6, at San Luis Rey Catholic Church in Laredo. Burial will follow immediately at the Calvary Catholic

Cemetery.

He was born July 19, 1954, in Laredo, Texas, to Ricarda Isabel and Santos Zamora. He served in the United States Marines and settled in Big Spring after discharge. He worked as a Security Guard for GEO for many years and had worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for over 10 years. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his children, Robert Zamora and wife Denita of Odessa, Martha Torres and husband Gil of San Angelo, Heriberto Zamora Jr. of Edinburg, and Eduardo Luis Zamora of Hawaii; nine grandchildren; his mother, Ricarda Isabel Zamora of Laredo; his siblings, Raul Zamora of Laredo, Santa Garza and husband Luis of College Station, Anita Hernandez and husband Toby of Laredo, Lupita Camarillo and husband Hector of Laredo, and Janie Molina and husband Jaime of Houston; as well as other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Santos Ricardo Zamora; two brothers, Frank Zamora and Santos Ricardo Zamora Jr.; and an infant child.

Funeral service arrangements are under the care of Nieto Funeral Home and Crematory, 802 Coke St. Laredo, Texas 78040. Condolences can be expressed to the family online at www.nietofuneral.com.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

• **GINGER BRISSA COATES**, 18, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.

• **BRADLEY ALAN DALTON**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

• **JAVIER ESAU ESCOBAR**, 39, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• **BLANCA ESTHELA FERNANDEZ-FAZ**, 48, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for assault by psychological contact and failure to appear.

• **ALONZO GONZALES**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for violating promise to appear, speeding, displaying expired registration, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **ROBERTO DELGADO MARTINEZ**, 50, was booked by the HCSO on a charge driving while intoxicated.

• **KENNETH MCPHERSON**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for failure to identify fugitive or intentionally giving false information.

• **JULIAN RODRIGUEZ JR.**, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid from previous conviction or suspension.

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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ALONZO GONZALES**, 26, of 623 Caylor Drive was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear, speeding, expired registration, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **BLANCA ESTHELA FERNANDEZ-FAZ**, 48, of 104 West Ninth Street was arrested on a

warrant for assault by contact and failure to appear.

• **JULIAN RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 24, of 101 East 24th Street was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **ROBERTO DELGADO MARTINEZ**, 50, of 2300 Williams Road was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of South

Main Street, the 2600 block of South Gregg Street, and the 1500 block of East Third Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of West Ninth Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1800 block of East Old Colorado City Highway.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported near Mile Marker 184 on Interstate 20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of South Gregg Street.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans

Boulevard.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• "Getting Back to School Ready" will be presented - at Scenic Mountain Medical Center - by Dr. Joseph Chavez for the next Lunch 'n' Learn, July 13 at 11:30 a.m.

The presentation is free to attend and will focus on immunizations and getting kids ready to go back to school.

To RSVP, call 432-268-4699.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy has open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year; the enrollment is underway and lasts through July 13, 2017.

Office hours are 8 to 10:30 a.m. Come in and pre-register for the new year. The Academy uses the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, and is open to age four years through high school.

Please contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon at 432-213-1046 for an appointment.

• 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.

• KBST and Back in Motion Chiropractic will hold their annual Community Blood Drive Friday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The United Blood Services Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of Back in Motion, 1113 S. Scurry St. Donors will receive a KBST Pops in the Park T-shirt, an entry in a drawing for four Schlitterbahn tickets, a July 4 Goody Bag, a free cholesterol check, and grilled hot dogs and ice cream; plus, the opportunity to meet your favorite KBST radio personality. Appointments are strongly encouraged. To make an appointment, call Maegan at 267-2225, or 1-877-UBS-HERO and give them the sponsor code "motion"; or enter "motion" at www.bloodhero.com.

• 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.

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The Howard County Weekly Programs will be competing in the 2017 Tough Mudder Half on September 24th. Our team needs to raise funds and awareness for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

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For more information please contact Megan Dike at the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County: 432-267-8235

United Way logo and Tough Mudder logo.

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SALE

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temporary exhibit,” Schrecengost said. “We bought a set of vintage luggage. You don’t usually find a whole set of vintage luggage. We purchased a lamp and some ash trays. They were used in Dent’s office. He is one of the characters. We also purchased some pictures they used.”

“The Iron Orchard” is based on a 1966 book by the same name authored by Tom Pendleton. It tells the story of a young man who makes his fortune in the wild

days of West Texas oilfields in the late 1930s. The crew has been filming around Big Spring and West Texas for the last couple of months.

Mary Goodson who was selling props said she purchased many of them here in Big Spring, and also searched throughout Midland for the movie. Goodson said there are about seven more days of filming scheduled, which will occur in Austin.

“The Iron Orchard” should be released sometime next year.

This isn’t the first time the silver screen has used Big Spring as a backdrop to tell a story. The

opening scenes from the 1969 movie “Midnight Cowboy,” starring Jon Voight and Dustin Hoffman, were filmed in Big Spring. In 1970, the film won three Oscars – Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Adapted Screenplay.

Also the 1980 film Hangar 18, starring Gary Collins and Robert Vaughn, featured scenes of Big Spring. This film did not win any Oscars nor was nominated for one.

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RACE

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After the kids’ race, the Super Sprint begins. 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 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.

Signups will continue up

until the day of the race, Felty said. 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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FINE

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described their contents as “ceramic tiles.”

A dealer based in the United Arab Emirates shipped packages containing the artifacts to three different corporate addresses in Oklahoma City. Five shipments that were intercepted by federal customs officials bore shipping labels that falsely declared that the artifacts’ country of origin

was Turkey.

In September 2011, a package containing about 1,000 clay bullae, an ancient form of inscribed identification, was received by Hobby Lobby from an Israeli dealer and accompanied by a false declaration stating that its country of origin was Israel.

Prosecutors said Hobby Lobby has agreed to adopt internal policies for importing cultural property and training its personnel.

In a statement, Hobby Lobby President Steve Green said the

company cooperated with the government and “should have exercised more oversight and carefully questioned how the acquisitions were handled.”

