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Long-time sheriff dies

A.N. Standard served county from 1964-98

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A long-time Howard County law enforcement officer and community leader has died. A.N. Standard died on Sunday in Big Spring. He served as the Howard County Sheriff for

34 years before his retirement in 1998. He was first elected in 1964. "What I remember about A.N. Standard is we lived out in the county and it was a good quarter-mile walk from the road to our house. Every election he

walked that quarter-mile to knock on our door and asked us to vote for him," said Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman. "I voted for him every year. A.N. Standard was a true

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BSPD hosts drug take back event

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Police Department will host a drug take back event at Walmart on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances, dangerous drugs, and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. Drugs that will not be accepted are intra-venous solutions, injectibles, and syringes because they pose a potential hazard by blood-borne pathogens. This program is anonymous and all efforts will be made to protect the identity of individuals disposing of medications. Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing it directly into the disposal box. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. For more information regarding this program, please contact Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Sergeant John Haynes 432-264-2595.

Spring Creek Pumpkin Patch



Church event to benefit women's ministry

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
Managing Editor

While the weather still says summer, a Big Spring church is determined to bring fall to Howard County. From now until Halloween, Spring Creek Fellowship will host a pumpkin patch in front of Spring Town Plaza with all proceeds going right back into their women's ministry programs. "We've never done a fundraiser for this ministry before, but I think it'll help make for more quality events," said Jen Hollingsworth, one of the pumpkin patch head volunteers. "But even more than a fundraiser, this is a community outreach.

It's a fun place for families to come and make an event out of picking a pumpkin rather than getting it a grocery store." The pumpkin patch has pumpkins and gourds of all sizes and prices. In addition to picking out the perfect pumpkin for carving, the patch also has a few fun things to do for children — it boasts story-time for children and game tables set up for checkers and tic-tac-toe games, as well as a few things that will make the adults happy. "We have a beautiful place set up for fall photos," said Hollingsworth. "We have pumpkins of all shapes, sizes, and weird colors all priced by size."

The pumpkin patch also has "combo packages" for sale for kids for \$3. According to Hollingsworth, the goody bag comes with a variety of things in it as well as a pumpkin. "It's all very affordable," said Hollingsworth. The pumpkin patch officially opened on Monday of this week and runs until Halloween, which coincides with a fall festival the church will be hosting on Oct. 31. Both the fall festival and the pumpkin patch are free of charge to attend. On Saturdays of this month, there will be a kids train in addition to

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Privacy hoax once again popping up on Facebook

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

There are certain things that people can count on in their lives. Every morning, the sun rises in the east. Every April, our income taxes come due. And, without fail, an infamous Facebook hoax makes the rounds once or twice a year. A Facebook privacy hoax is once more making the rounds among users of the hugely popular social media website. Regular Facebook users have undoubtedly seen posts that read something like this: "Deadline tomorrow !!! Everything you've ever posted becomes public from tomorrow. Even messages that have been deleted or the photos not allowed. It costs



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BSHS choir raising funds for trip to Big Apple

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School choir students have hit the streets running to raise money for a trip to New York City this summer. "This is going to be an exciting trip for us," said Gershom Garcia. "Many of our students haven't been out of Texas and some haven't been out of Big Spring." The five-day, four-night trip scheduled for June 1-5 is packed full of activities from visits to the major museums, Broadway shows, shopping in Times Square and 5th Avenue, exploring such famous neighborhoods as Chinatown

and SOHO, and a Q&A with the members of the Broadway show, The Lion King. However, a trip of that size comes with a hefty price tag of \$1,600 per person. Garcia said around 60 students and 35 parents have signed up for the tour. "I was really surprised by the response," he said "I expected to see about 60 people (total) sign up for the trip." The cost for the students alone comes to \$96,000. In order to raise such a large sum, the choir department has scheduled a number of creative fundraising activities during the year including a Zombie

Run, a sweetheart dance, and a dinner theater. But on Friday, the choir department is hoping to tempt the public through its appetite. Choir members will be holding a tailgate party before the home varsity football game against Stephenville. Hamburger plates will be sold for \$6 a piece beginning at 5:30 p.m. and going until 7:30 p.m. at the home side parking lot of Memorial Stadium located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. The plate includes a hamburger, chips, See **CHOIR**, Page 3

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Obituaries

Aubrey N. (A.N.) Standard

Aubrey N. (A.N.) Standard, 87, of Big Spring passed away Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016, in Big Spring. Graveside service was held Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at Trinity Memorial Park.

A.N. was born Dec. 28, 1928, in Vicksburg, Miss., to Jewel Leverne Miller Standard and Aubrey Newton Standard Sr. He grew up in Belton and moved to Big Spring with his mother when he was 12 years old. He married Doris Parr on Feb. 3, 1953, in Lovington, N.M. He served in the United States Army and completed Military Police School before becoming an Army Air Corps Policeman. After his discharge in 1950, he joined the Big Spring Police Department as a motorcycle officer. He worked his way up to Captain before becoming a Howard County Deputy Sheriff. He was elected Howard County Sheriff in 1964 and served until his retirement in 1998. He graduated from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., in 1975 and was offered a position

with the FBI, but he made the decision to stay and serve Howard County.

A.N. is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Weeks and husband John of Big Spring, and Audrey Ware and husband Darrell of Lamesa; three grandchildren, Tatum Weeks of San Antonio, Melisa Ware-McEwen of Austin, and Meredith Ware of Big Spring; as well as three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Doris in 2007, his father A.N. Standard Sr., his mother Jewel Baggett, his stepfather Frank Baggett, and his sister Betty Jane Conway.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the ETLD Scholarship Fund, c/o Jan Foresyth at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Thelma Holton Peercy



Thelma Holton Peercy, of The Villages, Florida previously of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 3 at Cornerstone Hospice House in The Villages. She lived in the Villages for 15 years after moving here from Big Spring, TX. She was 84 years old. She was born in Jacksonville, FL, on April 14, 1932.

She was a very kind and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Robert

(Bob) Peercy, of The Villages; her son, Robert (Bobby) Peercy of Lutz, FL; a grandson, Justin Peercy and wife, Elena, of Lutz, FL; a granddaughter, Kimberly Peercy of San Angelo, TX; and three great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, John and Willie Holton; two brothers, J.W. and Andrew Holton; and one son, Ronald Douglass (Doug) Peercy.

She will be cremated and her ashes will be in a columbarium in the National cemetery at Bushnell, FL. No services are planned.

Paid obituary

Paula Marie St. John



Paula Marie St. John, 91, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016, in a local hospital.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016, at Iatan Cemetery in Mitchell County.

Paula was born Aug. 13, 1925, in Mitchell County, Texas, and married George Edwin St. John Nov. 18, 1942, in Colorado City, Texas. He preceded her in death in June 2009.

Paula is survived by two daughters, Marie Copeland and husband Gary of Big Spring, and Debbie Wallace and husband Barry of Richmond; a son, Edward St. John of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, John Oliver Wallace; parents, Seba Albian and Fannie Mae (Sweatt) Jones; and two brothers, Lewis Jones and Sidney Jones.

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

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 10/20	Fri 10/21	Sat 10/22	Sun 10/23	Mon 10/24
 73/47 Partly cloudy skies with gusty winds. High 73F. Winds NE at 20 to 30 mph. Sunrise: 7:53 AM Sunset: 7:06 PM	 73/50 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s. Sunrise: 7:54 AM Sunset: 7:05 PM	 81/58 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s. Sunrise: 7:55 AM Sunset: 7:04 PM	 84/61 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s. Sunrise: 7:56 AM Sunset: 7:03 PM	 84/63 Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s. Sunrise: 7:56 AM Sunset: 7:02 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	61	P Cloudy	Kingsville	94	70	P Cloudy
Amarillo	75	45	P Cloudy	Livingston	88	69	M Cloudy
Austin	91	71	Cloudy	Longview	88	69	Cloudy
Beaumont	90	72	M Cloudy	Lubbock	85	52	Sunny
Brownsville	94	73	Sunny	Lufkin	88	69	Cloudy
Brownwood	89	64	M Cloudy	Midland	92	61	Sunny
Corpus Christi	92	74	P Cloudy	Raymondville	96	71	M Sunny
Corsicana	90	70	Cloudy	Rosenberg	89	71	M Cloudy
Dallas	89	66	M Sunny	San Antonio	93	72	Cloudy
Del Rio	89	70	P Cloudy	San Marcos	91	70	M Cloudy
El Paso	87	59	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	89	66	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	92	60	Sunny	Sweetwater	89	60	M Sunny
Gainesville	86	61	P Cloudy	Tyler	88	69	Cloudy
Greenville	88	63	P Cloudy	Weatherford	88	63	P Cloudy
Houston	91	74	M Cloudy	Wichita Falls	88	59	M Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	65	P Cloudy	Miami	84	74	M Cloudy
Boston	78	55	M Cloudy	Minneapolis	57	37	M Sunny
Chicago	68	55	M Sunny	New York	84	63	M Sunny
Dallas	89	66	M Sunny	Phoenix	93	67	Sunny
Denver	60	33	Sunny	San Francisco	68	52	Clear
Houston	91	74	M Cloudy	Seattle	60	52	P Cloudy
Los Angeles	90	62	Clear	Saint Louis	71	59	Cloudy

Moon Phases

 First Oct 9	 Full Oct 16	 Last Oct 22	 New Oct 30
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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Sixth and Goliad streets. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Highway 87 and Allen Road.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TIARA SHEME WARE**, 27, of 100 Cottonwood St. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
- **HERIBERTO PALAFOX MORA**, 52, of 1311 Mobile St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **ROBERT PAUL NEWTON**, 38, of 709 W. Seventh St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **VICKIE LORAIN ZIPS**, 52, of 1625 16th St. Apt. #377 in Lub-

bock was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.

- **TIMOTHY JAMES CRAIG**, 21, of 4203 Wasson Rd. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **DEARIES QUINCY JONES**, 29, of 1300 Harding St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **THOMAS ALLEN YOUNG**, 21, of 3403 Airport St. was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 7500 block of Interstate 20 North Service Road in Sand Springs and in the 2500

block of Albrook.

- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 2500 block of Langley Drive.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Mobile Street.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1300 block of North Highway 350.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700 and the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Sixth and Goliad.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- **HERIBERTO PALAFOX MORA**, 52, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft by check.
- **TIMOTHY JAMES CRAIG**, 21, was booked by HCSO on a

order for modified conditions of community service.

