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## Cooking up a lesson



Children gather around a table as they listen to instructions given by Elizabeth Cevallos (far left) during Moss Creek Ranch's cooking camp on Tuesday morning. Students learned how to set a dinner table, how to serve food, how to make a pizza, and learned about nutrition and safety in the kitchen.

## Moss Creek Ranch holds cooking camp for kids

By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer

A group of children gained some cooking experience at Moss Creek Ranch Tuesday morning during a cooking camp hosted by Elizabeth Cevallos.

Several children ranging in age from 5 to 12 gathered around Cevallos as she instructed them on how to read measuring cups, mix dough, and other essentials of cooking.

"I feel like they don't have as much exposure to cooking," said Cevallos. "Like today were learning how to set a table, and we're also going to learn how to serve."

Cevallos started the class because she wanted to help provide an oppor-

tunity for children in the area to learn some skills they might not have otherwise.

During this particular class, the students planned to make personal pizzas for both themselves and a select group of critics consisting of Alon employees, who were having their meeting at the venue as well.

After learning how to make the pizza, Cevallos taught the students how to set a table and serve the food, and, of course, how to eat it.

"I want to teach these kids about nutrition, but we also do a lot on safety," Cevallos said. "I just want them to learn all about cooking so they can incorporate it, and I think it will help them with family time. They

can cook at home, and bring knowledge home to their family."

Cevallos was a special education teacher and behavior specialist with Big Spring Intermediate School and has around 20 years of experience working with children.

In addition to that, Cevallos has also worked in the catering business for 15 years, including with her own company, Strictly Business Catering, which was based out of Frisco.

Cevallos hosted similar classes from her hometown of Frisco, Texas and thought it would be a great idea to bring those classes back to Howard County.

"I just want to help the kids here have the same experiences as the kids

in Dallas and other areas get to have," Cevallos said.

Being the first class she has hosted here, Cevallos was a little concerned if it would generate enough interest.

However after the first couple classes, Cevallos plans on continuing with the classes and hopes they will continue to grow so she can have more classes in the future.

"I hope as it gets bigger this is something I could start doing annually. I would like to do one during the holidays around November," said Cevallos.

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## Chamber hosts Summer Shopping Extravaganza Thursday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is encouraging the public to take advantage of the lengthy summer days and support local business by shopping in its second Summer Shopping Extravaganza.

Several retail shops will be open for extended hours until 8 p.m. this Thursday, offering a number of one-day only special discounts on items, give-aways, and even store wide sales.

"This is another way the Chamber helps with promoting our businesses locally," Debby ValVerde said, "These businesses support our local organizations, sport organizations, school programs and lots more throughout the year. Let's now support them."



ValVerde

Stores such as Blissful Boutique, Dazzling Décor, Queens of the Dude Ranch, and Lula Blu Boutique will be offering storewide discounts. Blue-Eyed Buffalo will be serving wine and cheese to those shoppers that cross

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## Trump tweets health bill 'will get even better' at lunch

By **ERICA WERNER and ALAN FRAM**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Wednesday stepped up the pressure on reluctant Republicans to erase much of Barack Obama's health care law, tweeting, "They MUST keep their promise to America" and vowing the measure would improve

at his White House lunch with senators.

In a last-ditch effort to revive the bill, Trump invited all 52 Republicans to the White House, a day after the GOP's seven-year quest crashed and burned in a humiliating defeat for the president, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and the GOP.

Trump tweeted ahead of the session, "The Republicans

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## Big Spring Rotary Club gives scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship, plus a one hundred dollar donation that a member submitted during the meeting, was awarded to recent BSHS graduate Alexess Sosa. The money was raised by the Big Spring Rotary Club and presented to Sosa at their meeting held on Tuesday. Sosa has been accepted into Stamford University and plans to major in psychology or law. "I really appreciate all the support the community has given me," said Sosa, posing here with Rotarians Thomas Padilla (left) and Ed Moughon. "I never expected so much outreach for being college bound and I'm so grateful that so many people believe in me and are cheering me on from our little town."



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## Obituaries

### Jerry Knox Roach



Jerry Knox Roach, 88, of Big Spring died Monday, July 17, 2017, in a local hospital.

Graveside funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2017, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 28, 1928, in Stamford, Texas. He married Ruth Fox Nov. 11, 1960, in Monahans, Texas, and she preceded him in death in April 2001. He then married Emma Carr in September 2007, and she preceded him in death May 18, 2017.

Jerry served in the United States Navy as a Seaman 1st Class from September 1950 to July 1954. He worked for Gulf Oil Company, which later became

a part of Chevron Oil Company, for over 45 years, retiring in 1992. He was an avid golfer and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Jacqueline Renee Roach of Hurst; his twin brother, Louie Ox Roach of Santa Monica, Calif.; three stepdaughters, Donna Davis and husband Rex of Gardendale, Mary Swaney of Dallas, and Rhonda Harding and husband Joe of Vincent; two stepsons, Rodney Carr and Richard Carr, both of Big Spring; one sister-in-law, Ann Fox of Big Spring; and numerous grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harold Roach and Rodney Roach; and one sister, Shirley Manhart.

The family suggests memorials to Howard County Council of Aging, Mobile Meals, P.O. Box 765, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0765.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Ruby E. Englert

Ruby E. Englert, 91, of Ft. Worth, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at her home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Kenneth Claibourn Means Jr.

Kenneth Claibourn Means Jr., 52, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 15, 2017, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **GREGORY MICHAEL SHUPE**, 29, of 4200 Parkway Road, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **WESLEY ALLEN EDMONDSON**, 30, of Coahoma, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **ROD LEE PUGA**, 55, of 1409 Settles, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **BOBBY HAROLD DAVIS**, 42, of 2089 East Highway 350, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between

one and four grams.

- **ROBERT CHARLES JOHNSON**, 54, of 803 Rosemont Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOSE GUADALUPE GARCIA**, 22, of 1801 South Johnson Street, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- **DAVID ALAN TINDOL**, 36, of 3413 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested on a charge of assault that causes bodily injury to a family member.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3400 block of Old Colorado City Highway and

the 100 block of Airbase Road.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the intersection of 5th and Douglas.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 0 block of Riva Ridge and the 200 block of West FM 700.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of South Gregg Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the intersection of Bluebonnet and Rosemont, the 1800 block of South Johnson Street, and the 1700 block of Morrison Drive.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of East Golf Course Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to the Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of South Highway 87. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5th and Douglas.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Wildfire Road.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of parkway. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of East 6th Street. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the North Highway 87 and Blagrove Road.

## 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.

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

## Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

### Marva Jo Reid Forman



Marva Jo Reid Forman, 69, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 16, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Marva was born April 16, 1948, in Wortham, Texas, to Sewilla Williams Reid and Roy Reid. She graduated from Paul Quinn College in Waco with a bachelors in education in 1970. She moved to Big Spring in 1973 from Waco. She obtained certification in Language and Learning Disabilities from UTPB. Marva taught at Lakeview Head Start for 13 years and at Moss Elementary for 16 years, retiring in 2002. In 2004, she began working in the computer lab at Big Spring Junior High until her death. Marva was President of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for two years. She was a member of West Highway 80 Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Willie E. Forman Jr., of Big Spring; two sons, Fredrick (Rhoshunda) Reid of Little Elm, and Elliott Forman and wife Sonia of Midland; one stepson, Jarvis Williams of San Antonio; and one daughter, Kasey Forman of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her mother, Sewilla Reid; and one sister, Stella Bias of Waco; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Marva was preceded in death by her father, Roy Reid; an infant son, Issac Forman; and a brother, Lee "Junebug" James.

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

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JACOB ARREDONDO**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **JOHN ROBERT BURCIAGA**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BRANDON SHANE COX**, 42, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BOBBY HAROLD DAVIS**, 42, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

• **JAZZMIN MARIE DOMINGUEZ**, 20, was booked by the HCSO on a motion to revoke warrant for theft of property between \$50 and \$500.

• **WESLEY ALLEN EDMONDSON**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for a property crime (Class C).

• **JOSE GARCIA**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

• **ROBERT CHARLES JOHNSON**, 54, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **BILLY SHAWN KENNEDY**, 38, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

• **TROY DEWAYNE MYERS**, 29, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for credit card or debit card abuse.

• **DAMEON ISAIHAH NIETO**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no drivers license, failure to appear, and a motion to revoke warrant for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **GREGORY MICHAEL SHUPE**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **DAVID ALAN TINDOL**, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a charge for assault that causes bodily injury to a family member.

• **JOE EARNEST VALENCIA**, 54, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of a con-

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never discuss how good their healthcare bill is, & it will get even better at lunchtime. The Dems scream death as OCare dies!" and "I will be having lunch at the White House today with Republican Senators concerning healthcare. They MUST keep their promise to America!"

Trump stayed largely on the sidelines as McConnell struggled unsuccessfully to round up support to make good on the GOP's years of promises to repeal and replace Obama's health care law. But with McConnell's third and final effort — on a repeal-only bill — looking like it, too, had collapsed, Trump urged McConnell to delay a make-or-break vote until early next week.

Trump's lunch echoes a similar move in June after McConnell fell short on his first health care effort, and it yielded no apparent results. Indeed Trump seated himself between two GOP senators —

Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska — who announced Tuesday they would oppose McConnell's efforts to move forward with the latest bill.

Along with opposition from a third GOP senator, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, that was enough to kill the legislation. McConnell can lose only two votes and still move forward in the closely divided Senate.

