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Summer fun — with a purpose

Methodist youth group mixes good deeds, good times

By JULIE BASS
Staff Writer

While most children are spending their summer at home watching TV and playing video games, there is a group of kids spending two days a week serving others.

Kids with Purpose is a youth group at the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring doing various community activities this summer. It is an eight-week program that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In June, the kids painted benches and played with the animals at the Big Spring Humane Society. Also, they have cleaned up trash around the downtown area and made thank-you packages for the veterans at the Lamun-Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, Big Spring Post Office workers and Howard County Sheriff's deputies.

"During the Humane Society visit, it was so nice. The kids helped paint benches, but they also got to play with the puppies, hold kittens and socialize with the animals there. They got to wander around and just got to be kids and have fun," said Becky Woodall.

Woodall is the director of the children's ministry at United Methodist and she has been leading this troupe all through town to do various good deeds. Their theme this year is Galatians 5:13, "By love, serve one another," and these kids are working hard to do just that.

"We are serving God and serving others. We are trying to teach them that even though they are kids, they can make a difference in their world," Woodall said.

At the beginning of July, the kids delivered law enforcement thank you packages again and delivered



Courtesy photos
In the top photos, members of First United Methodist Church's Kids With Purpose are shown outside the Big Spring Federal Building. At left is a sample of the thank-you packages group members made for postal workers.

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S.C. senate votes to take down Confederate flag

By JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The push to remove the Confederate flag from the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse is about to clear its first hurdle.

But even if a bill to bring down the rebel banner passes the state Senate as expected Tuesday, it faces a less certain future in the House.

Senators voted 37-3 on Monday to take down the flag and the pole it flies on, both of which were erected in 2000 as part of a compromise that involved removing the flag from atop the Statehouse dome. The vote was well over the two-thirds majority that will be needed Tuesday to send

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Nikki Haley,
South Carolina governor

the bill on to the House.

But while that means debate would begin Wednesday in the House, it is far from clear whether a vote will take place the same day — or what the vote will be. House members appear to be less unified.

Republicans met behind

closed doors Monday and struggled to reach a consensus on what to do next. Some, including Speaker Jay Lucas, have not said how they will vote.

One idea being floated is to keep the pole and put a different flag on it: the U.S. flag, the

South Carolina flag or a flag that may have been flown by Confederate troops but is not as divisive as the red banner with the blue cross and white stars.

Democrats, meanwhile, say both the flag and flagpole must go, House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford said.

Business leaders and Gov. Nikki Haley agree. If the bill passes and Haley signs it, the flag would be lowered for the last time and shipped off to the state's Confederate Relic Room, not far from where the last Confederate flag to fly over the Statehouse dome is stored.

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Obituaries

Stetson Ramey Rankin



Stetson Ramey Rankin, 38, of Coahoma, died Saturday, July 4, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pete Klein and April Rankin, officiating. Interment will follow at the Colorado City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born June 5, 1977 in Midland and married April Renee Hudson March 28, 2013 in Big Spring. Stetson was raised in Colorado City, graduating

from Colorado City High School in 1995. He was the top seated tennis player for Colorado City High School for four years. He worked as a surveyor, on an oil rig, laying pipeline with his father and most recently worked for Alon Refinery for 15 years.

Stetson is survived by his wife, April Rankin of Coahoma; two sons, Johnathan and Jake Rankin of Colorado City; a stepson, Hobie Hudson of Coahoma; a step-daughter, Hannah Hudson of San Diego, Calif.; his parents, John and Sandra Rankin of Colorado City; his paternal grandmother, Juanita Capell of Waco; and two sisters, Lacy Bond and husband, Justin, of Fort Worth and Crystal DeKoning and husband, Tony, of Moorehead City, N.C.

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

Glen “David” Overton



Glen “David” Overton, 64, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 4, 2015, at his residence. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born May 25, 1951, in Big Spring. He lived most of his life in Big Spring, except for a few years in Big Lake and San Antonio. He was a retired truck driver. He worked a number of years for Sigert and Sons.

He is survived by one son, David Overton and his wife, Myshon, of Hawley; six grandchildren; one great granddaughter; one brother, Danny Mar and his wife, Terrie, of Clyde; and two sisters, Vickie Fontana and her husband, Raymond, of Coahoma and Polly Speaker of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Rigdon; his father, Glen Overton; one son, Roy Lynn Overton; two step-fathers, Daniel Mar and Smokey Rigdon; and one brother, Donnie Overton.

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

Drew Hobdy



Drew Hobdy, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 5, 2015, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Midway Baptist Church with Pastor Jim Binnix officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 19, 1927, in Lubbock to Rossie and Edmund Hobdy. He served as a medic in the U.S. Army Air Corp, later the U. S. Air Force from 1946 until 1949. He married Aloma Wilson, Jan. 27, 1971. She preceded him in death Jan. 27, 2011. They came to Big Spring in 1981

from Brownfield. While living in Brownfield, Drew worked for Ozark – Mahoning Company. When coming to Big Spring he worked for Halliburton and later the City of Big Spring. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, David Hobdy and his wife, Carole, of Jacksboro, Texas, and Jimmy Hobdy and his wife, Trisha, of Coahoma; two daughters, Lou Andra Hobdy of Crosbyton, Texas, and Laura Dean and her husband, Charly, of Clarksville, Tenn; one step-daughter, Vellene Sawyers of Big Spring; one step-son, Laurence Wilson and his wife, Margaret, of Coahoma; eight grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son: Corwin Hobdy and one grandson: James Wilson.

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

Ronnie Alford Millsap

Ronnie Alford Millsap, 71, of Big Spring, Texas, died Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

He was born on March 20, 1944, in Amherst, Texas,

Viewing services will be held at American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Thursday, July 9, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

viewing for family only will be held on Thursday,

July 9, 2015 between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at Church in the Wind in Midland, at 2 p.m. June 10, 2015, with the Rev. Pastor Terry Ohlman officiating. Burial will follow at American Heritage Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Ann Millsap of Big Spring; two sons, Arthur Garland Millsap of Corpus Christi, Texas and John Paul Millsap of Big Spring; and two daughters, Veronica Millsap of Alpine, Texas and Rosa Millsap of El Paso, Texas.

Manuel H. De La Rosa, Jr

Manuel H. De La Rosa, Jr., 63, of Big Spring died Monday, July 6, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JOHN RANDALL LEWIS, 56, of 813 Creighton was arrested on warrant from other agencies.
- HERMAN CASAREZ, 43, of 708 Lorilla St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURLGARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson St.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80.
- CRMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the area of Third and Young Streets.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2300 block of Alabama St.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan St.
- INTOXICATED DRIVER was reported in the

sion noon to 1 p.m.; women’s meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

