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Firing up for the Fourth

Freedom Parade Saturday

By **JULIE BASS**
 Staff Writer

Freedom will be on parade in Coahoma this weekend. Saturday is the annual Coahoma Freedom Parade. "The parade is to celebrate freedom and honor our veterans and current military," said Lori Martinez, parade coordinator. "We have our grand marshals and our citizen of the year picked out and we usually have a good turn out of participants. Anyone who wants to be in the parade can show up at the Coahoma High School football field by 9 a.m. We will be judging the floats and different categories and awarding 'best patriotic' before the parade starts." Tractor, horse, antique car, bicycle, classic car and float are just a few of the categories that will be judged this year based on the expression of patriotism. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and follow Main Street from the football field to the post office. It will then follow the road to the other railroad crossing and make its way back to the school. After the parade, everyone is invited to the Coahoma city park where Western Bank will serve hamburgers. A hamburger, chips and a drink will cost \$5, with proceeds going to the Coahoma chapter of the Lions club. The citizen of the year is Cindy Smith. She moved to Coahoma with her family in January of 1992 so that her daughters could attend Coahoma ISD. Smith has been active in the Coahoma school district in many ways since

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File photo
 With fireworks exploding in the background, the Big Spring Symphony performs during the 2013 Pops in the Park celebration.

18th Pops celebration set for Friday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Thousands of spectators are expected to pack Comanche Trail Park for the 18th Annual Pops in the Park Fourth of July celebration. In other to prepare for the mass of crowd heading to the Ampitheater, the city of Big Spring will close the Russ McEwen Water Park for that day only to prepare for parking when gates to the Ampitheater open at 5 p.m. Food and novelty booths will be open at this time. Donny Green and Los Greengos will take the stage at 6 p.m. for the pre-show. Of course, many families will choose to enjoy the fireworks by picnicking in the many open fields of the park. The main event begins at 8 p.m. when the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus take the stage to begin the patriotic portion of the evening with the presentation of the colors. Selected pieces for this portion will be Fanfare, the Stars and Strips Forever, and To the Colors. After the Pledge of Allegiance led by Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman and the National Anthem, the symphony will salute the Armed Forces by playing a melody of the U.S. Army, Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corp, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy hymns. Once the colors are retired for the evening, then the Symphony and Chorus will launch into its main concert for the evening. The program will include The Liberty Bell March,

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Highland South readies the red, white and blue

By **JULIE BASS**
 Staff Writer

Decorate those wagons and spruce up those yards, it is time for the Annual Highland South 4th of July Parade. The parade will take place on Saturday July 4th at 10 a.m. Participants should meet at the corner of Highland and Robb St. at 9:30 a.m. and ev-

eryone in the community is welcome to attend. The decorating categories this year are strollers, wagons, walkers, pets, tricycles and big wheels, kids' battery-operated vehicles (up to age 12), golf carts, bicycles (ages 1-7), bicycles (ages 8 and older), scooters/skateboards/rollerblades, motorized ve-

hicles (ages 12-18), 4 wheelers (allowed ONLY if an adult over the age of 18 is driving), horses, mailboxes, houses and lawns. The parade will end at the corner of Highland and Goliad. Refreshments will be available as well as entertainment and the winners will be an-

nounced. All participants will receive a ribbon. To donate money, supply cookies or for more information please call Melanie Lawdermilk at 213-4703 or Shonda Folsom at 213-7671 or email shonda.folsom@yahoo.com

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 263-7331.

Official: Fire at black church not arson

By **BRUCE SMITH**
 Associated Press

GREELEYVILLE, S.C. (AP) — A fire that destroyed a black church that 20 years ago was a target of the Ku Klux Klan was not the work of an arsonist, a federal law enforcement official said Wednesday. Preliminary indications are that the fire at the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Greeleyville was not intentionally set and was not arson, the official said. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity be-

cause he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly. The fire is still under investigation, the official said. Greeleyville is a town of about 400 people around 50 miles north of Charleston, where a pastor and eight members of a historic black church were fatally shot June 17 in what authorities are investigating as a hate crime. The fire — reported about 9 p.m. Tuesday as storms moved through the area — occurred as federal authorities also investigate a series

of fires at black churches in several Southern states. So far, there is no indication the fires are related. On Wednesday morning, only the brick walls of the Greeleyville church remained. The roof had collapsed, and the long windows no longer had glass in them. The side of the church facing the rural highway had a white cross that appeared charred. Investigators walked through the debris, taking pictures and examining the remains of the building. Yel-

low crime scene tape kept reporters and nearby residents away from the building. The Rev. Alice Parson Wright, a pastor at an AME church about 20 miles away, stopped by the scene of the fire Wednesday morning. "When I got the message last night, my first thought was: 'Not again. Not again. Not again,'" she said. "And then the second thought was: 'I pray this is not arson but an act of God because of the weather.'"

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Obituaries

Charlie Levy Clark

Charlie Levy Clark, 81, of Big Spring passed quietly with dignity and courage in the presence of his children after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Charlie's love for his family and belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace when he went to be with his Heavenly Father on June 29, 2015.

Charlie was born to the late Cyrus C. Clark and Susie Adkins Clark in Kaufman, Texas on Jan. 4, 1934, as the youngest of seven children. Born during the great depression, Charlie was no stranger to hard work. He was extremely strong and often

arm wrestled making him well-known throughout the area. As a youngster, Charlie found his passion for horses. Through his young adult life he honed his skills at training and riding his own horses in match races.

Charlie married the love of his life, Glenda Ray Moore, on March 10, 1953, in Lamesa. Over the years, they were blessed with four children. He then proceeded to share his passion for horses with his family and friends throughout his lifetime.

By trade as a devoted milkman in the Big Spring area for more than 42 years, Charlie never knew a stranger and was friends with everyone.

Charlie is dearly missed and survived by three daughters and their husbands, Debbie and Toby Green of Big Spring, Gale and Donald Pickett of Amarillo, and Toni and Jerry Don Bales of Sand Springs. One son and

his wife, Shane and Kym Clark of Big Spring, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren all of whom he loved dearly.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Glenda, of 51 years, his parents, three sisters and three brothers.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 2, at the Trinity Memorial Park with Brian Moore officiating.

Honorary pallbearers TJ Green, Josh Bales, Kyle Bales, Caden Clark, Ty Clark, John Dominguez, Nathon Navarrete, and Tristin Riddle. Memorial donations may be made at www.alz.org.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid Obituary

Holly Fernandez Goforth

Holly Fernandez Goforth, 44, of Big Spring, died Sunday, June 28, 2015 at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2015 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, Big Spring, Texas. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

A prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Holly was born Oct. 19, 1970 in Lakewood, N.J. She attended the University of Kentucky at Lexington and was a die hard Wildcats fan. She moved to Big Spring to be close to family and started working for Vestus Wind Energy. Traveling with her job she met Kevin Goforth and they were married May 16, 2010 in Covington, Tenn.

Holly loved making others happy. Her family came first and she never missed a holiday or birthday wish. She will be greatly missed.

Holly is survived by her husband, Kevin Goforth of Big Spring; one step daughter, Skylar Goforth of Halls, Tenn.; parents, Marcus M. and Linda Fernandez, of Big Spring; father-in-law Billy Goforth and sister-in-law, Leighann Barry both of Covington, Tenn.; brother, Marcus J. Fernandez of Big Spring; three sisters, Heather Grantham of Big Spring, Mandee Eanes and husband, Rick of Keller, Meghan Bias and husband, Benjamin of Big Spring; nine nieces and nephews, Austin, Ian, Zach, Morgan, Jake, Oliver, Clifton, Emma, and Marcus Reese; and two uncles, Juan Fernandez and Jose Fernandez.

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

Paid obituary

Mrs. Vida Ruth Gonzilas

Mrs. Vida Ruth Gonzilas, age 79, of Abilene and formerly of Colorado City and Big Spring, died Sunday in an Abilene hospital. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday,

July 2, 2015 in the Kiker-Seale Chapel. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the care and direction of Kiker-

Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gonzilas was born Dec. 1, 1935 in Colorado City to Marvin and Ethel Prescott Robertson. She married Chester Sollie Morris Jr on Dec. 12, 1952. He preceded her in death on Jan. 18, 1958. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Karen Wood of Merkel, Debbie Pritchett and Tonya Boyd, both of Abilene; four sons, Solie Morris, Chester Morris and Carroll Gonzilas, all of Abilene; and Floyd Morris of Buffalo Gap; one brother, Richard Robertson of Abilene; 16 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Patty June McCarty Sides

Patty June McCarty Sides, 75, of Big Spring died on June 29, 2015 at the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith

Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Jeff Watson officiating.

She was born in Kaufman County, Texas on Aug. 25, 1939, to E. W. and Ruthie McCarty,

moving to Big Spring as a child. She worked as a waitress for many years, retiring in the early 1990's.

She is survived by one brother, A. W. McCarty and his wife Barbara; five children, Steve Croft, David Buckner and his wife, Donna, Ricky Sides and his fiancé, Kim Baugus; Sheri Nichols and her husband, Darrell, all of Big Spring, and Val Jean "Missy" Long and her husband, Gary, of San Saba, Texas; thirteen grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter, Ruthie Murphree.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Raul "Roy" Trevino

Raul "Roy" Trevino, 64, of Big Spring died Monday, June 29, 2015, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith

Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Life Church with Pastor Kevin Knudson officiating. Burial will be at the Coa-

homa Cemetery.

He was born May 20, 1951, at Gregory, Texas to Ruth Garza Trevino and Joe Trevino. He grew up at Jayton, Texas. He married Jo Ann Reed on May 2, 1971, in Houston. She preceded him in death on April 19, 2011. Through the years, he had worked at Muselwhite, Globe, Reeves County, Key, Tucker Midstream, and Hydrostatic testing tech. He was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

He is survived by three children, Eddie Trevino and his wife, Tami, of Wichita Falls, Shane Trevino of Big Spring, and Trisha Trevino Hobdy and her

husband Jimmy of Coahoma; 10 grandchildren; five brothers: Al Trevino of Lubbock, Joe Trevino of Lubbock, Robert Trevino of Jayton, Oscar Trevino of Bridgeport, LA; four sisters: Mary Martinez of Plainview, Sally Sandoval of Kilgore, Sylvia Berna of Stephenville, and Rosie Trevino of Longview.