It looked like after seven years of campaigning on the issue, Republicans had discovered once in power that their own divisions would prevent them from delivering. McConnell was ready to hold the showdown vote Wednesday, to get senators on record on the issue and move on to other priorities like overhauling the tax code. But in a closed-door GOP lunch, fellow Republican senators urged him to wait, according to Republicans present who demanded anonymity to discuss the private issue. McConnell announced late Tuesday that the vote would occur early next week, "at the

request of the president and vice president and after consulting with our members."

Yet with Murkowski, Collins and Capito already on record as "no" votes, and others harboring private reservations, it's not clear what can change over the next several days. Trump himself earlier Tuesday sounded ready to move to other issues.

"I think we're probably in that position where we'll just let Obamacare fail," the president said. "We're not going to own it. I'm not going to own it. I can tell you that the Republicans are not going to own it. We'll let Obamacare fail and then the Democrats are going to come to us and they're going to say, 'How do we fix it?'"

Despite the current law's problems, most health care experts do not believe it is at immediate risk of outright failure, and Democratic cooperation to adjust the law is far from assured.

Nor does it appear likely that Republicans can escape owning the problems with the law and the health care

system overall, now that they control the House, Senate and White House, partly on the strength of campaigning against the law.

"They seem to have this notion that they can be a majority party, and have control of the White House, and not be responsible for bringing down the health care system," said Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois. "It doesn't work that way."

McConnell had been hunting for votes to open debate on a revived version of legislation Congress sent to Obama's desk in 2015 that would have repealed major portions of Obamacare, with a two-year delay built in. Many Republicans support the repeal-only approach, and they questioned how senators who voted for the legislation two years ago could oppose it now.

But for others, the implications were too severe now that the bill could actually become law with a Republican president in the White House ready to sign it. The Congressional Budget Office

has estimated that more than 30 million people would lose insurance over a decade under the legislation.

Collins voted against the legislation in 2015 while Murkowski and Capito both supported it. Murkowski told reporters that repealing the Affordable Care Act without the promise of a replacement would cause uncertainty and chaos.

"To just say repeal and 'Trust us, we're going to fix it in a couple of years,' that's not going to provide comfort to the anxiety that a lot of Alaskan families are feeling right now," she said.

What's next? Go back to the committee room and work on a bipartisan basis "in a way that the public feels that we are really working toward their best interests," Murkowski said.

Indeed Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, chairman of a Senate health panel, subsequently announced he planned hearings on the issue in the next few weeks, a step Senate Republicans have not taken to date.

# On hot mic, Israeli PM raps 'crazy' EU, admits Syria strikes

By PABLO GORONDI and ILAN BEN ZION

Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was caught Wednesday by a live microphone railing against the European Union's "crazy" insistence on resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as a precondition for closer ties with the 28-nation bloc, and trumpeting Israel as essential to its prosperity and survival. Netanyahu was meeting with leaders of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia at a regional summit.

Netanyahu was discussing Iran, Syria, the Islamic State group, and EU-Israel relations when some of his comments — and those of other leaders at the meeting closed to the media — were accidentally broadcast to journalists in another room covering the conference.

Netanyahu also made a rare public admission that Israel has struck Iranian arms convoys in Syria bound for Hezbollah "dozens and dozens of times."

The Israeli premier was overheard blasting the European Union's approach to Israel, saying "it's crazy. I think it's actually crazy" that the EU maintains that resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict must come before closer trade ties.

"There is no logic here. Europe is undermining its security by undermining Israel. Europe is undermining its progress by undermining the connection with Israeli innovation because of a crazy attempt to create conditions (for peace with the Palestinians)," said Netanyahu.

European ties with Is-

rael would determine whether the 28-member union would "live and thrive or shrivel and disappear," he added.

EU-Israel relations have been tense for years, with Jerusalem feeling that Brussels is targeting its policies far too much while being too soft on the Palestinians.

While the EU is the main trading partner for Israel, frictions have persisted. Relations took a dive in November 2015 after Israel derided a decision by the bloc to label products made in Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

The EU doesn't recognize Israeli sovereignty over territories it captured in the 1967 Mideast war, including the West Bank and east Jerusalem, where the Palestinians hope to establish a state.

It has been a vocal critic of Israel's settlement construction and has adopted measures mandating the labeling of goods produced in West Bank settlements.

"The European Union is the only association of countries in the world that conditions the relations with Israel — that produces technology in every area — on political conditions. The only ones. Nobody does it," Netanyahu said, citing Russia, China and India's willingness to do business with Israel despite politics.

Netanyahu has pushed for closer trade ties with India and China in recent years. Earlier this month, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid a state visit to Israel, during which the two countries signed a number of trade agreements cementing increasingly warm relations.

During statements to the media after their



AP photo

**Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, listens to Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban during a press conference held after the talks of Netanyahu with heads of government of the Visegrad Group or V4 countries in the Pesti Vigado building in Budapest, Hungary, Wednesday, July 19, 2017. Netanyahu is staying on a four-day official visit in Hungary.**

meeting, Orban shared Netanyahu's view on the EU's relations with Israel, calling for a more rational approach with "significantly better ties" and less criticism of Israel.

"The EU should value the efforts made by the state of Israel for stability in the region," Orban said. "This is of interest not only for Israel but for Europe, too, as it protects us from more and more migrant invasions."

"The EU's relations with Israel are not rational enough and need to be repaired," Orban added. "We'd like relations between the EU and Israel to be characterized by rationality. Instead of criticizing Israel, we should open the door to cooperation with Israel."

"If Europe fails to cooperate with Israel, it is punishing itself," Orban concluded. "This makes no sense."

Orban's comments on Israel were in line with his similar views on countries like Tur-

key, Russia and China, where he also has chosen to emphasize improving ties and economic relations without delving, for example, into human rights issues.

Orban said the four Central European countries in the so-called Visegrad Group had accepted Netanyahu's invitation to hold an upcoming meeting in Israel. Hungary holds the rotating presidency of the Visegrad Group until June 2018.

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through its doors, while Sonic will be serving a medium slush or iced coffee for 99 cents for those who need a quick, cool drink during the summer evening heat.

Other deals include half-off jewelry, crosses, and scarves at Merle Norman, and 40 percent off newborn and kids' items storewide at Splurge Boutique.

Participating businesses are: Blissful Boutique, Spring Town Plaza; Blue-Eyed Buffalo, 223 S Main; Dazzling Décor, 1304 Scurry; LoCo Flamingos, 1912 Scurry; Lula Blu Boutique, 2112 Scurry; Merle Norman, 1210 S. Gregg; Queens of the Dude Ranch, 221 S. Main; Sonic Drive-In No. 1 and No. 2, Gregg St. & FM 700; Southern Blush, 1203 Scurry; and Splurge Boutique, 308 Scurry.

The event is sponsored by the chamber's business development committee. For more information, call ValVerde at 432-263-7641.

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## Cruz rescues Republicans on Obamacare

Republicans are finally getting smart on Obamacare. It took one of the savviest Republican senators — Ted Cruz of Texas, with an assist from Mike Lee of Utah — to get the GOP to figure out how to replace Obamacare, reduce premiums and save money for the government, all without alienating millions of voters. He's pulled the Republicans' fannies out of the fire, flipping a losing strategy into a big-time winner.

The Cruz amendment — which has been inserted into the GOP Senate health plan — is smart, because it doesn't take anything away from anyone. If you want Obamacare, you can have it. You can have the coverage for the 10 “essential benefits”; you can have the subsidies and exchanges that were supposed to save \$2,500 per family. It's still there for you.

The Cruz amendment introduces what is called the “Consumer Freedom Option.” The Consumer Freedom Option allows insurers who offer Obamacare-compliant plans to offer a range of less costly plans. In other words, it empowers people and families to pick and choose what they want in their own insurance packages. Some families want, and can afford, blanket coverage that insures them for everything from cancer to contraceptives. If you want to pay for that coverage, go for it.

What about people with lower incomes or healthy lifestyles that want the other extreme? They can opt for slimmed-down coverage that protects them from major medical expenses, such as costly ongoing treatments for a serious disease. These families may choose to pay for more routine medical expenses, such as checkups, out of pocket. One ben-

efit is that since more people will pay directly for medical services, they are likely to shop around for the best prices, and this competition will lower prices for everyone.

In other words, the Cruz amendment is pro-choice — which I thought was one of the tenets of liberalism. Cruz tells me that based on the preliminary numbers, he believes this approach could save tens of millions of Americans as much as 30 percent on their health costs. That's thousands of dollars of savings per family.

My advice for the Republicans is to start running national ads right now with a Geico-type message. A mother is smiling as she pays the bills at the kitchen table and declares: “I just saved \$5,000 on my health care thanks to Ted Cruz.”

The Cruz plan to progressives is like a cross to a vampire. They complain that this will destabilize the market and turn marketplaces into high-risk pools. Insurance companies are claiming that the sick and those with pre-existing conditions will have to pay more.

That's partly true, but it's not the whole story. The Cruz amendment provides billions of dollars in subsidies for people who have pre-existing conditions and high medical costs. Cruz believes the number of people without private insurance who don't have adequate coverage for pre-existing conditions is only about 1.5 million people. Why contaminate a functioning insurance market for 300 million people to give coverage to 1.5 million?

The Cruz plan provides protection for those 1.5 million people, while giving tens of millions of Americans the freedom to choose the affordable plan of their choice. Cruz says that the majority of the people in Texas who have had to pay the Obamacare penalties for not buying a plan have incomes of less than \$50,000. They are the victims of the “Affordable Care Act.”

The left prefers a system in

which people who want Cadillac coverage are subsidized through higher premiums paid for by people who don't want that coverage. How is that fair?