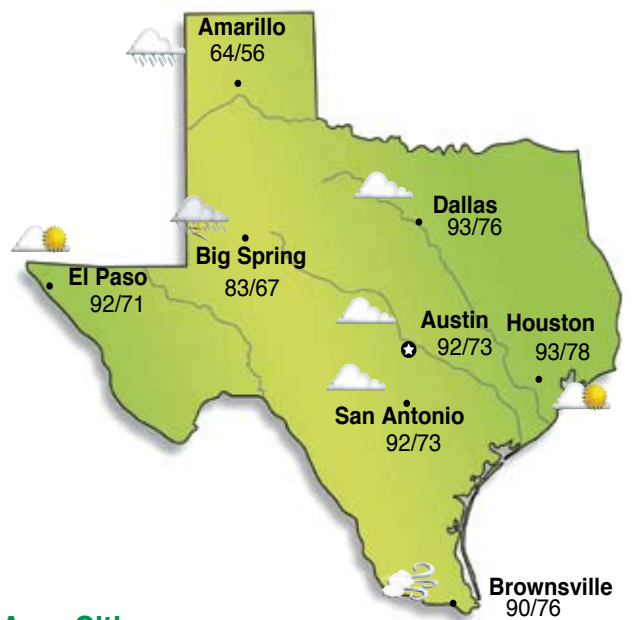
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don’t have to talk if you don’t want to. Flexible payment options.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 7/8	Thu 7/9	Fri 7/10	Sat 7/11	Sun 7/12
83/67 Scattered thunderstorms in the morning. Partly cloudy skies late. High 87F.	90/71 Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	92/71 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	93/70 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	95/70 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities					
City	Hi	Lo Cond.	City	Hi	Lo Cond.
Abilene	85	69 t-storm	Kingsville	93	76 windy
Amarillo	64	56 rain	Livingston	94	76 pt sunny
Austin	92	73 cloudy	Longview	94	74 pt sunny
Beaumont	91	76 pt sunny	Lubbock	71	62 rain
Brownsville	90	76 windy	Lufkin	96	77 pt sunny
Brownwood	90	72 t-storm	Midland	84	68 t-storm
Corpus Christi	90	78 windy	Raymondville	94	76 windy
Corsicana	92	76 cloudy	Rosenberg	91	77 pt sunny
Dallas	93	76 cloudy	San Antonio	92	73 cloudy
Del Rio	96	76 pt sunny	San Marcos	92	74 cloudy
El Paso	92	71 pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	91	76 cloudy
Fort Stockton	88	68 t-storm	Sweetwater	83	65 t-storm
Gainesville	88	73 cloudy	Tyler	94	76 cloudy
Greenville	89	75 cloudy	Weatherford	90	74 cloudy
Houston	93	78 pt sunny	Wichita Falls	79	68 t-storm

National Cities					
City	Hi	Lo Cond.	City	Hi	Lo Cond.
Atlanta	92	70 pt sunny	Minneapolis	77	59 pt sunny
Boston	85	64 t-storm	New York	85	75 t-storm
Chicago	68	58 cloudy	Phoenix	101	76 mst sunny
Dallas	93	76 cloudy	San Francisco	67	56 pt sunny
Denver	72	53 t-storm	Seattle	86	62 pt sunny
Houston	93	78 pt sunny	St. Louis	70	62 t-storm
Los Angeles	76	61 pt sunny	Washington, DC	89	74 t-storm
Miami	90	79 pt sunny			



Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.
- This is a group for all Parkinson’s disease patients, spouses and caregivers.
- For more information about the support group or about Parkinson’s Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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Take note

• Family Medical Center will host a community Meet & Greet on July 21 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. All providers will be on hand to meet with the community.

There will be refreshments provided by Chef John. The reception will take place in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Lobby. Door prizes will be given away. The gift shop will also be open during this time for those wanting to browse the unique selection.

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

• 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 donations 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

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• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages.

The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make

items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours.

For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

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• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too.

Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

• The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well.

The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and

coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano. To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at dkiley@howard-college.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howard-college.edu.

• The Coahoma High School classes of 1952-1956 will have a get together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 24 at the Hampton Inn of Big Spring's Cowboy Meeting Room. For more information, call 432-213-3259.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GP-STRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a sledding accident earlier this year.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

• The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St.

All Masons are welcome.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791.

Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence.

Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you.

For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

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casation, with a large majority of members from both parties coming together in the spirit of unity and healing that is binding our state back together and moving us forward in the right direction," Haley said in a statement.

Monday's vote came at the end of a day of debate in which several white senators said they had come to understand why their black colleagues felt the flag no longer represented the valor of Southern soldiers but

the racism that led the South to separate from the United States more than 150 years ago.

As the senators spoke, the desk of their slain colleague, state senator and the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, was still draped in black cloth. Pinckney and eight other black people were fatally shot June 17 during Bible study at a historic African-American church in Charleston. Authorities have charged a man who posed for pictures with the rebel banner. Police say he was driven by racial hatred.

Several senators said the grace shown by the

families of the victims willing to forgive the gunman also changed their minds.

"We now have the opportunity, the obligation, to put the exclamation point on an extraordinary narrative of good and evil, of love and mercy that will take its place in the history books," said Sen. Tom Davis, a Republican.

After the vote, Sen. Vincent Sheheen, a Democrat whose suggestion that the flag be taken down while running for governor last year was called a "stunt" by Haley, was given a high-five from a fellow legislator.

KIDS

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centerpieces to the Parkview and Park Place nursing homes as decorations for the Fourth of July.

Other activities that the group has planned includes making fleece blankets for the Rainbow Room, putting together canvas backpacks for the missionaries to deliver to Nicaragua and Mod Podge shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Of course, it is not all

hard work — the children also do fun things such as pool parties, pizza days and making crafts for the church and themselves.

Woodall said the group will be working to get thank-you bags ready for local firefighters and state troopers next. There is a painting day scheduled to paint the gazebo in the play area to make it more festive and hang pots and pans along the fence to give children something to "play music" on.

The 2015 summer has 36 children and eight

staff members.

"Kids with Purpose costs \$280 for the eight-week program. That covers their food, the staff, transportation and the fun things that we do. The kids have completed at least first grade ... through fifth grade," she said.

For more information about Kids with Purpose, contact Woodall at 267-6394.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 432-263-7331, ext. 232 or email life@bigspringherald.com

"I thought it would happen, but never this fast," Sheheen said.

The House could pass the Senate bill without changes. If members alter the Senate bill, senators could either accept the changes or send the bill to a conference committee to hash out the differences.

The Senate rejected three of its own amendments. One would have put a different Confederate flag on the pole. A second would only fly the flag on Confederate Memorial Day, and the third would leave the flag's fate up to a popular vote.

State Sen. Lee Bright, who suggested the popular vote, said the Confederate flag has been misused by people like

Dylann Roof, who is charged with murder in the church shootings.

"I'm more against taking it down in this environment than any other time just because I believe we're placing the blame of what one deranged lunatic did on the people that hold their Southern heritage high," said Bright, a Republican.

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HISTORY

- 1811: VENEZUELA BECOMES THE FIRST SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE FROM SPAIN.
- 1934: POLICE OPEN FIRE ON STRIKING LONGSHOREMEN IN SAN FRANCISCO.
- 1946: THE BIKINI SWIMSUIT DEBUTS DURING AN OUTDOOR FASHION SHOW IN PARIS.



THIS DOMESTICATED ANIMAL CAN SLEEP BOTH LYING DOWN AND STANDING UP.

ANSWER: HORSE

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Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Saddle
- SPANISH:** Silla
- ITALIAN:** Sella
- FRENCH:** Selle
- GERMAN:** Sattel



HORSESHOES CAN HELP PREVENT EXCESS OR ABNORMAL HOOF WEAR AND INJURY TO THE FOOT. A PERSON CALLED A FARRIER USES SMALL NAILS TO ATTACH THE SHOE.



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ANSWER: HORSE LEG

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Max Mouse was startled by crashing thunder, and feared he and Slylock Fox would soon get drenched and be exposed to lightning. But after observing lightning flashes and listening to the thunder, Slylock concluded the storm was moving away from their campsite. On what evidence did Slylock base his conclusion?