In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by two brothers: Fernando Trevino and Roger Trevino.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police, Sheriff, Fire/EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JOSHUA B. VALENZUELA, 28, of 2509 Seminole was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- RUBEN ORTIZ JR., 23, of 1308 Ridgeroad Dr. on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport; unlawfully carrying a weapon and fail to identify.
- CHANTELL NICHOLE MARTINEZ, 29, of Caddo Mills, Texas was arrested on charges of theft by shoplifting, less than \$50.
- LARRY DALE KING, 32, of 1909 Morrison was arrested on charges of theft by shoplifting, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- KIMBERLY DANIELLE BUCHANNAN, 21, of 1909 Morrison Dr. was arrested on charges of theft by shoplifting, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- MISTY MICHELLE BAKER, 34, of 505 Union St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- ZACHAR EUGENE FORD, 23, of 1021 Bluebonnet Ave. was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.
- DEVANTE BERNARD LLOYD, 22, of 3623 Connally St. was arrested on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance, more than 3 grams but less than 28 grams.
- INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported in the 600 block of Elgin St.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2200 block of Cecilia St.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama St.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the intersection of 3rd St. and Owens St.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.
- MISTY MICHELLE BAKER, 34, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- KIMBELY DANIELLE BUCHANAN, 21, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- JUSTIN KYLE DAHMER, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear - DWI.
- PEGGY A. EDMONDSON, 35, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.
- ZACHARY EUGENE FORD, 23, was booked by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.
- LARRY DALE KING, 32, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- DEVANTE BERNARD LLOYD, 22, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for two counts of possession of a controlled substance, more than 3 grams but less than 26 grams.
- CHANTELL NICHOLE MARTINEZ, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft, less than \$50.
- RUBEN ORTIZ JR., 23 was booked by the HCSO on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport; unlawful carrying of a weapon and failure to identify.
- JOSHUA B. VALENZUELA, 28, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3000 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans. No transport.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported on FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.



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Clint Black to headline Snyder July 4 celebration

SNYDER — VIP Sports Getaway is proud to announce international country music star and Grammy Award winner Clint Black will headline the inaugural Fourth of July Concert Series Celebration, on Friday July 3rd at the Coliseum in Snyder, Texas, brought to you by Wilson Motors, with Country Music Star Deryl Dodd, Texas Country Music star Phil Hamilton and up and coming Texas Country Music artist Zach Edwards.

Clint Black has one of the most storied careers in modern music. Clint Black surged

to superstardom as part of the fabled Class of '89, reaching #1 with five consecutive singles from his triple-platinum debut, Killin' Time. He followed that with the triple-platinum Put Yourself in My Shoes, and then a string of platinum and gold albums throughout the '90s.

Along the way, Clint has sold over 20 million records, earned more than a dozen gold and platinum awards in the U.S. and Canada, landed nearly two dozen major awards and nominations, including more than a dozen

GRAMMY nominations, and earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Texas born musician, singer, songwriter and producer Deryl Dodd, AKA "The Double D," has had a long and colorful career, including stops as lead guitar player and background vocals singer for Martina McBride. Deryl signed his first recording contract with Sony Music in 1995, releasing his debut album, "One Ride In Vegas." This critically acclaimed album produced his first hit single, "That's How I Got to

Memphis." His second album, self-titled, "Deryl Dodd," produced the national hit, "A Bitter End" "Pearl Snaps," his third album, with the first single and title track, "Pearl Snaps," reached number one on the newly created Texas music chart. I

In 2009 Dodd recorded a new album, "Together Again," that produced three top five hits and a chart topping number one.

Following that album, Deryl went back in the studio to record his latest, "Random As I Am," released in July

2011. His first single, "Baby Where's My Bottle," topped the Texas music charts.

The concert will also feature up and coming Texas country music star Phil Hamilton.

Phil's debut CD, "Nothing to Lose," was released in 2009 and achieved impressive success, charting two singles in the Top 15 on the Texas charts. That same year he was voted one of the Top Three New Country Bands in Texas by the listeners of 95.9 The Ranch and by 2010 he was playing nearly 200 shows a year.

Take note

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends.

F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and do-

nations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. For more information call, Muffet Bomar 432-935-3998 or Peggy Hopper 214-773-6775. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

• Howard County commissioners will hold a special budget workshop at 10 a.m. Thursday on the second floor of the county courthouse.

PARADE

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1997; she served on the board of trustees in 1999 for one term, a willing volunteer serving on various district committees and groups as requested. She was involved with the Coahoma FFA (future farmers of America) program, the Coahoma Athletic Booster club for 8 years and serving as officer for 6 years. Smith was the recipient of the Community Star Award in 2014.

Smith is very involved with the Coahoma Pride, Inc. (CPI) where she has served in the officer position of secretary since its inception working with groups on grant applications as well as general public relations activities and recordkeeping. She was influential in the clean-up work throughout the city and in the city park renovations.

Smith is married to Clay Smith and has two daughters, Kalea and Savannah Neff.

Her favorite thing about Coahoma: "Sense of family - our little town works like a family. We bicker, we share, we love, we support ... at the end of the day, we're all still standing together to hold each other up and keep pushing forward."

The three grand marshals are Joe Angel Moran, Tommy Wyrick and James Lee Parrish.

Joe Angel Moran was born in Howard County and attended Coahoma High School. He studied advanced automotive technology at Texas State Technical College in Amarillo, Texas for two years.

Moran enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 15, 1971. His basic training was at Fort Polk, La. He continued his Advanced Individual Training (AIT) as an artillery surveyor at Fort Sill, Okla. as well as his Non-Commissioned Officer Enhanced Seminar (NCEOS) for escape, evasion and survival. Moran took weapons and demolition class at Fort Hood, Texas.

He is an expert marksman with M16 assault rifle. He spent three years of active duty during the Vietnam era. Honorable discharge was received on March 15, 1974.

After being discharged, he worked for 34 years in the oil and gas drilling industry. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2009 which ended his oilfield career.

"As a disabled veteran, I have no regrets and wish to thank everyone who recognizes us" said Moran.

He also has a message

to all veterans, "What is a veteran? A veteran, whether active duty, discharged, retired or reserve, is someone who at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of 'up to and including, his or her life!'"

Tommy Wyrick moved to Coahoma when he was five years old. He graduated from Coahoma in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army from August 1957 through August 1959. Wyrick was a mechanic and dispatch for the Big Red One at Fort Riley, Kan.

After being discharged, he came back to this area for his former job with Cosden (which later became Fina). He spent his last six years with Fina in the Midland Office in the environmental department.

He and his wife raised three children in Coahoma and they chose to stay in Coahoma after retirement. They enjoy traveling the USA and abroad managing to visit 39 states 14 countries.

James Lee Parrish was born on Aug. 19, 1955 in Big Spring, Texas to Charles and Bettye Parrish of Coahoma. Parrish is a 1973 Coahoma graduate.

Parrish began his military career in May

1973 when he joined the U.S. Navy. He attended boot camp in San Diego, Calif. and then went to Memphis, Tenn. for his detailed training school. Parrish was stationed in Kingsville, Texas from 1974 through 1977 when he was discharged.

In 1986, Parrish joined the Texas Army National Guard. He was a combat engineer, a cannoner and infantry. He left the Texas Army National Guard in 1993 and later that year joined the Army Reserves as a Cannoner Instructor. Parrish left the Army Reserves in 2000.

He has on son, Taylor who is married to Chanel and a grandson, Cooper James. Parrish has two sisters; Connie Shaw of Coahoma and Donna Rich of Westbrook.

Parrish is known to his friends and family as "Bub". He has worked for SouthWest Bell/AT&T for the past 19 years. He is a member of the Legion Post 470 in North Lake Brownwood; the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 996 in Junction, Texas where he is presently the Sergeant at Arms; and he is the Section Chief for the 1st Virginia Mounted Artillery.

For more information, contact Martinez at 816-4555.

POPS

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Call of the Champions, the Battle Hymn of the Republic, Hymn to the Fallen, Richard Rogers in Concert, Music of MGM, Let there be Peace on Earth, Sin Along, America and the Testament of Freedom.

A video showcasing local women and men currently serving in the military will be shown before the highlight of the evening, a large fireworks display with accompanying music by the Big Spring Symphony.

Music for this portion of the evening includes The National Anthem, National Emblem March, Also Sprach Zarathustra, Stars and Strips Forever, Fanfare for the Common Man, Light Cavalry Overture, You're a Grand Old Flag, Washington Post March and the 1812 Overture.

Funding for the annual Pops in the Park comes through donations from the community. According to Pops committee officials, this year's Pops will cost \$40,000.

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I have lived long enough to know that God made me, without question, a very positive-thinking, “look on the bright side” kind of creature. I usually don’t even have to work too hard at seeing the proverbial silver lining around the clouds of life and all their accompanying circumstances.

But, I confess my optimistic temperament is being stretched right now by the whirlwind of events clouding the sky over our nation. In a week when we should be joyously celebrating our independence with traditional fireworks and family barbecues, many are wondering how much longer America will truly be “the land of the free and the home of the brave”. The storm clouds are gathering, friends, and there is reason for concern.

Todd Starnes says, “Our nation stands on a precipice. Freedom hangs in the balance. We live in a postmodern and post-God nation. The perfect storm is brewing. Do not be deceived. There may be a war on religious liberty, but the true target is Christianity.”

Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, and Kelly Shackelford, president of Liberty Institute, penned an open letter to the American people last year.

Hostility against religious liberty has reached an all-time high, they warned. The freedom of religion is being pushed out of public life, schools and even churches.

Both groups document more than 600 recent examples of religious hostility.

An excerpt from that letter reads: “Our Founding Fathers considered religious liberty our ‘first freedom,’ and the bedrock upon which all other freedoms rest,” the men wrote. “They understood that one’s right to worship God and follow his conscience according to the principles of his religious faith was foundational to civic tranquility. A man whose religious faith was repressed could never be a loyal citizen since the state was usurping his first allegiance and costing him his primary freedom. This is one of the most im-

portant distinctions that makes America an exceptional nation — if not the most important.”

Starnes went on to say, “The Obama administration wants to force religious organizations and Christian business owners to provide insurance for birth control and abortion-inducing drugs in direct violation of their religious beliefs. The military conducted training sessions that labeled Evangelical Christians and Catholics as examples of religious extremists. The Internal Revenue Service launched investigations into pro-life organizations, demanding to know the contents of their prayers.

This is happening right here, right now, in the United States of America. We are under attack from within — from an enemy who wants to remove any mention of God from the public marketplace.”

I know some call those of us who believe those things extremists and radicals because we feel the traditional values, standards and Godly principles America was founded upon have largely been abandoned by our modern-day government and society.

A while back, the Rev. Billy Graham penned a letter expressing his dismay over the moral decline of the nation, declaring that his “heart aches for America and its deceived people.”

“The farther we get from God, the more the world spirals out of control,” Graham wrote, noting that the nation seems to be going out of its way to remove God from the public arena. “Just a few weeks ago in a prominent city in the South, Christian chaplains who serve the police department were ordered to no longer mention the Name of Jesus in prayer,” he wrote, noting that officers were only allowed to pray to “the being in the room.”