Another virtue of the Cruz plan is that if people can save money on their medical insurance by living healthier lifestyles — by exercising, not smoking or doing drugs, getting enough sleep, watching their weight — they will be rewarded with plans that offer lower premiums. This will incentivize behavior that contributes to wellness, which will dramatically lower health care costs overtime. So the Consumer Freedom Option is tied to a concept liberals have come to hate: individual responsibility.

And now for the real genius of the Cruz plan: If his amendment stands, the left's grand vision of a single-payer government-run insurance dystopia will go up in smoke for good. The left wants everyone in the same insurance boat. No competition in plans. But once people are given the right to choose the health plan that is affordable to them and tailored to their individual needs, they will resist single-payer, one-size-fits-all insurance. It doesn't take a village to buy a health plan.

If the GOP is smart enough to rally behind the Cruz amendment, and health costs and premiums start falling almost immediately, we will start to have what Obamacare never delivered: affordable care.

And by the way, Trump would get re-elected in a landslide and so would congressional Republicans.

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## Trump forces a GOP retreat on Russia

There's no question but that the president's naivete with regards to Russia, and his faulty judgment about Russia's intentions and objectives, has led to a number of foreign policy challenges that we face. And unfortunately, not having anticipated Russia's intentions, the president wasn't able to shape the kinds of events that may have been able to prevent the kinds of circumstances that you're seeing in the Ukraine, as well as the things that you're seeing in Syria. ... This is not Fantasyland. This is reality where they are a geopolitical adversary.”

—Mitt Romney, March 23, 2014, on Barack Obama

If there has been any defining trait among modern Republicans, it's their ingrained distrust of Russia. For decades, the GOP made a habit of accusing its opponents of being weak-kneed and gullible about Moscow's intentions.

If Donald Trump had been elected president as a Democrat, they would be painting him as the most craven appeaser since Neville Chamberlain.

But he was elected as a Republican, which has required some reorientation in the GOP. A lot of Republican voters have simply turned their worldview upside down. One recent poll found that only one in four thinks Russia should be treated mainly as a threat — with the rest preferring warmer ties.

GOP officeholders, caught in the middle, are generally wary of Trump's policy toward Moscow. By a 98-2 vote, the Republican-controlled Senate passed a bill to tighten the sanctions imposed

by the Obama administration, which the president opposes. But the measure has stalled in the House. And most of the party's members of Congress have done their best to downplay or excuse Trump's strange fondness for Vladimir Putin.

That remained true even after the revelation that Donald Trump, Jr. met last year with someone he believed was a Russian government lawyer offering “sensitive information” on Hillary Clinton as “part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump.”

If this was not collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russian government, it was a conscious attempt at collusion with a hostile government on the part of the candidate's son. No wonder Donald Jr. lied about it until his emails were exposed.

That the Russian failed to produce what she promised doesn't make the meeting any less incriminating for Trump. If you give money to someone you believe is a hit man to kill your spouse, you can't claim innocence when he disappears without doing the job.

But many Republicans who should have been objecting couldn't bring themselves to speak up. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan were practically mute. When asked if the news was cause for concern, Sen. Bob Corker, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said, “No.”

Only a few longtime Trump critics, notably John McCain and Lindsey Graham, were vocally disgest by what they had learned. Many of their colleagues are just hoping Trump and those around him are not obviously guilty of major felonies.

The standard for presidents used to be higher. In 1980, Ronald Reagan accused President

Jimmy Carter of “cozying up” to the Soviet Union. In 1992, President George Bush attacked Bill Clinton for traveling to Moscow as a student in 1969. Even after communism collapsed and the pro-American Boris Yeltsin was elected president, Sen. Bob Dole ran in 1996, charging that Clinton “cherishes romantic illusions about the soul of a former adversary.”

Romney flayed Obama in 2012 for telling Russian President Dmitry Medvedev he would have “more flexibility” on policies affecting Russia after the election. “I'm not going to wear rose-colored glasses,” Romney vowed.

In the past, the GOP demanded that presidents recognize the threat posed by the Russian government, understand the policies needed to counter it and have the backbone to stand up to any challenge.

Trump, by their own criteria, has failed each of these tests.

Obama was vilified as a Russian patsy for actions that don't remotely approach what we know Trump and his circle have done. Today, all but a few congressional Republicans avert their eyes and swallow their tongues. Most of them, however, must be appalled to see the nation's security in the hands of someone so willing to overlook Putin's malicious behavior.

It may not be clear to them that Trump should be impeached. But by now, they have to know he can't be trusted.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, help us change our perspective of life from earthly things to heavenly things. Amen.



# Roger's Retro Reviews: The Pirates of Penzance



I have been on a Gilbert and Sullivan kick lately. By far, my favorite G&S operetta is "The Pirates of Penzance," and I really enjoy the 1983 stage/movie hybrid starring Kevin Kline as the Pirate King, Linda Ronstadt as Mabel, and Angela Lansbury as Ruth. That's the subject of this week's Retro Review; if you think you don't like opera, give this show a try... and be open to the humor. Because it's flat hilarious.



ROGER  
CLINE

In case you aren't familiar, I'll do my usual thing and summarize the beginning of the plot. This show was

pledges her undying love to rescue Frederic from his unfortunate position.

About that time, the pirates arrive, and set about scooping up Mabel's sisters, planning to locate a nearby doctor of divinity and wed them all against their will. Before they can carry out their nefarious plan, the girls' father, Major-General Stanley (George Rose), shows up, introduces himself as "the model of a modern major-general," and demands to know what's going on. The pirates still have the upper hand, so the Pirate King tells him they intend to marry the young girls, and they don't care too much what he has to say about it. Thinking quickly, the Major-General plays into the pirates' weakness: he tells them that he is a poor orphan



originally staged in 1879, so I don't know if "spoilers" really applies here, but I won't give away the big parts.

The movie starts on a peaceful Sunday in the town of Penzance in Cornwall, Great Britain. People emerging from church notice a ship off the coast, and take a glance at it through a telescope: Horror! It's pirates! Everybody hides, and the action cuts to the deck of the pirate ship, where a young crew member named Frederic (Rex Smith) has just turned 21, thereby releasing him from his indentured apprenticeship, and the crew is throwing a party for him. Oddly, after their rousing congratulatory song, Frederic explains that he remained with the pirates out of his devotion to duty, but now that he's a free man, he plans to leave the pirate business and begin a quest to exterminate his former comrades. The Pirate King (Kline) urges Frederic to follow the dictates of his conscience, and "chance the consequences." Another bit of information is revealed in this scene: The pirates can't offer Frederic a good incentive to remain with them, because, as first mate Samuel (David Hatton, sung by Stephen Hanan) points out, they can't seem to make piracy pay... sparing, as they do, all orphans they run across. Apparently, the last three ships they captured were crewed entirely by orphans. The pirates' maid, Ruth (Lansbury), explains that she mistakenly bound young Frederic to the pirate apprenticeship because she had misheard her instructions many years ago: Instead of a ship's pilot, she had apprenticed him to a pirate. During the intervening years, love has blossomed between Frederic (who's never seen another woman) and his middle-aged nurse. Frederic urges his comrades to accompany him back to civilization and give up piracy, but the Pirate King says he'll take good, honest piracy any day over the dirty work that respectable people do.

Ruth and Frederic take a boat to the shore, where they spy a group of beautiful young women approaching across the rocky cliffs. Frederic realizes that Ruth is old and plain, and that she's been deceiving him into believing that she's beautiful. He banishes her from his presence, and hides to watch the ladies. Before they can remove their shoes and stockings and (gasp) paddle, he comes out and warns them of his presence. The young ladies are torn; Frederic is a handsome lad, but as a former pirate, he's also somewhat scandalous. Luckily Mabel (Ronstadt) appears and

boy, and that his daughters are all that he has to call his own. Moved by his story (I told you that "orphan" thing was an important scrap of info), the pirates pardon him and head back to their ship. End of Act 1.

At the start of Act 2, which takes place at Stanley's estate, Frederic has summoned the local police force to help him with his campaign against the pirates. These heroes, led by their doughty Sergeant (Tony Azito) show up singing a song to raise their courage (which they need, because they're scared out of their wits). Their spirits aren't improved by Mabel and her sisters urging them to "Go to death and go to slaughter! Die, and every Cornish daughter, with their tears about to head out, Frederic is confronted by the Pirate King and Ruth, who have sneaked on shore to give him a scrap of information about his birth...which results in him re-joining the pirates!

As I said above, "Pirates of Penzance" is hilarious in its own right, and the 1983 production adds little snippets of modern (relatively) sensibility to it which are themselves just over the top. Kline is swashbuckling and piratical, but just sensitive enough to be the kind of pirate who has a soft spot for orphans. Ronstadt has an amazing operatic voice above and beyond her pop career. Lansbury is, well, Angela Lansbury, but she adds her own special brand of crazy to this show. Rose is appropriately military and upper-crust British. Perhaps Smith's Frederic is the weakest link in the chain, but he still does a respectable job, with a few great bits (note the Elvis flourish when he's introducing himself to the girls).

"Pirates" makes a great introduction to opera because it contains a lot of music you've probably heard before; and even if you haven't, the action, choreography, and situations are so great you'll love it anyway. I'm giving it nine stars out of 10. Watch it and fall in love.