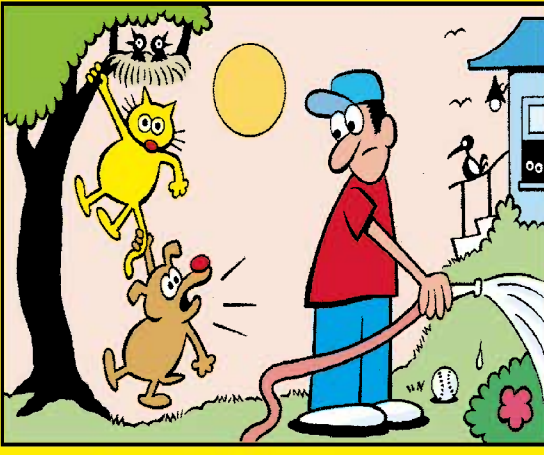


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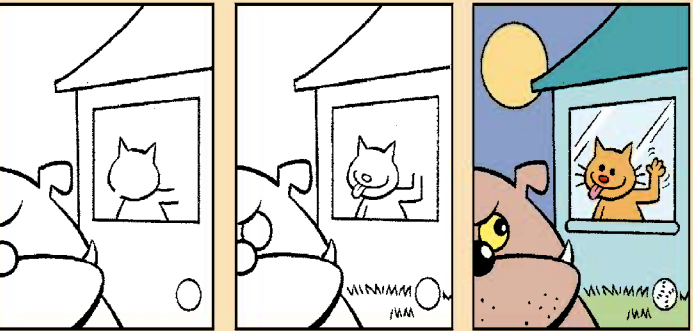


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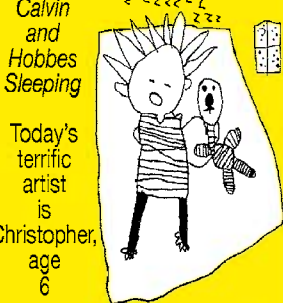


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- Which bird builds the largest tree nest?
- a) Great horned owl
 - b) Condor
 - c) Bald eagle

Answer -- (c) Bald eagle nests typically measure 5-6 feet across. The largest nest ever found was nearly 10 feet wide and weighed over 2 tons.

Bird Poop: One against many

From US 87, to the west we could easily see the house, barn, and seven tractors a young man had described. His saying the farm wasn't far from the main road was quite accurate. To the north was Ack-erly.

Since he had been unable to bring us a hawk the previous afternoon, I promised we would come the next morning. He had been concerned about its having been besieged by smaller birds. There had been quite a commotion. Having frightened its attackers away, he had then noticed the bird could not fly.

As he had told me of watching this same type of hawk follow the tractor as he plowed, he was aware that the bird fed on the insects disturbed by the machinery. Thinking it was a red-tailed hawk because of the color of its tail, he had placed it in a box. "I didn't want something to get it during the night. It sure is a cute little thing."

On our way north the next morning, I expressed to Art my doubt about its being a red-tailed hawk. They aren't little. However, kestrels are. They eat insects. And, the females sport a rusty colored tail.

When the young man brought the box out from the barn, we could see it would have been difficult to nearly impossible to squeeze a red-tail inside.

Opening the lid allowed us to see an American Kestrel lying on the bottom. "You were right about the color," I said. "Her tail is the same color as that of a mature red-tail."

Continuing his story, the young man said there were so many martins covering the downed bird and pecking it, the raptor could not rise in flight. Instead of martins, however, another spe-



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cie came to mind.

When he said they had fairly long bills, yellow bellies, and gray plumage, we told him the coloration and ferocity of the attackers were those of Western Kingbirds.

The thick foliage and height of the trees near the house had been attractive as nest sites to these members of the Tyrant Flycatcher family.

Competing for their food source, the small falcon had invaded their territory. Even more threatening was the kestrel's ability to snag with its foot a small, young nestling for a quick meal.

Massing together to attack a common threat, the kingbirds had become aggressive against this perceived enemy. Having seen the little falcon hovering above one of their trees, they had voiced their warnings to the other kingbirds.

En masse, they had "mobbed" the kestrel with sheer numbers. Pecking, and pounding it with their feet, they had been merciless. On another occasion, it could have easily been an owl or snake that experienced their wrath.

Due to the work and maintenance required

by the farm, the young man may not have had the opportunity to witness the arrival and courtship of the kingbirds in May. Flying upwards, then suddenly tumbling in the air, male kingbirds would have repeated their aerial displays again and again. Enhancing their show with a shrill cry, they would have even somersaulted backwards.

After they had made their presence and intentions known, the adept insect eaters would have flashed their red crown patches normally hidden by the gray feathers on the top of their heads.

With chosen females agreeable, their courtships had been successful.

Several of the trees near the house offered free lodging. Numerous pairs of kingbirds established a summer residency. Any inter-loper would suffer from their animosity.

Only through the intervention of the young man had the social attack, or "mobbing" been stopped. Other-

wise, the kingbirds might have killed the falcon or left it for night predators.

Once home, we allowed the kestrel a try at flying. Unable to elevate, it landed roughly on an old piece of carpet. Trouble standing indicated sore feet and leg muscles from having to try to defend itself.

As for its inability to rise in flight, two thoughts occurred. Its wings might be badly bruised, or it could have a hairline fracture.

In either case, inactivity was required.

Placed in a large

container with a log roost and low perches, the kestrel chose to rest on the floor. While it had used one foot aggressively while being examined, the other had remained slightly closed.

Fed crickets and minced mice with a hemostat, the kestrel seemed to appreciate its catered meals.

Slowly, it regained the use of its feet for standing, perching and being able to hold its food while tearing off small bits with its beak. Additional time would have to be given for the recovery of its flight ability.

The kestrel was not alone in the injuries it sustained. Falcons, hawks, vultures, grackles, or any other bird seen as a threat are often chased and pecked. Dogs and humans are not exempt. Sidelined by an inhospitable attitude and not so friendly West Texas greeting, our patient painfully learned the extent to which Western Kingbirds will go in defending their nesting territories.

Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

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Rookies Bryant, Pederson make All-Star team

NEW YORK (AP) — Less than three months after making his major league debut, Chicago Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant is an All-Star, one of two rookies selected along with Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Joc Pederson.

But there was no room on the roster for Alex Rodriguez, enjoying a renaissance in his return to the New York Yankees following a season-long drug suspension.

Dodgers catcher Yasmani Grandal also was a first-time selection Monday for the July 14 game in Cincinnati. Grandal became the third All-Star this year who served a drug-related suspension for conduct connected to

the Biogenesis of America clinic. Seattle slugger Nelson Cruz and St. Louis shortstop Jhonny Peralta were elected by fans to start.

Albert Pujols of the Angels will start at first base for the AL in place of Detroit's Miguel Cabrera, who injured a calf muscle Friday. Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen will start in the NL outfield instead of Miami's Giancarlo Stanton, who broke his hand on June 26.

The 23-year-old Bryant made his big league debut April 17 and began Monday with a .279 average, 12 homers and 49 RBIs.

"Obviously, I've been at some All-Star Games, but I don't think anything can

compare to making the major league All-Star team," he said. "It is kind of weird right now. We have a game in an hour, so I'm trying not to get too excited and whatnot, but obviously it's pretty cool."

He's open to participating in the Home Run Derby.