“Our society strives to avoid any possibility of offending anyone — except God,” he continued.

Todd Starnes continued, “We ask God to bless America, but we elected a president whose pastor asked God to damn America. We ask God to bless America, but we slaughter millions of unborn babies. We ask God to bless America, but we silence His children.

God bless America? We should be on our knees asking for His mercy instead. The time has come for people of faith to rise up and claim their Ebenezer. We need patriots who will take back

this land. We need patriots who will say we are still one nation under God.

The storm clouds are gathering. The winds of revolution are blowing, friends. Religious liberty is under attack.”

He further said, “In these early days of the 21st century, the fire is flickering and the footprints are few. Storm clouds are gathering. The winds of persecution are blowing. But friends, no matter how difficult these days have become, let not your heart be troubled.

The time has come, brothers and sisters, my fellow countrymen. Who among you is willing to take a stand for religious liberty? Who among you is will to risk everything for the cause of Christ? Who among you is willing to rise up and declare that we are still one nation under God?

“If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land,” the Scriptures declare.

The most pressing problem facing America can’t be solved in Washington, D.C. True hope and change can’t be found at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. It can only be found at the foot of the cross of Calvary.

Our government may spy on our phone lines. It may throw us in jail. It may take away our photography shops and bakeries. It may demand to know the content of our prayers. But we will not be bullied.

It’s time for a new generation of believers to rise up and restore the dream of our Founding Fathers — the dream of a nation where all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. The dream of a people who declare we are still one nation under God.”

I am not a fatalist nor an alarmist, but neither am I going to pretend all is well when the thunder of God’s judgment on a rebellious America is being heard on the not-so-distant horizon.

You may not agree with anything I’ve said, but I column as I see ‘em.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Supremes: Romance trumps process

San Francisco changed America. When then-Mayor Gavin Newsom opened City Hall to same-sex marriages during the 2004 Winter of Love, he had determined to “put a human face on discrimination.” The long line of couples eager to tie the knot appealed to the public’s romantic side. When two people are in love and want to commit to each other for the rest of their lives, activists asked, how can the government say no?

That sentiment permeates Friday’s Supreme Court ruling in favor of same-sex marriage. “In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were,” wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy in an opinion supported by all four justices appointed by a Democrat. “Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization’s oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law.”

San Francisco spent the week-end celebrating this victory for gay and lesbian couples. For good reason: This gay-friendly city moved public opinion to the point that a majority of Americans supports same-sex marriage. The days and nights of cowering in a closet are over.

Consider how quickly and overwhelmingly public opinion shifted. In 2000, 61 percent of California voters approved a ballot measure that limited marriage to one man and one woman. After Newsom turned City Hall into a chapel of love in 2004, 14 states banned same-sex marriage and Sen. Dianne Feinstein concluded the San Francisco weddings were “too much, too fast, too soon.” Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barbara Boxer defined marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

At the time, I warned, “If Newsom can ignore a law he doesn’t like, why shouldn’t everyone else in the Special City do likewise?” Likewise state Attorney General Bill Lockyer, a Democrat, warned that if the courts upheld Newsom’s nuptials, then “local elected officials throughout the state would have license to ignore any state laws they disagree with, whether for personal, philosophical or political reasons.”

In May 2008, the California Supreme Court overturned the state’s same-sex marriage ban by a 4-3 vote.

From City Hall’s steps, Newsom famously crowed, “This door’s wide open now. It’s going to happen, whether you like it or not.”

Months later, 52 percent of California voters approved a constitutional measure to ban same-sex marriage. The state Supreme Court upheld the will of the voters, but federal courts

overturned Proposition 8. (Friday’s Obergefell vs. Hodges ruling settled cases that originated in Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.)

I always thought advocates should put a measure to legalize same-sex marriage on the ballot — add in protections for religious objections and a ban on polygamy and they would have had my vote with a smile. Often, however, culture doesn’t change in neat steps as you think it should. So I celebrate that gay and lesbian friends, as well as their children, feel more secure in the eyes of the law. Yes, they are loved.

The romantic in me rejoices. The lover of states’ — and voters’ — rights mourns. I cannot celebrate five judges imposing their view of marriage by fiat. I cannot ignore that Kennedy waited to do so until same-sex marriage was popular. Public opinion can turn on a dime. Not long ago, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton opposed same-sex marriage when that view was popular. Now that same position makes someone a “hater.” I wonder: What punishment will the five potentates impose on the newly politically unpopular?

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EDDY PRINCE



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Check this out: What's at the library

Since I write my columns a few weeks in advance, books may be already checked out, but maybe not. A popular author like John Sandford is always in demand and in his newest, "Gathering Prey" (M SAN J), his adopted daughter Letty is home from college when she gets a phone call from a woman Traveler she had befriended in San Francisco.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

A Traveler is a group of people who move from town to town, pan-handling, committing no crimes; they just like to stay on the move. And now someone is killing them. Anyway, Letty's friend is concerned for her male companion who has gone missing and she is afraid he has been murdered. Letty arranges for her and Lucas Dav- enport to meet her in Minneapolis and while Lucas is dubious at best, he begins to think there is something in her story.

In the days to come, he and Letty will embark on a journey of a sub-culture unlike he has ever known, experience danger and it may change his life forever. I haven't read much of David and Aimee Thurlo Charlie Henry's mysteries but I must admit they are pretty good. Charlie is a former Special Forces operative and newly minted pawn broker and thinks he finally

has the quiet, calm life he has always wanted. Wrong!

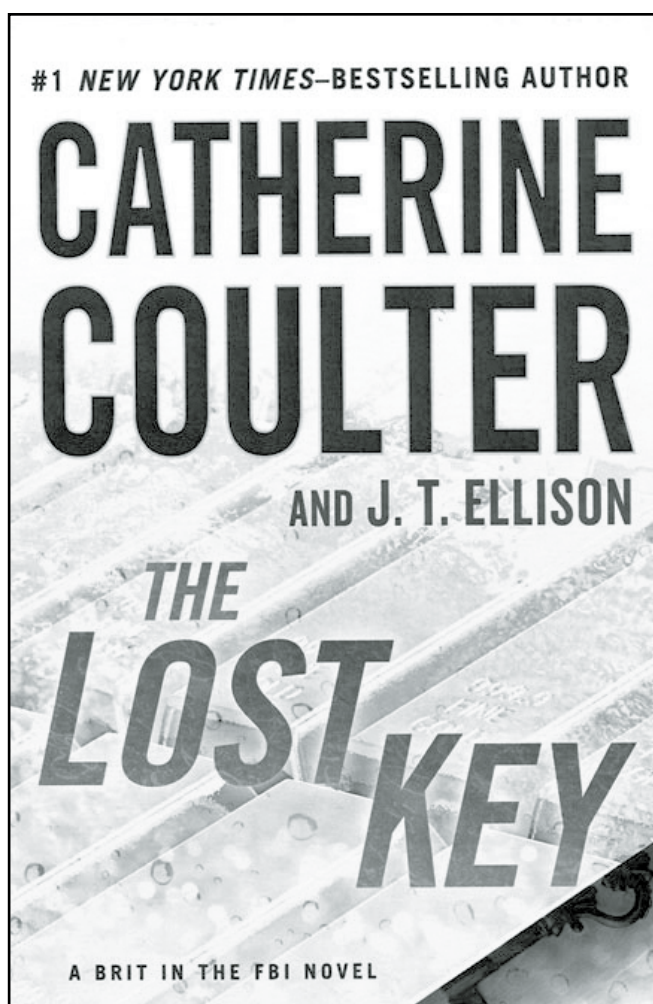
A young woman pawns an exquisite signed squash blossom necklace. The day, the young woman's boyfriend comes in, claiming that his girlfriend mistakenly pawned it and he wants it back, but he doesn't have the claim ticket. Golden rule of the pawn world: no claim ticket, no exchange. I think you can see what happens from there and I must say it is quite interesting. I enjoyed reading it.

Kick Lanigan was kidnapped at age 6 by strangers and became the poster child of every parent's nightmare. Rescued five years later, she became a world sensation and spent every minute since then trying to escape her past.

Now 21, she has trained herself to be safe: an expert shot, a lock-picker, knife thrower, escape artist and a student of martial arts. It appears that she will never be taken again and be helpless.

In "One Kick" M CAI C) by Chelsea Cain, Kick is approached by former weapons dealer Bishop to investigate two recent child abductions, she agrees. Little does she know that the answers she and Bishop seek may be in the dark corners of her mind and her own kidnapping.

Catherine Coulter's "The Lost Key" (M COU C) is the second book starring Britisher Nicholas Drummond who is a freshly minted FBI agent barely out of his Quantico training when he and his partner, Mike Caine, are called to investigate a stabbing on Wall Street.



Their investigation, however, yields more questions than answers. It quickly becomes clear that the victim, John Pearce, was more than the naval historian and antiques dealer he appeared to be.

What Drummond doesn't know is that buying and selling rare books was Pearce's cover, and that he had devoted his life to discovering the whereabouts of a missing World War I U-boat concealing a stash of gold bullion, and an unexpected surprise that only raises more questions. This is a fast moving thriller/mystery which quickly goes international in scope.

Now for a "cozy" mystery, "A Catered Mother's Day" (M CRA D), by Isis Crawford. It's Mother's Day in sleepy Longely, New York, and

this year, catering sisters Bernie and Libby Simmons help a friend — who happens to be an overworked and underappreciated mom — go to extreme lengths to teach her family a lesson. Bernie's college roommate Ellen Hadley

is burning the candle at both ends. She's grown a successful business baking treats for dogs and cats, and she's a dutiful wife and mother who somehow manages to fit all the cooking and cleaning into her busy schedule. But after her children forget her birthday and her husband forgets their anniversary, her expectations for a memorable Mother's Day are understandably modest.

When Bernie jokingly suggests Ellen fake her own kidnapping to set her family straight, she never imagined her friend would actually go through with it. But when a body turns in the hotel room that Bernie holes up in, then someone has to clear her name and it is up to Bernie and Libby to do that.

We now have "Winter of the World" (F FOL K) "Edge of Eternity" (F FOL K), books two and three of Ken Follett's Century Trilogy on the shelves.

Toni Morrison's first novel, which won the Nobel Prize for Litera-

ture in 1993, "God Help the Child" (F MOR T), has been purchased and is now on the shelf.

Pulitzer Prize winning author Jane Smiley's "Early Warning" (F SMI J), volume 2 of her Last Hundred Years Trilogy, has been processed and ready for checkout.

The library will be closed Friday and Saturday for Independence Day. We will reopen on Monday, July 6, at 9 a.m.

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Eurozone ministers to weigh latest Greek proposal

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Crowds of anxious elderly Greeks thronged banks for hours from before dawn Wednesday, struggling to be allowed to withdraw their maximum of 120 euros (\$134) for the week, after Greece reopened some banks to help pensioners who don't have bank cards.