Green said Hobby Lobby began acquiring a variety of historical Bibles and other artifacts in 2009.

“Our passion for the Bible continues, and we will do all that we can to support the efforts to conserve items that will help illuminate and enhance our understanding of this Great Book,” Green said.

SANCTIONS

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happens in the coming weeks and months but chided North Korea for “behaving in a very, very dangerous manner” and added: “Something will have to be done about it.”

Already, a wide array of U.S. and international sanctions target North Korean entities and officials, making it illegal for Americans to do business with them. The U.S. also has pursued companies outside North Korea accused of surreptitiously helping the communist country, such as a small Chinese bank the U.S. penalized last week for allegedly laundering money for North Korea.

But the U.S. thus far has avoided what sanctions experts describe as a logical escalation: secondary sanctions targeting banks and companies that do any business with North Korea — even legitimate transactions that aren’t explicitly prohibited by U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Nikki Haley, Trump’s U.N. ambassador, told an emergency session of the council Wednesday that the world must do more to “cut off the major sources of hard currency to the North Korean regime.”

“We will look at any country that chooses to do business with this outlaw regime,” Haley said.

On the Korean Peninsula on Thursday, South Korean jets and navy ships fired a barrage of guided-missiles into the ocean during drills, a display of military power two days after North Korea test-launched its first intercontinental ballistic missile. The live-fire drills off South Korea’s east coast were previously scheduled.

In a show of force, South Korea and the United States also staged “deep strike” precision missile firing drills on Wednesday as a warning to the North. Thursday’s drills were aimed at boosting readiness against possible maritime North Korean aggression. They involved 15 warships including a 3,200-ton-class destroyer, as well as helicopters and fighter jets, South Korea’s navy said.

“Our military is maintaining the highest-level of readiness to make a swift response even if a war breaks out today,” said Rear Adm. Kwon Jeong Seob, who directed the drills, according to the

statement.

Potential sanctions targets previously identified by the Treasury Department include companies based in China, U.S. officials have said. Some may have no business with Americans or U.S. firms, making it harder for the U.S. to limit their operations or freeze assets. But secondary sanctions would still force such companies to stop doing business with North Korea or risk losing their access to the U.S. financial system, and with it, the dollar — the world’s main currency for global trade and finance.

Beijing steadfastly opposes such measures. It says sanctions would hurt China’s interests and criticizes the approach for being one-sided, as opposed to international penalties that are globally agreed.

“The U.S. needs to understand the Chinese will never allow Chinese companies and individuals to be designated (for sanctions) at the U.N., and the U.S. dollar is still pre-eminent. So the U.S. has leverage,” said Anthony Ruggiero at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, which advocates for a tough approach to North Korea’s nuclear program.

Trump, in recent days, appears to have concluded that his early efforts to enlist China’s cooperation on North Korea haven’t paid off. On Wednesday, Trump took to Twitter to chastise China for allowing its trade with the North to grow in recent months even as the U.S. urged a reduction.

“So much for China working with us — but we had to give it a try!” Trump wrote.

Senior U.S. officials said imposing sanctions on companies dealing with the North was among several steps considered after the ICBM launch, as U.S. intelligence, military and diplomatic officials reviewed different possibilities.

The Trump administration hasn’t given up hope China will change course and step up pressure on North Korea, officials said.

In Congress, lawmakers have proposed new sanctions on North Korea’s shipping industry and alleged use of slave labor. The House passed a bill in May, but the Senate has yet to approve it.

Secondary sanctions

San Antonio woman dies after being hit by police car

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police say a 63-year-old woman was fatally struck by a police car after an officer responded to reports of fireworks in her neighborhood on the Fourth of July.

Police said Josephine Carter died Tuesday from head trauma. Police said in a statement that “the details surrounding this tragic accident are still under investigation.”

Police said the officer had responded to a call about a person shooting off fireworks. After that person agreed to stop and went inside, the officer was driving off when he heard an impact at the front of his car and found he’d struck Carter.

Police say the cul-de-sac was dark and Carter was wearing dark clothes.

Carter’s neighbors said she’d been sitting outside their house before she was struck while returning to her home.

Toyota marks opening of new US headquarters in Texas

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Toyota is officially opening its new North American headquarters in Texas.

The \$1 billion project includes a new campus in Plano, outside Dallas. The Japanese automaker plans to move thousands of employees from California and Kentucky and says it will eventually employ up to 4,000 people at the Plano site — including about 1,000 new local hires.

Toyota says Texas officials will attend events Thursday to mark the move, which is part of the company’s plan to bring sales, marketing, financial and other services together in one location.

Construction of the 100-acre (40-hectare) headquarters in Plano is not yet complete, but employees have been moving in since late spring. More are expected to arrive in phases through December.

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on North Korea would borrow from President Barack Obama’s Iran approach before the 2015 nuclear deal with Tehran. After Congress authorized such penalties, the Obama administration worked with nations around the world to get them to reduce their oil imports from Tehran, while negotiating secretly with Iranian officials. The sanctions effectively deterred European firms from doing business with Iran and commercial powers such as China and India were encouraged to buy less Iranian petroleum.

North Korea’s isolation, which is far greater than Iran’s was, could make it even more susceptible to such pressure. China accounts for about 90 percent of North Korea’s trade.

But China has leverage, too, which is why previous U.S. administrations have held back. China is now the world’s second-largest economy, it holds trillions of dollars in U.S. debt and its companies are increasingly tied financially with the West. And angering Beijing could lead to unpredictable responses in places like the South China Sea, where Beijing has various territorial disputes with America’s allies and partners in Southeast Asia.

“It will put a magnifying glass on Chinese businesses that the Chinese government may not want,” said Doreen Edelman, an attorney at Baker Donelson who specializes in sanctions compliance.

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Joey Chestnut wins 10th title, gobbles a record 72 hot dogs

NEW YORK (AP) — Joey “Jaws” Chestnut gulped, chomped and powered his way to a 10th title on Tuesday, continuing his record-setting reign as the chowing champion at the annual Nathan’s Famous July Fourth hot dog eating contest.