"It's all happened so quick. I've just been having so much fun with this, my baseball career," Bryant said. "Right now, it's a pretty special feeling for me."

Pederson, who also expects to be in the derby, had 20 homers but was hitting just .234. He was especially pleased fellow players elected him.

"They respect the way I play the game," he said.

A record six Royals were picked for the game, with players electing pitcher Wade Davis, and AL manager Ned Yost of Kansas City selecting reliever Kelvin Herrera. They join Royals outfielders Lorenzo Cain and Alex Gordon, catcher Salvador Perez and shortstop Alcides Escobar, who were elected on Sunday as starters.

"The one thing that Kelvin did that a lot of these guys didn't do was pitch in Game 7 of the World Series last year," Yost said. "That was kind of the deciding factor for me."

Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas is among the five players on the AL fan ballot for the 34th and final roster spot. Rodriguez is not.

The three-time MVP, who turns 40 on July 27, has 16 home runs and 47 RBIs for the Yankees after missing last year because of a drug suspension.

"We spent a lot of time debating his name," said Yost, who preferred the versatility of an extra infielder or outfielder. "We felt we were covered in the DH. ... We wanted to get Alex Rodriguez on there and couldn't."

The league that wins the All-Star Game gets home-field advantage in the World Series.

Rodriguez is hitting .284 during a season in which he passed Willie Mays for fourth on the career home run list and topped 3,000 hits.

All-Star Keuchel leads Astros past Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Dallas Keuchel was keeping a secret.

Keuchel, no secret in baseball circles, found out Monday afternoon he had been chosen for the American League All-Star team. He then allowed three runs in six innings in Houston's 9-4 win over the Cleveland Indians.

The left-hander (11-3), who leads the league in wins and is second with a 2.14 ERA, is a strong candidate to start next Tuesday's game in Cincinnati.

Keuchel was relaxing in his hotel room when got the news in a phone call from Astros manager A.J. Hinch. He asked to keep it to himself because the formal announcement wasn't being made until Monday night.

"Everybody in my family has

loose lips," he said. "It's not something I put out there. I was instructed not to. I didn't want it to leak out and get myself in trouble."

Keuchel, who allowed nine hits and struck out eight, admitted he wasn't at his best, but his offense picked him up.

An anticipated pitching duel between Keuchel and Carlos Carrasco never materialized. Carrasco, who came within one out of a no-hitter against Tampa Bay on Wednesday, allowed five runs in four innings.

The right-hander (10-7) gave up four runs in the first and Preston Tucker's solo homer in the fourth.

"I was struggling the whole night," Keuchel said.

Good showing



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring 8 and under all-star softball team, Blue Fury, placed second in a recent softball tournament in Andrews. Blue Fury is coached by Brandon and Holly Hart.

West, Ginobili team up to help Spurs reload

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
AP Basketball Writer

David West desperately wants his first NBA championship. Manu Ginobili couldn't resist going for his fifth.

Both proud veterans likely will have to take some pretty big pay cuts to do it. They hope joining together in San Antonio with a Spurs team that has a Spurs characteristically busy and aggressive on the free

agent market will make it all worthwhile.

West chose to leave some \$11 million on the table to join the Spurs, while Ginobili shrugged off an injury-plagued season for one more run in San Antonio.

West agreed to terms on a one-year deal for the veteran's minimum of \$1.4 million, a person with knowledge of the agreement told The Associated Press on Monday. The person spoke

on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced.

In choosing to align with the Spurs in the powerful Western Conference, West left a \$12 million payday he was due from the Indiana Pacers, and several opportunities to make millions more from other interested suitors on the open market.

Ginobili was considering retiring after injuries contributed to him

playing in just 70 games last season.

But after the Spurs won the bidding for star free agent LaMarcus Aldridge and also locked up Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green with lucrative deals, Ginobili decided to return to the only NBA team for which he has played.

"Happy to announce that I'm coming back next season," Ginobili announced on Twitter, adding the hashtag

"gospursgo."

Franchise centerpiece Tim Duncan announced his decision to come back for a 19th season last week, giving the Spurs a powerful mix of veteran experience with Duncan, West, Ginobili and Tony Parker combining with in-their-prime starters Aldridge, Leonard and Green.

Ginobili also joked on Twitter about a hashtag "TDwouldvemissedteamuch."

Ginobili averaged just 10.5 points per game last season, his lowest since he was a rookie. He made \$7 million last season, but likely will have to take far less to play in 2015-16.

The Spurs agreed to terms with Aldridge on a four-year, \$80 million deal, Leonard for five years and \$90 million, and Green for four years and \$45 million in a frenetic opening to free agency.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division				Detroit (K.Ryan 1-2) at Seattle (T.Walker 7-6), 10:10 p.m. Wednesday's Games Baltimore (U.Jimenez 7-4) at Minnesota (Milone 4-1), 1:10 p.m. Detroit (An.Sanchez 7-7) at Seattle (Happ 4-5), 3:40 p.m. Oakland (Kazimir 5-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 3-8), 7:05 p.m. Houston (Straily 0-0) at Cleveland (Bauer 7-5), 7:10 p.m. Miami (Koehler 7-4) at Boston (Porcello 4-9), 7:10 p.m. Arizona (Hellickson 6-5) at Texas (M.Harrison 0-0), 8:05 p.m. Tampa Bay (Archer 9-5) at Kansas City (Guthrie 6-5), 8:10 p.m. Toronto (Hutchinson 8-2) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 4-8), 8:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 4-7) at Colorado (Rusin 3-3), 8:40 p.m.			
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TRANSACCIONS BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed OF Nolan Reimold on paternity leave. Recalled INF Ryan Flaherty from Norfolk (IL). Agreed to terms with OF Ryan McKenna on a minor league contract.				CLEVELAND INDIANS — Sent RHP Josh Tomlin to the AZL Indians for a rehab assignment. DETROIT TIGERS — Claimed 1B/OF Marc Krauss off waivers from Tampa Bay. Recalled LHP Ian Krol from Toledo (IL). KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Placed 3B Mike Moustakas on the bereavement/family medical emergency list. Designated RHP Jason Frasor for assignment. Recalled INF Cheslor Cuthbert and OF Paulo Orlando from Omaha (PCL). MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed RHP Ryan Pressly on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Reinstated OF Shane Robinson from the family emergency list. SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned OF James Jones to Tacoma (PCL). Reinstated RHP Hisashi Iwakuma from the 15-day DL. TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Assigned RHP Todd Redmond outright to Buffalo (IL).			
National League ATLANTA BRAVES — Traded RHP Aaron Kurcz to Oakland for international bonus pool slot No. 113. CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHP Josh Smith to Pensacola (SL). LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned LHP Daniel Coulombe to Oklahoma City (PCL). Selected the contract of LHP Eric Surkamp from Oklahoma City. Transferred LHP Paco Rodriguez to the 60-day DL. Sent OF Carl Crawford to Oklahoma City (PCL) for a rehab assignment. MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Brock Kline on a minor league contract. NEW YORK METS — Optioned OF Darrell Ceciliani to Las Vegas (PCL). Selected the contract of OF Kirk Nieuwenhuis from Las Vegas. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent RHP Jerome Williams to Reading (EL) for a rehab assignment. PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed INF Josh Harrison on the 15-day DL.				COLLEGE WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Named Violet Palmer coordinator of women's basketball officials. ARMSTRONG STATE — Named Megan Smith assistant softball coach. FAYETTEVILLE STATE — Promoted inside linebackers and special teams coach David Bowser to defensive coordinator. FLORIDA STATE — Dismissed freshman QB De'Andre Johnson. HOUSTON STATE — Named John Habyan pitching coach. HOLY CROSS — Named Jon Guynes running backs coach. MEMPHIS — Announced women's basketball F Ashia Jones has transferred from UT Martin. MINNESOTA STATE — Agreed to terms with men's hockey coach Mike Hastings on an eight-year contract. NORTHWESTERN — Named 'A' Havahla Haynes women's cross country coach. ST. CLOUD STATE — Named Chad Braegelmann volleyball coach. ST. NORBERT — Announced the resignation of women's ice hockey coach Rob Morgan to become associate head coach at Yale. SYRACUSE — Named Tammi Reiss women's assistant basketball coach. UTAH — Suspended CB Dominique Hatfield indefinitely from the football team. VANDERBILT — Named Shannon Gilroy women's assistant lacrosse coach. WISCONSIN — Promoted Katie Ahrens Smith and Jeff Schmidt to associate athletic directors; Walter Dickey to deputy athletic director; and Marjia Pientka, Justin Doherty, Jason King and Doug Tiedt to senior associate athletic directors. Reassigned associate athletic director for business operations Randy Mamocha to the division of business services. YALE — Named Rob Morgan women's associate head ice hockey coach.			
HOCKEY National Hockey League ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed C Dylan Strome to a three-year entry-level contract. CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Traded G Anders Nilsson to Edmonton for F Liam Ouellet. WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Re-signed C Evgeny Kuznetsov to a two-year contract. American Hockey League Grand Rapids Griffins — Re-signed LW Jeff Hoggan to a one-year contract and D Nathan Paetsch to a two-year contract. Signed LW Triston Grant to a one-year contract. ECNL MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Named Richard Seeley coach. SOCCER Major League Soccer LOS ANGELES GALAXY — Granted M Stefan Ishizaki his release. NEW YORK CITY FC — Signed M Andrea Pirlo.				Sent SS Justin Sellers to the GCL Pirates for a rehab assignment. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Agreed to terms with 2B Tyler Brown and LHPs Andrew Suarez and Grant Watson on minor league contracts. WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed RHP David Carpenter on paternity leave. Recalled LHP Sammy Solis from Harrisburg (EL). American Association Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks — Released RHP Michael Notewake, C Mike Schultz and INF Anthony Renz. ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released INF Ron Bourquin. WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Claimed RHP Brad Mincey off waivers from Wichita.			