The often chaotic scenes came hours after Greece's bailout program with European creditors expired and it failed to repay a debt to the International Monetary Fund, the first developed country to do so. The last country to miss an IMF payment was Zimbabwe in 2001.

The expiry of its bailout and the missed IMF payment left Greece cut off from vital financing and pushed it one step closer to leaving the euro. The IMF cannot lend money to a country that is in arrears.

The eurozone's finance ministers are set to weigh a last-minute Greek proposal for a new aid program, submitted Tuesday afternoon, in a conference call later Wednesday.

Markets appear to have taken in stride the latest developments, with investors still hopeful that a deal may emerge in the days ahead that would prevent Greece from leaving the euro. The Stoxx 50 index of leading European shares was up 0.6 percent while Germany's DAX was 0.6 percent higher.

22 years a slave: Myanmar fisherman survives beating, shackling, years in jungle, to go home

TUAL, Indonesia (AP) — All he did was ask to go home.

The last time the Burmese slave made the same request, he was beaten almost to death. But after being gone eight years and forced to work on a boat in faraway Indonesia, Myint Nang was willing to risk everything to see his mother again.

So he threw himself on the ground and begged for freedom. Instead, the captain vowed to kill him for trying to jump ship, and chained him for three days without food or water.

He was afraid he would disappear. And that his mother would have no idea where to look.

Myint is one of more than 800 current and former slaves rescued or repatriated after a year-long Associated Press investigation into pervasive labor abuses in Southeast Asia's fishing industry.

Militants launch attacks on Egyptian army checkpoints in Sinai, killing up to 30 troops

EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP) — Islamic militants on Wednesday unleashed a wave of simultaneous attacks, including a suicide car bombing, on Egyptian army checkpoints in the restive north of the Sinai Peninsula, killing at least 30 soldiers, security and military officials said.

The attacks took place just south of the town of Sheikh Zuweid and targeted at least six military checkpoints, the officials said. The militants also took soldiers captive and seized weapons and several armored vehicles, they added, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

At least 40 other soldiers were wounded, said the officials.

Egypt's military spokesman, Brig. Gen. Mohammed Samir, said fight-

ing was still underway in the area between the armed forces and the militants. His statement put the number of soldiers killed so far at 10, but the conflicting numbers could not immediately be reconciled in the immediate aftermath of a major attack.

Samir's statement, posted on his official Facebook page, said some 70 militants attacked five checkpoints in northern Sinai and that Egyptian troops killed 22 of them and destroyed three all-terrain vehicles fitted with anti-aircraft guns.

US, Cuba reach agreement to open embassies, a major step in restoring diplomatic ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Cuba have agreed to open embassies in each other's capitals, the biggest tangible step in the countries' historic bid to restore ties after more than a half-century of hostilities.

President Barack Obama is expected to announce the agreement Wednesday at the White House. The U.S. Embassy in Havana is scheduled to open later this month.

The U.S. and Cuba have been negotiating the re-establishment of embassies following a surprise December announcement that secret talks had led to an agreement to restart diplomatic relations.

For Obama, ending the U.S. freeze with Cuba is central to his foreign policy legacy as he nears the end of his presidency. Obama has long touted the value of direct engagement with global foes and has argued that the U.S. embargo on the communist island just 90 miles south of Florida was ineffective.

A senior Obama administration official confirmed the embassy planning. The official insisted on anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter ahead of the president.

Despite Ukraine crisis, Russian-US cooperation alive and well at Iran nuclear talks

VIENNA (AP) — Russia-U.S. relations are at a post-Cold War low just about everywhere, except at the Iran nuclear talks.

Despite a chill over the Ukraine crisis that has spread to almost every element of their relationship, Moscow and Washington continue to find common cause on one of the most pressing issues on the global agenda — a deal to prevent Iran from being able to make nuclear weapons.

Officials on both sides credit the other with pragmatic proposals and good faith that transcends their broader differences.

For the U.S., failure to get an agreement carries the unappealing risk of involvement in a new Mideast conflict, nor does President Barack Obama want to lose out on a key plank of his foreign-policy legacy. The Obama administration has said it could strike Iran's nuclear facilities militarily should diplomatic attempts to curb its nuclear activities fail. Israel is even more upfront about threatening to launch air attacks, a move that could draw the U.S. into the fray.

The Russians also don't want a U.S.-Iran war. Gary Samore, a U.S. negotiator at the nuclear talks until 2013, says getting an agreement is in Moscow's strategic interest as it tries to limit the U.S. presence in the Middle East.

Indonesia investigates if paying passengers were on crashed military plane

MEDAN, Indonesia (AP) — An air force transport plane that crashed in Indonesia carried more passengers than the military previously reported, raising the death toll to more than 140 on Wednesday combined with victims from the neighborhood where the aircraft went down in flames.

So far, 141 bodies have been recovered from the rubble of a residential area in Medan city, where the C-130 Hercules crashed shortly after take-off on Tuesday, North Sumatra police Maj. A. Tarigan told TVOne station.

The air force says 122 people were on board, including military personnel and their families. Officials don't expect any survivors from the plane.

Initially, the air force said there were 12 crew members on the C-130 and did not mention passengers. It then repeatedly raised the numbers of people aboard, indicating lax controls and raising questions about whether the plane was accepting paying passengers despite previous promises to crack down on the practice.

Hitching rides on military planes to reach remote destinations is common in Indonesia, a sprawling archipelago that spans three time zones. The plane had traveled from the capital, Jakarta, and stopped at two locations before arriving at Medan on Sumatra, one of Indonesia's main islands.

Jeb Bush likely earned less but paid a higher tax rate than the Clintons

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first presidential race since Democrats cast the GOP nominee as an out-of-touch millionaire, Republican Jeb Bush is aggressively trying to flip the script.

Bush released three decades of federal tax returns on Tuesday that show he's generated a vast fortune since leaving the Florida governor's mansion. But they also show that Hillary Rodham Clinton and former President Bill Clinton made more in speaking fees and book royalties alone in the past year and a half than Bush and his wife earned overall in the first seven years after he left public office.

In an online posting that accompanied Tuesday's disclosure, Bush added, "One fun fact I learned in this process: I have paid a higher tax rate than the Clintons."

As part of an effort to show a commitment to personal transparency, Bush posted his personal income tax returns on a website that outlines his work history since 1981. They show he paid an effective federal income tax rate of roughly 36 percent in the past three decades and made roughly \$27.7 million in total income between 2007 and 2013.

By comparison, the Clintons' earnings exceeded \$30 million combined in speaking fees and book royalties between January 2014 and May 2015.

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Judge issues gag order in Texas biker shooting case

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A sweeping gag order was issued Tuesday in a lawsuit arising from a May brawl at a roadside restaurant in Waco, Texas, in which nine bikers were killed and 177 people arrested.

The ruling in the lawsuit filed by Matthew Clendennen, a biker who says he was wrongfully arrested, prevents attorneys, witnesses and law enforcement officers involved in the case from discussing it with the media.

McLennan County District Court Judge Matt Johnson also ruled that Clendennen's attorney, Clint Broden, can view surveillance video from the Twin Peaks franchise in Waco, but barred it from public release.

Video footage shared earlier with The Associated Press shows that when gunfire erupted in the parking lot of the restaurant, most of the motorcycle riders who were watching the May 17 confrontation from the patio or inside immediately ran away from the shooting.

A few tried to direct people to safety, while others were seen crawling for cover.

Waco police were on scene, and some fired their weapons. It remains unclear whose bullets struck the nine who died; the results of autopsies and ballistic analyses have not been made public.

Broden obtained a subpoena for the video last week, but the city filed a motion to quash it, saying it would interfere with its ongoing investigation into the shootout.

Johnson said in the gag order that he acted to prevent pretrial publicity from influencing potential jurors. Johnson declined the AP's request for comment.

Las Vegas attorney Stephen Stubbs, who was retained by the Bandidos, one of the motorcycle clubs involved in the melee, called the gag order unconstitutional.

"Tying the hands of these people who have been accused of crimes and not allowing them to defend themselves in the media is just wrong," Stubbs told the AP.

Woman, 75, survived for days on pond water after Texas crash

DALLAS (AP) — Wanda Mobley swerved to avoid something in the remote highway, and seconds later was trapped inside her wrecked car in a ravine in North Texas. The 75-year-old widow couldn't walk, yet pulled herself through the broken windshield and survived the next two days by soaking her T-shirt in a nearby pond to get water.

From her hospital room on Tuesday, Mobley described the hours she spent hearing the occasional vehicle pass above her but being too weak and scared to crawl through the brushy area along Highway 183 for help.

Her cellphone wasn't getting service, and all she had was soda and the pond water as temperatures swung from the 90s during the day to the low 70s at night, including rain.

"From where the road was, nobody could see the car," Mobley told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "The windshield was cracked big time, but none of it (the glass) was out. I pulled the rearview mirror off the windshield, pulled big holes in it until I could get out."

She said the accident occurred Friday, when she was about three hours into a 300-mile road trip to a family reunion in Oklahoma. It wasn't until Sunday that a signal from her cellphone led her frantic relatives to search an area near Seymour, a Texas city about 140 miles north of her home in Brownwood.

Mobley — who fractured her back in the accident — was listed in good condition Tuesday at United Regional Health Care System in nearby Wichita Falls, according to hospital spokeswoman Kim Maddin.

"I'm feeling better," said Mobley, who has four children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. "Whenever they found me, I was pretty weak."

2 more arrested in double slaying at San Antonio apartment

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two more suspects have been arrested in the investigation of a man and a woman slain at a San Antonio apartment.

Medina County jail records show John Mendoza Jr. and Kristopher Sanchez were being held

Wednesday on murder charges, with bond of \$1 million each. Both were captured Tuesday night in San Antonio.

Loribeth Martinez remains jailed on a murder charge. Sheriff Randy Brown says investigators believe the victims were killed June 7 at the Martinez home over drugs or gang issues.

The three suspects were wanted in the death of Traci Lemley. Her burned body was discovered June 8 in a field in Castroville. Jeremy Carrico's body was found June 17 in a container near Robstown.

Jail records don't list attorneys for Mendoza or Sanchez to speak for them.

Houston group gets custody of about 200 neglected horses

WILLIS, Texas (AP) — An animal rescue group has been granted custody of about 200 neglected horses seized last week from a Houston-area ranch.

A judge Tuesday ruled for the Houston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Montgomery County law officers on June 24 carried out search warrants at the ranch operated by Herman Hoffman and his wife, Kathleen.

The Hoffmans were charged with misdemeanor counts of cruelty to livestock after authorities determined many of the horses were starving. They've denied mistreating the animals.

Dr. Amy Crum with the SPCA testified Tuesday that all of the seized horses she examined showed signs of neglect, such as malnutrition and dehydration.