- **MALCOLM DEWAYNE JENKINS**, 45, was booked by HCSO on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear, violation of promise to appear, and riving with an invalid license.
- **JESSICA LYNNE HALL-FORD**, 29, was booked by HCSO on a bondsman off bond warrant for driving while intoxicated.

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Sheriff's deputies and emergency medical personnel were called to the scene of a one-vehicle accident on State Highway 350 late Tuesday morning. One person was transported to the hospital, records show.

Take note

- HEB is looking for non-profits agencies to set up information tables at the annual Feast of Sharing. Please contact Sandy Stewart at 432- 935-1604 to reserve a spot. Feast of Sharing will be held on Dec. 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
- A benefit for Bethine McNally will be held on Dec. 3. Mrs. McNally is a Big Spring ISD employee and the wife of the pastor of New Life Ministries C.O.G.I.C. She has been diagnosed with bilateral kidney cancer. The benefit will help support the McNally family in these difficult times. The money raised will go to the family's medical bills and daily expenses. The benefit will include live music and food, as well as a silent auction. Anyone wishing to contribute to this event can make a financial donation or contribute an item to be auctioned off. Please send donations to P.O. Box 168, Big Spring or Wells Fargo Account No. 775238120. For more information, contact Tamika Brawley at 325-895-4410 or at mi-

- kasmiles325@gmail.com.
- The Salvation Army is taking applications for Christmas assistance for children ages 13 and younger, and seniors 55 and older. Applications will be taken from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, ending on Oct. 28. Applications will be taken at the Salvation Army office building, 811 W. Fifth St. To apply for Christmas assistance for children, parents should bring a picture ID, proof of address, and birth certificate, and proof of government assistance (food stamps, SNAP, housing, etc.). Those who don't receive government assistance must show proof of income. Seniors do not need to provide proof of assistance or income, but should simply bring a picture ID showing proof of age. . For more information, contact the salvation army at 432-267-8239.
 - Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive

- adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.
- The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 18 and 19 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.
- A C.G.A. benefit tournament will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23rd. 4-man scramble and \$200 a team (green fee and cart not included). There will be prizes for 1st-3rd place and food will be provided after the round is completed. For sign-ups or more info, call Charlie at 432-213-2081 or the pro shop at 264-2366.

STANDARD

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Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, o4 by e-mailing citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

HOAX

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nothing for a simple copy and paste, better safe than sorry. Channel 13 News talked about the change in Facebook's privacy policy. I do not give Facebook or any entities associated with Facebook permission to use my pictures, information, messages or posts, both past and future. With this statement, I give notice to Facebook it is strictly forbidden to disclose, copy, distribute, or take any other action against

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and paste.”

Needless to say, posting the above notice doesn't protect the privacy of your Facebook posts in any way. All it means is that you've fallen for a long-running hoax.

Snopes.com, which investigates and busts hoaxes, says this particular ruse has been making the rounds on Facebook in one form or another since 2012. It has become so persistent that Facebook officials felt compelled to address it in a blog post a few years ago.

“There is a rumor circulating that Facebook is making a change related to ownership of users' information or the content they post to the site. This is false,” the post stated. “Anyone who uses Facebook owns and controls the content and information they post, as stated in our terms. They control how that content and information is shared. That is our policy, and it always has been.”

According to Facebook policy, content published using the “public” setting allows everyone who views the page to access that

information. Using the “private” setting restricts dissemination of that content.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or email reporter@bigspringherald.com

PATCH

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the other activities at the patch. “We unloaded 860 pumpkins on Saturday night,” said Hollingsworth. “We have volunteers from the church, sometimes husbands and wives, sometimes the youth.”

Spring Creek Fellowship's pumpkin patch is located in front of the Spring Town Plaza and is open Monday-Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. until Halloween. The pumpkin patch takes cash only.

For more information on the pumpkin patch or on the church's fall festival, contact Spring Creek Fellowship at 432-714-4584.

CHOIR

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a drink, and a cookie. To pre-order a basket, call the high school's Athletic Training Center (ATC) at 432-264-3662.

To add a little humor to the Halloween season, the choir will be hosting a 5K Zombie Run for later this month at Comanche Trail Park.

“Participants can dress up, but our choir students will be dressed as zombies,” Garcia said.

Registration is currently open for the Oct. 29 5k event scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Belaski Pavilion.

The cost to participate is \$25.

For more information or to register, call the ATC at 432-264-3662.

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James Pennington, 76, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Tony Bernal, 50, died Sunday. Services are pending.

Gary Cole, 57, died Sunday. Memorial services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Trinity Baptist Church.

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Opinion

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The nastiness of the Clinton campaign

Memo to Hillary Clinton: Yessum, you may win this thing. I wouldn't fall over in a state of cardiac arrest should that happen, given what the polls are saying. This, though history instructs mortals to be very, very careful when it comes to predicting lead-pipe cinches.

But say you're right. I mention merely that you and your cheerleaders are setting yourself up for a fall — in the Greek manner.

How come?

The Greeks talked of “hubris,” meaning overweening pride. We can pick up there: “Pick up,” I say, because America is wrapping up, at last, eight years unmatched in the presidential-hubris department, overseen by the only president ever to know, in his own opinion, everything worth knowing about the world. Signs are that America may not welcome a second know-it-all president determined to run roughshod over the opposition. The fervor of the Donald Trump movement is one such sign.

Beware your encouragers in the media; don't get to thinking this race is about Donald Trump. It's not. Major political candidates — like him or not, Trump is major — rarely emerge full-armored from the brow of Zeus (I am really into the classics today). They emerge from vari-

ous unpleasant factors involving the electorate: anger, fear, defeat, danger. Trump is more than the celebrity candidate par excellence; he is the candidate with whom the discontented (not all of them Republicans by any means) have most closely engaged.

There is, sweeping the Clinton camp (which includes the campaign itself and its cheering section in the media) just now, a ghastly theme. It has two parts: The first is that Trump should be drummed out of the human race, not least on account of an unworthy tape made 11 years ago. The second part of the theme follows from the first: What kind of a dumb jerk would support a dumb jerk for president? Not a nice question. And it's a pretty dangerous one, too, in the context of presidential politics.

Nastiness is a poor governing technique. It breeds more hubris than before. And it makes existing problems harder to solve.

Well! Hasn't Trump been nasty — “Crooked Hillary” and all that? Indeed. But when this whole thing is done, and you, Hillary Clinton, assuming the correctness of your supposition, take the inaugural oath: What then?

The large fact for which you can't account, Madam Candidate, is that you've further divided an already divided country.

It's not just the woman-groper vote that's been lost with your slams on Trump's character; and The New York Times' name-calling; and the obsession of the networks with details of Trump's

past; and the general feeling that Democrats “deplore” people unhappy with their lot in a world of mounting problems (many of them chargeable to government). No, it's the Ordinary Folk vote the Clinton camp is losing: people who go to church; who marry and generally stay that way; who respect policemen and honor the flag; and who wonder whether the real dumb jerks are the politicians and activists who have decided it's time to remake America — starting with a vote for Hillary Clinton (and by implication, Elizabeth Warren and Charles “Chuck” Schumer).

Generally, the more friends you make during a campaign, the better off you are when the campaign's over. Making enemies isn't generally advised. (And isn't that Trump's specialty?)

So ugly, so bombastic and dismissive is the Clinton campaign that the task of governing, once this is over, looks between hard and impossible: all the more so with Republicans likely to keep control of the House and possibly the Senate.

Why am I telling you this? For the record, chiefly. I'm confident you won't back off the denigration, ma'am. But you really should. If, as you think, you're going to win, can't you suggest ways to get at some of the grievances that brought us the Trump campaign, that sink the national spirit and hint at the coming imposition of federal control over all of life?

No? Thought not. But there it is anyway.



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DAILY PRAYER

May we trust in You, Lord, and what You have to offer.

Amen.

Drug sentences will never be fair

When President Obama issued his latest batch

of commutations last week, the White House called them “102 second chances.” Obama, who shortened just one sentence during his first term, is finally taking advantage of his second chance by issuing more commutations “than the previous 11 presidents combined” (as the White House puts it), 97 percent of them in the second half of his second term.

While Obama deserves credit for his belated but numerically impressive mercy, it should not obscure the fact that most of the people whose petitions he has granted did not belong in prison to begin with. Thousands more like them are still behind bars, thanks to the moral travesty known as the war on drugs.

Almost all of the 774 prisoners whose sentences Obama has shortened so far are nonviolent drug offenders, 282 of whom received life sentences. One of them is Ricky Minor, a Florida carpet installer who in 2000 was caught with a little more than a gram of methamphetamine, plus supplies for making more: pseudoephedrine pills, acetone, matches and lighter fluid.

Minor, who had a long history of drug problems, said the

meth was intended for himself and his wife. To avoid charges against her that could have left their children without parents, he pleaded guilty to attempted manufacture of methamphetamine.

Under state law, Minor probably would have received a sentence of two or three years. But under federal law, he qualified as a “career offender,” which triggered a life sentence.

That designation was based on a string of convictions for nonviolent drug offenses, none of which resulted in prison time.

Minor's criminal history hardly marked him as a violent predator who needed to be locked away for life. The judge who sentenced him acknowledged that a life term “far exceeds whatever punishment would be appropriate” while noting that he had no choice but to impose it.

“I was sitting in the courtroom when it happened,” Minor's mother recalled in an interview with the American Civil Liberties Union. “And it was all I could do to stay seated in my chair. I was so shocked. I just couldn't believe they could do that to him.”

Recognizing this miscarriage of justice, Obama last week shortened Minor's sentence from life to 262 months — almost 22 years.

Minor already has been behind bars for 15 years, which is 15 years too many for someone whose crime consisted of mixing together some common house-

hold chemicals.

Although 22 years is less outrageous than a life term as a punishment for that offense, it can hardly be called fair. Yet this is what counts as progress in a criminal justice system that routinely locks people up for doing things that violate no one's rights.

In that context, the Fair Sentencing Act, which Obama signed in 2010, was a major improvement. While it used to take 100 times as much cocaine powder to trigger the same penalty as a given amount of crack, it now takes only 18 times as much.

The distinction between the snorted and smoked forms of cocaine is arbitrary and unscientific, so the new scheme is just as nonsensical as the old one. But it is less onerous for crack offenders, who happen to be overwhelmingly black.

Because the change did not apply retroactively, thousands of crack offenders continue to serve sentences that nearly everyone now agrees are too long. While Obama's commutations have helped some of them, at his current pace the vast majority will get no relief.