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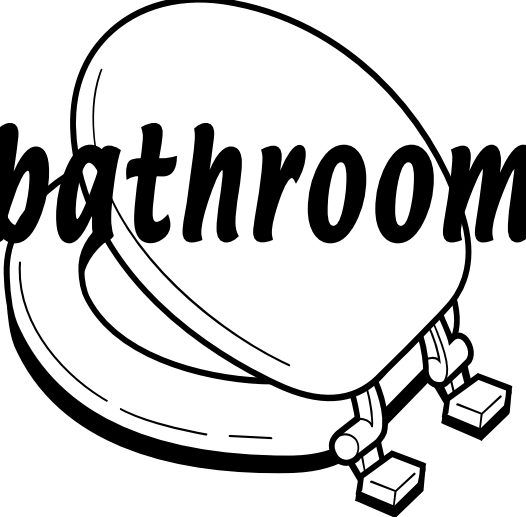
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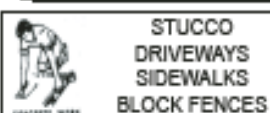
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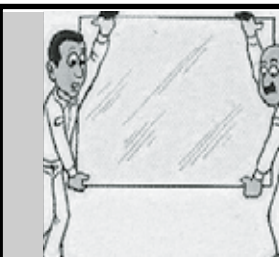
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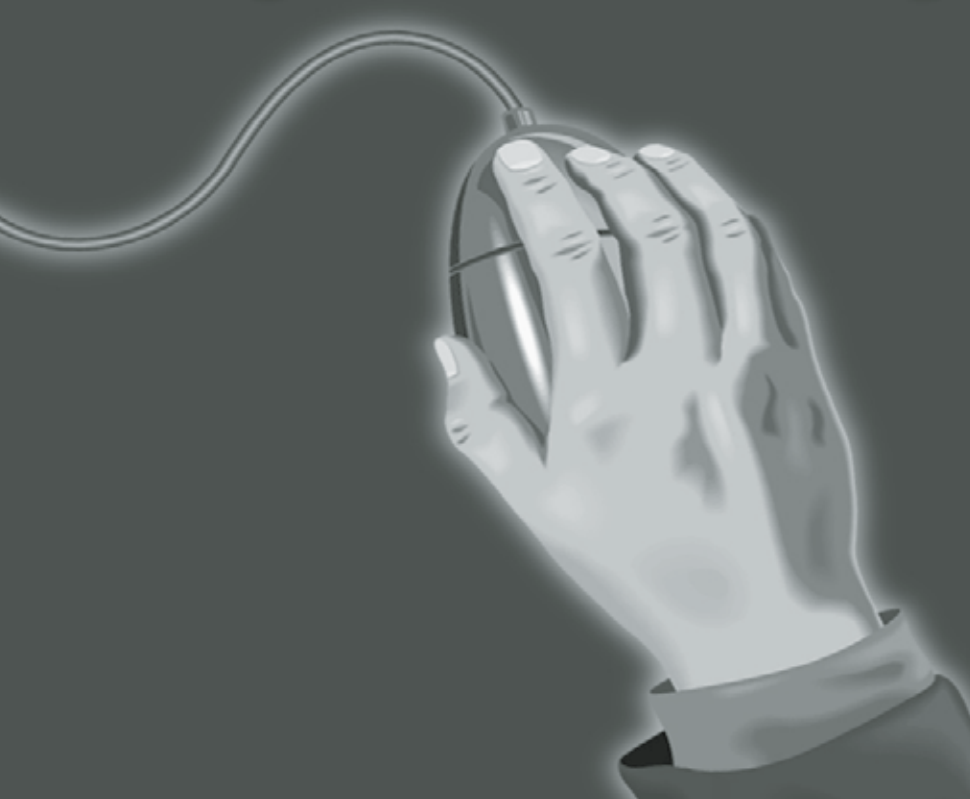
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). If love is your school you will graduate with honors. When a relationship settles into a groove, don't be quick to call it a rut. Be proud of your perseverance and savor the comfort of getting along.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are times when being organized makes the difference between success and failure -- not now. The world won't wait for you to process, sort and file, so just dive into the glorious mess. You'll

discover treasure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your friends will baffle you. The reason their actions don't make sense is that you don't have the full story. Be fine with that. You'll learn what you need to know in time. For now, just send your compassion.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll start a lively conversation -- so lively that ending it may be a problem. This is the perfect excuse to collect contact info and make a new friend so the fun is to-be-continued...