FAA grants license to Houston spaceport launch site

HOUSTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration has granted the Houston Airport System a launch site license to use Ellington Airport as a launch site for reusable launch vehicles.

The license makes Ellington the nation's 10th commercial spaceport. Officials plan to launch the reusable vehicles horizontally, like conventional commercial aircraft, rather than vertically. A city statement Tuesday says the license clears the way for developing the facilities needed for reusable launch vehicle operations.

Ellington Field was built as an Army flying school in 1917 and served as an Army Air Corps, Air Force, NASA and Texas Air National Guard base until the city of Houston bought it in 1984 and opened it to general aviation. The field is situated six miles northwest of NASA's Johnson Space Center.

White Texas man admits hate-crime attack on black man

HOUSTON (AP) — A white Houston-area man has pleaded guilty to a federal hate crime for the surprise punching of an elderly black man.

In federal court in Houston on Tuesday, Conrad Alvin Barrett

admitted to racial motivation in the Nov. 24, 2013, attack on his 81-year-old victim.

Barrett used his cellphone to record the attack. The 29-year-old Katy, Texas, man also recorded himself questioning whether his attack on a black person would draw national attention.

After knocking the man to the ground, Barrett laughed, called out, "Knockout!" and ran to his vehicle.

The victim was hospitalized for several days for treatment of two jaw fractures.

Barrett could receive up to 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine when he's sentenced Sept. 18.

Ex-Mexican cartel leader gets 30 years prison in US

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A former leader of Mexico's notorious Gulf drug cartel has been sentenced to 30 years in a U.S. prison and fined \$100 million.

Juan Francisco Saenz-Tamez was sentenced Tuesday by a judge in Beaumont, Texas, on drug and money laundering convictions.

Saenz-Tamez is a 23-year-old resident of the Mexican border state of Tamaulipas (tahm-uh-LEE'-puhs). He was arrested in October during a shopping trip to Texas.

Saenz-Tamez pleaded guilty in January to distribution and possession with intent to distribute cocaine; conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute marijuana; and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Prosecutors say Saenz-Tamez was responsible for shipping at least half a ton of cocaine and 90 tons of marijuana into the U.S. Investigators believe the drug cartel laundered \$100 million.

Retail gasoline prices down in Texas for 2nd straight week

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — Retail gasoline prices across Texas have declined for a second straight week as drivers prepare for the July Fourth holiday weekend.

AAA Texas reported Tuesday that prices at the pump across Texas slipped 3 cents to settle at \$2.57 per gallon. Nationwide gasoline prices are down 2 cents this week to reach an average \$2.77 per gallon.

Amarillo has the cheapest gasoline in Texas at \$2.49 per gallon. The association survey found El Paso with the most expensive gasoline statewide at \$2.66 per gallon.

AAA analysts say drivers are poised to pay the lowest prices at the pump over the July Fourth holiday weekend in at least five years.

Association officials predict 3.1 million Texans will hit the road Wednesday through Sunday, with most traveling by automobile.

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U.S. women qualify for World Cup final

MONTREAL (AP) — Julie Johnston thought she had blown it.

Handed a yellow card for a foul in the box on Alexandra Popp, Johnston's heart sank when German striker Celia Sasic stepped up to take the penalty kick.

It missed. The United States went on to beat Germany 2-0 on a penalty kick from Carli Lloyd and a late goal from Kelley O'Hara, erasing Johnston's fear that

she had cost her team the game and sending the Americans to the title match of the Women's World Cup.

"The team definitely lifted me up after that happened and finished the chances. Definitely an emotional roller coaster," Johnston said. "But it's a team sport and the team today really stepped up for me. I really can't thank them enough and I'm sure I'll thank them all the way to the final."

Goalkeeper Hope Solo posted her fifth straight shutout, continuing a dominant run for the American defense. The second-ranked U.S. women have gone 513 minutes without conceding a goal.

The United States is seeking its third World Cup title, but first since 1999. The Americans went to the final in Germany four years ago but fell in the end on penalty kicks to Japan.

Now the Americans wait to

learn their opponent for the final: Defending champion Japan, ranked fourth in the world, faces sixth-ranked England in the other semifinal on Wednesday night.

The title match is set for Sunday at BC Place in Vancouver. Germany will play the loser of the second semifinal in the third-place game in Edmonton on Saturday.

"In a way maybe it's good for us," German coach Silvia Neid said through a trans-

lator about the consolation game. "We can have another match and maybe we can win one more."

Tuesday night's match was billed as the biggest of the tournament so far, a clash between the two highest-ranked teams in the world. More than 51,000 mostly pro-American fans filled cavernous Olympic Stadium.

Germany was coming off a

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Wimbledon:

Teen tries to join elite group

LONDON (AP) — Since 2006, only five teenagers have managed to reach the men's third round at Wimbledon — and three of them went on to become Grand Slam champions: Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Marin Cilic.

So a couple of kids could find themselves in good company if they can add their names to that short list this year.

One, 18-year-old Alexander Zverev of Germany, is in action Wednesday at the All England Club, facing 105th-ranked wild-card entry Denis Kudla of the United States in the second round.

Zverev, who is ranked 74th, won a lengthy opening match Monday, edging Teymuraz Gabashvili 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, 3-6, 9-7.

Of the five teens in this year's draw, only one other remains, 40th-ranked Borna Coric of Croatia, also 18. He won his first-round match Tuesday, and it also ended 9-7 in the fifth set, against Sergiy Stakhovsky. Coric will meet 25th-seeded Andreas Seppi on Thursday with a chance to get to the third round.

Djokovic and Murray both were 19 in 2006 when they reached the fourth round at Wimbledon; Djokovic has since collected eight major titles, and Murray two. Cilic, last year's U.S. Open champion, was 19 when he played in the fourth round in 2008.

The other teens to get at least to the third round since 2006 were Bernard Tomic in 2011, and Nick Kyrgios last year.

Here's what else is happening Wednesday at Wimbledon:

WILLIAMS SISTERS

A day after pulling out of doubles, Serena and Venus Williams are on the schedule in singles. No. 1-seeded Serena takes a 22-match Grand Slam winning streak into her Centre Court match against 93rd-ranked Timea Babos of Hungary, whose career record at majors is 2-11. No. 16 Venus is on Court 2 against 95th-ranked Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan.

OLD HAND

At 37, Tommy Haas is the oldest man to win a match at the All England Club since Jimmy Connors was 38 in 1991. After getting past 86th-ranked Dusan Lajovic in four sets in the first round, Haas will have a tougher task in the second round, taking on No. 7 Milos Raonic, who is only 24 and was a semifinalist a year ago. Haas has been ranked as high as No. 2 — way back in 2002 — and participated in four Grand Slam semifinals, including at Wimbledon in 2009.

DEFENDING CHAMP

No. 1-seeded Novak Djokovic, the 2011 and 2014 champion, plays 92nd-ranked Jarkko Nieminen on Centre Court. Djokovic has won five of their previous six meetings, including last month at the French Open.



Houston's George Springer (4) rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run as Kansas City Royals second baseman Omar Infante (14) looks to the outfield in the third inning of their baseball game in Houston Tuesday.

Keuchel again dominant for Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Dallas Keuchel probably could have thrown a second straight complete game on Tuesday night.

Houston Astros manager A.J. Hinch decided it would be better not to overwork his ace.

Keuchel allowed seven hits in eight innings to lead the Astros to a 4-0 win over the Kansas City Royals. His latest gem came after tossing a six-hit shutout in a victory over the New York Yankees in his previous start. Keuchel struck out seven and didn't walk a batter to lower his ERA to an American League-leading

2.03.

Pat Neshek allowed one hit in the ninth after Hinch decided to pull Keuchel (10-3) had done enough after throwing 106 pitches.

"I've got to balance the short term and the long term," Hinch said of pulling Keuchel. "We know he likes to finish games. The complete game shutout would have been cool for a lot of people but it's a tough call all the time. Most importantly we need to get through the game and get done, and have everybody feel good on the accumulation over the season."

George Springer had a

two-run homer in the third inning. Jose Altuve drove in a run in the fifth to help Houston to the victory. The Astros have taken the first two games in a matchup of teams with the best records in the American League. Houston is 46-34 and Kansas City is 44-30.

Kansas City starter Danny Duffy (2-4) allowed six hits and four runs in 6 2/3 innings in his second start since returning from the disabled list.

Keuchel has been a workhorse for the Astros, working at least six innings in 28 straight games, the longest active streak in the

majors.

Lorenzo Cain had three hits for Kansas City, including two doubles, but the Royals produced more than one hit in only one inning while being shut out for the second time in a week.

"(Keuchel) utilized both sides of the plate really effectively," Kansas City manager Ned Yost said. "He'd get us looking away and then he'd start pounding us in. We couldn't gauge him. He was changing speeds. He really did a great job of keeping the ball down."

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Moreland's HR tear continues, Texas wins

BALTIMORE (AP) — Two games against the Baltimore Orioles have enabled Mitch Moreland and the Texas Rangers to rediscover the joy of trotting around the bases.

Moreland hit two home runs in a second straight game, and Texas celebrated the return of Josh Hamilton with an 8-6 victory Tuesday night.

Shin-Soo Choo and Robinson Chirinos also went deep for the Rangers, who have hit eight home runs over the past two nights.

"There is no defense for a home run," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "I like to see it. They're quick runs. When they come, we'll take them."

Moreland homered with a man on in the second and eighth innings. It's the eighth time in club history that a player has hit mul-

tiple home runs in consecutive games.

"I'm trying to go up there and see it well, get ready to hit," Moreland said. "Couple of them have been maybe a little helped by the ballpark. It's a great hitters' park."

Hamilton hit two singles and made a nice running catch of a sinking liner to left field in his eighth game of the season.

The free-swinging slugger was sidelined since May 31 with a strained left hamstring.

"I am trying to barrel on the ball. You start from there," Hamilton said. "Once you start from there, you try to put a little extra into it if you need to. Overall, I felt good with my at-bats. It was a good night overall."

Over their first 76 games, the Rangers had one game with four home runs. Now they have three.

"We're starting to get some guys back in the lineup," Banister said. "We got Hamilton back in there and (he'll) be able to provide that offense for us and stretch that lineup out. This is an offense that can be dangerous and powerful at times."

Chris Davis hit two home runs for Baltimore and Manny Machado added a solo shot. The Orioles have lost two straight following a four-game winning streak.

"We scored, what, six runs? There was enough to win a baseball game," manager Buck Showalter said. "They just did a better job, pitched a little better."

Colby Lewis (8-3) allowed five runs, three earned, and six hits over six innings to improve to 4-0 in six starts since May 27. He was tagged for three homers but survived the onslaught.

Shawn Tolleson gave up a

run in the ninth but picked up his 11th save.