Congress could do more. But what seemed like bipartisan enthusiasm for sentencing reform fizzled this year in the face of pre-election anxieties about looking soft on crime.

If fair sentencing is the goal, what's really needed is a reconsideration of what counts as crime.



JACOB SULLUM

Check this out at the Howard County Library

I'll continue with the fiction books this week. "The Promise" by Robert Crais (F CRA R) is an Elvis Cole and Joe Pike novel. When Elvis Cole is secretly hired to find a grief stricken mother, his first stop is an ordinary house on a rainy night. Only the house is not ordinary, and neither are the people hiding inside: a wanted fugitive on the run from the police, and a vicious career criminal with dangerous secrets of his own. Scott James and his K-9 partner, Maggie, track the fugitive to this same house, coming face-to-face with Mr. Rollins, a killer who leaves behind a brutally murdered body and enough explosives to destroy the neighborhood. Scott is now the only person who can identify him, but Mr. Rollins has a rule: Never leave a witness alive. Sworn to secrecy by his client, Elvis finds himself targeted by the police even as Mr. Rollins targets Maggie and Scott. As Mr. Rollins closes in for the kill, Elvis and Joe join forces with Scott and Maggie to follow a trail of lies where no one is who he claims, and the very woman they promised to save might get them all killed.



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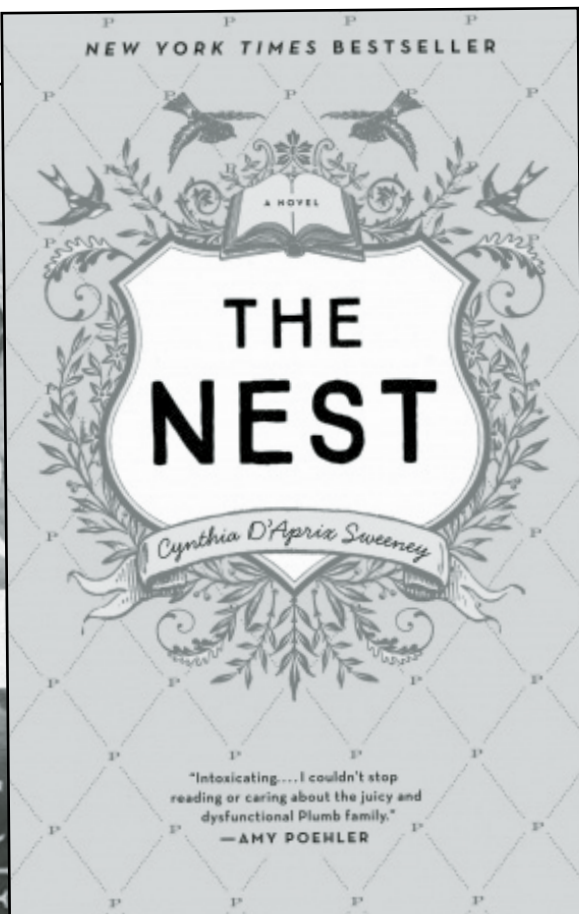
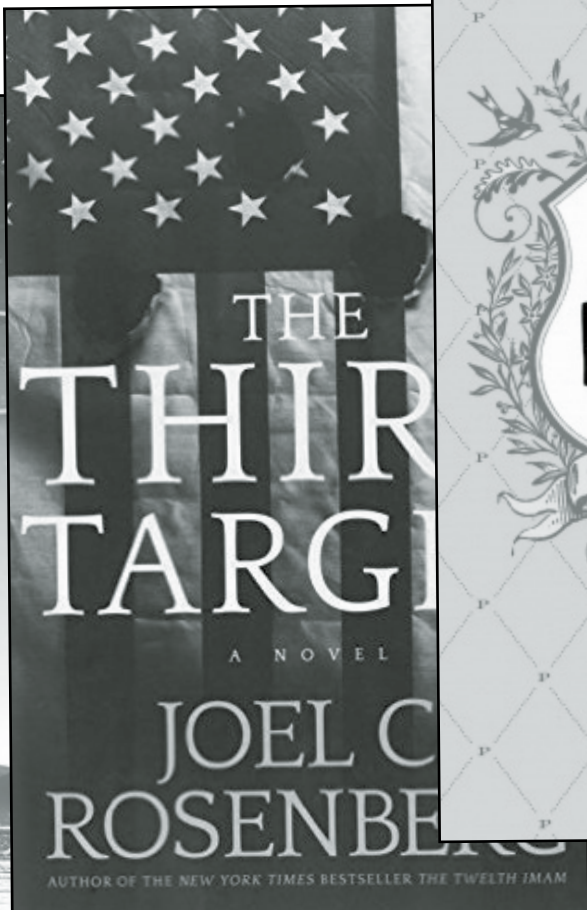
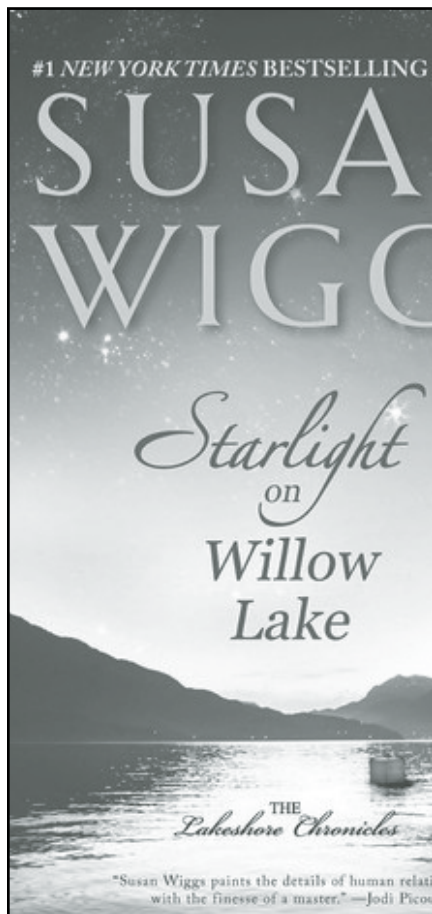
"The Third Target" by Joel C. Rosenberg (F ROS J) is book one of the J. B. Collins novels. The Israelis and Palestinians are on the verge of signing a historic comprehensive treaty. After decades of conflict, the world awaits a new era of peace. Now a new threat also known as ISIS is on the rampage. When New York Times correspondent J. B. Collins hears rumors that ISIS has captured a cache of chemical weapons, he risks everything by sneaking into Syria to locate and interview the commander of the terrorist organization. As a war-weary world hopes for peace, and a bloodthirsty terrorist regime grows in strength, who will prevail? Can Collins alert the world to the danger before ISIS can unleash its apocalyptic vision?

"The Nest" by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney (F SWE C) is a story about the power of family, the possibilities of friendship, the ways we depend on one another, and the ways we let one another down. This book illuminates what money does to relationships, what happens to our ambitions over the course of time, and the fraught yet unbreakable ties we share with those we love.

"Ghosts of War" by Brad Taylor (F TAY B) finds the Taskforce that has stopped countless terrorist threats across the globe on stand-down because of

the actions of one rogue Operator. Pike Logan and Jennifer Cahill travel to Poland only to find themselves caught amid growing tensions between East and West. A Russian incursion into Belarus under the facade of self-defense is trumped by a horrific attack against the United States, driving NATO to mobilize even as it tries to determine who is behind the strike. On the brink of war, Pike and Jennifer discover that there is a separate agenda in play, one determined to force a showdown between NATO and Russia. With time running out, and America demanding vengeance, they race to unravel the mystery before a point of no return is reached. Unbeknownst to them, there is another attack on the way. One that will guarantee World War III.

In "Starlight on Willow Lake" by Susan Wiggs (F WIG S), caregiver Faith McCallum is intent on rebuilding her shattered life and giving her two daughters a chance at a better future. She faces a formidable challenge in the form of her stubborn and difficult new employer. While Faith proves a worthy



match for her sharp-tongued client, she often finds herself at a loss for words in

the presence of Mason, her employer's son. Mason clearly longs to escape the family mansion and return to his fast-paced, exciting life and his beautiful, jet-setting fiancée. Hiring Faith as a live-in nurse gives his mother companionship and Mason the freedom to return to his no-attachments routine. When Faith makes a chilling discovery about his mother's accident, Mason is

forced to reconsider his desire to keep everyone at a distance. He finds himself wondering if the supercharged life he has created for himself is what he truly wants and whether exploring his past might lead to a new life and lasting love.

"Panacea" by F. Paul Wilson (F WIL F) finds medical examiner Laura Hanning with two charred corpses and no answers. Both bear a mysterious tattoo but exhibit no known cause of death. Their only connection is a string of puzzling miracle cures. Her preliminary investigation points to a cult that possesses the fabled panacea-the substance that can cure all ills. Laura finds herself enmeshed in an ancient conflict between the secretive keepers of the panacea and the equally secretive and far more deadly group known only as 536, a brotherhood that fervently believes God intended for humanity to suffer, not be cured. Laura doesn't believe in the panacea, but that doesn't prevent the agents of 536 from trying to kill her. A re-

spective, terminally ill billionaire hires Laura to research the possibility that such a cure exists. The billionaire's own bodyguard has to keep her alive as they race from continent to continent to find the legendary panacea before the agents of 536 can destroy it.

That will be all for the fiction books for a bit. I leave you with a quote from Sherman Alexie: "If one reads enough books, one has a fighting chance. Or better, one's chances of survival increase with each book one reads."

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Is election ‘rigged’? The experts say no

ATLANTA (AP) — Donald Trump has repeatedly warned of a “rigged” election, saying large-scale voter fraud is happening in the U.S. and suggesting it will affect the outcome of this year’s presidential race. There is no evidence that such widespread fraud exists.

Trump’s comments have alarmed voting rights experts and civil rights groups, who say they threaten to undermine faith in the nation’s elections. Meanwhile, House Speaker Paul Ryan and other Republicans are expressing confidence in the voting systems, while state election officials are saying they are committed to conducting fair and impartial elections.

It’s worth noting, too, that 29 of the nation’s secretaries of state are Republican.

WHAT TRUMP HAS SAID

In recent weeks, Trump has repeatedly raised questions about the integrity of the nation’s voting systems and called for his supporters to monitor polling places in “certain areas” to guard against voter fraud. He’s made the comments during campaign stops in bat-

leground states such as Michigan and Pennsylvania, singling out Philadelphia as a city to watch.