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone has a job to do today. You take yours seriously, and some of the others seem to think nothing of drifting off course with nothing to show for it. Your biggest challenge will be keeping your cool.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some things are important to do, and some things are nice to do. Your main problem today is that you believe that it's important to do what's nice to do, and therefore your to-do list is too full. There's always tomorrow.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are lots of solutions out there, but the right one for you may be uncommon. You're different from your loved ones, neighbors and colleagues. This is the ideal time to experiment and find what works for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). One study suggested that the average person gets distracted over 30 times an hour. If you're testy with your interrupters it's because you pride yourself on being productive. Take measures to shut out the world for a while.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Stubbornness is for the young, the ignorant and the person who senses that the leader is an idiot. None of those applies to you today. You'll comply with the orders so that when it's your turn, you'll lead with confidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one likes to get sucker-punched by life. And yet, everyone seems to like people who've had the experience and triumphed past it. If you're down, keep going in the knowl-

edge that you truly will be better for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Complicated people have a way of complicating even the simplest of tasks. Avoid them. Do this at the first red flag because it will be easy then. If you wait until red flag two or three, you'll be stuck.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even if you're feeling a little needy today, don't give into it. Make the effort to rise and shine and do your duty. Caring for others will be more fulfilling than letting them care for you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 7). Your solar return gifts you with the power to release an old pattern that no longer suits you. The love of family and friends will make you feel unstoppable. Events in the next 10 weeks open you to magic. You might even fall deeply in love. Wherever you go in October, revelry will follow you. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 47, 1, 28, 14 and 9.

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A lucky charm is a highly personal item. Part of what gives it luck is that you like it so much you are willing to stick by it and infuse it with your best wishes and visions of your desired future. You've "broken up" with quite a few charms now so I challenge you to marry one. Take a vow to stick together in good fortune and bad. When things don't go your way, use your charm as a kind of reset button. Hold it and think about the lesson you learned and the new way you want to be going forward. Charms to consider for a water sign such as yourself: Pearl, coral, mother of pearl or silver.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear-

Annie: How do I tell my neighbors that it's annoying and frustrating to listen to their teenaged daughters shrieking and screaming as they're having fun outside?

Often, I want to go out and play with my dog, but I can't because these girls are behaving like 5-year-olds, screaming their heads off. There are things I need to do outside, but the noise makes it impossible. And it's horrible to have to listen to it inside as well.

The mother says she doesn't like to interfere with the girls when they're having a good time. Well, they may be enjoying themselves, but the rest of the neighborhood is not. People are just too polite to say anything.

I don't want to be offensive, rude or hurt my neighbors' feelings. These parents and their girls are sweet, good-hearted people, but it seems that the discipline and consideration for others is simply not there. I don't want the girls to stop having fun. I'd just like them to keep other people in mind, too. But trying to tell someone else how to discipline their kids is a very delicate subject.

This has been going on since the weather has warmed up. I can't even entertain outside because of the shrieking. Please help, Annie. -- A Frustrated Neighbor

Dear Frustrated: You say your neighbors are sweet and good-hearted. Surely they would not want people to think their children are so annoying and disruptive. There is nothing rude or hurtful about saying to your neighbors, "We're happy the girls are having such a great time outside, but we would deeply appreciate it if they could tone it down a bit. I'm sure they don't realize how loud they are."

Unless they are breaking some local noise ordinances, there isn't much more you can do. But you can repeat to yourself that "this, too, shall pass." Soon enough, those shrieking teenagers will be off to college (or adulthood) and this will no longer be a problem. Until then, you might want to invest in some noise-blocking headphones and a fan.

Dear Annie: Two of us work with a woman in our office who sleeps propped up at her desk. She snores lightly and wakes herself up numerous times.

We have spoken to her about this, to no avail. We don't want to tell the boss and get her into trouble. But as you can imagine, it is both irritating and distracting. How should we handle it? -- Very Frustrated

Dear Frustrated: Your co-worker is not getting enough restful sleep at night. She may be burning the candle at both ends, or she may have a sleep disorder. Suggest to her that she see a doctor immediately because you are worried about her. And please don't feel guilty about reporting her to the boss. She is

sleeping on the job, which affects your ability to work and your boss' bottom line. But more importantly, she may have a serious health issue that should be addressed, and that is how you should approach it -- with genuine concern.

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SOUTH

♠ J 7 3
♥ K Q 10 8 7
♦ 7 4
♣ A K 2

EAST

♠ 6 5 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ J 3
♣ Q 10 8 4 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥	

Opening lead — king of spades.

Good declarer play requires good planning from start to finish. Any declarer who believes he can play now and think later is sure to run into trouble from time to time.

Here is a typical case. South got to six hearts as shown, and West led the king of spades. Declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the A-K of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, hoping the missing diamonds were divided 3-3.

But East showed out on the third diamond, and South could no longer make the slam. He could ruff a club in dummy, but he would then have to lose two spade tricks at the end. Alternatively, he could establish dummy's fifth diamond by ruffing another diamond and then draw trumps, ending in dummy, but he would still have to lose two tricks in the black suits for down one.

It is not difficult to find the fault in South's line of play. The malfeasance occurred at trick one, when he should have ducked West's king-of-spades lead (which marked West with the queen).

Had declarer played low from dummy — as he should have in order to retain the ace of spades as a subsequent entry to dummy — the slam could not have been defeated. West could not afford to continue spades, which would have made South's jack a trick, so he would have been forced to shift to another suit.

Let's assume West switches to a club. Declarer wins with the ace, cashes dummy's A-K of diamonds, ruffs a diamond, plays the king of clubs and ruffs a club in dummy.

Then, after ruffing another diamond, declarer draws trumps, crosses to dummy's ace of spades and discards his last spade on dummy's last diamond. All told, South scores one spade, five hearts, three diamonds, two clubs and a club ruff in dummy to finish with 12 tricks. He loses the first trick, but that's all.

Tomorrow: Silence is golden.

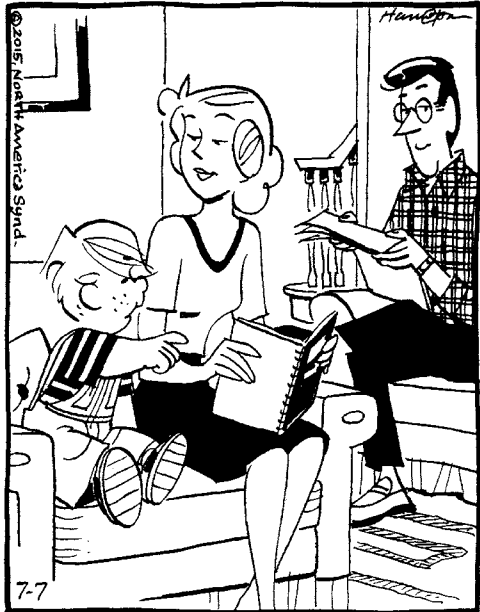
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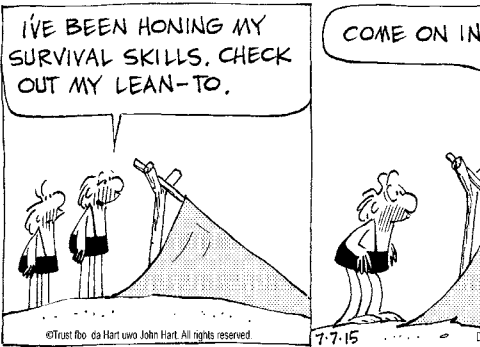
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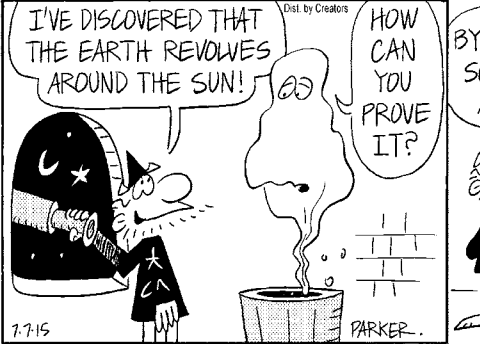


“NO WONDER YOU MARRIED DAD. LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THE CAKE YOU GOT.”