Shoving water-soaked buns and wriggling franks into his mouth on a hot, sunny day on the Coney Island boardwalk, he downed 72 dogs and buns in 10 minutes to beat his own record and hoist the Mustard Belt for a 10th time. The San Jose, California, man bested up-and-comer Carmen Cincotti, of Mays Landing, New Jersey, who ate 60 franks and buns on his 24th birthday.

Miki Sudo notched a fourth straight win in the women’s competition. The Las Vegas woman ate 41 hot dogs and buns to beat Michelle Lesco of Tucson, Arizona, who downed 32 franks and buns.

During the men’s competition, five people were taken into custody for trying to disrupt the event, police said. The people appeared to be attempting to unfold a black banner before police stopped them and took them away. They were taken to a precinct where they were questioned and released, police said.

The demonstrators later issued a statement saying they were from a group called Direct Action Everywhere, and want Nathan’s to stop

holding the contest.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals members separately had been giving away free vegan hot dogs outside the event, but spokeswoman Tricia Lebkuecher said the people arrested inside weren’t affiliated with PETA.

Chestnut has dominated the chowdown throwdown for years, eating 70 franks and buns last year to top his then-record and take back the title from Matt “The Megatoad” Stonie. The 25-year-old Stonie came in third on Tuesday, with 48 franks and buns.

“There’s no secret, I love to eat, and I love doing it, I love to win, so I had to figure out my body and push it to the limit,” a sweating Chestnut said after his win. The 33-year-old said he’d hoped to down even more dogs but was leaving feeling good.

Cincotti said he’d eaten a thousand hot dogs since May in preparation for his second try at the Mustard Belt. Getting to even second place is “surreal — I grew up watching this contest,” he said.

Meanwhile, the women’s side has featured a yearslong rivalry between Sudo and record-holder Sonya “The Black Widow” Thomas, of Alexandria, Virginia. Thomas, who’s 50,



AP Photo/Bebeto Mattheus
Joey Chestnut wins the Nathan’s Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest, marking his 10th victory in the event, Tuesday, July 4, 2017, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. He downed 72 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes.

came in third on Tuesday with 30 dogs and buns, well shy of her record 45.

Sudo told ESPN she “just came back better than ever” this year. She’s 31; Lesco is 33.

One of America’s most outlandish July Fourth traditions, the contest dates to 1972, though the company has for years promoted what a former

president acknowledged was a legendary start date of 1916.

Leigh Brown and her husband brought her 11-year-old sons, Carter and Corbyn, all the way from Florida to see it.

“They really wanted to come. They always watched it on TV, so it’s pretty special for them,” Brown said.

Museum exhibits lowrider cars, the artwork they’ve inspired

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lowrider cars these days are far more than tricked-out automobiles with gravity-challenged rear suspensions and ear-rattling exhaust systems that seem to cry out for police to ticket the drivers.

In their finest format, they have morphed into museum-quality works of art, appearing in shows around the world from Paris’ Louvre to Washington’s Smithsonian.

But while museum goers have learned to appreciate these creatures that sprang from the garages of American teenagers in the years after World War II, lowrider historian Denise Sandoval says the eye-popping, airbrushed paintings, plush interiors and chrome-plated wheels and engines that have come to define them have quietly fomented something more — a new genre of contemporary art.

It’s a genre Sandoval hopes to expose to a wider audience through “The High Art of Riding Low,” a wide-ranging exhibition of lowrider-inspired fine art including paintings, sculptures, serigraphs, photographs, drawings and, of course, automobiles created by the world’s most accomplished Chicano artists.

The show, which opened Monday and runs until next June, is the third lowrider exhibition that Sandoval, a Chicano studies professor at California State University, Northridge, has curated at Los Angeles’ Petersen Automotive Museum since 2000.

Like previous shows, it features its share of some of the finest lowrider cars created, among them Jesse Valadez’s “Gypsy Rose,” which was encased in glass for display on Washington’s National Mall earlier this year when it was inducted into the U.S. Historic Vehicle Register. The long, sleek Chevrolet is bathed in bright pink and covered with intricately painted roses running from front tire to tail-light.

Other cars in the L.A. exhibit radiate a rainbow of colors, including some with murals of beautiful women, landscapes and skeletons representing Dia de Muertos, the Latino holiday honoring loved ones who have died.

But placed right alongside these V-8-powered treasures are dozens of paintings and other museum works created by such prominent gallery artists as Gilbert “Magu” Lujan and Frank Romero, who form half of the contemporary art world’s Los Four, the first Chicano artists group to have a showing at a major institution, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, in 1974.

“Basically we’re focused on looking at the lowrider car as both artistic inspiration and art object,” says Sandoval, explaining how this show differs from earlier ones. “We’re taking artists from the museum gallery world and merging them with lowrider artists. So we’re bringing these two worlds together.”

It’s an effort perhaps best exemplified by the contrast found upon first coming face-to-face with the late Valadez’s stunningly colorful, intricately detailed “Gypsy Rose,” parked just outside the gallery hall’s entrance, and then entering the hall itself to see the other works.

“That car is like the ultimate zero of lowriding. You know what I mean? It all starts with ‘Gypsy Rose,’” says lowrider and artist Albert de Alba Sr., whose El Rey, three-time winner of Lowrider Car of the Year, is also on display.



AP Photo/Jae C. Hong

In this Thursday, June 29, 2017, photo, “El Rey,” a customized 1963 Chevrolet Impala by Albert de Alba, Sr., is displayed during an exhibition titled “The High Art of Riding Low” at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles. The exhibition is showcasing lowrider-inspired fine art including paintings, sculptures, serigraphs, photographs, drawings and of course automobiles created by the world’s most accomplished Chicano artists.

Inside the gallery, it all continues with a variety of stunning works in various media.

There is Lujan’s acclaimed “Journey to Aztlan” painting showing a lowrider cruising across California’s desert toward the mythical land of the Aztec people.

Nearby is another large acrylic-on-canvas work, this one by Jaime “Germ” Zacarias and paying tribute to Lujan as it shows the late artist’s own lowrider car ascending toward the heavens as it’s driven by a friendly dog, a character Lujan featured frequently in his work.