*The Pirates of Penzance*  
Director: Wilford Leach  
Writer: Screenplay by Wilford Leach, based on "The Pirates of Penzance: or, The Slave of Duty" by Sir William Schwenck Gilbert  
Production company: St. Michael Finance Limited, Timothy Burrill Productions  
G; 1 hr. 52 min., Comedy/Musical/Romance; Feb. 18, 1983

# Check it out at the Howard County Library

This week I'll start with the non-fiction books. In "The Chamberlain Key" by Timothy P. Smith (220.68 SMI T), Timothy, heir to a renowned family business responsible for construction or renovation of some of America's most cherished landmarks, struggles to understand the significance of his recurring dream until he has another dream. This dream identified a specific location where it seemed he might find answers to his questions. Timothy drove to a remote spot in British Columbia. There the adventure which later led to a startling discovery in the oldest Hebrew text of the Bible began. It took the convergence of the sacred text, one man's life, and modern computer technology to reveal messages that may explain dramatic world events, as well as influence every person alive today.



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"The True Jesus" by David Limbaugh (232.090 LIM) combines the four Gospel stories into a unified account and guides readers on a faith journey through the Four Evangelists' testimonies of the life of Jesus Christ. Limbaugh's passion for the Gospels infuses the pages of this book, which is both a primer for new Bible readers and an outstanding guide to the Gospels for long-time believers. Open this book and begin your odyssey toward the answer to the profound question uttered by Jesus Christ: "Who do you say that I am?"

"The Road to Jonestown" by Jeff Guinn (289.9 GUI J) is the definitive account of Jim Jones and the tragic events at Jonestown, the largest murder suicide in American history. Based on newly released documents and new interviews with survivors, some of whom had never

spoken publicly before. It answers the question: "How could so many people not only die for Jim Jones but kill for him too?" This book is as fascinating as it is disturbing, a classic story of how a charismatic but deeply flawed figure could lead so many people to tragedy.

"The Fifth Trimester" by Lauren Smith Brody (306.36 BRO L) is the working mom's guide to style, sanity, and big success after baby. The bighearted mentorship of these pages will help you embrace your new identity as a working parent, and set you up for long-term work/life success. This book tackles every personal and professional detail with the wit, warmth, and inspiration you need to win this whole back-to-work transition.

"Never Caught" by Erica Armstrong Dunbar (306.362 DUN E) is a book that examines the life of an eighteenth-century fugitive woman in intricate detail, and it provides a new look at George Washington's relationship to slavery. When George and Martha Washington moved from Mount Vernon in Virginia to Philadelphia, then the seat of the nation's capital, they took nine enslaved people with them. They would serve as cooks and horsemen, as house servants and personal attendants. Slavery, in Philadelphia at least, was looked down upon. There was even a law requiring slaveholders to free their slaves after six months. Yet George Washington thought he could outwit and circumvent the law by sending his slaves south every six months, thereby resetting the clock. Ona Judge, Martha Washington's chief attendant, having interacted with Philadelphia's sizable free black community observed and soon longed for liberation. Risking everything she knew and leaving everyone she loved and had known her entire life, she fled. This story is not only of the powerful lure of freedom but also of George Washington's

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### 3rd Texan pleads guilty in \$6.4M diamond investment scam

DALLAS (AP) — A third Texas man has pleaded guilty over what federal prosecutors call a more than \$6 million diamond investment scam.

Craig Allen Otteson of McKinney pleaded guilty Tuesday to mail fraud. The 65-year-old Otteson appeared before a judge in Dallas over a scheme that investigators say ran from March 2011 to late 2013.

Jay Bruce Heimburger of Dallas last week pleaded guilty to mail fraud. Christopher Arnold Jiongo of Houston in May pleaded guilty to wire fraud.

All face up to 20-year prison terms.

Investigators say more than 75 investors were scammed out of \$6.4 million linked to purchase and resale of diamonds on the international market. Prosecutors say money and property were fraudulently secured by the three men, who could be required to make restitution.

### Ex-corrections officer in Texas sentenced for taking bribes

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man has been sentenced to prison for accepting bribes as a corrections officer to smuggle contraband into a federal prison facility.

Twenty-three-year-old Stephen Salinas of Edcouch was sentenced Tuesday to 1.5 years in prison. He had pleaded guilty in January to accepting bribes as a public official.

Federal prosecutors say Salinas received an extended sentence because he accepted more than one bribe and used his high-level position to bring contraband into the Management and Training Corp.'s Willacy County Regional Detention Center.

Authorities say in 2015 and 2016 he accepted the bribes to smuggle cellphones and alcohol to prisoners.

### Texas woman surprised when traffic stop leads to proposal

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — A Texas police dispatcher recently arranged to have his girlfriend stopped by an officer under the ruse that her car was reported stolen so that he could surprise her with a marriage proposal.

Grapevine dispatcher Stephen Smith earlier this month told his girlfriend Amanda Radican that he left his cellphone at home and needed her to bring it to him at work.

He was with an officer in a patrol vehicle northwest of Dallas when he used an app to track the phone and locate Radican so that the officer could make a traffic stop. The officer claimed Radican's car was reported as stolen, nearly bringing the woman to tears. Smith then walked up behind her, got down on a knee and proposed.

A surprised Radican accepted Smith's proposal.

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determination to recapture his property by whatever means necessary.

In "Dog Company" by Lynn Vincent and Captain Roger Hill (958.104 VIN L), the enemy always seemed to know when the Americans were coming. After just six months in a violent province of Afghanistan, a third of Captain Roger Hill's unit, Dog Company, had been wounded in battle. Then two soldiers are killed on a routine patrol. Working with an Army counterintelligence team, Hill busts a dozen enemy infiltrators, but pro-enemy rules of engagement tie his hands. If he cannot transfer the spies who killed and maimed his men to a higher level of detention within 96 hours, he will be forced to set them free. Hill was a rising young officer who had always followed the letter of the military law. Although now, abandoned by his high command, he suddenly faces an excruciating choice: follow Army rules on prisoner treatment, or damn the rules to his own destruction and protect the men he'd grown to love.

That will have to be all this week so until next week I leave you with a quote from Fran Lebowitz: "Think before you speak. Read before you think."

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# Native American healing class sparks unique health textbook



An Aztec dancer participates in a ceremony on Monday, July 17, 2017, at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Albuquerque as part of school's annual class on Curanderismo indigenous healing methods from the American Southwest and Latin America. A new textbook by the workshop's founder, Eliseo "Cheo" Torres, was released this month to coincide with the annual gathering.

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS  
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Laughter can combat trauma. Spiritual cleansings could be used to fight an opioid addiction. Cactus extract may battle diabetes and obesity.

These insights are from curanderismo — traditional Native American healing from the American Southwest and Latin America.

University of New Mexico professor Eliseo "Cheo" Torres' has included these thoughts in a new, unique textbook connected to his internationally-known annual course on curanderismo.

"Curanderismo: The

Art of Traditional Medicine Without Borders," released last week, coincides with Torres' annual gathering of curandero students and healers around the world at the University of New Mexico. For nearly 20 years, healers and their students have come to Albuquerque to meet and exchange ideas on traditional healing that for many years were often ignored and ridiculed.

Torres, who is also the university's vice president for student affairs, said the popularity of the annual course and a similar online class he teaches convinced him that there needed to be a textbook on curanderismo.

"This textbook came out of the experience of

this class and the ideas that have been shared through the years," Torres said during a special morning ceremony with Aztec dancers on campus. "From healers in Mexico to those in Africa, many have long traditions of healing that are being rediscovered by a new generation."

Curanderismo is the art of using traditional healing methods like herbs and plants to treat various ailments. Long practiced in Native American villages of Mexico and other parts of Latin America, curanderos also are found in New Mexico, south Texas, Arizona and California.

Anthropologists believe curanderismo remained popular among

poor Latinos because they didn't have access to health care. But they say the field is gaining traction among those who seek to use alternative medicine.

"I believe people are disenchanted with our health system," Torres said. "Some people can't afford it now, and they are looking for other ways to empower themselves to heal."

The textbook gives a survey of medicinal plants used to help digestive systems and how healers draw in laugh therapy to cope with traumatic experiences.

Ricardo Carrillo, a licensed psychologist and a healer based in Oakland, California,

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### Perry touts energy exports, awaits study on electric grid

By MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is pushing for increased exports of natural gas and other energy sources as it seeks U.S. "energy dominance" in the global market, Energy Secretary Rick Perry said Tuesday.

He and President Donald Trump have of-

fered a "comforting" message to energy companies seeking to export liquefied natural gas, or LNG at huge terminals in Texas, Louisiana and other states, Perry said: "If you meet the rules, here's your permit."

Perry also said he has not seen a widely expected department study into the reliability of the electric grid.

A draft version

leaked to news outlets indicates that renewable power and federal regulations have had little impact on reliability.

"There are lots of people breathlessly waiting to read that" report, Perry said — and he is among them.

In a speech at the National Press Club, Perry called LNG exports a "major driver" of jobs and energy production and a

key way to reduce global emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming.

"We can have a cleaner environment and a strong, prosperous nation," Perry said. "We do not need to sacrifice one for the other; nor will we follow the course other allies have taken to their detriment."

Perry cited a drive for renewable energy in

Germany that he said has forced electricity costs to record highs. "That is not the direction the United States plans to take under the Trump administration," he said.

Perry also touted increased U.S. oil and coal exports as part of a strategy to boost energy production and jobs. Trump has heralded an

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# 'Let Obamacare fail,' Trump says after GOP plan collapses

By ERICA WERNER and ALAN FRAM

Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump declared Tuesday it's time to "let Obamacare fail" after the latest GOP health care plan crashed and burned in the Senate, a stunning failure for the president, Republican leader Mitch McConnell and a party that has vowed for years to abolish the law.

In a head-spinning series of developments, rank-and-file Republican senators turned on McConnell and Trump for the third time in a row, denying the votes to move forward with a plan for a straight-up repeal of "Obamacare." This time, it was three GOP women — Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, and Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia — who delivered the death blow.