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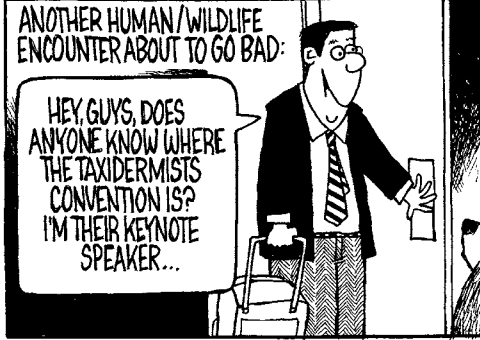
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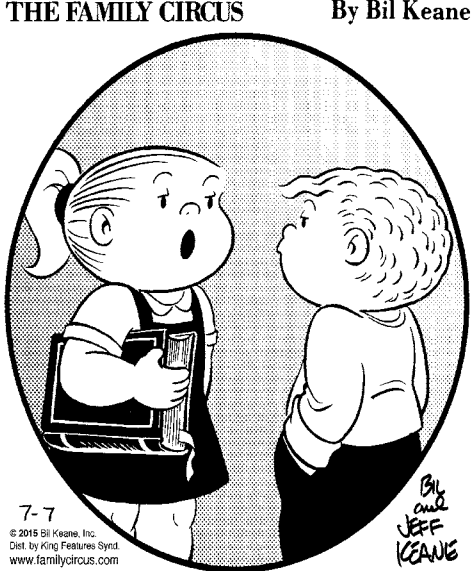
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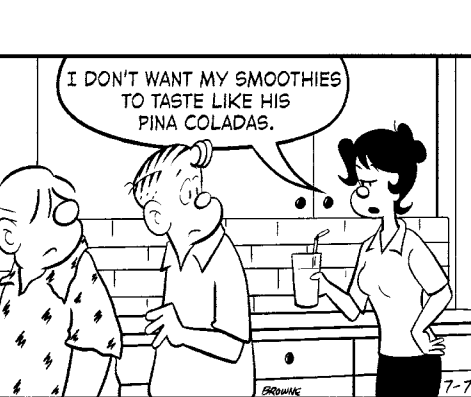
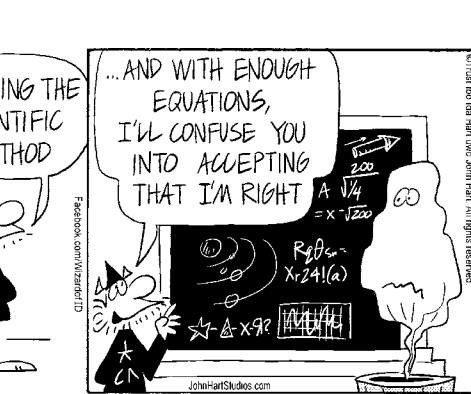
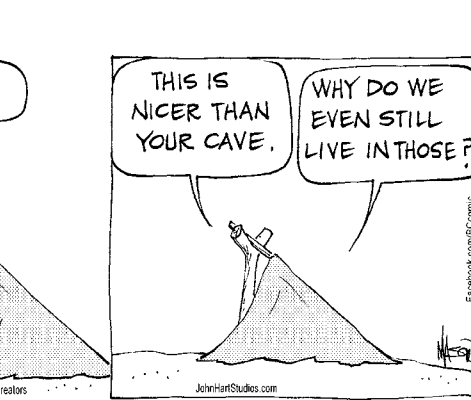
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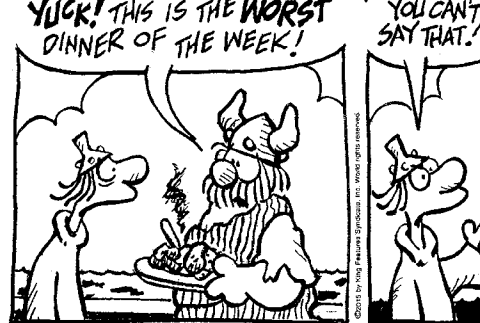
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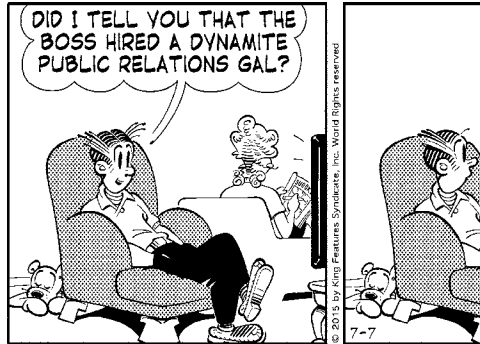
“I’ve decided if they don’t have chocolate in heaven, I don’t want to go.”



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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 7, the 188th day of 2015. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 7, 1865, four people were hanged in Washington D.C. for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln: Lewis Powell (aka Lewis Payne), David Herold, George Atzerodt and Mary Surratt, the first woman to be executed by the U.S. federal government.

On this date: In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey (mahn-tuh-RAY) after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1919, the first Transcontinental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the United States, departed Washington D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on September 6, 1919.)

In 1937, the Second Sino-Japanese War erupted into full-scale conflict as Imperial Japanese forces attacked the Marco Polo Bridge in Beijing.

In 1948, six female U.S. Navy reservists became the first women to be sworn in to the regular Navy.

In 1954, Elvis Presley made his radio debut as Memphis, Tennessee, station WHBQ played his first recording for Sun Records, "That's All Right."

In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government.

In 1975, the daytime drama "Ryan's Hope" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1976, President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford hosted a White House dinner for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1987, Lt. Col. Oliver North began his long-awaited public testimony at the Iran- Contra hearing, telling Congress that he had "never carried out a single act, not one," without authorization.

In 1990, the first "Three Tenors" concert took place as opera stars Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras performed amid the

brick ruins of Rome's Baths of Caracalla on the eve of the World Cup championship.

Ten years ago: Suicide terrorist bombings in three Underground stations and a double-decker bus killed 52 victims and four bombers in the worst attack on London since World War II. Al-Qaida's wing in Iraq claimed to have killed Egypt's top envoy, Ihab al-Sherif, who'd been abducted by gunmen.

Thought for Today: "Memory depends very much on the perspicuity, regularity, and order of our thoughts. Many complain of the want of memory, when the defect is in their judgment; and others, by grasping at all, retain nothing."

Margaret Fuller, American critic and social reformer (1810-1850).