Miguel Gonzalez (6-5) surrendered six runs and eight hits in 4 1/3 innings, including a career-high tying three homers. The six runs were the most he allowed since April 4, 2014, when he gave up seven to Detroit.

The Orioles jumped in front in the first inning when Texas second baseman Rowned Odor fumbled a two-out grounder and Davis homered to extend his hitting streak to 10 games.

Moreland tied it in the second after a welcome-back single by Hamilton.

Texas went up 4-2 in the third when Prince Fielder singled in a run and Odor scored on a double-play grounder. Davis made it 4-4 in the bottom half with another drive to center following a two-out single by Adam Jones.

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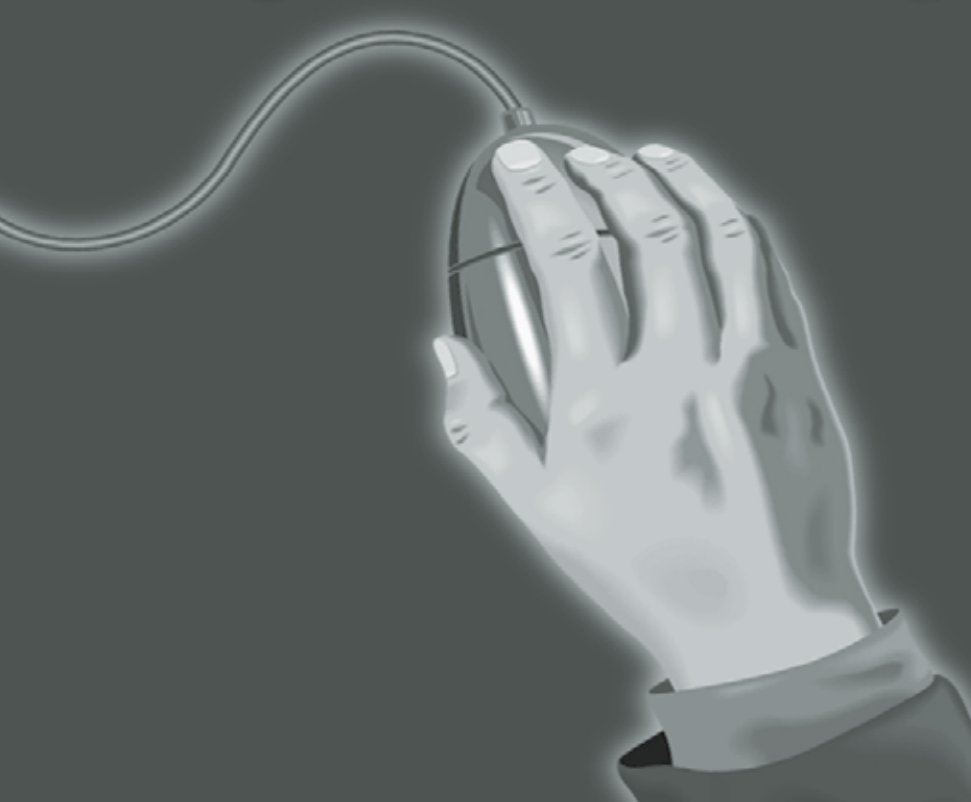
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This Capricorn moon is the first of two full moons

that will fall in July. Full moons have a reputation for calling out the wild spirits, though the Capricorn full moon is more restrained than other full moons, favoring the taking on of responsibility. Being more fully ourselves has more to do with what we take on than the inhibitions we shake off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Seeking things that have substance and meaning leads to happiness. Something doesn't have to be serious and heavy to be meaningful, though. Meaning can be as light as a laugh.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's said that truth doesn't blush. It's the tension between what we'd like to project as true and the deeper truth that is that causes pink cheeks and shy smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've

worked hard to get where you are, but you don't think that makes you better than anyone else. You believe all people are equal regardless of their station in life, and you treat everyone the same.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To have compassion for others, you have to have it for yourself. This is harder for you because you have a habit of holding yourself up to impossible standards. You deserve your own kindness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Obstacles in your path may seem immovable, but that's only because someone is very convincingly bluffing. All you have to do is call the bluff, and what was "immovable" suddenly will be gone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You hate to be a nag, and so you won't be. You'll find another way to motivate your loved ones to do as they should be doing. Maybe you're a little bit sneaky in this regard, but it's better than nagging.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You

Tomorrow's Horoscope

can't stop people from talking, and in your case, that will be a good thing. Your stellar reputation precedes you, earning you instant respect and paving the way for smooth interactions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be after new ways to live with style. Whatever you can do to lighten your load will aid the effort. You may even be inspired to let go of a collection that has run its course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It may seem as though the other person is the whole problem, but don't let that stop you from taking responsibility for whatever you can in the situation. You'll be amazed at what you can solve alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Reaching a shared goal will be particularly satisfying. The hardest thing about it will be coming up with a goal you can share with the diverse team around you now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's such a thing as too much critical

thinking. Don't let yourself think your way out of action or consider so many possibilities that none seems interesting or feasible anymore. In other words, don't over-think it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Confidence comes from trusting yourself, but not trusting yourself to be perfect -- mistakes are to be expected. Instead, trust yourself to right the wrongs, learn and get better.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 1). Your full moon birthday starts your solar year with a gift to enhance your perspective. You'll provide help to many through the summer. An idea you'll have in August is bankable. The completion of a project will start a chain of events that turns your life into a ride. November and December are the best financial months. Capricorn and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 9, 7, 40 and 26.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My birth date is 6/2/61. I'm beginning a relationship with a man born 4/19/1960.

We both have bad pasts and problems trusting. Other areas are awesome. Can we overcome our obstacles and make a real go out of our relationship, or are we just playing with each other?"

Difficulty getting over past hurts is not uncommon. Dear Gemini, how will you ever know whether this relationship was meant to be if you don't dip your pinky toe back into the water? Notice I said pinky toe. You're in the dating pool, which means respect the shallow water, please. Perhaps with your history it's best not to jump in with both feet or dive in for a face plant, but rather ease in gradually and ever so gently. Follow your curiosity. Ask questions, learn about this person, get inside his head and get to know him. As a Gemini, you love learning. Find out where your interests and his overlap. Don't worry about whether it will work out long term, and instead focus on having a good time. Have fun. In fact, that's exactly how many people find themselves in a really good thing that neither person wants to end.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Many will gather to mourn Diana, Princess of Wales, on her birthday today. Born under the sign of mothers, the princess exemplified the maternal energy and nurturing nature of her sign. With her natal Mercury, the communication planet, also in this sign, Princess Diana was a mother figure to multitudes beyond her own family. She often followed the leanings of her philanthropic Aquarius moon.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My father passed away many years ago and my mother remarried and moved to a vacation home. However, she still owns the house we grew up in and two of my siblings now live there for free. My sister is 60, and my brother is 46. Neither has worked for years.

I talk to my mother about it all the time, telling her she is not doing them any favors by allowing this to go on. Can you tell her what a horrible thing it is to enable two perfectly capable grown adults this way? My mother is 82. What will they do when she is gone? I have two other siblings and the three of us don't take advantage of our mother this way. -- Not Right

Dear Not: We agree that this type of financial enabling is a huge liability. But a good work ethic and accountability need to be instilled when young. Your mother may consider these two children to be incapable of working, and that her support is all that keeps them off the streets. She does it out of compassion and guilt. She isn't asking us

for advice, nor is she likely to take it, even if we point out the problems this will create when she is no longer in the picture.

Your mother should have a legal will to minimize disputes about her property and money. It's her decision, whether or not you agree. Your focus should be on forgiving all of them for what they are not, and then doing what you need to do in order to be sure that these siblings don't become too great a financial burden on the rest of you.

Dear Annie: I would like to respond to "Pat," who spends up to 12 hours a day helping her elderly mother at the nursing home and gets frustrated because other residents don't receive as many visits from their family members.

My 82-year-old mother is in an assisted living residence in Florida. I am a young, widowed working mother, living 700 miles away. I am also an only child. I do what I can for my mom, calling several times a week, sending cards, packages and flowers, and

following up with the staff and her medical providers to ensure that she is well taken care of. I visit when I can, but it is an expensive flight or a 13-hour drive. Of course I wish I could visit more, but that is not possible.


Suggesting that absent family members "don't care" simplifies the reality for many of us. Not everyone has the luxury of time and proximity that Pat does, and she should consider herself fortunate for her arrangement. -- Sandwich Generation

Dear Sandwich: You are obviously a caring child. We don't think "Pat" meant to castigate those relatives who cannot come more often, only those who could do so easily, but make no effort. And it's not only children. Anyone can visit a person in a nursing home or assisted living facility. And parents who choose to retire and move far away from their family members should consider what's down the road.

Happy Canada Day to all of our readers north of the border.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Oops!

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 6 2
♥ K Q 3 2
♦ Q 6
♣ K Q 9

WEST
♠ A Q 10 4
♥ 9 8 4
♦ 5 2
♣ 7 4 3 2

EAST
♠ J 7 5 3
♥ A J 10 6 5
♦ 4
♣ A 6 5

SOUTH
♠ 8
♥ 7
♦ A K J 10 9 8 7 3
♣ J 10 8

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ 1 ♥ 3 ♦ Pass
3 NT Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♣ Pass 5 NT Pass
6 ♣ Pass 6 ♦ Pass
Opening lead nine of hearts.

The members of the famed Italian Blue Team were noted for their fine slam bidding, but even they occasionally fell from grace. Consider this deal from the 1968 Olympiad, on which Camillo Pabis Ticci and Massimo D'Alelio voluntarily bid a slam in diamonds missing three aces!

This extraordinary occurrence came about in perfectly logical fashion. Pabis Ticci's opening one-club bid showed 12 to 16 points and a balanced hand. D'Alelio's jump to semi-solid suit requiring little or no support. Three notrump was a signoff, but D'Alelio, visualizing a slam if his partner had either two or three aces, bid four notrump.

The Italians were playing Roman Blackwood, and — in accordance with this convention — the five-club response showed either three aces or none. D'Alelio naturally assumed his partner had three and continued with five notrump, asking for kings.

Six clubs showed three kings or none, and D'Alelio concluded it indicated none, since on North's bidding he could not possibly have three aces and three kings.

So D'Alelio bid six diamonds and, for the first and only time in his career, discovered he had misgauged his partner's holding by three aces.

West led a heart, dummy's queen losing to the ace, and East cashed the club ace. But when East failed to return a spade, D'Alelio escaped for down one.

At the other table, a Chilean North-South pair got to five diamonds (instead of three notrump) and lost all three aces, so the deal turned out to be a tie!