All had been shut out of McConnell's initial all-male working group on health care.

McConnell, who could afford to lose only two votes in the narrowly divided Senate, had turned to the repeal-only bill after his earlier repeal-and-replace measure was rejected on Monday. That had followed the failure of an earlier version of the bill last month.

The successive defeats made clear that despite seven years of promises to repeal former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act, Republicans apparently cannot deliver. Nonetheless, McConnell insisted he would move forward with a vote on his measure to repeal the law, effective in two years, with a promise to work — along with Democrats — to replace it in the meantime.

The vote could come as soon as Wednesday. It appears doomed to fail, but GOP leaders want to put lawmakers on record on the issue and move on.

At the White House, Trump appeared to recognize defeat, at least for the moment, while insisting he bore none of the blame.

"I think we're probably in that position where we'll just let Obamacare fail," the president said. "We're not going to own it. I'm not going to own it. I can tell you that the Republicans are not going to own it. We'll let Obamacare fail and then the Democrats are

going to come to us and they're going to say, 'How do we fix it?'"

Despite the current law's problems, most health care experts do not believe it is at immediate risk of outright failure, and Democratic cooperation to adjust the law is far from assured.

Nor does it appear likely that Republicans can escape owning the problems with the law and the health care system overall, now that they control the House, Senate and White House, partly on the strength of campaigning against the law.

"They seem to have this notion that they can be a majority party, and have control of the White House, and not be responsible for bringing down the health care system," said Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois. "It doesn't work that way."

Asked how he would justify the GOP's failure on health care to voters, McConnell responded: "Well, we have a new Supreme Court justice" — suggesting inaction on health care would be forgiven because of that success along with some regulatory roll-backs.

As the day began Tuesday, McConnell was hunting for votes to open debate on a revived version of legislation Congress sent to Obama's desk in 2015 that would have repealed major portions of Obamacare, with a two-year delay built in. He had turned to that approach after getting stunned Monday night by defections by Sens. Mike Lee of Utah and Jerry Moran of Kansas on a repeal-and-replace bill.

Many Republicans support the repeal-only approach, and they question how senators who voted for the legislation two years ago could oppose it now.

"Were going to find out if there's hypocrisy in the United States Senate



President Donald Trump speaks while having lunch with services members in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

AP photo

in the next few days I'm afraid," said Sen. David Perdue, R-Georgia.

But for others, the implications were too severe now that the bill could actually become law with a Republican president in the White House ready to sign it. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that more than 30 million people would lose insurance over a decade under the legislation.

Collins voted against the legislation in 2015 while Murkowski and Capito both supported it. Murkowski told reporters Tuesday that repealing the Affordable Care Act without the promise of a replacement would cause uncertainty and chaos.

"To just say repeal and 'Trust us, we're going to fix it in a couple of years,' that's not going to provide comfort to the anxiety that a lot of Alaskan families are feeling right now," she said.

Said Capito: "I did not come to Washington to hurt people."

What's next? Go back to the committee room and work on a bipartisan ba-

sis "in a way that the public feels that we are really working toward their best interests, Murkowski said. "It's where we should have started. ... And yes, this is hard."

Alaska has extremely high medical costs because many residents live in remote areas, and it also benefits from Obama's expansion of Medicaid coverage. Murkowski has been wary of anything that would jeopardize federal funds for her state.

Similar to legislation the House approved in May after its own setbacks, McConnell's repeal-and-replace bill would have canceled Obama's tax penalties on people who don't buy coverage and cut the Medicaid program for the poor, elderly and nursing home residents. It would have rolled back many of the statute's requirements for the policies insurers can sell and eliminate many tax increases that raised money for Obama's expansion to 20 million more people, though it retained the law's tax boosts on high earners.



AP photo

Energy Secretary Rick Perry listens to a question at a news conference, Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at the National Press Club in Washington.

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said he's seeing younger people look to curanderismo to help with challenges like addiction and physical pain.

"Yes, you have to go through detox and do all that you are supposed to do to get yourself clean," said Carrillo, who came to the Albuquerque workshop to speak. "Curanderismo can give you the spiritual tools to keep yourself clean and look to a higher power."

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## PERRY

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"energy revolution" that he says celebrates American production on American soil, noting that the U.S. is on the brink of becoming a net exporter of oil, gas and other energy resources.

Trump signed an executive order in April to expand oil drilling in the Arctic and Atlantic oceans, reversing restrictions imposed by President Barack Obama. Trump has also pushed to revive U.S. coal production after years of decline and to boost energy production on federal lands.

U.S. coal exports rose sharply in early 2017 amid increased demand in Asia and Europe, the Energy Department said Tuesday. Exports

were up by 8 million tons through March, a 58 percent jump over the same period last year. Top destinations for U.S. coal were the Netherlands, South Korea and India.

Despite the increase, volumes remain well below what the industry anticipated when it announced plans over the past decade to build or expand coal ports in Oregon, Louisiana, Washington state and California.

On the grid study, Perry said critics on all sides were "throwing jell-o at the wall" on a report that is not yet finished. "I haven't seen it yet," he said.

A draft version leaked to news outlets indicates that renewable power and federal regulations

have had little impact on reliability. The draft report cites declining demand and plunging costs of natural gas for early retirements of traditional coal and nuclear power plants.

The Energy Department has said the draft study is out of date and a new version could have different conclusions. Renewable energy advocates, including some Republicans, have expressed concern that the report could be used to undermine support for wind and solar power.

The report is expected to be made public this month, but Perry offered no firm timetable. "Like you, I'm breathlessly waiting to get my hands on it," he said.

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## Rhule says Baylor committed to correct wrongs of the past

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Matt Rhule made reference to Baylor's sexual assault scandal even before taking questions during his first appearance at Big 12 football media days.

When Rhule became the Bears coach last December, he knew there would be challenges. For him, that also meant a tremendous opportunity.

"What I've learned in my time at Baylor and Waco is we're not running from the past, but rather we're running from it," Rhule said Tuesday, eight days before the start of preseason practice. "We're truly committed to getting the wrongs of the past corrected into a bright new future."

Several federal Title IX discrimination lawsuits are still pending against Baylor from more than a dozen women who claim the school and football program ignored, mishandled or tried to cover up reports of sexual or physical abuse for years. One suit was settled last week.

The school is also facing state criminal and federal civil rights investigations, and an NCAA probe into the athletic program as a result of the scandal that led to the departures last year of two-time Big 12 champion coach Art Briles, former athletic director Ian McCaw and former school president Ken Starr.

Rhule, the former Temple coach, said he doesn't know everything that happened before he arrived at Baylor. Asked why he was so forward with confronting the past, Rhule said, "That which we don't acknowledge, we're doomed to repeat."

Rhule said educational initiatives have been instituted at Baylor that relate to character, decision-making, respecting others and Title IX.

"We're trying to build a program, not a team," Rhule said. "We're building a culture, not an attitude."

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## Jerry Jones: Cowboys still exploring latest Elliott incident

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday the team is still gathering details over Ezekiel Elliott's involvement in an altercation at a Dallas bar, the latest off-field incident for the star running back.

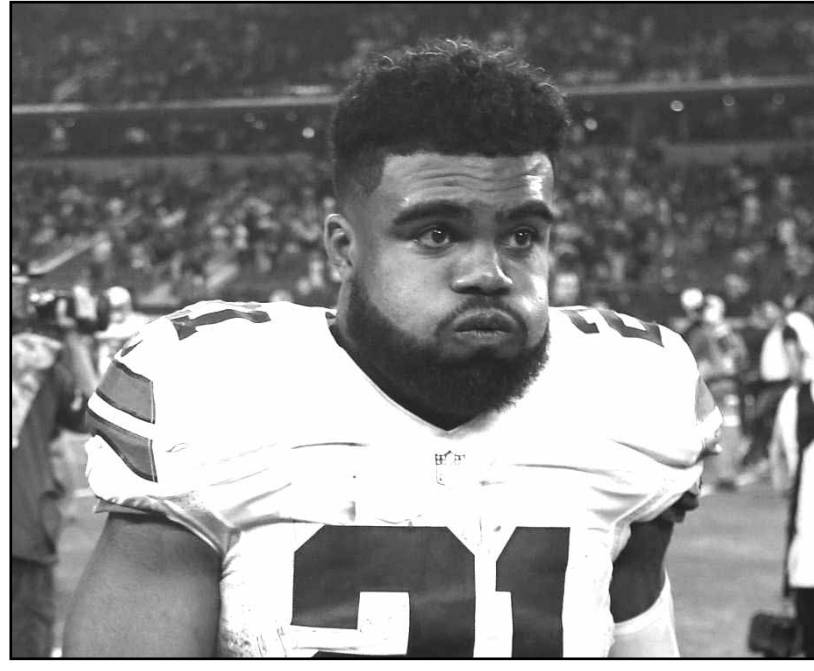
Elliott, who was already facing a potential suspension over the NFL's investigation of a year-old domestic case, was involved in a dispute Sunday night that led to a man getting punched in the nose and being taken to a hospital. Dallas police said the 30-year-old man didn't know who punched him, and the report also did not mention Elliott. Dallas police also are investigating the incident.

Jones said he didn't want to speculate about a possible suspension. An NFL spokesman said the league is looking into the latest incident "to understand the facts." One of Elliott's representatives declined to return a message seeking comment.

Authorities in Columbus, Ohio, declined to prosecute the former Ohio State star over a domestic dispute with his ex-girlfriend before Elliott's first training camp with the Cowboys last year. But the NFL's investigation continued, and the league hasn't cleared Elliott.