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Answer to previous puzzle
RIVET ARID TRAP
OKAYS CEDE ROLE
BENEATH CONTEMPT
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HUMOR PRO
GREASE RETRACT
LANDS PAIR SLO
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EGO ACHE WEAVE
DENMARK MANNER
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- ACROSS**

1 Ignited

4 Gave a darn

9 Talks a lot

13 One of Columbus' ships

14 Run off to wed

15 Unluck

16 Run ___ (go wild)

17 Philbin of TV

18 Opera solo

19 Local delivery vehicle

21 Time-consuming

22 Cut and ___ (edit)

23 Rulers on thrones

24 Long-beaked parrot

27 Sensible

29 More than

30 Sheep's coat

33 Jacket's sleeve

36 Stunning surprise

39 NBC satirical show, for short

40 Can't stand

41 Woes

42 Give autographs

43 Double-curve letters

44 Invigorate

47 ___ boom (jet sound)

50 Clothes-pressing device

51 Is determined by

56 Chops (off)

57 Nimble

58 Where Des Moines is

59 Garfield dog

60 Lassoed
- 61 Be abundant

62 Camper's shelter

63 Put on clothing

64 Criterion: Abbr.
- DOWN**

1 Succotash

2 Get ___ the ground floor

3 Be involved

4 Tic-Tacs alternative

5 Wide awake

6 Scoundrel

7 Scound in scale

8 Cubicle furnishing

9 Masked hockey position

10 Kitchen garment

11 Human ___ (person)

12 Minor obstacles

13 Short snooze

20 Attorney's expertise

23 Leg joint

24 Unruly crowds

25 Shakespeare's river

26 DNA locale

27 Clockmaker ___ Thomas

28 Need a massage, for one

31 Cash advance

32 CPR expert

33 "___ well that ends well"

34 Regulation
- 35 Untidy place

37 Do a somersault

38 Dog treats

42 Nightfall

43 ___ for Evidence (Grafton novel)

44 Airline employee

45 Wear away

46 Make a surprise visit

47 Take potshots (at)

48 Stares at

49 Requirements

51 Tough to figure out

52 Frankenstein's assistant

53 Verse writer

54 Was indebted to

55 '60s war zone, for short

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News in brief

Greek Prime Minister Tsipras races to restart talks with creditors after big referendum win

BRUSSELS (AP) — With his country struggling to stave off financial collapse, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras will try to convince European creditors to agree on a new bailout program when they meet Tuesday for an emergency eurozone summit.

Tsipras is set to offer a new plan of economic measures to creditors that he hopes will restart negotiations on getting new loans for his country. The situation is urgent — without a deal, Greece's banks could go bust within days, the first step in the country's potential exit from the euro currency union.

Greece's financial distress became more acute late Monday when the European Central Bank refused to increase assistance for Greek banks, which are not due to reopen until Thursday.

A hastily arranged meeting of eurozone finance ministers, which will be Euclid Tsakalotos' first as Greek finance minister, is slated for the afternoon in Brussels. A full summit of leaders will then follow.

There were few signs of movement in the run-up to Tuesday's meeting.

Lawyers: Cosby's sedatives-before-sex admission could bolster women's claims, defamation suit

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Cosby's admission that he obtained quaaludes to give young women he was pursuing for sex could bolster defamation claims lodged by his accusers, the women's lawyers said after The Associated Press reported on newly released court documents.

Cosby in sworn testimony unsealed Monday admitted that he gave the now-banned sedative to at least one of his accusers and to unnamed others. His lawyer interfered before he could answer deposition questions in 2005 about how many women were given drugs and whether they knew about it.

"If today's report is true, Mr. Cosby admitted under oath 10 years ago sedating women for sexual purposes," said Lisa Bloom, attorney for model Janice Dickinson, who contends she was drugged and raped. "Given that, how dare he publicly vilify Ms. Dickinson and accuse her of lying when she tells a very similar story?"

The AP had gone to court to compel the release of a deposition in a sexual abuse lawsuit filed by former Temple University employee Andrea Constand — the first of a cascade of lawsuits against Cosby that have severely damaged his image as dotting TV dad Dr. Cliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show" from 1984 to 1992.

His lawyers objected to the release of the material, arguing it would embarrass him. Ultimately,

a judge seized on Cosby's public moralizing as he unsealed portions of the deposition that had been filed in court.

Pope has packed final day in Ecuador, seemingly energized by the crowds despite heat, altitude

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Pope Francis has a whirlwind final full day in Ecuador on Tuesday, with an open-air Mass in the capital sandwiched between meetings with bishops, indigenous groups and students and capped by a visit to a famed Jesuit church.

The 78-year-old pontiff, who has only one full lung, appears to be holding up well at the start of his eight-day, three-nation South American tour despite the 2,800-meter (nearly 9,200-foot) altitude of Quito and a day spent in the scorching sun of coastal Guayaquil. He had so much energy he slipped out again for a second night Monday to greet well-wishers who gathered outside the Vatican ambassador's residence where he is staying.

"It's always surprising what the pope can do at his age," said the Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi. He noted that several people in the Vatican entourage awoke Monday with headaches due to altitude sickness, but not the pope.

"He has said it's God's way of helping him do his ministry, his service," Lombardi said.

Francis received a hero's welcome Monday in Guayaquil, Ecuador's biggest city, as he celebrated the first public Mass of a South American tour that will later take him to Bolivia and Paraguay. He told hundreds of thousands of faithful their families are the bedrock of society but need to be supported better and strengthened.

A test of diplomatic process with Iran, and US resolve to leave talks, as nuke deadline nears

VIENNA (AP) — Iran nuclear talks are in danger of busting through their second deadline in a week, raising questions about whether world powers can cut off all Iranian pathways to a bomb through diplomacy — and testing the resolve of U.S. negotiators to walk away from negotiations.

With a Tuesday target date set for a deal setting a decade of restrictions on Iran's nuclear program, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and other top diplomats were huddling in Vienna looking for a breakthrough.

All have spoken of differences remaining, despite 11 days of discussions. And for Kerry and his team, pressure is increasing from skeptical U.S. allies and Congress.

Diplomats had sought agreement by June 30, after missing previous deadlines in July 2014 and last

November.

South Carolina Senate votes to remove Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds; House to vote

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The push to remove the Confederate flag from the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse is about to clear its first hurdle.

But even if a bill to bring down the rebel banner passes the state Senate as expected Tuesday, it faces a less certain future in the House.

Senators voted 37-3 on Monday to take down the flag and the pole it flies on, both of which were erected in 2000 as part of a compromise that involved removing the flag from atop the Statehouse dome. The vote was well over the two-thirds majority that will be needed Tuesday to send the bill on to the House.

But while that means debate would begin Wednesday in the House, it is far from clear whether a vote will take place the same day — or what the vote will be. House members appear to be less unified.

Boycott Israel movement gains steam, causing alarm but little economic damage in Jewish state

JERUSALEM (AP) — Ten years ago, a small group of Palestinian activists had a novel idea: inspired by the anti-apartheid movement, they called for a global boycott campaign against Israel as a non-violent method to promote the Palestinian struggle for independence.

Long confined to the sidelines, the so-called BDS campaign appears to be gaining momentum — so much so that Israel has identified it as a strategic threat on a par with Palestinian militant groups and the Iranian nuclear program. While Israel says the movement is rooted in anti-Semitism, its decentralized organization and language calling for universal human rights have proven difficult to counter, resulting in a string of recent victories.

"We are now beginning to harvest the fruits of 10 years of strategic, morally consistent and undeniably effective BDS campaigning," said Omar Barghouti, one of the group's co-founders.

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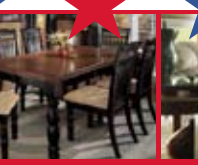
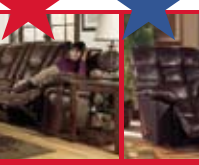
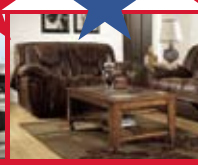
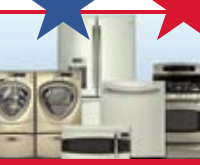
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