Recently, Trump sent a series of tweets in which he called Republican leaders “naive” for dismissing his claims of widespread voter fraud and saying the election is being rigged “by the dishonest and distorted media” for Democrat Hillary Clinton.

IS VOTER FRAUD A WIDESPREAD PROBLEM?

No. While there have been isolated cases of voter fraud in the U.S., there is no evidence of it being a widespread problem as Trump suggests.

The type of fraud that Trump appears to be talking about would involve people casting ballots who know they are not eligible to vote, as well as people impersonating others to cast ballots for their preferred candidate. Experts say this would be an inefficient way to rig an election, given the fraud would have to be conducted one voter at a time, and would only be effective in places where the race is close enough that the outcome could be swayed.

Studies have shown voter impersonation

to be quite rare. In one study, a Loyola Law School professor found 31 instances involving allegations of voter impersonation out of 1 billion votes cast in U.S. elections between 2000 and 2014. Another study by the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law School found many reports of people voting twice or ballots being cast on behalf of dead people were largely the result of clerical errors that suggested wrongdoing when none had occurred.

“Voter fraud is so incredibly rare that it has no impact on the integrity of our elections,” said Wendy Weiser, head of the democracy program at the Brennan Center. “You are more likely to be struck by lightning, more likely to see a UFO, than to be a victim of voter fraud.”

In Philadelphia on Monday, Republican election commissioner Al Schmidt dismissed the idea that election fraud could take place in the nation’s fifth-largest city. “The real threat to the integrity of elections is irresponsible accusations that undermine confidence in the electoral process.”

VOTER FRAUD VS. ELECTION FRAUD

Other types of fraud



are possible, such as voting machines being intentionally manipulated to report false results. So-called “ballot stuffing” would be considered election fraud, rather than voter fraud, because it would be orchestrated by someone involved in administering the election or someone who has gained access to the election administration system.

Experts say federal elections would be much more difficult to influence this way because of the broad, decentralized nature of the nation’s voting systems. There are more than 9,000 election jurisdictions and hundreds of thousands of polling places.

That also holds true for any effort by hackers to influence this year’s presidential election. Experts say it’s unlikely a hacker could change votes, but one

might be able to delete voters from registration files, triggering confusion and long lines at the polls.

WHAT MEASURES EXIST TO GUARD AGAINST FRAUD?

State election officials have several measures in place to protect the integrity of their voting systems, and both political parties have a vested interest in making sure the outcome is fair.

Voting machines are not connected to the internet, and the vast majority of ballots will be cast on systems that allow for a paper record to verify electronic results.

The process of counting the votes is not done on systems connected to the internet, and tabulation systems are not connected to a single network, according to the National Association of Secretaries of

State.

DOES VOTER ID COMBAT VOTER FRAUD?

There have been efforts in recent years, largely in Republican-led states, to pass laws requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls. Supporters say such laws are needed to combat voter fraud, while critics argue the laws disproportionately affect minorities and the poor who may face challenges obtaining a government-issued photo ID.

Courts have recently agreed. In striking down parts of a voter ID law in North Carolina this year, a federal appeals court judge wrote they “target African Americans with almost surgical precision.”

The courts have also largely found there is little documented evidence of voter fraud.

FBI records: Effort to reduce Clinton email classification

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior State Department official asked the FBI last year to help reduce the classification of an email from Hillary Clinton’s private server, according to FBI investigative files that have been made public. It was to be part of a bargain that would have allowed the FBI to deploy more agents in foreign countries, according to the files.

It was not immediately clear whether the State Department official or someone at the FBI first raised the prospect of a bargain over the email’s classification.

The bureau records, citing an FBI official whose name was censored, said that Undersecretary for Management Patrick F. Kennedy sought assistance in exchange for a “quid pro quo.”

But the FBI said Monday, as the documents were released, that it was the now-retired FBI official who first asked Kennedy about deploying more agents overseas. The State Department said the same.

“This allegation is inaccurate and does not align with the facts,” State Department spokesman Mark Toner said. He said Kennedy had been trying to understand the FBI’s classification decisions, and added that there was never an increase in the number of FBI agents assigned to Iraq as a result of the conversations.

The FBI ultimately rejected the idea, which would have allowed the State Department to archive a message related to the 2012 attacks on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, in the basement of its Wash-

ington headquarters “never to be seen again,” according to the FBI files.

The email described reports in November 2012 that Libyan police were arresting suspects in the attack. It had been forwarded to Clinton’s private email address by Jake Sullivan, one of her top aides and the department’s director of policy planning, who was using his government email account.

Republicans seized on the report as collusion within the Obama administration to protect Clinton, now the Democratic presidential nominee.

“CORRUPTION CONFIRMED: FBI confirms State Dept. offered ‘quid pro quo’ to cover up classified emails,” read a tweet from Team Trump, retweeted by the candidate. Clinton spokesman Brian Fallon said the campaign had never been part of any such discussion about email classifications. Kennedy was a close aide to Clinton during her tenure as the nation’s top diplomat between 2009 and early 2013. He had served in his position since November 2007 under President George W. Bush.

According to the FBI records, a bureau official said Kennedy “asked his assistance in altering the email’s classification in exchange for a ‘quid pro quo,’” and that in exchange, “State would reciprocate by allowing the FBI to place more agents in countries where they are presently forbidden.”

“Although there was never a quid pro quo, these allegations were nonetheless referred to the appropriate officials for review,” the FBI said in a statement Monday.

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First Lady emerges as surrogate MVP

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Hillary Clinton was always expected to get a late-campaign enthusiasm boost from the White House. The surprise is that it's not coming from the president.

On a star-studded team of campaign surrogates — including President Barack Obama — the most valuable player of 2016 is undoubtedly first lady Michelle Obama.

During a divisive political year, the hugely popular first lady has wowed voters with her powerful rhetoric. And she can be the emotional center to a campaign whose candidate is not known for projecting warmth.

Last week, in a searing indictment of Republican nominee Donald Trump that was broadcast live by cable news networks, Michelle Obama said his recorded boasts about making unwanted sexual advances toward women had "shaken me to my core in a way that I couldn't have predicted."

With that, the first lady spoke in terms that Hillary Clinton rarely does, given accusations against her own husband that he's long denied — but Trump has raised.

"If Hillary Clinton were out there making

these same arguments, we know how Donald Trump would respond, by attacking former President Clinton and bringing up old stories from the 90s," said Democratic strategist Lis Smith.

Michelle Obama also had one of the most memorable lines of the Democratic National Convention, saying her family motto is: "When they go low, we go high."

Clinton has repeated that line in public several times since.

To the Clinton campaign, Michelle Obama is a crucial asset who can connect with the Democratic base — particularly young people — but also reach independent and undecided voters.

That was clear Monday, when the campaign signaled a push into traditionally Republican Arizona by announcing that the first lady would host an early-vote rally in Phoenix on Thursday.

"There is no more powerful advocate for our campaign," said Clinton communications director Jennifer Palmieri. "Because the first lady isn't seen as a political figure, when she does speak out, it has a real impact."

Even among Clinton's so-called "uber-surrogates" — the president,

Vice President Joe Biden, former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Bernie Sanders and Sen. Elizabeth Warren — Michelle Obama has stood out. Once a reluctant campaigner, she has grown more comfortable after more than eight years on the national stage, promoting her childhood obesity and education initiatives, hosting her own events and showing a playful side on talk shows and in interviews.

"Either she's Meryl Streep, or she's really genuine about this," said Robert Watson, an American studies professor at Lynn University. "In this year of plastic candidates, Michelle just seems the most genuine one out there."

Still, political analysts said the intensity of her

advocacy for Clinton is notable.

"It's unusual for a sitting first lady, or a sitting president for that matter, to campaign so enthusiastically for a presidential candidate. They usually take a lower profile approach. This is indicative of how important both Obamas think this election is," said Katherine Jellison, chair of the history department at Ohio University who studies the first ladies.

Anita McBride, a veteran of three Republican administrations, said Mrs. Obama's schedule is more flexible at this stage of the administration because she has held the final events for some of her biggest initiatives.

"It's sort of wrapping up time where it's nev-

er wrapping up time for the president," said McBride, who was chief of staff to first lady Laura Bush. "He still has everything coming to his desk every day. Now it's all about preserving the legacy and giving everything she can to the person she thinks can best reflect their values."

So far this fall, Michelle Obama has campaigned in Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and New Hampshire. She has done radio and television ads, including a television spot targeting early voters in Iowa, Ohio and Nevada. Arizona is up next, with more appearances expected after that.

With three weeks until the Nov. 8 election, Clinton is leading in many national and

battleground state polls as the race has been largely overwhelmed by Trump's inflammatory rhetoric and past sexual comments. Clinton is still contending with the slow release of hacked emails that have raised questions about her relationship to Wall Street and inner campaign workings, and will likely be asked about it when she and Trump debate one final time on Wednesday night, but Trump has taken up much of the spotlight.

Michelle Obama so far is one of the few to escape the wrath of Trump, who has spoken harshly about various voting groups, his own Republican leaders and, lately, the women who have accused him of sexual misconduct.

Pence visits firebombed office

HILLSBOROUGH, N.C. (AP) — Republican vice presidential hopeful Mike Pence is condemning the firebombing of a North Carolina Republican campaign office as an "act of political terrorism."

The Indiana governor made a surprise stop Tuesday at the Orange County Republican headquarters, encouraging local GOP officials and volunteers as he stood among stacks of Donald Trump campaign signs left charred by a Molotov cocktail.

"An attack on our political system is an attack on us all," Pence told reporters outside the office. He praised Trump supporters for their "courage" and "resilience" and added,

"We will not be intimidated."

Pence visited the office, located on the outskirts of the Raleigh-Durham area, on his way to two other events in the state. He's delivering recovery supplies to Hurricane Matthew victims in Wilmington and headlining a campaign rally in Fayetteville.

North Carolina is a must-win state for the Trump, with the New York billionaire having no realistic path to the required 270 electoral votes if he doesn't win here. Authorities are still investigating the firebombing, which happened some time overnight Saturday into Sunday. No one was injured.

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As territory shrinks, IS group looks for new money sources

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the Islamic State group sees its territory shrink to half its original size and its dreams of a caliphate evaporate, the extremist fighters are losing access to the sources of revenue that once gave them their power, prompting them to turn to extortion, kidnapping or foreign donations like their predecessors, the militant group al-Qaida.

The Islamic State group had a unique ability to capitalize on the natural resources of its territory in Iraq and Syria and swiftly implement a system of taxation and governance that allowed it to rule an area that once was the size of Switzerland.