The actual car, a 1950 Chevy coupe that Lujan named “Our Family Car” because it really was, is also on display. Seeing it up close allows a view of its contrasting scenes of Aztec-style paintings throughout and the multicolored flames embellishing its sides. The

result makes the car appear as a hybrid lowrider-hot rod, something Sandoval says the artist was going for.

The “Gypsy Rose” is also paid tribute to, by mixed-media artist Justin Favela’s colorful, life-sized “piñata” replica constructed from paper and suspended from the ceiling.

Other paintings, drawings, photographs and serigraphs show lowrider street scenes from around the U.S. Southwest, illustrating what Sandoval has long maintained: that while places from Espanola, New Mexico, to East Los Angeles have claimed to be the birthplace of lowriding, it appears to have sprung up spontaneously across the Southwest during the post-war years.

Caught up in the second-generation of that lowriding culture was de Alba, son of a lowrider who learned his airbrush painting skills from his father and applied them to the 1963 Chevrolet Impala he named El Rey.

The sparkling, candy-apple-red lowrider — with its gleaming chrome wheels, gold engine, etched chrome silver manifold and its stunning murals under the hood and trunk lid — is one of the show’s signature pieces.

Although El Rey has been displayed in Japan and Germany, the modest de Alba, who customizes cars for a living, says even he was caught off-guard to learn it would appear alongside works by some of the most prominent contemporary artists.

“That, to me, was mind-blowing,” he said. “I was like, ‘Wait a minute.’ And they go, ‘It’s an art form, and you’re an artist.’ It was a very humbling experience.”



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Animal Class Challenge

Scientists group animals into classes according to things they have in common. Here are some questions about those classes. How many can you answer correctly?

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- Invertebrates have no backbones. **Fact or Fiction?**
- People are mammals. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Cats and robins are mammals. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Snakes are amphibians. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Frogs are reptiles. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Mammals are cold blooded, whereas reptiles are warm blooded. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Birds have feathers. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Fish have gills. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Most amphibians have gills as babies and develop lungs as adults. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fact, 3) Fact, 4) Fiction, cats are mammals while robins are birds, 5) Fiction, snakes are reptiles, 6) Fiction, frogs are amphibians, 7) Fiction, mammals are warm blooded while reptiles are cold blooded, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact

Name That Stinger

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Imagine a panda. Now imagine that panda as an insect. Strange, huh? There is an insect known as the panda ant, and it looks like an ant with a black-and-white panda coat.

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While panda ants may be small, they can be dangerous. When provoked, panda ants will sting, and it can be very painful.



Springer, Astros keep streaking in win over Braves

By **GEORGE HENRY**

Associated Press

ATLANTA — George Springer relishes getting so many chances to drive in runs for Houston's potent offense.

"If a guy's in scoring position, all you have to do is hit a single," Springer said. "We've got some guys who can run, so just slow it down."

Springer drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, Josh Reddick and Marwin Gonzalez each had three RBIs and the streaking Astros beat the Atlanta Braves 10-4 on Wednesday night.

Houston has won four straight and 12 of 15 to improve to 58-27 overall, best in the majors. One night after beating the Braves 16-4, the Astros got another big night from the top of their order.

The first three batters — Springer, Jose Altuve and Reddick — went 8 for 15 with six RBIs

and hit a combined .581 in the two-game series with 15 RBIs in 31 at-bats.

Norichika Aoki doubled to begin the three-run seventh and Chase Garcia (2-7), Springer followed with a single, Altuve with a double and Gonzalez with a single to make it 7-4.

"It's big," Springer said. "They had a big inning there to tie up the game. That's a difference maker for us."

Houston led 4-0 in the three-run fifth on Springer's single and Reddick's two-run double. Reddick finished with two doubles for an offense that's produced seven doubles in each of the last three games.

"They just keep coming at you and coming at you," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "They won't let you get away with anything. The two-out and two-strike RBIs — they are a

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Houston Astros starting pitcher Joe Musgrove (59) works against the Atlanta Braves in the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, July 5, 2017, in Atlanta.

AP Photo

Cashner cools Red Sox; Rangers avoid sweep with 8-2 victory



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Andrew Cashner throws to the Boston Red Sox during the first inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, July 5, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Andrew Cashner didn't have to dodge any broken bats, and finally gave up a hit only after an error kept an inning alive for Boston.

Cashner held the hot-hitting Red Sox hitless into the sixth, Rougned Odor hit an early two-

run homer and the Texas Rangers ended the longest winning streak in the majors at six games with a rain-delayed 8-2 victory over Boston on Wednesday night.

Cashner (4-7) was wild into the third inning, then retired 10 straight batters before first baseman Pete Kozma's error on a dropped throw kept the sixth going. The next batter, Xander Bo-

gaerts, ended the no-hit bid with a two-run homer just over the 14-foot wall in left field.

Kozma had just entered the game at first after pinch-hitting in the fifth for slugger Joey Gallo, who exited with a sore left hamstring. The drop came on a slightly low throw from short

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Wenger scores in 1st minute, Dynamo cruise by Impact 3-1



Houston Dynamo forward Mauro Manotas (19) jumps onto Erick Torres (9) and Alex (14) after Alex scored a goal during the first half of a soccer game against the Montreal Impact, Wednesday, July 5, 2017, in Houston.

AP Photo

HOUSTON (AP) — Alex Wenger scored in the first minute against his former team and the Houston Dynamo cruised to a 3-1 victory over the Montreal Impact on Wednesday night.

Houston (8-7-4) snapped a four-game winless streak.

Wenger scored the third-fastest goal in team history at 56 seconds. Mauro Manotas played a short corner kick, got it back and crossed it to find Wenger's head.

Alex made it 2-0 in the 23rd minute. He took a pass from Manotas, dribbled in space and sent a shot from distance inside the near post. Memo Rodriguez scored his first MLS goal in the 67th minute for a 3-0 lead. A deflected ball fell to his feet at the penalty arc and he sent it in.

Michael Salazar scored for Montreal (5-6-6) in the 89th with a volleyed goal. The Impact only had two shots on goal.