Tomorrow: A wing and a prayer.
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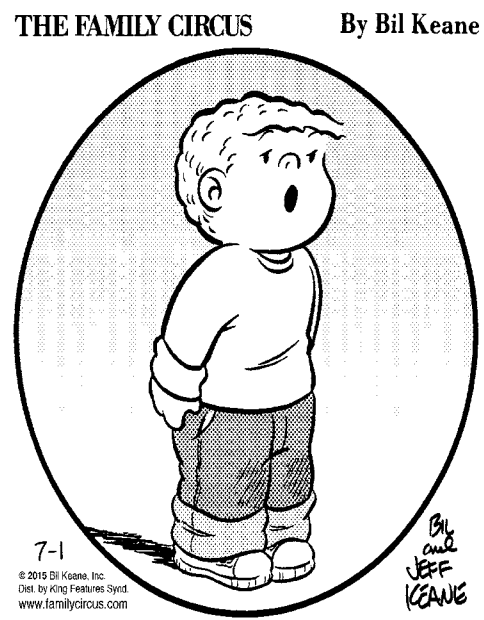
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

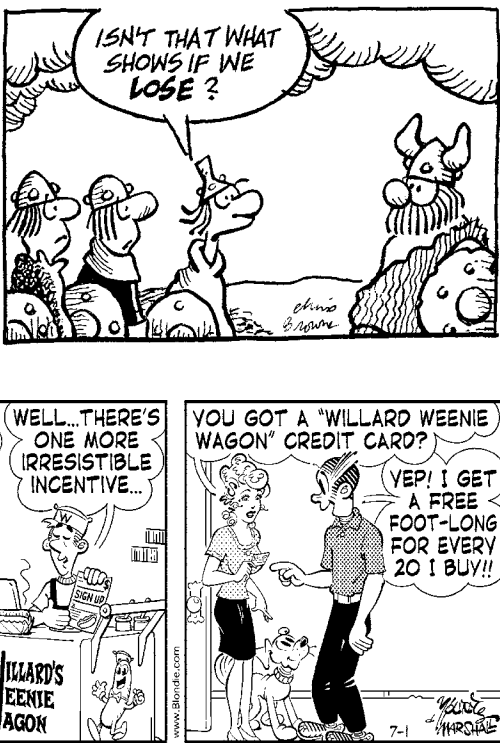


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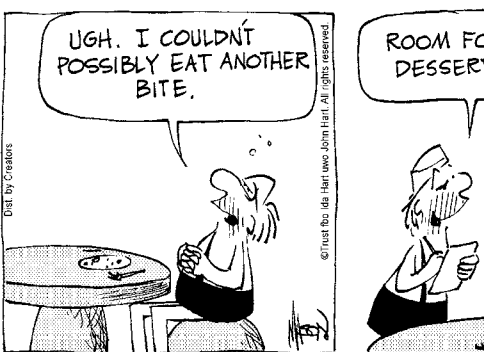
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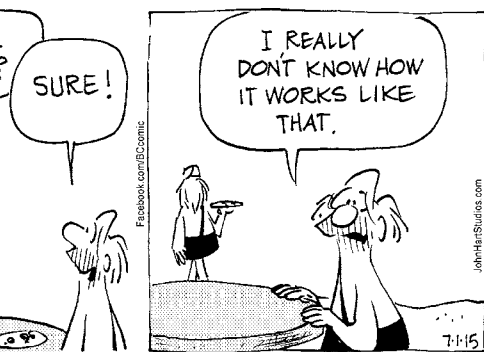
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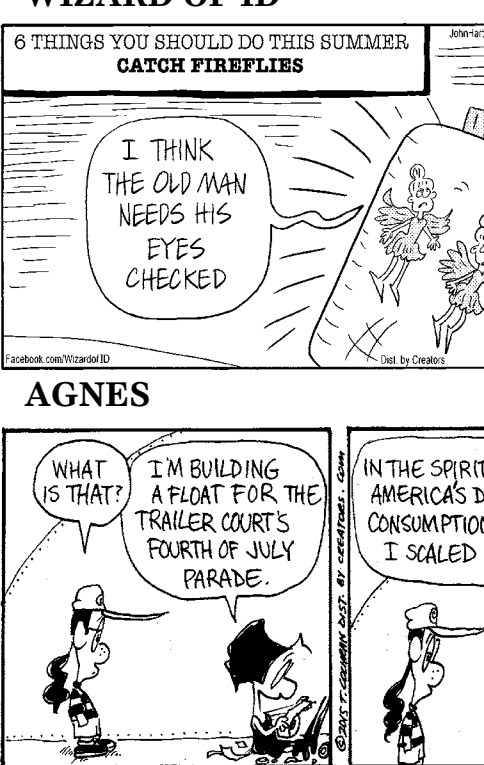
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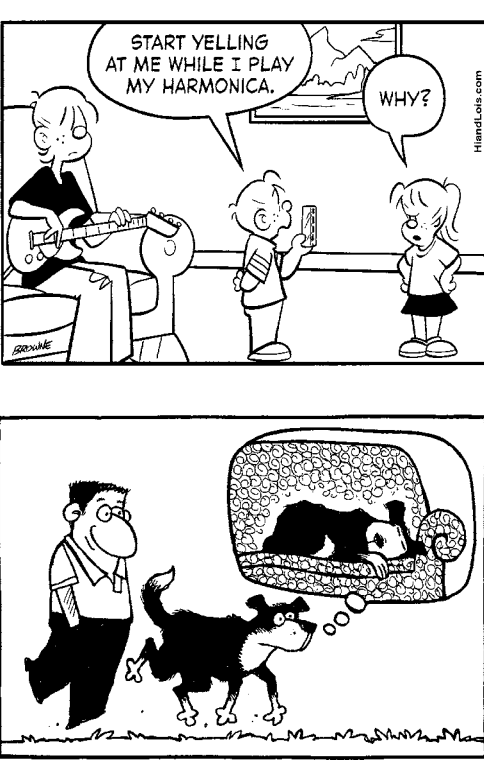
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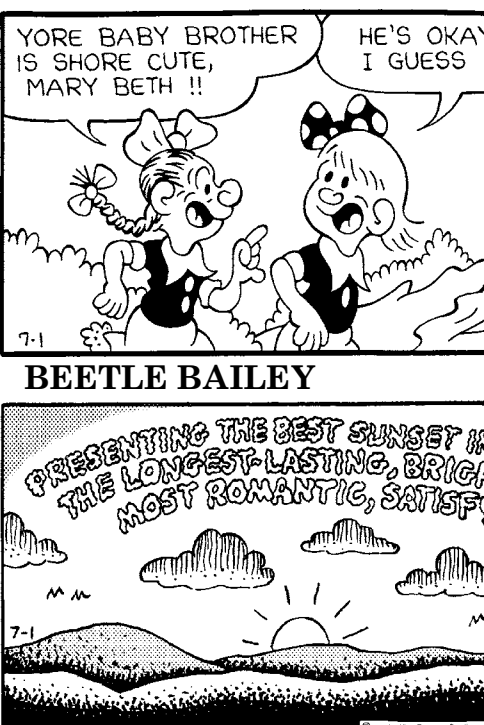
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 1, the 182nd day of 2015. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 1, 1940, the original Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington state opened to traffic despite concerns over its tendency to "bounce" in windy conditions, inspiring the nickname "Galloping Gertie" (four months later, the suspension bridge's main section collapsed into Puget Sound).

On this date:

In 1535, Sir Thomas More went on trial in England, charged with high treason for rejecting the Oath of Supremacy. (More was convicted, and executed.)

In 1863, the pivotal, three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania.

In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

In 1912, aviator Harriet Quimby, 37, was killed along with her passenger, William Willard, when they were thrown out of Quimby's mono-

plane at the Third Annual Boston Aviation Meet.

In 1934, Hollywood began enforcing its Production Code subjecting motion pictures to censorship review.

In 1946, the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1965, "The Great Race," Blake Edwards' big-budget homage to oldtime slapstick comedy starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood, was released by Warner Bros.

In 1974, the president of Argentina, Juan Peron, died; he was succeeded by his wife, Isabel Martinez de Peron.

In 1980, "O Canada" was proclaimed the national anthem of Canada.

In 1995, rock-and-roll disc jockey Wolfman Jack died in Belvidere, North Carolina, at age 57.

In 2000, Vermont's civil unions law, which granted gay couples most of the rights, benefits and responsibilities of marriage, went into effect. The Confederate flag was removed from atop South Carolina's Statehouse (in a compromise, another confederate flag was raised on the Statehouse grounds in front of a soldier's monument). Actor Walter Matthau died in Santa Monica, California, at age 79.

In 2004, actor Marlon Brando died in Los Angeles at age 80.

Ten years ago: Justice Sandra Day O'Connor unexpectedly announced her retirement from the U.S. Supreme Court (she was succeeded by Samuel Alito). Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Vandross died in Edison, New Jersey, at age 54.

Five years ago: California lawmakers approved a \$20 million settlement with the family of Jaycee Dugard, who was kidnapped as a girl and held captive in a secret backyard for 18 years by a paroled sex offender. At least two suicide bombers attacked a popular Muslim shrine in Pakistan's second largest city, Lahore, killing some three dozen people.

Thought for Today:

"In an age of multiple and massive innovations, obsolescence becomes the major obsession."

Marshall McLuhan, Canadian communications theorist (1911-1980)

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bisected, perhaps
 - 6 Eve's eldest
 - 10 Junk e-mail
 - 14 Princess' crown
 - 15 Staff assistant
 - 16 Israeli dance
 - 17 Sophocles play about a king
 - 19 Impresses greatly
 - 20 In attendance
 - 21 One in class
 - 23 Get out of bed
 - 25 Alphabetizes
 - 26 Wine glass
 - 30 Scatters
 - 33 Further down the road
 - 34 Tolerated
 - 35 Cork-removal sound
 - 38 Giant-screen format
 - 39 Sudden influx
 - 40 Basketball-team count
 - 41 Baton Rouge sch.
 - 42 Wordsworth and Whitman
 - 43 Manufacturer
 - 44 Hypnotic state
 - 46 Hidden, as ability
 - 47 Civic leader
 - 49 Go by boat
 - 51 Nonwinner
 - 54 Life-line observer
 - 59 Crew in blue
 - 60 Apollo mission vehicle
- DOWN**
- 1 Obstruct, with "up"
 - 2 Place to dock
 - 3 Fill with cargo
 - 4 Part of the eye
 - 5 Narrowed gradually
 - 6 Fills film roles
 - 7 Make public
 - 8 Midmonth day
 - 9 First in line
 - 10 Follow secretly
 - 11 Brief surge in energy
 - 12 "___ you clever"
 - 13 Clipper's poles
 - 18 Army group
 - 22 No longer new
 - 24 Many-acred properties
 - 26 Author Sheehy
 - 27 Measures of resistance
 - 28 Dark skin mark
 - 29 Not at all strict
 - 31 Two-year-olds
 - 32 Eggs that top sushi
 - 34 Proposal detail
 - 36 Roasting appliance
 - 37 Smart-mouthed
 - 39 George, to Prince William
 - 40 Budgetary excess
 - 42 Henry VIII's sixth wife
 - 43 One hanging out at food courts
 - 45 Fowl perches
 - 46 Falsifier
 - 47 Some big trucks
 - 48 Isolated from others
 - 50 Separated
 - 52 Very much
 - 53 *The Thinker*, e.g.
 - 55 Additional
 - 56 Currier's partner
 - 57 Transmitted
 - 58 Meal carrier
 - 61 ___-carrier clause