As the battle gets underway to retake Mosul, the group's largest stronghold in Iraq, the Islamic State group is being denied access to revenue sources such as oil and gas and cash reserves that once amounted to more than \$1 billion in 2014, said Daniel Glaser, the Treasury Department's assistant secretary for terrorist financing.

With those resources slipping away, the Islamic State group is expected to revert to "traditional methods we see al-Qaida using — whether it's deep-pocket donors, whether it's charities, whether it's NGOs, whether it's criminal activity," Glaser said in a recent discussion at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Beyond oil and gas sales, the Islamic State group also generated some \$30 million per month in Iraq from taxation and extortion in 2015. Hisham al-Hashimi, an expert on IS who advises the Iraqi government, said the militant group currently makes about \$4 million per month from taxes in Mosul alone. Al-Hashimi said the group charges a 4 percent income tax on salaries less than \$600 per month, and 5 percent on monthly salaries between \$600 and \$1,000.

Where Zika struck hardest, Brazil moms say more help needed

RECIFE, Brazil (AP) — As the sun dyes the early morning sky a reddish hue, Angelica Pereira carries her 1-year-old daughter out of the tiny white house sitting on a dirt road where piles of garbage float in puddles.

The driver sent to fetch her and other mothers with babies disabled by the Zika virus is two hours late, which could mean less time with the therapists who help her daughter move rigid limbs and a floppy back.

While battling these logistical challenges, Pereira also struggles to find and afford expensive drugs that families must pay for because government health plans don't cover them.

"We are always chasing something. We have to drop everything else, all our chores, our homes," said the 21-year-old. "There are so many of us with children with special needs. (The government) is forgetting about that."

Zika initially was known only to cause flu-like symptoms in some people. But a surge late last year in cases of babies born with small heads in northeast Brazil set off worldwide alarm about the virus, which was later linked to a birth defect known as microcephaly. When the connection was made, then-President Dilma Rousseff promised that affected families would get the help they needed.

IS car bombs, mortars slow down Iraqi advance on Mosul

KHAZER, Iraq (AP) — Islamic State militants have deployed suicide car bombs and fired mortar rounds to slow down the advance of Iraqi troops outside a key town near the militant-held city of

Mosul, an Iraqi army officer said Wednesday.

The officer from the 9th Division told The Associated Press that his troops were now around 1 kilometer (half mile) away from Hamdaniyah, a historically Christian town also known as Bakhdida.

Since Tuesday, IS has sent 12 car bombs, all of which were blown up before reaching their targets, he said, adding that Iraqi troops suffered a small number of casualties from the mortar rounds. The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters, did not provide specific figures.

Iraq launched a massive operation on Monday to retake Mosul, the country's second largest city and the extremist group's biggest urban bastion.

The operation is the largest launched by the Iraqi army since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. Some 25,000 troops, including Sunni tribal fighters, Kurdish forces known as the peshmerga and state-sanctioned Shiite militias known as the Popular Mobilization Units are approaching the city from different directions.

Russia accuses US-led coalition strike of killing 6 in Syria

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's military says a U.S.-led coalition airstrike on a Syrian village in the province of Aleppo has killed six civilians.

The military's Reconciliation Center in Syria says Tuesday's strike on the village of Hassajek also wounded four people and destroyed two houses.

The center says Russian military surveillance means spotted two Belgian F-16 fighter jets over the area at the time of the strike. It noted that Russian and Syrian warplanes weren't flying over the area Tuesday.

Russia's Tass news agency reported from Brussels that the Belgian defense minister denied Belgian aircraft had struck the area.

Philippine police van rams protesters in front of US Embassy

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A Philippine police van rammed into protesters, leaving several bloodied, as an anti-U.S. rally turned violent Wednesday at the American Embassy in Manila.

At least three student activists had to be taken to a hospital after they were ran over by the van driven by a police officer, protest leader Renato Reyes said.

Associated Press TV footage showed the van repeatedly ramming the protesters as it drove wildly back and forth after activists surrounded and started hitting the vehicle with wooden batons they seized from police.

In front of horrified crowds, including video-journalists and photographers, the van suddenly charged backward then sprinted forward twice over a space of about 20 meters (60 feet), barreling through the scattered protesters and hurtling some to the side like bowling pins. A few got ran over but somehow managed to stand.

Some screamed in surprise, others hurled stones at the van and yelled invectives. A speaker called the police "puppies of imperialists" on a loud-speaker.

Campus sex assaults stir debate on when to alert students

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When a student athlete at San Jose State University in California was accused of sexually assaulting two women at an off-campus party over Labor Day weekend, school officials acted decisively.

The student was ordered to stay away from the women involved and was moved from his dorm into a staff housing facility. He was also temporarily suspended from campus and team events pending the result of an investigation.

University officials also acted quietly, prompting many students to ask why they were kept in the dark about the alleged assaults. Fueling the criticism, the suspect — identified as an international student — left the country as authorities investigated.

The case has renewed focus on the problem of sexual assaults involving college students and raises questions about what obligations a university has to inform students and when it's time to go public about an alleged assault.

University officials and legal experts say it's a delicate issue. On one hand, students have an interest in knowing immediately if a perpetrator is on their campus.

But schools also need to protect students' privacy before an arrest is made or charges filed.

Robotic scan for horses could hold promise for human health

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Veterinarians hope an innovative type of CT scan can advance medical care for horses and possibly be adapted for humans, eliminating the need for people to lie still inside a tube.

Robotic CT at the University of Pennsylvania's veterinary school allows a horse to remain awake and standing as scanners on two mechanical arms move around it. The resulting high-quality images, including some in 3D, for the first time offer detailed anatomical views of the animal in its normal, upright state.

That's a huge difference from the standard CT for a horse, which requires administering anesthesia, placing the animal on its side and maneuvering a scanning unit around the affected area. Not all body parts fit in the machines.

Robotic CT "is much less stressful," said Dr. Barbara Dallap Schaer, medical director of Penn Vet's New Bolton Center. "It's a pretty athletic event for horses to recover from general anesthesia."

The New York-based company 4DDI created the Equimagine system with components from robot manufacturer ABB. First unveiled at Penn last spring, 4DDI now has orders for more than a dozen units at equine facilities around the world, according to CEO Yiorgos Papaioannou.

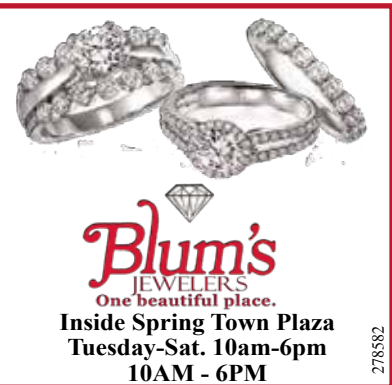
Arizona court hearing to focus on lethal injection drug

PHOENIX (AP) — A judge presiding over a lawsuit that protests the way Arizona carries out executions is scheduled to hear arguments Wednesday over a sedative that was recently abandoned as one of the state's lethal injection drugs.

Lawyers for the state are seeking to dismiss the lawsuit's claim that the sedative midazolam can't ensure that condemned inmates won't feel the pain that's caused by another drug in a three-drug execution protocol.

The state announced nearly four months ago that it was eliminating its use of midazolam after its supply expired and another supplier couldn't be found because of pressure from opponents of the death penalty. Attorneys for the state say the legal claim is moot because the drug won't be used in the future executions.

U.S. District Judge Neil Wake scheduled the hearing after learning that Ohio now has a supply of midazolam and plans to resume executions there in January.



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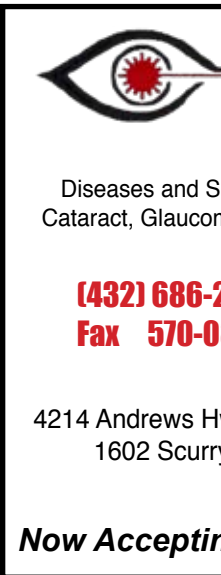
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Lady Steers make admirable comebacks, but fall to Sweetwater on Senior Night

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers and Sweetwater Lady Mustangs put together arguably the most entertaining game of the season so far on the volleyball court Tuesday night, but the Lady Mustangs came out on top in straight sets.

Sweetwater won 25-22, 25-23, 25-23 despite giving up huge leads in the second and third sets. In the second set, Sweetwater started the game on a 7-0 run, and in the third set, they started the game in double figures before Big Spring had a point at 10-0.

In the second set, Big Spring came back from the 7-0 hole and eventually took the lead at 18-16. They stretched the lead to 22-19 before Sweetwater went on another run and outscored Big Spring 6-1 in that stretch to take the game, 25-23.

The hole to climb out of was even deeper in the third set, but the Lady Steers did it again. A 10-0 run led to open the game was turned into a 14-10, and then a 15-13 deficit as Big Spring went on a 13-5 run. Sweetwater would open the lead to 19-14 before Big Spring made another comeback and gained momentum with a 7-2 run that tied the game at 21 before a Katie Wash service error gave Sweetwater the lead at 22-21. They would hold on and close out the game with a 25-23 win in the set.

"We just weren't ready to play. It's just one of those things you've got to deal with," Big Spring head coach Sunni Strickland said of the big leads given up early in sets. "Some days they show up and some days they don't, and obviously tonight was one of those nights we didn't show up. It was not a good day to decide to not show up and play."

Despite the loss, the Lady Steers got plenty of support



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring seniors pose for a photo before the volleyball game Tuesday night. The seniors, from left to right, are: Emily Crawford, Addie Jimenez, Gabriella Viasana, Kaitlyn Mathews, Janisha Smith, Alexess Sosa, and Katie Wash

from the home crowd as they tried to stage two incredible comebacks. Tuesday was Senior Night, and it was the last home game for Katie Wash, Addie Jimenez, Alexiss Sosa, and Janisha Smith.

"I had several players that played really well. Katie is always really good at setting for me and getting a lot of assists, and taking care of the ball. She knows where to place it. Addie is out there running around trying to get balls up. For my seniors, this was their last home game. They really wanted it, and it just didn't happen for them," Strickland said.

A win Tuesday would have secured the third seed in the playoffs, behind Abilene Wylie and Brownwood. As it stands, Sweetwater and Big Spring split their season series, and Sweetwater swept Snyder, who is still winless in district play.