For some summer players, 2 teams now means 2 chances at NBA

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Basketball Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Trey McKinney Jones is still grinding.

He'll be 27 next month, so he's not a wishful kid anymore. The beard is real. So are the bills, and so is the responsibility that comes with having a daughter who will be turning 2 in October.

Summer League might be his last shot at the dream job. Or in his case, last shots.

"I'm giving the NBA one more shot, while I'm still young, I guess you could say," McKinney Jones said.

Most players in summer league spend their time with one franchise. McKinney Jones is among a handful of

players lucky enough to hook up with two teams for summer games this season. He's been with Indiana for the Orlando Pro Summer League that ends on Thursday, then flies to Las Vegas to connect with San Antonio's entry in the NBA Summer League that starts on Friday.

The way he sees it, doubling up this summer doubles his chance of a training-camp invite this fall — the next step, he hopes, toward reaching the NBA for real.

"Experience is very important," the 6-foot-5 McKinney Jones said. "I feel like my first summer was such a blur. It's hard to even remember a lot of the games. Now things have slowed

down. Everything kind of comes to you slower, you can control the game better, you have more control over yourself. I think some guys are different but for me, that first summer everything was moving 1,000 mph."

Plenty of guys are playing in two summer leagues, heading to Las Vegas this week after participating in either Orlando or Salt Lake City. But most of those will stay with one team that whole time. McKinney Jones is among the few who will play for two teams, as will Dylan Ennis — who signed with Oklahoma City for Orlando, then will meet up with Golden State for

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In this Sunday, March 19, 2017 file photo, Oregon guard Dylan Ennis, right, drives against Rhode Island guard E.C. Matthews during the first half of a second-round game of the men's NCAA college basketball tournament in Sacramento, Calif.

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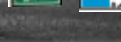
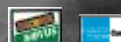
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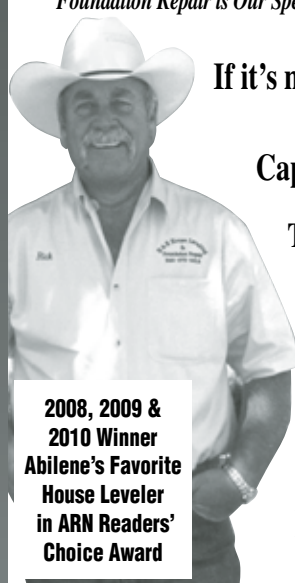


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20-May 20). When the facts don't match up with what you thought they'd be, this presents a challenge. Many people deal with this simply by shoring up the facts until they match their preconceptions. Watch out for that, and don't take part in it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've qualities that come from your cellular lineage and other qualities you picked up along the way. Then there's a part of you that can't be claimed at the cellular or psychological level. You'll act from that spiritual truth today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Actions have consequences and yet can seem to be strangely inconsequential, too. Mostly it's a time-lapse issue. What feels like excruciating minutiae in real time will be revealed to be meaningful work in retrospect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you're going to have a dispute, be sure to define the terms of it -- the narrower the better. There's little influence to be gained by taking people on with broadly different views, although you'll sharpen

your arguments in the process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Time is supposed to prevent everything from happening at once, and yet it may fall down on the job today, at least in your case. Your popularity surges -- a hard thing to keep up with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Much will be asked of you: things you don't want to do, things you do want to do, things that fit both categories and seem inextricably linked. Just remember, there are usually more options than the ones first presented to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In the same way that a shoe sets the tone for an outfit, there are some foundational beliefs and attitudes that set the mood of this whole day. Just because a terrible old shoe fits doesn't mean you should still wear it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While you make something (a plan, a picture, a bed, the sale) you're having an experience. Whatever the outcome may be, the experience will stand on its own merit if the endeavor is a

worthy one.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you once thought of as work now seems more like a form of prayer. That's not to say it's automatically easy. Praying can have its own difficulties, especially if you're new at it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). At times the work laid before you seems absurd in a way that only you are seeing. This is made plain when you laugh and they don't or when you tilt your head at what they unquestionably accept.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be making room for the next generation to contribute, not because your turn is over, but because you appreciate the influence and realize the importance of staying ever fresh at every stage and age.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 6). You're so loved, but that's not even the best part. The best part is that you appreciate and fully receive the gift and pure energy of this. You'll acquire new tools and resources in August. You'll be put in charge of more

people, and you'll contribute positively to the lives of others. Travel and winning sports teams will be the fun of 2018. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 3, 39, 14 and 25.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Back in April I had a devastating computer crash. I lost all of my email addresses, not to mention my phone numbers and mailing addresses, and no, I hadn't properly backed things up. And the saddest part is that I lost some pages I had written. I'm not a professional writer, but I enjoy writing poetry sometimes. Anyway, it was during Mercury retrograde. Since then, I got a new computer and have been cobbling back some kind of database but there is one person in particular that I don't know how to find again. I don't know anyone else who knows him. I really wonder if I'll ever connect with him again. I'm a Libra. He is a Capricorn. What do the stars say?"

Well, Mercury Retrogrades are not subtle in their teachings. In your case, hopefully you learned

the importance of backing up data. It's not just another task of the digital age; it's part of the way you honor yourself as an artist and as a friend. As for your Capricorn, because of this temporary loss, when you do connect again you will understand how deeply your feelings about him really run.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The Dalai Lama says, "Don't be a monk. Don't be a Tibetan. Be in your own life and religion. Just meditate, be happy and have compassion for all beings." The Dalai Lama was born when Mars, the warrior planet, was in Libra, the sign of balance, peace and diplomacy. However, his natal Jupiter, in Scorpio, shows a willingness to fight for what's right. Mercury's position in Gemini lends rhetorical skill and eloquence.

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Competition Moon

People often are in competition even when they don't realize it. Competition is such an innate (though not always useful or appropriate) part of being human that often our own brains can forget to alert us to the game. The moon in Sagittarius dares us to be more conscious of our need to compete so we can keep it in check if necessary.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Holding on makes a person strong, and so does letting go. It's just a different muscle group. There is no decision to be made here, really, just grace to be claimed in whichever situation applies best.