Elliott also drew unwanted attention last

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**FILE** - In this Jan. 15, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott (21) walks off the field after a 34-31 loss to the Green Bay Packers in an NFL divisional playoff football game, in Arlington, Texas. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says the club is still gathering details over Elliott's involvement in an altercation at a Dallas bar, the latest off-field incident for the star running back.

## Herman has to show Longhorns they can win

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — When Tom Herman first met with Texas players after becoming their coach, he asked who had been part of a winning season with the Longhorns. Only three raised their hands.

Then there are the high school players the Longhorns are recruiting now, 16- and 17-year-old kids that Herman points out have seen Texas put up twice as many losing seasons (four) as Big 12 titles in their lifetimes.

"The Texas they know is a lot different than the Texas that people in my generation know," the 42-year-old Herman said Tuesday at Big 12 media days. "So it's our job to show them what Texas is capable of, what Texas has been in the past, and what we're planning on being again in the future."

That is the starting point for Herman, who eight months ago took over a Texas program coming off three consecutive losing seasons for the first time since the 1930s.

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Texas head coach Tom Herman, second from right, poses for photos after speaking to reporters during the Big 12 NCAA college football media day in Frisco, Texas, Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

## Davis hits 2 HRs, has 6 RBIs as Orioles beat Rangers 12-1



AP Photo/Patrick Semansky

BALTIMORE (AP) — Chris Davis hit two home runs, Baltimore pounded out 16 hits and Dylan Bundy stymied Texas with six innings of four-hit ball.

For a change, everything went right for the struggling Orioles in a 12-1 rout of the Rangers on Tuesday night.

Quality starts and lopsided victories have been scarce for Baltimore, which must repeat the formula on a consistent basis to get back into the playoff picture.

"We know we have to have a lot of things clicking to get back to where we want to be," manager Buck Showalter said. "I think not only the starters, but just the whole team in general."

Davis homered in a six-run first inning, added a grand slam in the fourth and finished with a career-high six RBIs. It was the 19th career multihomer game for Baltimore's cleanup hitter, making his fifth start since coming off the disabled list with an oblique strain.

Trey Mancini and Seth Smith also homered for the Orioles, who scored six runs against Tyson Ross (2-2) before making an out.

"It was one of those nights where we just kind of fed off of each other," Davis said. "We've been looking for that for a while."

Baltimore has won two straight over Texas following a three-game sweep by the Chicago Cubs. The Orioles are still five under .500, but now there's hope.

"Anvtime your offense has a game

like tonight, I feel like everybody else can kind of take a deep breath and not stress so much," Davis said.

Bundy (9-8) breezed in his first victory since June 24.

"You get a cushion from our offense," he said, "and it just wants to make you get back in the dugout so they can hit some more."

Vying to stay afloat in the AL playoff picture, Texas pitched poorly and spluttered at the plate. In addition, center fielder Carlos Gomez got his glove around Davis' first-inning drive before the ball escaped over the wall.

Shin-Soo Choo homered for the Rangers, who have lost three in a row and scored only six runs in their last four games.

"We've got to find a way to get this offense going," manager Jeff Banister said.

After Choo hit the 23rd leadoff homer of his career, Baltimore responded with gusto in the bottom of the first. Jonathan Schoop doubled in two runs, Davis followed with the drive that eluded Gomez's grasp and Mancini capped the uprising with a two-run homer.

"Tough way to play a baseball game tonight," Banister said. "Obviously, very challenged from the first inning."

In the fourth, Ross was lifted after a single, an error and a walk loaded the bases. Davis hit the second pitch from Austin Dirks into the center field seats. It was his eighth career grand slam, the first this season.

Ross gave up nine runs, eight earned, in 3 1/3 innings. He's 0-3 with an 18.23 ERA in eight career games against Baltimore.

"The pitches I had over the plate didn't have the movement I wanted and a lot of pitches flew over the heart and got hit hard," the right-hander said.

Smith homered in the eighth to complete the Orioles' most lopsided win of the season.

## Gattis homers twice to lead Astros over Mariners, 6-2

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros will have to make some decisions about their rotation soon with ace Dallas Keuchel nearing a return from the disabled list.

The way Brad Peacock has been pitching lately, he's going to make those decisions much more difficult. Evan Gattis twice to back up a solid start by Peacock and help the Astros to a 6-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Peacock (8-1) allowed three hits and one run while fanning nine in seven innings to tie the longest start of his career and earn his fifth straight win. Afterward, manager A.J. Hinch was asked where Peacock fit in when Keuchel returns.

"Competition is a good thing ... there's a conversation as to where to best utilize our weapons," Hinch said. "Whether it's in the rotation or in the bullpen, he's been effective in both. We haven't even broached that conversation."

Peacock isn't too concerned about what role he'll play when Keuchel is healthy. He's just glad to be pitching so well.

"Yeah, I'm not worried about it. I'm just happy to be here," he said. "Happy to have a job here on a first-place team. That's all you can ask for."

Seattle manager Scott Servais raved about Peacock's performance.

"He was ahead in the count, he was at the bottom of the strike zone, he was on the edges," Servais said. "We didn't get a whole lot of really good pitches to hit."

Gattis hit solo shots in the second and sixth innings off Sam Gaviglio (3-5) for the eighth multihomer game of his career.

Luke Gregerson got the last four outs for his first save.



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith

Jose Altuve had three hits and drove in a run for the AL West-leading Astros, and Marwin Gonzalez added a hit in his first game at shortstop since All-Star Carlos Correa was placed on the disabled list with a torn thumb ligament on Tuesday.

Gaviglio allowed eight hits and five runs in six innings after being recalled from Triple-A Tacoma on Tuesday.

Houston took a 1-0 lead on a sacrifice fly by Yuli Gurriel in the first inning. Leading by two after Gattis' first homer, Gonzalez singled to start Houston's fourth and advanced to second on an error by Gaviglio with one out. A double by Nori Aoki came next to score Gonzalez, and a two-out RBI double by George Springer extended the lead to 4-0.

Peacock retired 12 of the first 13 batters he faced before Kyle Seager led off the fifth with his 200th career double. He advanced to third on a groundout by Danny Valencia and the Mariners cut the lead to 4-1 on an RBI single by Jarrod Dyson.

Gattis extended Houston's advantage to 5-1 with his full-count shot to left field with two outs in the sixth inning.

Houston added a run on an RBI single by Altuve with one out in the seventh.



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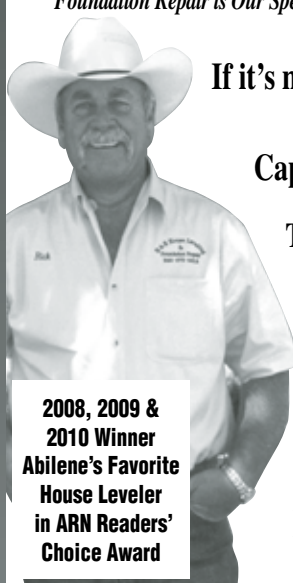


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#9455 July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2017

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Ermilo Mijares, Deceased, were issued on July 12, 2017, in Cause No. P-14681, pending in the County Court In and For Howard County, Texas, to: Sheila Collier, Administratrix.

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Do you ever wonder if the ease of finding entertainment has eroded your ability to find what's interesting in real life? There's a danger of missing something important today -- something that will not be seen inside a glowing screen. The fortuitous trine of Mercury and Saturn suggests the victory of face-to-face communication.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You are fighting a nagging feeling that you should be doing something more important with your time. That feeling is not a lie. If you accept it instead of fight it, you'll get onto something more worthwhile.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Much will be said and not meant. More will be meant and not said. If you're not feeling your way through the relationship, you'll get lost pretty quickly. Close your eyes. Cover your ears. Listen with your heart.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Whether or not you're really in control of your situation could be debated from here to eternity, but that would rob you of the chance to experience (maybe even enjoy) what's going on regardless of your level of control over it.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Distraction is the death of meaning. Don't fill the hours with amusement, because it will only rob you of the chance to find your real purpose in the situation. Dig deeper.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Most days you follow the rules, but sometimes you feel bigger than society -- like you can do your thing without getting boxed in by other people's expectations. For the rest of this week you may swing from one extreme to another.

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**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Why is your stomach so wise? It is unencumbered by thought. It just knows. Your stomach processes life in terms of "use" and "waste." Turn your difficult questions to your stomach, and accept its simple yes-or-no answer.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The believer is usually happier than the doubter, proving that wisdom and happiness often have very little to do with one another. But there's a peace that comes with wisdom, and that should count for something today.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Beware of the life equivalent of soda pop and candy. You need real sustenance. Seek nutritive experiences. Avoid things that are filled to the brim and yet still unfulfilling.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Who might you be now if you'd taken that turn you missed back there? Well, the option is coming up again. Take it, and you'll know a different version of yourself soon enough.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** As for this real life story you're living, there's a lot of exposition to get through today. One boring chapter doesn't discount the value of the whole adventure.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 19).** The

thing you find out about in a backward sort of way is something totally fantastic to go forward with. Your horizons will broaden as you dedicate yourself to a repetitive process in September. After much work, November brings the financial spike you've been waiting for. Exchange promises in December. There Scorpio and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 2, 28 and 19.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "I recently finished a creative project I'd been working on for years. When I told my friend, he said my project was a Gemini and would find a friend whenever it passed a mirror. What is he talking about?"