If Big Spring defeats Sny-

der Oct. 25 and sweeps them as well, and Sweetwater loses to Abilene Wylie, another game will be scheduled between the Lady Steers and Lady Mustangs to break the tie for the third seed, with the loser taking the fourth seed. If Snyder finds a way to beat Brownwood Friday, then the game between Big Spring and Snyder becomes huge as a Snyder win would give each team two wins in the district and set up a potential play-in game for the fourth and final playoff spot.

Heading into Tuesday's game in Snyder, Strickland has only one thing on her mind with what she wants to see from her squad.

"Consistency, consistency, and more consistency," she said.

She also acknowledged that losing four of her leaders and best players will not be easy, both on and off the court.

"It's really sad. They were

some of my babies when I first got here," Strickland said about her seniors. "Katie, as a freshman, she was just phenomenal. We played on JV, and she broke her ankle, but then she came back and was even better. She's

worked really hard. Addie, same thing. She's improved leaps and bounds. Janisha, she was with me on the freshmen team, as well as Alexess, and they just kept pushing. They just kept doing everything they were supposed to do. Summer conditioning, playing club ball, and doing what they needed to do to get to this point. It's really sad, but it's bittersweet, because you want to see them go on to bigger and better things in their life."

As the season gets closer to an end and playoffs approach, Strickland would like to see some of her younger players step up. Her two co-captains, Wash and Jimenez, are getting closer to playing their final game in a Lady Steer uniform.

"Katie, she's just a natural leader, and Addie is right there with her. I'd like to see some of my younger players try and fill those spots. They're going to be leaving me," Strickland said. "I need other people to step up and start showing that they can lead, and show that they can do what we need to do for future years, not just for the playoffs."



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Big Spring senior Addie Jimenez hits the ball and gets a kill during Tuesday's game against Sweetwater.

Forsan girls advance to cross country regionals



Forsan cross country competed in the district meet Monday, October 17. Senior Rhian Cunningham advanced to regionals, winning the Varsity girls division with a time of 13:11. The Varsity girls team (pictured left) of Rhian Cunningham, Jaidyn Brown, Haley Patterson, Madison Smith, Bree Womack, Mikayla Arzate, and Shelby Zachary placed 3rd and will advance to regionals. On the boys side, Ty Freeman (pictured right) advanced to regionals placing 10th. The regional meet will be held at Mae Simmons on October 29th.



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Klug makes regionals for Coahoma Bulldogs



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Coahoma's Christian Klug poses with his medal after being the only Coahoma runner to qualify for regionals Tuesday in C-City.

Blue Jays stave off ALCS elimination, beat Indians 5-1 on strong Sanchez outing

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

TORONTO — Just in time, Josh Donaldson and the Toronto Blue Jays broke out the bats to save their season.

Now they have a chance to really make things interesting in this AL Championship Series.

Donaldson backed up his fiery pep talk to teammates before the game, hitting a home run and turning in a timely

diving stop Tuesday to help the Blue Jays avert a sweep with a 5-1 win over the Cleveland Indians.

The Indians still lead the matchup 3-1, but with a couple of big hits and a strong outing by Aaron Sanchez, Toronto handed them their first loss of this postseason.

"I'm not going to give too much away of what I had to say, but just more so getting everybody's attention and focus and understanding,"

Donaldson said. "I mean, everybody knew coming into today how important today was. But at the same time I just wanted to kind of reiterate that and let the boys know that I was coming to play today."

Cleveland will try again Wednesday to win to earn its first World Series trip since 1997, but the big concern for the Indians coming into the series — an injury-riddled rotation — still lingers. In Game

5, Cleveland will start Ryan Merritt, who has pitched just 11 innings in the majors, against Marco Estrada.

It was an emotional day all around at Rogers Centre, where the home crowd had fallen silent watching the season slipping away because of a slumbering offense that totaled only three runs in the first three games of the series.

"I thought we battled pretty good today, with the bats," Toronto manager John Gib-

bons said. "Naturally, when you score, which we haven't been doing, it always looks good."

Donaldson's solo shot to left-center field off Corey Kluber in the third put the Blue Jays ahead for the first time all series. Two innings after that, the star third baseman made an outstanding play to preserve a one-run edge.

Sanchez, the American

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fill, has applied to the Texas
Commission on Environmen-
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mit authorizing the accept-
ance of residential and com-
mercial municipal solid
waste, as well as some non-
hazardous Class 2 and Class

3 industrial waste. The land-
fill will be located at 420
Drumright Road, Garden
City, Glasscock County,
Texas 79739. The TCEQ re-
ceived this application on Ju-
ly 21, 2016. The permit ap-
plication is available for view-
ing and copying at the Glass-
cock County Courthouse, 117
East Currie, Garden City,
Glasscock County, Texas
79739. The following link to
an electronic map of the site
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application.

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tion is administratively com-
plete and will conduct a tech-
nical review of the applica-
tion. After technical review of
the application is complete,
the Executive Director may
prepare a draft permit and
will issue a preliminary de-
cision on the application. **No-
tice of the Application and
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submitting public com-
ments.**

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on this application.** The pur-
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rector determines that there is
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interest in the application or if
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and prepare a response to all
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cision on the application,
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cision and for requesting a
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person who may be af-
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the commission. A con-
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and permit number; the
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your property/activities re-
lative to the facility; a spe-
cific description of how
you would be adversely af-
fected by the facility in a
way not common to the
general public; a list of all
disputed issues of fact that
you submit during the com-
ment period, and the state-
ment "[I/we] request a con-
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request for contested case
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**group's representative for
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pondence; identify by
name and physical ad-
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ber of the group who would
be adversely affected by
the facility or activity;
provide the information
discussed above regard-
ing the affected member's
location and distance from
the facility or activity; ex-
plain how and why the
member would be affected;
and explain how the in-
terests the group seeks to
protect are relevant to the
group's purpose.**

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plicable comment and re-
quest periods, the Executive
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plication and any requests for
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their consideration at a
scheduled Commission meet-
ing. The Commission may
only grant a request for a
contested case hearing on is-
sues the requestor submitted
in their timely comments that
were not subsequently with-
drawn.

**If a hearing is granted, the
subject of a hearing will be
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of fact or mixed questions
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evant and material to the
Commission's decision on
the application submitted
during the comment peri-
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Manager with Parkhill, Smith,
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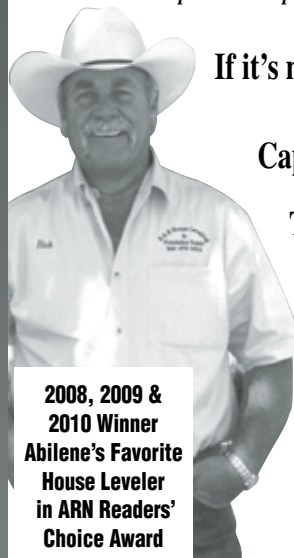
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Gemini Moon

When the moon is in the sign of the twins, the lesson is related to the polarization of life. What you very sincerely and desperately want and what you very sincerely and desperately don't want are on the same pole. Place your attention in either direction and expect results under this lunar influence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're solid. You know what's right for your life and what's not. You can and will keep the negative forces at a distance, not with anger but with dignity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Things are not black and white for you -- or for anyone, really. That's

why this will be a day in which you will choose not to judge, and not to throw your attention away on negativity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Money might not be able to buy true love or devotion or anything that's really important, but money can still solve a lot of problems. You'll solve problems with your money today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will be offered what you wanted and deserved several months ago. You can afford to take time with your response. Also, don't rush to grant acceptance -- but do accept.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's wonderful when they really get you. It's also not so bad when they don't. There's a lot of inner life that is sparked by the flint of that. Your mind starts spinning when it's mad!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). All those mild perks -- you need to appreciate them. Don't compare. This is a time to home in on what's good. Keep

Tomorrow's Horoscope

your passion alive. Only you can set the limit to your potential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can crush up the tension in a room by just speaking. The words you use are not as important as how you use them. Your use of this talent will further your aims.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The decision seems big. You could deliberate, make your pros and cons list, call your mother, etc., but that would be pageantry. You already know what to do. You've known for a while now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This group you need to be a part of now -- there's a certain rhythm to it, and you'll click right in, as long as you don't hesitate or doubt yourself. "Strong and wrong": Make that your creed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Here's how to get into this group: Listen; pay attention; figure out the needs and wants of all involved. You won't have answers, and you don't need

to. Your eye contact alone is a healing balm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The effort to be known -- that's a theme today. You know who your friends are, and they'll make sure you don't forget about them. All that you have you'll put into your performance tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Net-work. Acquaintances on the social scene are prime sources of employment and love opportunities, if not for yourself then for a close friend. Make a point of chatting up everyone you know.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 19). Your dreams will bloom like a microwaved popcorn situation: Sit on the outside, listen, and count. Your good fortune will be delicious, especially when several friends are involved. There's a highlight in December and another big income boom in January. If you want to make more, you'll have to learn more. Gemini and Virgo adore you. Your lucky

numbers are: 3, 2, 22, 13 and 29.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "The Aquarius I'm dating is so weird. He needs attention all the time, and he always wants to know how I feel about him. He's very insecure -- and yet he never tells me he loves me or does any of the things he expects me to do for him. And what's worse, he acts like that's totally natural. My birthday is Dec. 7. What is my love profile?"

Sagittarius/Aquarius romances have certain undeniable appeal for each partner. Aquarius men rarely express their true feelings; in fact, the less they say they like you, the more they really do. They have a great fear of embarrassment about love, which, if you truly care, you must understand and compensate for. As a Sagittarius, this holds great appeal to you. Admit that you are always reaching for the more elusive man and you can't stand a love affair that doesn't challenge you. This year,

you could explore new lifestyles and even careers through the men you fall in love with. Sagittarius women are often ready for a move, and you may be subconsciously choosing a partner who will gradually leave your life so that this break is not too traumatic.

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Annie's Mailbox

A Deeply Resentful Brother

Dear Annie: My brother and I are close in age, and from the time I was born, he has bullied, teased and ignored me. After years of therapy, he finally confessed that he had been jealous of me because our mother was overwhelmed and he felt abandoned.

A few years ago, I was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer with a low survival rate, but against all odds, I am in remission. Several months ago, I asked my

mother for a financial gift to pay for an experimental treatment that was not covered by insurance. She has a sizable estate and is in her 90s, and she readily agreed. It most likely saved my life.

My brother was furious with her and with me and wrote a cold email to the other siblings, saying that "everyone has problems" and asking why I was being given special treatment. Last week, he sent out another email to the family, masked in sincere language about how he was concerned for our mother. He wanted to make us all promise

not to ask her for any more gifts, saying she is anxious about her finances.