TAURUS (April

Wedding Dress Codes Demystified

Dear Annie: I recently attended the wedding of a college friend of mine.

In the days preceding the wedding, a buddy of mine asked whether I was going to wear a tuxedo. I told him no, because the invitation said "formal attire." I interpreted "formal" to mean I should wear a suit, whereas "black tie" would have meant

men should wear a tux. We asked our respective wives and decided that "formal" meant suit.

The wedding took place during the summer in Southern California. I wore a true-blue suit, blue shirt and light red linen tie. I thought it was perfect for the venue, time of year and location. My buddy wore something comparable.

However, when we showed up in our suits, we were surprised to see that

Annie's Mailbox

almost everyone else was wearing tuxes.

Business? Business casual? Business cool? Formal? Black tie? Black tie optional? Toptional? Is there a council of elders who decide what we can wear and when? I am writing to you to get the definitive ruling on ambiguous attire definitions. Feeling underdressed is the pits. -- Dressed to Be Stressed

Dear Dressed: Here's a brief overview of what wedding dress codes mean for men. If the invitation says "white tie," dress to the nines -- with a long black jacket with tails, a white bow tie and a white vest. To a "black tie" wedding, always wear a tuxedo. If it's "formal," a

tuxedo or dark suit and tie will do.

"Semiformal" or "cocktail" denotes a suit and tie.

For a "casual" wedding, go with dress pants and a button-down shirt.

If you're not sure, err on the side of formal. It's less embarrassing to be overdressed than it is to be underdressed.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Babied Pre-Law Student," who wants to attend law school out of state but is meeting resistance from her parents. What was not very clear was whether the potential law student is expecting her parents to support the decision no matter what the cost is to them. If her parents are willing and able to

pay for in-state tuition and expenses, that is a boon not to be taken lightly. If she wants to go out of state, perhaps her parents could contribute the amount they'd pay if she stayed in state and she could cover the rest.

If this person is truly "an adult and able to make (her) own decisions," shouldn't that include paying her own way? If anyone is still dependent on her parents for all expenses, I am not sure she is truly an adult. -- Katherine

Dear Katherine: I feel the same way. Being an adult means being financially independent. I took the letter writer to mean that she'd be taking out loans and paying

for law school herself, but I may have been too generous in that assumption. If in fact her parents are putting her through law school, she should absolutely not expect them to foot the bill at whatever the cost. Your suggestion -- that her parents contribute an amount equal to in-state tuition and she cover the rest -- is a good one.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A delicate countermeasure

South dealer.
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♠ A 10 5 4 2
♥ K 10 8
♦ K Q
♣ A K 6
WEST
♠ 8 3
♥ J 9 6 3
♦ J 8 7 3
♣ Q J 10
EAST
♠ 9
♥ Q 7 5
♦ 10 9 5 4 2
♣ 8 5 4 3
SOUTH
♠ K Q J 7 6
♥ A 4 2
♦ A 6
♣ 9 7 2

instead of a low heart or club, they would have had an ice-cold grand slam. But as it was, the "mirror" distribution — the same pattern in both hands — placed declarer in grave danger of losing a club and a heart and going down one in six.

Undaunted, South did the best he could under the circumstances. He won the club lead with the king and cashed the A-K of trumps, the A-K of diamonds and ace of clubs. He then exited with a club, completing his plan to eliminate all the diamonds and clubs from dummy's hand and his own.

West won the club with the jack and, to avoid yielding a ruff-and-discard, was forced to return a heart. Ordinarily, he would have led a low heart from this holding, but that would have proved fatal as the cards lay. Declarer would have made the slam by playing dummy's eight, trapping East's queen and subjecting West's jack to a later finesse.

But West, acutely aware of the danger of a low heart lead with the K-10-8 in dummy, returned the jack of hearts instead, and declarer had to go down one regardless of how he continued.

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 4NT Pass
5♥ Pass 6♣
Opening lead — queen of clubs.

A defender sometimes encounters a situation that calls for him to disregard standard procedure and instead rely on his common sense.

For example, take this deal where South got to six spades and West led the queen of clubs. In a sense, North-South were unlucky because, if North had been dealt another diamond