Whenever something is "born" -- be it a nation, a business, a project, or a person -- it has a birth date in astrology and a corresponding zodiac sign. An example is the United States of America, which celebrates its official birthday on July 4. The USA is therefore a Cancer, which is a sign known for leadership, patriotism, food and mothering. Your project, I'm assuming, was born under the sign of Gemini, some time between May 21 and June 21. This bodes well for communicating your idea to others and inspiring discussion. As for the mirror, this could be a reference to the twins that represent the sign. Your friend is probably saying that Gemini is a fortuitous sign for your project, for it will find many friends who see themselves reflected in your vision. It's good to be so popular! The key here is to take your project to the right people, people who will "get" it. You will be luckiest when you do your research before you reach out.

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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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**Contract Bridge**  
By Steve Becker  
*Eliminating the risk factor*

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ Q 8 3  
♥ 6  
♦ A K J 10 8 5 2  
♣ K 6

**WEST**  
♠ A 6 4  
♥ A 5 3 2  
♦ 7 6  
♣ 9 8 5 4

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 10 5  
♥ K 9 7 4  
♦ Q 9 3  
♣ Q J 2

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass Pass Pass 1♦  
Dble 1NT 2♥ 3♦  
Pass 3NT

Opening lead — nine of clubs.

One of a defender's primary responsibilities is to anticipate a problem his partner might encounter and try to prevent him from going wrong. West did exactly that in today's deal, and thereby spared East the agony of being subjected to a very difficult guess.

The three-notrump contract reached by North-South was a shaky affair at best, and would have had no chance had West led a heart or a spade initially. But West, certain that

South had the king of hearts for his notrump bids, elected to make a non-committal club lead, after which the defense might easily have gone astray.

South played the king from dummy, hoping to induce a club return, but East won and shifted to the queen of hearts, covered by the king and ace. This brought West to the critical point of the play.

Had West simply returned a heart, East would have taken the ten and jack, giving the defenders the first four tricks, but he would then have had to guess who had the missing nine of hearts. And if East had misguessed and returned a fourth heart, declarer would have taken the rest of the tricks.

After winning the ace of hearts, though, West paused to analyze the situation. He didn't know how good his partner's hearts were, but he did know that he couldn't contribute anything more of substance in that suit. He also couldn't tell who held the missing high clubs or the king of spades.

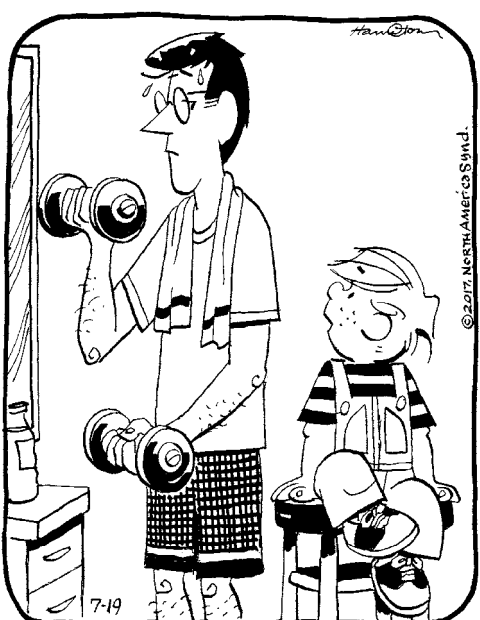
To clarify the situation for his partner, West therefore cashed the ace of spades before returning a heart. East then happily collected the setting tricks with the J-10 of hearts and king of spades, after which he thanked his partner for having spared him a big headache.

Tomorrow: Better safe than sorry.  
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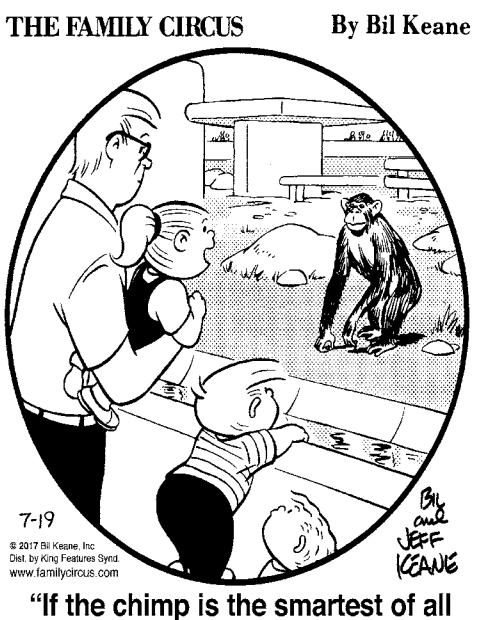


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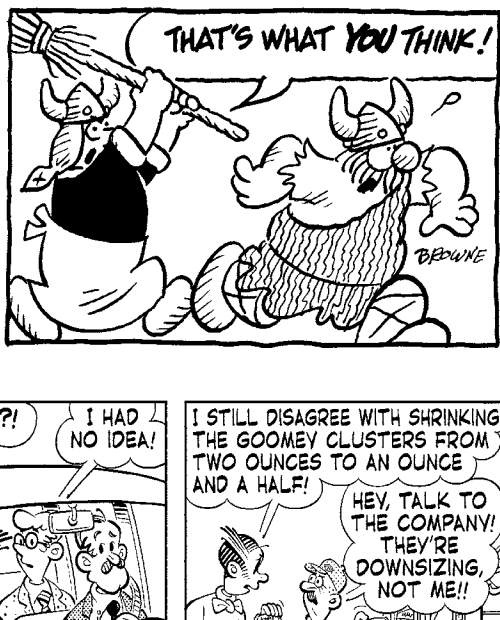
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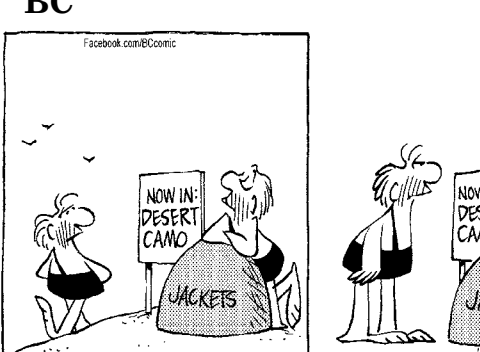
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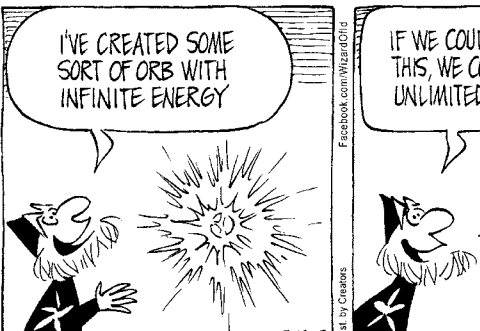
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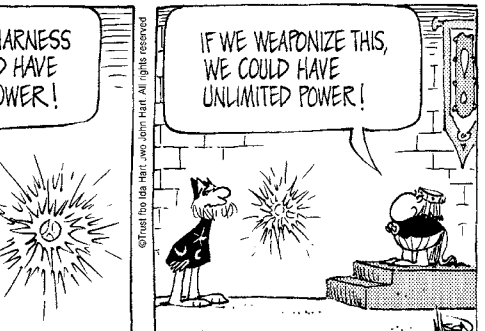
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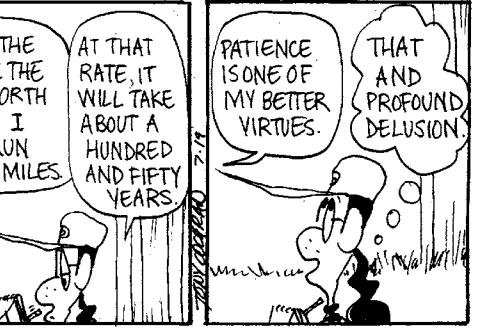
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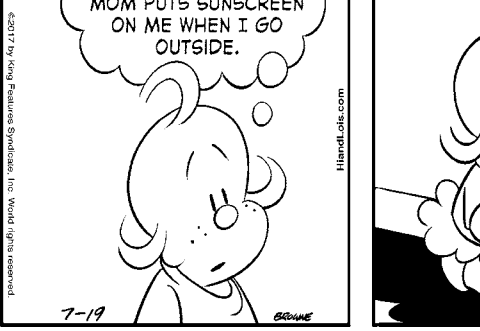
**THE OTHER COAST**



**SNUFFY SMITH**



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**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, July 19, the 200th day of 2017. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 19, 1961, TWA became the first airline to begin showing in-flight movies on a regular basis as it presented "By Love Possessed" to first-class passengers on a flight from New York to Los Angeles.

On this date: In 1553, King Henry VIII's daughter Mary was proclaimed Queen of England after pretender Lady Jane Grey was deposed.

In 1848, a pioneering women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, New York.

In 1903, the first Tour de France was won by Maurice Garin.

In 1941, Britain launched its "V for Victory" campaign during World War II.

In 1944, the Democratic national convention convened in Chicago with the nomination of President Franklin D. Roosevelt considered a certainty.

In 1952, the Summer Olympics opened in Helsinki, Finland.

In 1967, the movie "Up the Down Staircase," an adaptation of the Bel Kaufman novel starring Sandy Dennis as an idealistic schoolteacher, opened in Los Angeles.

In 1979, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua fell to Sandinista guerrillas, two days after President Anastasio Somoza fled the country.

In 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

In 1989, 111 people were killed when United Air Lines Flight 232, a DC-10 which suffered the uncontained failure of its tail engine and the loss of hydraulic systems, crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 185 other people survived.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush joined former presidents Ronald Reagan, Gerald R. Ford and Richard M. Nixon at ceremonies dedicating the Nixon Library and Birthplace (since redesignated the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum) in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1992, anti-Mafia prosecutor Paolo Borsellino was killed along with five members of his security detail in a car bombing in Palermo, Sicily.