The whole family knows that she is quite comfortably off and that her fears are most likely a result of early dementia. But it was clear in a separate email to me that he blames me for stressing her out.

I have no intention of asking my mother for any more money, but these exchanges have left me in tears. My husband says I should not open any emails from my brother and I should cut off contact, but now my brother has contacted all of us with a plan for a sibling reunion -- to take place during a time I'd planned to visit my mother. I don't feel safe with him, but I'm not sure how to get out of this reunion without causing a fam-

ily rift. I just want to focus on living each day and loving my young children. -- Living Life Without My Brother

Dear Living: For whatever reason, your brother is a deeply unhappy person, and he's bent on bringing others down into his miserable company. He is toxic, and cutting off communication is the healthy choice for now.

Like a classic bully, he's reacting to your withdrawal by desperately trying even harder to provoke you, stirring the pot with this "sibling reunion." You absolutely do not have to go to this reunion. Visit your mother instead (assuming the reunion isn't taking place at her house).

If your brother seeks help to become a happier person and less emotionally

manipulative toward you, you can reconnect. Until then, insulate yourself from his attacks, and focus on yourself and your recovery. Congratulations on your cancer's being in remission.

Dear Annie: I'd like to know why some restaurants and diners don't treat tea drinkers the same as coffee drinkers. I've been dining with a group on more than one occasion when coffee drinkers were given unlimited free refills on their coffee but I was charged for a second cup of tea. I can't believe tea costs more than coffee, so I wonder what the reason is. -- Tea Drinker

Dear Tea: Your question stumped me, so I asked some servers: Why the "steep" cost for tea? Apparently, it's because it requires many more

steps than coffee. Not all restaurants have hot water at the ready, so they heat it up just for that cup of tea. Then, at more upscale restaurants, there's the matter of presentation -- presenting all the tea bag choices, arranging the lemon, cream, sugar, etc. This information is purely based on my small, unscientific survey. If any other servers or tea drinkers would like to weigh in on this, I would love to hear from you.

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By Steve Becker

A delectable concoction

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. **NORTH** ♠ J 6 2 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ A K 9 5 3 ♣ A J **WEST** ♠ K Q 10 9 ♥ K 6 2 ♦ 7 ♣ 9 7 6 5 2 **EAST** ♠ 8 7 5 4 3 ♥ J 9 8 7 ♦ — ♣ 10 8 4 3 **SOUTH** ♠ A ♥ A Q 5 ♦ Q J 10 8 6 4 2 ♣ K Q The bidding: South West North East 1 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass 4 NT Pass 5 ♦ Pass 5 NT Pass 6 ♦ Pass Opening lead — king of spades.

South's interest in getting to a grand slam on this deal was well-founded. Once partner had responded with three diamonds and followed by showing two aces in response to Blackwood, South was correct to inquire about the number of kings North held by bidding five notrump. **South was willing** to undertake seven diamonds if partner responded six hearts, showing two kings. In that case, if they were the red kings, 13 tricks would be assured, while if the kings were in spades and diamonds,

one heart loser would go off on the spade king and the other on the ace of clubs provided the North hand contained at least three clubs. **As things turned out**, with North having only one king and only two clubs, South had his hands full making six. The correct play to assure the slam is not immediately apparent, even if the opponents' cards are known. But South found the answer where a less-thoughtful declarer might easily have overlooked the winning stroke. **After taking the ace of spades**, the question is how to avoid losing two heart tricks. If declarer eliminates both spades and clubs from dummy's hand and his own, he is still subject to defeat when he leads a heart from dummy, whether he finesses the queen or allows East's seven to hold the trick. In fact, had South followed this line of play, he would have gone down. **Instead**, South led a diamond to the king and trumped the six of spades. He then cashed two clubs, ending in dummy, and led the jack of spades. But instead of trumping it, South discarded the five of hearts! The five was bound to be a loser in any case, but by disposing of it on the spade jack, West was placed in a hopeless position. **After taking the queen of spades**, any return he made spelled defeat. Discarding a loser on a loser made South a winner.

Tomorrow: Bon app  tit.   2016 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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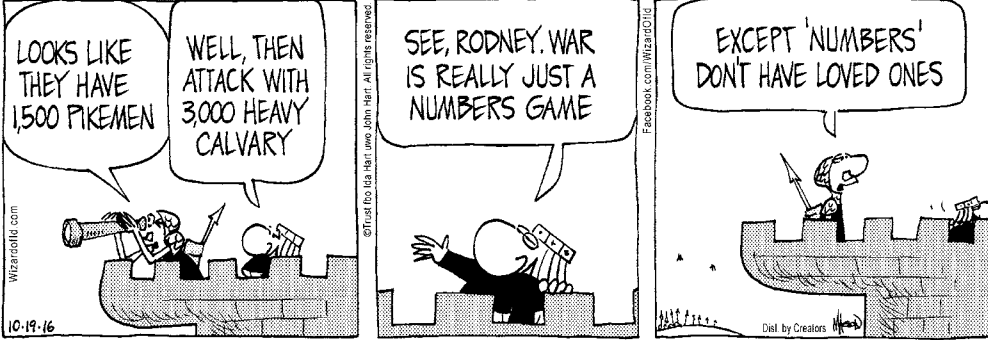


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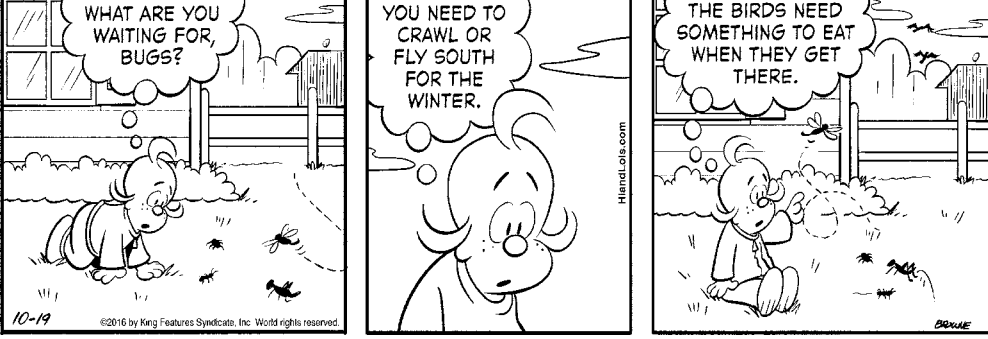
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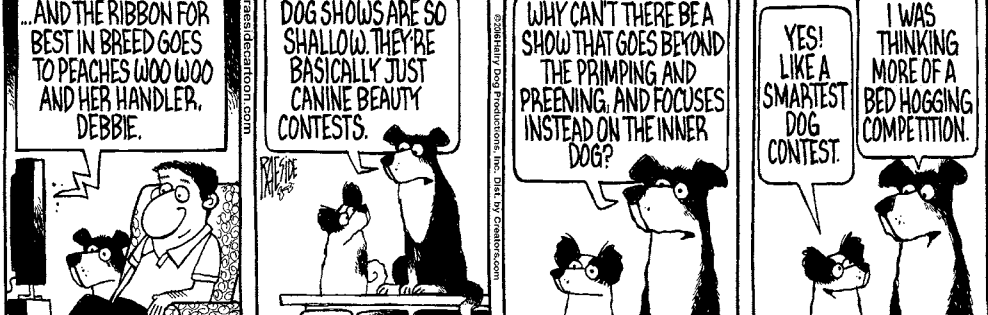
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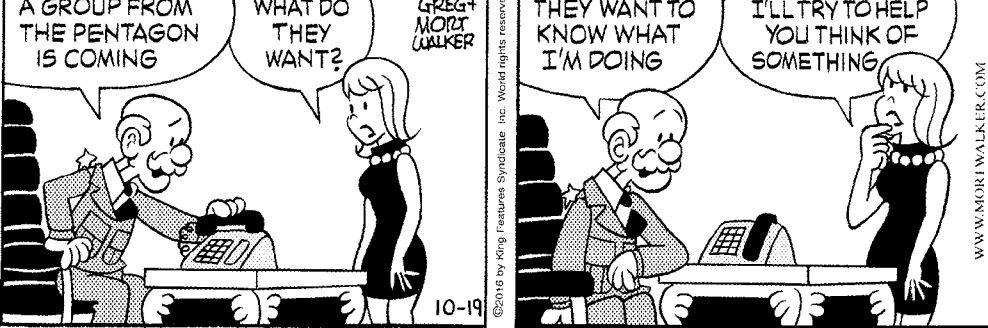
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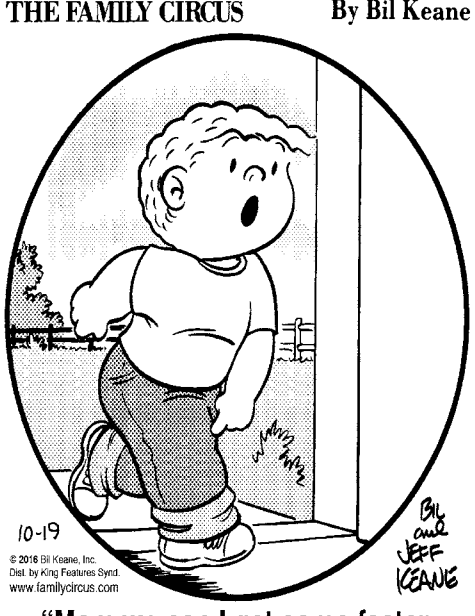
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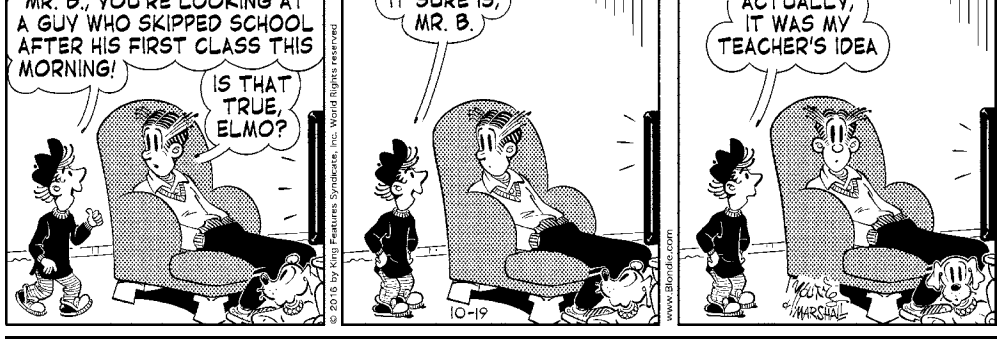
"Mommy, can I get some faster sneakers? These go too slow."