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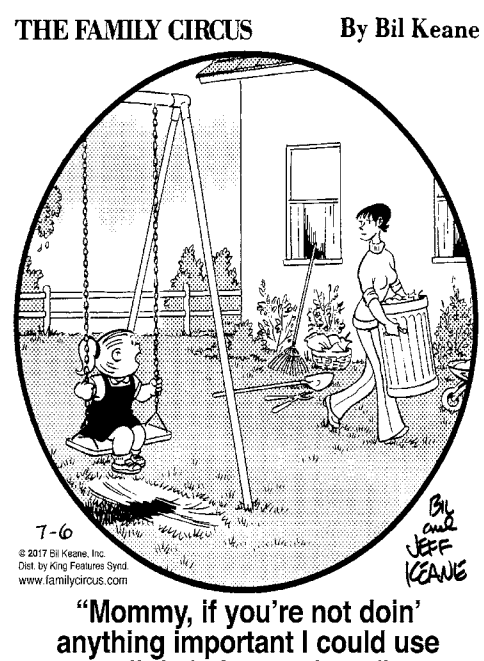
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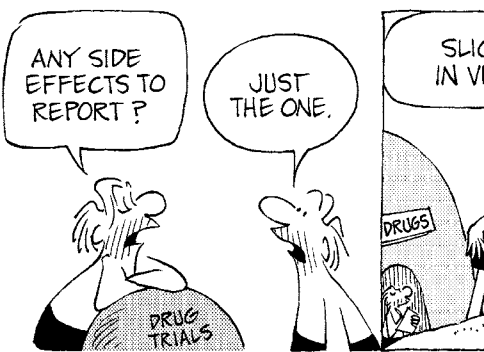
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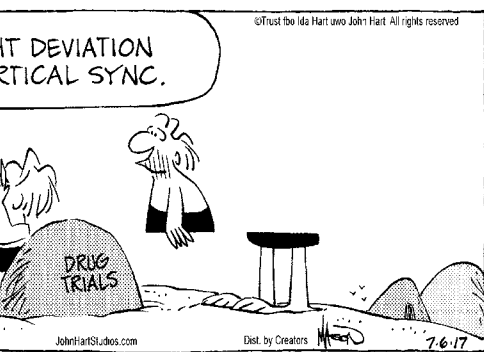
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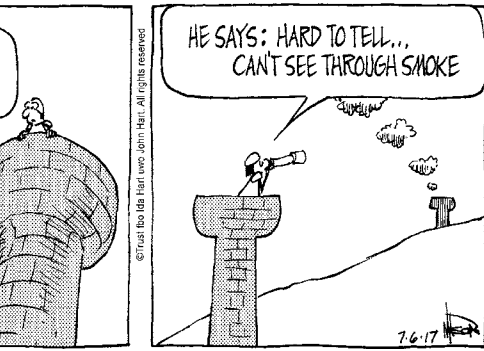
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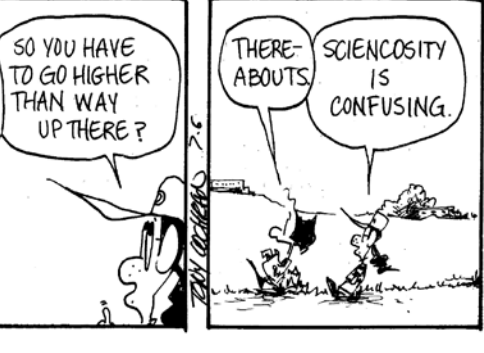
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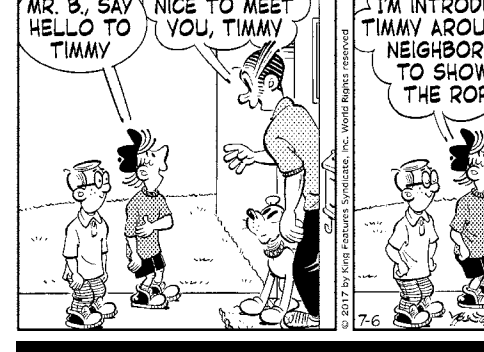
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, July 6, the 187th day of 2017. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On July 6, 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title as she defeated fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2. The Harry S. Truman Library, the nation's first presidential library, was dedicated in Independence, Missouri. Sixteen-year-old John Lennon first met 15-year-old Paul McCartney when Lennon's band, the Quarrymen skiffle group, performed a gig at St. Peter's Church in Woolton, Liverpool.
- On this date: In 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for high treason. In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Mifflin. In 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur tested an anti-rabies vaccine on 9-year-old Joseph Meister, who had been bitten by an infected dog; the boy did not develop rabies. In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence and Auda Abu Tayi captured the port of Aqaba (AH'-kah-buh) from the Ottoman Turks.

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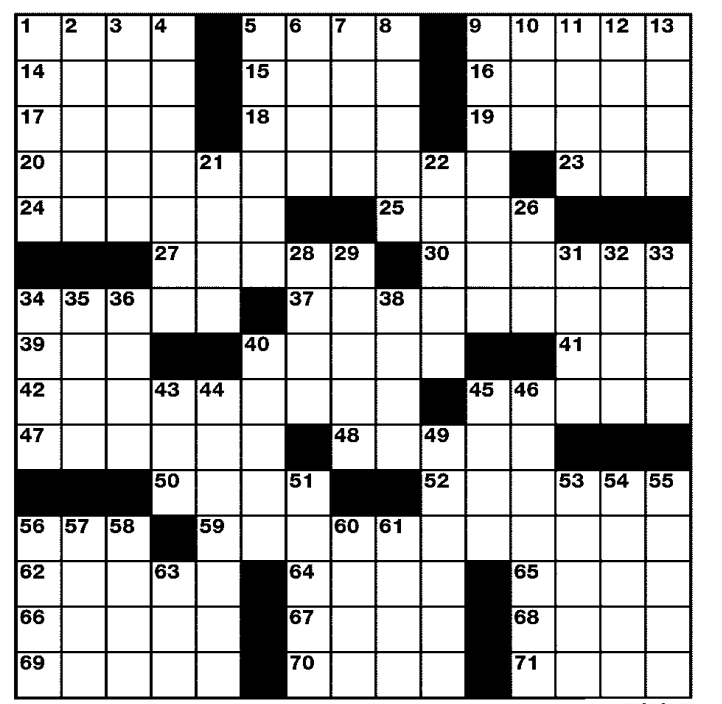
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SOUND STARTERS

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Answer to previous puzzle

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ASTROS

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really good ballclub."

Houston starter Joe Musgrove retired 13 of the first 14 batters he faced as the Braves managed to get only a first-inning single by Freddie Freeman and a second-inning fly ball by Tyler Flowers out of the infield.

After striking out the first two batters in the fifth, Musgrove ran into trouble when Garcia had a two-run single and Ender Inciarte hit his seventh homer, a two-run shot.

Musgrove gave up five hits and four runs and struck out six in 5 2/3 innings. Chris Devenski (6-3) replaced Musgrove and earned the win after walking one and striking out two in 1 1/3 innings.

Astros manager A.J. Hinch was pleased with nearly everything he saw in the short series.

"We swung the bats extraordinarily well," Hinch said. "We also pitched well. They had the one big inning today, but we played as complete a baseball as we can do. There's always ways to get better, but when we get going on all cylinders, it's fun to watch."

BRAVES BY THE NUMBERS

Freeman went 2 for 4 in his second game back from the DL and had another clean night fielding in his second start at third base. ... LF Matt Kemp was 9 for his last 51 before he singled in the eighth. ... Garcia, who allowed 10 hits, five runs and struck out five in six-plus innings, hasn't won a decision in his last seven starts.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: All-Star SS Carlos Correa was out of the lineup with a sore left thumb. He left Tuesday's 16-4 win after jamming his thumb on a head-first slide at the plate in the fourth inning. X-rays were negative. Correa is listed as day to day.