Ten years ago: A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit

brought by former CIA operative Valerie Plame, who was demanding money from Bush administration officials she blamed for leaking her agency identity. Taliban gunmen abducted 23 South Koreans who worked at an aid organization in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Five years ago: A controversy pitting gay rights against religious freedom began as a cake shop owner in Lakewood, Colorado, refused to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple; the case has since reached the U.S. Supreme Court, which has agreed to hear arguments. Omar Suleiman (OH-mahr SOO'-lay-mahn), 76, Egypt's former spy chief, died in Cleveland, Ohio. Sylvia Woods, 86, founder of the famed soul food restaurant in New York's Harlem district that carries her name, died in Mount Vernon, New York.

Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Urge on
  - 5 Heats in a microwave
  - 9 Extremely long time
  - 12 Unaccompanied
  - 13 Fencing sword
  - 14 Pair on stage
  - 15 Now
  - 18 MasterCard alternative
  - 19 Disallow, so to speak
  - 20 "What \_\_\_ thinking?"
  - 21 Secretary of State Tillerson
  - 22 Frequently, in verse
  - 23 "Amazing!"
  - 25 Give \_\_\_ whirl (try)
  - 27 With 41 and 55 Across, what 15 Across is
  - 30 Lowly worker
  - 32 Pester
  - 33 Golfer's pegs
  - 34 Absconded
  - 35 Hoity-\_\_\_
  - 37 90 degrees from vert.
  - 38 Soldier's station
  - 39 Trick-or-treat mo.
  - 40 Football officials
  - 41 See 27 Across
  - 45 Old-film cable channel
  - 46 Prefix meaning "equal"
  - 47 Granola morsel
  - 48 Feline's foot
  - 51 Frog cousin
  - 53 Feline's coat
  - 54 Used to be
  - 55 See 27 Across
  - 59 November 11th honoree
- DOWN**
- 16 Facts, for short
  - 17 Water pitcher
  - 22 Be the proprietor of
  - 23 Tiny fly
  - 24 Impatient and anxious
  - 26 Sounds of satisfaction
  - 27 Kemo Sabe's pal
  - 28 Join forces
  - 29 Old-time aesthetic
  - 30 With a take-charge attitude
  - 31 Quick profit
  - 35 Two-year-olds
  - 36 Eight, in Acapulco
  - 38 L.A. clock setting, presently
  - 40 Long-tailed rodent
  - 42 Generic canine name
  - 43 Pronoun down South
  - 44 Legendary marshal
  - 48 Nobel Prize category
  - 49 Road sign symbol
  - 50 Compass direction
  - 52 Penny, in some poker games
  - 53 Have the opinion in
  - 54 What's in tears
  - 56 All Things Considered aier
  - 57 Feline of the zodiac
  - 58 "Permission granted"

**CALENDAR COUNT** by S.N.

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## Catch This: Astros hold mock funeral for Beltran's glove

HOUSTON (AP) — Carlos Beltran hasn't used his glove in a game in more than two months.

So on Monday, the Houston Astros gathered around their teammate in center field and laid his mitt to rest, holding a mock funeral to send it off.

The silly ceremony was held at Minute Maid Park before batting practice, prior to the AL West leaders hosting Seattle. The Astros all wore black shirts to mark the occasion except for Brian McCann, who donned a black robe to officiate the service.

As McCann spoke, the players formed a semi-circle around him and knelt as the glove was placed in a shoe

box and three faux tombstones that read "R.I.P." were placed around it. Beltran captured the whole thing on cellphone video.

The 40-year-old Beltran has played 77 times this season, all but nine as a designated hitter. He hasn't been in the field since May 16 in Miami.

Manager A.J. Hinch says the strong play of Marwin Gonzalez is the main reason Beltran hasn't played the outfield for so long. But Hinch isn't ruling out another appearance.

"I'm not quite giving up on the glove, even though they're burying it in the outfield," Hinch said.

photos of him in superhero costumes and a Cowboys shirt.

## San Antonio signs veteran center/forward Joffrey Lauvergne

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have signed forward/center Joffrey Lauvergne, who has played for three teams in his three-year NBA career.

Terms of the deal were not announced Tuesday.

The 6-foot-11, 260-pound Lauvergne played for Oklahoma City and Chicago last season. He played 50 games for the Thunder, averaging 5.7 points and 3.7 rebounds before being dealt to Chicago, where he averaged 4.5 points and 3.4 rebounds in 20 games.

Memphis selected Lauvergne in the second round of the 2013 NBA draft before trading his rights to Denver. In two seasons with the Nuggets, he averaged 6.7 points and 4.4 rebounds.



AP photo

Baylor head coach Matt Rhule listens to a reporter's question during the Big 12 NCAA college football media day in Frisco, Texas, Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

## BAYLOR

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Senior defensive end K.J. Smith, whose 39 career games started are tied for the most among current players, said the professional mentality that Rhule brought has made a huge difference.

"He came in and saw, you guys are definitely good guys," Smith said. "It's just showing the world that, being that way all the time, on and off the field."

Rhule said Baylor officials, including athletic director Mack Rhoades and Title IX coordinator Kristan Tucker, are in conversations with

representatives from two national groups about trying to develop a national curriculum to help train universities how to deal with issues of sexual assault and gender violence.

The coach said those are issues for all of higher education, not just Baylor and college football. He said he was confronted with those daily while at Temple before he got to Waco.

"If we can in any way be part of the solution, then we should try to be part of the solution," Rhule said. "I think that's one of the reasons why we're here. We want to win a ton of football games. We want to graduate people, but we also want to make sure we're part of the conversation about, hey, let's not make these mistakes again."

## Cowboys' Whitehead: Stolen dog is safely back home

DALLAS (AP) — Cowboys wide receiver Lucky Whitehead says his beloved dog Blitz is back home after someone took the pitbull and demanded a \$10,000 ransom.

Whitehead posted a video of Blitz on his Snapchat account early Tuesday with the note: "Look who made it home safely!!! THANKS EVERYONE."

Whitehead told NBC 5 in Dallas he was in Florida last week when Blitz was taken from his Texas home, along with some shoes and bags. Whitehead says he got phone calls demanding he "cut a check" if he wanted to get Blitz back alive, but he refused to pay \$10,000 without first getting proof that Blitz was OK.

Whitehead brought Blitz home nine weeks ago and has created an Instagram account for the pup, including

## LONG HORNS

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Texas won the Big 12's last national championship, but that was way back in 2005 with quarterback Vince Young. Since the Longhorns won their last conference title in 2009, Oklahoma has won four of its record 10 Big 12 titles.

The Sooners also have a new coach this season. But Lincoln Riley, who is nine years younger than Herman, took over a team that won the last two Big 12 championships and went to a playoff game in 2015 before coach Bob Stoops' surprise retirement last month.

Herman was a young graduate assistant at Texas in 1999 and 2000, early in coach Mack Brown's tenure that included that national championship. The Longhorns had won the inaugural Big 12 title under John Mackovic in 1996, but he was gone a year later after a losing season and replaced by Brown.

The situation is a bit different for Herman's return as head coach. Texas was 16-21 in three seasons under Charlie Strong.

"I know that it went through a tremendous storm," Herman said. "There was a lot of non-continuity ... there just wasn't any stability from the top down."

That was also the stretch when longtime athletic director DeLoss Dodds retired. An-

other AD has since come and gone, and the school's presidency also changed hands during that time.

"Other than that, I haven't really spent a whole lot of time thinking about it because, you know, what'd done is done," Herman said. "And our job is to make sure that whatever happened doesn't happen again."

Herman said he hasn't had a whole lot of time to reflect on his short time at Texas, "nor will I here shortly."

When on the podium to start the second day of the league's media days, Herman didn't even wait for reporters to ask him about expectations for the Longhorns. He said during his introductory remarks that he didn't know, but that his team will be trained as well as anybody in the country and will play to its maximum potential.

"What that is, I don't know right now, but I feel good that

these guys are willing to do whatever we ask them to coming off the three-year stretch that this program has had," Herman said. "They don't want that to be their legacy. They want to be remembered as the team and the group that turned this thing around. I think we're well on our way."

## COWBOYS

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season when he visited a legal marijuana shop before a preseason game in Seattle. Last spring, he pulled down a woman's shirt during a St. Patrick's Day parade.

The 21-year-old Elliott, who led the NFL in rushing as a rookie and helped the Cowboys to the top seed in the NFC playoffs with a 13-3 record, can get suspended without any convictions.

"Because of his style, personality, (he's) like a rock star wherever he goes in terms of attention," Jones said. "Certainly Zeke is evolving and being subject to needing to learn how to deal with the media and social media the way it is today."

Jones said he had discussed Elliott's latest incident with the running back but declined to provide details. Elliott said during the off-season program that he was going out less while understanding more the scrutiny he faces. But now he's had another incident.

"Like all of us, we do good some days and don't do good the others," Jones said. "That's not to be confused with tolerating bad behavior or illegal behavior. That's not what I'm talking about. I'm talking about just

learning that your every move will be scrutinized and how in this day and time it will be looked at from many vantage points."

Elliott was a star before the Cowboys drafted him fourth overall last year, having led Ohio State the first championship in the four-team playoff. He ran for an Ohio State bowl-record 246 yards and four touchdowns in the title game on his future home field in the NFL.

With 1,631 yards rushing last season, Elliott powered the Dallas offense alongside fellow rookie sensation Dak Prescott, who took now-retired Tony Romo's job with the best debut season for a quarterback in franchise history.

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