By Bil Keane

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 19, the 293rd day of 2016. There are 73 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 19, 1216, John, King of England, died, more than a year after affixing his royal seal to Magna Carta ("The Great Charter").

On this date: In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, adopted a declaration of rights and liberties which the British Parliament ignored.

In 1781, British troops under Gen. Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, as the American Revolution neared its end.

In 1789, John Jay was sworn in as the first Chief Justice of the United States.

In 1864, Confederate Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early's soldiers attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Virginia; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.

In 1914, the U.S. Post Office began delivering mail with government-owned cars, as opposed to using contracted vehicles. The First Battle of Ypres (EE'-pruh) began during World War I.

In 1936, H.R. Ekins of the

New York World-Telegram beat out Dorothy Kilgallen of the New York Journal and Leo Kieran of The New York Times in a round-the-world race on commercial flights that lasted 18 1/2 days.

In 1944, the U.S. Navy began accepting black women into WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). The play "I Remember Mama" by John Van Druten opened at the Music Box Theater on Broadway.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman signed an act formally ending the state of war with Germany.

In 1960, the United States began a limited embargo against Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.

In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value, to close at 1,738.74.

In 1994, 22 people were killed as a terrorist bomb shattered a bus in the heart of Tel Aviv's shopping district. Entertainer Martha Raye died in Los Angeles at age 78.

Ten years ago: Gunmen ambushed a car carrying Afghan civilians working for a U.S. military base in Afghanistan, killing eight of

them execution-style. The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 12,000 for the first time, ending at 12,011.73. The St. Louis Cardinals won the NL pennant, beating the New York Mets 3-1 in Game 7 of their championship series. Actress Phyllis Kirk died in Los Angeles at age 79.

Five years ago: Authorities in the Zanesville, Ohio, area started wrapping up their hunt for wild animals unleashed by a private farm owner who'd taken his own life; sheriff's deputies shot and killed a total of 48 animals. In Greece, hundreds of youths smashed and looted stores in central Athens and clashed with riot police during a massive anti-government rally against painful new austerity measures. The St. Louis Cardinals won Game 1 of the World Series, defeating the Texas Rangers 3-2.

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- ACROSS**

1 Nautical "Halt!"

6 Bring blushes to

11 Hotshot pilot

14 Instrument of India

15 A la __ menu

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17 *Whirly Olympic event

19 Hotshot celebrity, for short

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21 Lamentation

23 Rude bus rider

27 Mary who wrote *Frankenstein*

28 Necessitate

29 __ acid (vinegar component)

30 Leaves port

31 Maze marking

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35 Horse's dad

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37 French author Émile

38 Goof up

39 Young puppy

40 Sing "Deck the Halls"

41 Imaginary

43 Kids' pellet dispensers

44 Understand speaking without hearing

46 Antarctic water

47 Flung skyward

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56 Supposed sixth sense
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58 Hockey great Gretzky

59 Air-leak sound

60 Coax forth

61 Pay out
- DOWN**

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5 Rack for roses

6 Cast member

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9 Instruction to a cabbie

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11 *Noisy Verdi piece

12 Michael of *Interstellar*

13 Containing nothing

18 Stagger

22 *Arabian Nights* name

23 Reverend Jackson

24 Walking __ (blissful)

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26 Bit of folklore

27 Head covering

29 Oceanic ring

31 In its __ (replacing it)

33 Unaccompanied

34 Spicy dip

36 Snugly contained

37 Turns sharply

39 Grapple in a ring

40 *60 Minutes* producer

42 FDR-era agency

43 Big help

44 Minstrels' instruments

45 Bridge non-bid

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52 Grammy category since 1989

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54 __ Arbor, MI

55 With 53 Down, late-night flight

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Hill outpitches Arrieta; Dodgers beat Cubs 6-0 for NLCS lead

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Rich Hill never strayed from his mindset of pitching in the moment, even when he was far from the major leagues playing independent ball with the Long Island Ducks.

Convinced there would be another opportunity to get back to the big leagues, he focused on executing pitches without worrying about his current circumstances.

Fourteen months later, Hill allowed two hits over six innings to beat Cy Young Award winner Jake Arrieta and the Chicago Cubs 6-0 Tuesday, giving the Los Angeles Dodgers a 2-1 NL Championship Series lead.

“It’s the biggest game of my career,” Hill said. “It’s just putting in the work, putting in the time, having a routine, persevere, all those things that you can say to sum up some kind of endurance or resiliency. For me, that’s all I’ve ever known is just work.”

Rookie Corey Seager had three hits, including a go-ahead single in the third, and Yasmani Grandal hit a two-run homer in the fourth.

After winning a big league-high 103 games during the regular season and sparking belief they could win the World Series for the first time since 1908, the Cubs have been shut out in consecutive games for the first time since May 2014, managing just six hits — five of them singles. Their 18 straight scoreless innings mark the longest postseason drought in franchise history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

“More than anything, I think we need to get a couple runs and hits and runs early to try to get that kind



AP Photo/David J. Phillip

Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Rich Hill throws during the first inning of Game 3 of the National League baseball championship series against the Chicago Cubs Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016, in Los Angeles.

of feeling back,” Cubs manager Joe Maddon said, “because, obviously, when you’re not scoring any runs, it makes it even more difficult in the dugout.”

Hill, who made two starts in the independent Atlantic League in August 2015 before signing a minor league deal with Boston, struck out six and walked two. Joe Blanton, Grant Dayton and Kenley Jansen finished. Playing their 200th postseason game, the Dodgers posted consecutive shutouts for the first time.

Julio Urias starts Game 4 for the Dodgers on Wednesday and at 20 years, 68 days will become the youngest starting pitcher in postseason history. John Lackey starts for the Cubs.

“He’s not scared of the moment,” Seager said of Urias. “He’s not scared of anything.”

Hill was acquired from Oakland along with Josh Reddick at the Aug. 1 trade deadline. The 36-year-old left-hander struggled with a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand that landed him on the disabled list from

mid-July to late August. The blister still bothered him in the final weeks of the regular season, and Dodgers manager Dave Roberts pulled him after seven perfect innings against Miami on Sept. 10, saying the team had to keep its focus on bigger goals in October.

Hill was strong from the start against one of his former teams, retiring the side to open the game and later eight in a row. He’s given up one run in 23 innings over four home starts for the Dodgers, lowering his ERA to 0.39.

“When he’s got that attitude out there, you can tell,” Dodgers first baseman Adrian Gonzalez said. “That’s when you know he’s rolling, that his pitches are working, and he’s doing what he wants to do out there.”

Seager’s go-ahead single ended an 0-for-15 slide with runners in scoring position in postseason play.

Grandal was 0 for 5 with three strikeouts against Arrieta in his career before he launched a 3-2 pitch into the right-field pavilion in the fourth for a 3-0 lead. Grandal drove in Reddick, who singled and stole second and third.

“He’s been so good for the last couple years just because he doesn’t give in,” Grandal said of Arrieta. “He still made a really good pitch down in the zone. I was just lucky to put a swing on it and hit it out.”

Justin Turner homered on the first pitch leading off the sixth to chase Arrieta, who gave up four runs and six hits in five innings. He dominated the Dodgers in his previous two starts against them, including a no-hitter at Dodger Stadium on Aug. 30, 2015. Los Angeles had gone 2 for 51 against him in two games.

JAYS

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League ERA champion, allowed a run and two hits in six innings, and the bullpen finished with three perfect innings.

Kluber was starting on three days’ rest for the first time in his career.

“I felt fine. I don’t think it physically affected me. I made a mistake to Donaldson,” Kluber said. “We’re one win away from the World Series and that’s what we’re focused on.”

Kluber hadn’t allowed a run in either of his first two starts this postseason. Donaldson, the reigning AL MVP and sporting a still freshly shaved face, opened the scoring with his first

home run of these playoffs.

The wild-card Blue Jays made it 2-0 in the fourth when Ezequiel Carrera’s blooper fell between three Cleveland fielders in left-center for an RBI single.

Roberto Perez hit an RBI double in the fifth off Sanchez. Carlos Santana’s two-out grounder to the left side might have had a chance to score him, but Donaldson made the play to his left, then popped up and danced off the field with a bit of a fist pump.

“I was locked in,” Donaldson said. “It helps when you have a guy like Sanchez in the zone, where you can really focus in on a certain area of the strike zone. And I was able to get a really good read off the bat, and I was fortunate enough to be able

to make the play.”

The Indians didn’t have another baserunner after that. Brett Cecil, Jason Grilli and Roberto Osuna pitched an inning each in relief for Toronto.

Taking no chances, Gibbons brought in Osuna, his closer, in a non-save situation to finish off Cleveland.

The Indians were trying to become the third team to sweep a Division Series and Championship Series in the same postseason. The 2007 Colorado Rockies and 2014 Kansas City Royals both did it.

Cleveland had won nine in a row, including three straight over Boston in the ALDS.

The Indians had a chance to take the lead in the third when Tyler Naquin hit a leadoff double and went to third

on a sacrifice. Sanchez retired Santana on a soft grounder with the infield in, and then Jason Kipnis also grounded out.

Kluber was pulled after 89 pitches. He allowed two runs and four hits in five innings.

The Blue Jays added two more runs in the seventh after a throwing error by reliever Bryan Shaw. Edwin Encarnacion came up with the bases loaded and the crowd chanting “Eddie” — and his hard grounder skipped off the mound and into center field for a two-run single to make it 4-1.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Trevor Bauer’s finger injury put more pressure on Kluber to come back for Game 4 and a possible Game 7 on short rest. Bauer cut his right pinkie on a drone

and had to be pulled in the first inning Monday after he started bleeding.

“I had to witness everything he had to go through to try and go out there and pitch last night,” pitching coach Mickey Callaway said before Tuesday’s game. “Not too many people would have done that. He’s been wonderful. He’s obviously grown over the years because he wanted to.”

UP NEXT

Indians: The 24-year-

old Merritt made his lone big league start on Sept. 30, when the left-hander held Kansas City to a run and three hits in five innings.

“If you told me on the first day of the season I would be pitching in the ALCS I might have thought you were crazy,” Merritt said. “To get this opportunity is awesome. It feels good.”

Blue Jays: Estrada allowed two runs in eight innings in Game 1 against Cleveland.

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