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	41	36	.532	—
Tampa Bay	42	37	.532	—
New York	41	37	.526	½
Toronto	41	38	.519	1
Boston	36	43	.456	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	44	30	.595	—
Minnesota	41	36	.532	4½
Detroit	39	37	.513	6
Cleveland	35	41	.461	10
Chicago	33	42	.440	11½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	46	34	.575	—
Los Angeles	41	37	.526	4
Texas	40	38	.513	5
Seattle	35	42	.455	9½
Oakland	35	45	.438	11

Tuesday's Games

Texas 8, Baltimore 6
Boston 4, Toronto 3
Pittsburgh 5, Detroit 4, 14 innings
Cleveland 6, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 8, Cincinnati 5
Houston 4, Kansas City 0
Chicago White Sox 2, St. Louis 1, 11 innings
Colorado 2, Oakland 1
L.A. Angels 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
Seattle 5, San Diego 0

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota (May 4-6) at Cincinnati (Cueto 4-5), 12:35 p.m.
Colorado (Bettis 4-2) at Oakland (Hahn 5-6), 3:35 p.m.
Seattle (T.Walker 6-6) at San Diego (Shields 7-2), 3:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 7-2) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (N.Martinez 5-4) at Baltimore (W.Chen 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Burnett 6-3) at Detroit (Simon 7-4), 7:08 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 9-6) at Tampa Bay (Colome 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Volquez 8-4) at

Houston (Velasquez 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 3-7) at St. Louis (Lackey 6-4), 8:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Cleveland (Kluber 3-9) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 4-6) at Detroit (An.Sanchez 6-7), 1:08 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 7-6) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Miley 7-7) at Toronto (Boyd 0-1), 7:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 5-6) at Kansas City (C.Young 7-3), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Elias 4-5) at Oakland (Kazmir 4-5), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	43	34	.558	—
New York	40	38	.513	3½
Atlanta	36	41	.468	7
Miami	32	46	.410	11½
Philadelphia	27	52	.342	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	51	25	.671	—
Pittsburgh	43	33	.566	8
Chicago	40	35	.533	10½
Cincinnati	35	41	.461	16
Milwaukee	31	48	.392	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	44	35	.557	—
San Francisco	42	36	.538	1½
Arizona	37	40	.481	6
San Diego	37	42	.468	7
Colorado	34	43	.442	9

Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee 4, Philadelphia 3
Pittsburgh 5, Detroit 4, 14 innings
Chicago Cubs 1, N.Y. Mets 0
Minnesota 8, Cincinnati 5
Miami 5, San Francisco 3
Washington 6, Atlanta 1
Chicago White Sox 2, St. Louis 1, 11 innings
L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 4, 10 innings
Colorado 2, Oakland 1
Seattle 5, San Diego 0

Wednesday's Games

BALTIMORE ORIOLLES — Optioned LHP T.J. McFarland to Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with OFs Andrew Benintendi and Tyler Spoon, Cs Aiston Reo and Andrew Novitello and LHP Bobby Poynier.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Toru Murata to Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with SS Alberto Gonzalez on a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Sent RHP Kris Medlen to Omaha (PCL) for

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Colorado (Bettis 4-2) at Oakland (Hahn 5-6), 3:35 p.m.
Seattle (T.Walker 6-6) at San Diego (Shields 7-2), 3:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Lohse 4-9) at Philadelphia (Harang 4-10), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Burnett 6-3) at Detroit (Simon 7-4), 7:08 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 4-6) at N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 9-6), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Gibson 5-6) at Miami (Haren 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Fister 3-3) at Atlanta (Wisler 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 3-7) at St. Louis (Lackey 6-4), 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 4-4) at Arizona (Ray 2-3), 9:40 p.m.

Thursday's Games

San Francisco (M.Cain 0-0) at Miami (Fernandez 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 4-6) at Detroit (An.Sanchez 6-7), 1:08 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 7-5) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 8-5), 1:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 4-10) at Philadelphia (Billingsley 0-2), 6:35 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 9-5) at Atlanta (Banuelos 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (T.Ross 5-7) at St. Louis (Undecided), 7:15 p.m.
Colorado (Rusin 3-2) at Arizona (Hellickson 5-5), 9:40 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLLES — Optioned LHP T.J. McFarland to Norfolk (IL).
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DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with SS Alberto Gonzalez on a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Sent RHP Kris Medlen to Omaha (PCL) for

a rehab assignment.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned 3B Kyle Kubitz to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled 1B C.J. Cron from Salt Lake. Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Rhodes on a minor league contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent OF Jacoby Ellsbury to Tampa (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Recalled RHP Chris Bassitt from Nashville (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Signed OF Garrett Whitley to a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Reinstated OF Josh Hamilton from the 15-day DL. Optioned 3B-OF Joey Gallo to Round Rock (PCL).
National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with SS Angel Perez on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO CUBS — Sent OF Jorge Soler to Iowa (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned OF Chris Dominguez to Louisville (IL).
NEW YORK METS — Activated INF Daniel Murphy from the 15-day DL. Optioned 2B Dilson Herrera to Las Vegas (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHP Severino Gonzalez to Lehigh Valley (IL). Assigned RHP Ethan Martin outright to Reading (EL). Added Jorge Velandia to the coaching staff.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with LHP Daniel Zamora on a minor league contract and assigned him to West Virginia (NYP).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Recalled INF Jedd Jorjko from El Paso (PCL). Placed INF Cory Spangenberg on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 28.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Designated INF Casey McGehee for assignment. Purchased the contract of INF Ehre Adrianza from Sacramento (PCL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed RHP Matt Belisle on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 28. Purchased the contract of RHP Marcus Hatley from

Memphis (PCL). Transferred RHP Jordan Walden from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned INF Wilmer Difo to Harrisburg (EL).
American Association

AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed LHP Ryan Bonnot.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed RHP Jesus Colome.
LAREDO LEMURS — Released LHP Kevin Brandt.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released RHP Byron Minnich.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed OF Trevor Jones.
Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed LHP J.C. Romero. Traded RHP Mark Rogers to Bridgeport for future considerations.
Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed INF/OF Albert Cartwright.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released RHP Scott Moviel.
Frontier League

FRONTIER GREYS — Released INF Jose Sermo.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed RHP Donny Murray.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed RHP Cole Brocker and C Aaron Wright. Released RHP Johnny Fageaux.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Released OF Garrett Gordon.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS — Promoted Mike Budenholzer to president of basketball operations in addition to his duties as coach and Wes Wilcox to general manager. F-C Pero Antic signed a two-year contract with Fenerbahce (Euroleague).
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Announced F Mike Miller exercised his player option for the 2015-16 season.
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Traded G Luke Ridnour and cash to Toronto Raptors for a trade exception

and the rights to F Tomislav Zubcic.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed DT Jeris Pendleton.
Canadian Football League

CFL — Fined Hamilton's Jonathan Langa an undisclosed amount for an unnecessary hit on an opponent during a June 26 game against Calgary.
HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Acquired D Kevin Bieksa from Vancouver for a 2016 second-round draft pick. Named Paul MacLean assistant hockey coach.
ARIZONA COYOTES — Acquired C Boyd Gordon from Edmonton for F Lauri Korpiokoski.
CALGARY FLAMES — Signed D Dougie Hamilton to a six-year contract. Named Domenic Pittis assistant coach for Stockton (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Placed F Alexander Semin on unconditional waivers.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with G Michael Leighton on a one-year contract extension. Acquired Fs Artem Anisimov, Marko Dano, Jeremy Morin and Corey Tropp and a 2016 fourth-round draft pick from Columbus for Fs Alex Broadhurst and Brandon Saad and D Michael Paliotta.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Re-signed D Brendan Smith to a two-year contract.
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Agreed to terms with F Brian Flynn on a two-year contract.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Named Scott Clemmensen goaltending development coach.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with F Anders Lee on a four-year contract.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Acquired G Martin Jones from Boston.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Re-signed F Mike Angelidis to a one-year contract.

WORLD

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hard-fought quarterfinal victory over No. 3 France, prevailing on penalty kicks after a 1-1 draw.

The United States, which had struggled to find its offense earlier in the tournament, had found success in a 1-0 quarterfinal victory over China by moving Lloyd to the top and allowing her to play more freely.

The tactic worked again against Germany; the United States kept its opponent on its heels

for much of the match.

"We didn't come here just to make the final. We came here to win it," Lloyd said. "So we've got to go after it next game."

The key sequence came over a span of less than 10 minutes in the second half. Sasic's penalty kick came after Johnston fouled Popp in the box, which might have merited a red card. But the referee gave Johnston a yellow.

"The rule says yes," Neid said afterward, "but she didn't get a red card."

Sasic, who went into the match as the tour-

ament's leading scorer with six total goals, fooled Solo but her kick went wide left, prompting a deafening roar from the crowd.

Shortly thereafter, Annike Krahn got a yellow card for fouling Alex Morgan in the box, but replays showed it occurred just outside.

Lloyd's penalty kick was her third goal in three matches.

There was a scary moment in the first half when Popp and American midfielder Morgan Brian collided in front of the U.S. goal following a free kick from about 25 yards out.

Television cameras caught blood in Popp's hair, and Brian was prone on the field for several minutes. Both players returned to the match.

The United States improved to 3-1 against Germany in World Cup matches.

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ASTROS

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Keuchel got a little help from his defense when Springer robbed Omar Infante of a hit to center field. Springer raced and made an over-the-shoulder catch for the third out of the seventh inning.

"I was trying to force some early contact,"

Keuchel said. "I know they like to swing the bat and just tried to use it to my advantage."

Marwin Gonzalez singled with two outs in the third inning before Springer's soaring shot, which bounced off the foul pole in left field to make it 2-0 and snapped Springer out of an 0 for 8 slump.

Evan Gattis tripled with one out in the fourth inning. The fly

ball sailed just out of reach of the glove of Cain, who raced up Tal's Hill in center to grab it and instead crashed to the ground and into the padded wall after coming up short.

"I felt like my first two steps were good and then after that my legs just gave out and into the wall I went," Cain said. "I gave a great effort but at the end of the day, the hill won."

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