Braves: INF-OF Sean Rodriguez will play at Single-A Rome on Thursday, his fourth rehab appearance, and then spend the weekend with Triple-A Gwinnett. Rodriguez, who signed a two-year deal as a free agent last November, could make his Atlanta debut before the end of July.

UP NEXT

Astros: All-Star RHP Lance McCullers (7-1) will make his third start since returning from lower back discomfort when Houston opens a four-game series at Toronto. McCullers is 3-1 with a 3.02 ERA in eight starts on the road.

Braves: RHP Mike Foltynewicz (6-5) will make his 16th start as Atlanta begins a four-game series at NL East-leading Washington. Foltynewicz is coming off his best career start, taking a no-hitter into the ninth inning of a 3-1 win at Oakland last Friday.



In this Monday, July 3, 2017, file photo, Miami Heat's Jake Odum (52) looks to get past Indiana Pacers' Naz Long during the second half of an NBA summer league basketball game in Orlando, Fla. There's a handful of players who are getting to play for two NBA teams this summer, a grind which they hope pays off down the road.

AP Photo

SUMMER

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Las Vegas.

"Being around both organizations, it's great for me," Ennis said. "OKC, they've shown me a great time already. They've taught me a lot of things already that I can take going forward. And I'm sure Golden State will do the same."

Naz Mitrou-Long is another player planning to double-up this summer: He's been with Indiana this week, and will play for Sacramento in Las Vegas.

"I know it's a big opportunity," said Mitrou-Long, a 6-4 guard undrafted out of Iowa State last month. "I've gotten a lot of good feedback from the Pacers. I worked out for them before the draft and I think they liked how I did."

There will be others on the two-team list by the time play gets done in Las Vegas; inevitably one team will pluck someone from another, like how Willie Reed started playing for Miami in 2015 and then got

signed to a \$650,000, one-year NBA contract by Brooklyn. Reed then played with the Heat last season and is a free agent again this summer.

And every team is studying every other team during the summer anyway, looking for that hidden gem who has been overlooked and might be a potential training-camp invite or a possibility to fill an NBA G League roster — where he could earn about \$30,000.

But McKinney Jones knows these are critical auditions with the teams whose jerseys he will wear.

"You want to show them you can make the right plays, take the open shot, really grind on defense," McKinney Jones said. "You try to make a statement on that front, make the right play, make the right reads and you've got to make the little plays. I think that's what teams are really looking for in this summer situation."

McKinney Jones has been around the block a few times in his basketball life.

He was barely recruited out of high school and started his college career at Missouri-Kansas City before trans-

ferring to Miami — where he helped the Hurricanes win an Atlantic Coast Conference title. He appeared in two NBA preseason games with his hometown Milwaukee Bucks in 2013, spent the summer of 2014 with Miami and San Antonio, returned to summer league with Atlanta in 2015 and is back this year with the Pacers and Spurs.

He's won titles in what was then called the NBA Development League and in the Hungarian League. He moved to Israel and played for a while, moved to France and played there for a while. If no camp invite — or chance to even be on one of the league's new two-way contracts — comes this time, he'll likely go back overseas and play there instead of trying to get by on a meager G League salary.

"I feel like I get my foot in the door. I'm the kind of player where if I do all the little stuff well enough I can stick," McKinney Jones said. "So that's what I'm looking for now, just a chance to stick my foot in the door. That's what I want out of this summer. I've got a family now to worry about. It's time."

RANGERS

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stop Jurickson Profar on an easy grounder by Dustin Pedroia.

"These guys are too good to think about (a no-hitter)," Cashner said. "My job is to think about one pitch at a time. Keep executing. If you don't execute, think about the next pitch."

The right-hander allowed three hits, three walks and two unearned runs with four strikeouts in seven innings. It was his first start since getting hit on the elbow by a broken bat in a loss at Cleveland — the second straight rough outing for the Houston-area native.

Boston, which had at least 10 hits and six runs in every game during the winning streak, missed a chance to be the first team to sweep a season series of more than three games against the Rangers since they moved to Texas in 1972. The Red Sox won the first five meetings this year.

"We hit some balls hard, we hit some balls right at people," Boston manager John Farrell said. "But make no mistake, Cashner, that was one of the better games he's thrown this year. He's in the mid-90s (mph) with heavy sink."

After a delay of nearly 90 minutes to start the game, Odor's 16th homer put Texas ahead 2-0 in the second. Carlos Gomez had a solo shot, his 12th, in the third.

Odor scored three times before leaving with a bruised left hand after the fifth inning, when he was hit by a pitch. It was the second

straight hit batter by lefty reliever Robby Scott, who first plunked Adrian Beltre on the leg.

Doug Fister (0-2) gave up six runs — four earned — over 3 2/3 innings in his third start since Boston claimed him off waivers from the Los Angeles Angels last month.

Profar had two doubles, including a two-run liner to right-center for an 8-0 lead in the fifth, after being called up from Triple-A Round Rock when shortstop Elvis Andrus went on the paternity list.

WHERE'S ELVIS

Andrus, one of five candidates for the final AL All-Star spot, wasn't on Texas' active roster for the first time since making his major league debut as a 20-year-old shortstop to start 2009. Andrus and his new wife were expecting their first child. He's played 1,303 career games.

THE DAY AFTER

Andrew Benintendi went 0 for 2 with a pair of walks the day after

becoming the first Red Sox rookie to have multiple five-hit games in one season. He also had a two-run single in the 11th inning of Boston's 7-5 win in the series opener.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Red Sox LHP Eduardo Rodriguez will join the team at Tampa Bay and throw a bullpen over the weekend after struggling for a second straight rehab start. He's been out since June 1 with a right knee injury.

UP NEXT

Red Sox: LHP Chris Sale (11-3, 2.61 ERA), a potential AL All-Star starter Tuesday, pitches the opener of a four-game series at Tampa Bay on Thursday. He leads the majors with 166 strikeouts and has won 10 of 11 decisions.

Rangers: LHP Cole Hamels (3-0, 4.12) gets the opener of a three-game home series against the Angels on Friday. It will be his third start since missing almost two months with a right oblique strain.

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