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## Reliever route ahead of schedule

*TxDOT: Southern leg should be done by next summer*

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Beginning Monday, a portion of South Wasson Road will be closed to traffic for a week as construction crews begin re-grading and applying overlay from Dogwood Street to Rockhouse Road.

According to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) officials, the work will lower the road in this area in order to meet the clearance height for the new overpass being constructed for the Highway 87 Truck Reliever Route.

Construction of the reliever route, a four-lane divided highway skirting around the west side of Big Spring, is far ahead of schedule with an estimated completion date of summer 2016, TxDOT officials said. Originally, the \$44.8 million project was projected to be complete by early 2017. Completion of the \$18.4 million Interchange, which will allow traffic from Highway 87 to access Interstate 20, also is expected about the same time as the reliever route.

In the next month, work on the Highway 33 overpass is expected to begin. In order to facilitate the construction, TxDOT will divert traffic off the main road of Highway 87 by the construction site. Northbound traffic will be diverted to a service road while traffic heading south will follow the Highway 87 flyby bridge before rejoining the main roads.

The flyby bridge, which is still under construction at this time, is expected to be open to traffic by mid- to late-August, TxDOT officials stated.

The southern route is just one part of a long-term goal to shift truck traffic from heading through downtown Big Spring to west of the city. Once the south route is complete, Tx-



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

**Traffic passes under an overpass bridge on South Wasson Road Thursday. The overpass is part of the southern leg of the Highway 87 reliever route, which will connect traffic from Interstate 20 west of Big Spring to South 87.**

DOT plans to initiate the bidding process for the northern portion of the reliever route.

This work could begin as early as 2017.

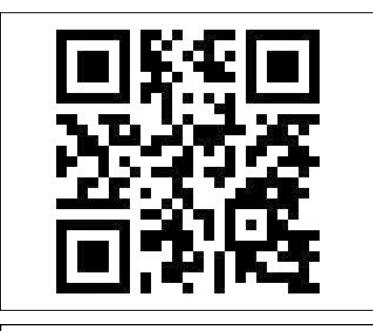
Traffic along Highway 87 is expected to grow in the next several decades as trade increases between Mexico, the United States and Canada. Highway 87 is part of the Ports-to-Plains corridor, an overland

trade route reaching from Laredo, Texas, through West Texas to the mid-west United States and on to Canada.

Envisioned almost 30 years ago, funding for the reliever route project seemed elusive until 2011 when the Texas Legislature authorized TxDOT to contract approximately \$3 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvements. That

approval came after the passage of Proposition 12 by the Texas voters. However, the Big Spring project would not have been possible without donation of road improvement funds by several communities in other TxDOT districts.

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



## Police: Theater gunman was 'drifter' who planned to escape

By **MELINDA DESLATTÉ**  
Associated Press

LAFAYETTE, La. — The movie theater gunman who stood up about 20 minutes into the showing of "Trainwreck" and began firing into the crowd, killing two people, was described as a drifter from Alabama whose escape plan was thwarted by police officers who arrived almost immediately, authorities said Friday. The gunman killed himself.

Nine people were wounded in the attack Thursday night. The gunman, identified as 59-year-old John Russel Houser, fired at least 13 times from a handgun, police said. He had parked his car by the theater's exit door and initially tried to escape by blending into the fleeing crowd, but turned back when he saw police heading inside from the parking lot, authorities said. Officers tailing him back into the theater then heard a single gunshot and found him dead inside, police said.

"It is apparent that he was intent on shooting and then escaping," Lafayette Police Chief Jim Craft said.

Authorities did not release a motive. They said Houser had been in the Lafayette area since early July, staying at a motel where they found disguises, including

glasses and wigs. His 1995 blue Lincoln Continental had a license plate on it that didn't match the car.

Police said the gunman was by himself and started the rampage by shooting the two people sitting in front of him. The victims were identified as 33-year-old Jillian Johnson and 21-year-old Mayci Breaux.

At least one theatergoer described the attack, saying an older man stood up about 20 minutes into the 7:10 p.m. showing of "Trainwreck" at the Grand 16 theater in Lafayette and began shooting.

"We heard a loud pop we thought was a firecracker," Katie Domingue told The Advertiser.

"He wasn't saying anything. I didn't hear anybody screaming either," said Domingue, who added that she heard about six shots before she and her fiancé ran to the nearest exit, leaving behind her shoes and purse.

Stories of heroism emerged with presidential hopeful Gov. Bobby Jindal, who traveled to the scene within hours of the shooting, telling reporters that a teacher who was in the theater jumped in front of a second teacher, taking a bullet for her.

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## BSPD now on Facebook

Herald Staff Report

It's now easier to "like" your local police department.

Big Spring Police Department officials announced Thursday the launch of the department's Facebook page, the purpose of which goes beyond simply increasing BSPD's presence on the internet.

"The department recognizes the invaluable benefit and outreach that Facebook can provide," a department news release said. "The Facebook page can be used to share important departmental information, safety and traffic alerts, emergency alerts and, in addition, provide helpful crime-prevention tips to citizens."

Officials see the new venture as a way to increase engagement with the community.

"We know that we can't do our jobs effectively without the support of our community," the release stated. "By becoming more active in social media, we hope to increase the ability to share accurate information

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## Obituaries

### Shirley Jean Neitzel



Shirley Jean Neitzel, 67, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 18, 2015, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 25, 2015, at the First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Bill Ivins, pastor, officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service in Garrett Hall at the church.

She was born March 17, 1948, in Wessington Springs, S.D. Shirley loved children, especially teaching them to read. She taught first grade for 29 years, retiring in 2003 to take care of her grandson, Bryden. From 2005 to May 2014, she worked for Children's Day Out at First United Methodist Church.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church and was an active member of the Pathfinders Sunday School Class.

Survivors include one daughter, Kristi Fontana

and husband, Brian of Big Spring; one son, Scott Neitzel of San Antonio; two brothers, Marlin Kruse and wife, Gwen of Oceanview, N.J. and Paul Kruse and wife, Julie of New Ulm, Minn.; three sisters, Roxanne Brunsen of Mitchell, S.D., Dorcas Samman of Inkster, Mich. and Randee Beigh and husband, Gary of Woonsocket, S.D.; one sister-in-law, Linda Kruse of Huron, S.D.; two grandchildren, Bryden Fontana and Pailee Fontana, both of Big Spring; her beloved pets; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert Louis and Gladys A. Fritz Kruse; one sister, June Godfrey; and one brother, Keith Kruse.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church, Children's Day Out, 400 S. Scurry St., Big Spring, Texas, or to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

### James I. Moore Sr.



James I. Moore Sr., 80, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 23, 2015, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2015, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

He was born March 4, 1935 in Hamlin, Texas and married Margaret Ann Pierce May 28, 1955, in Spur, Texas. She preceded him in death April 2, 2000. He then married Evelyn Fox

April 11, 2007.

He worked for the Martin County Road and Bridge Department from 1982 until retiring in 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of Big Spring; a son, James "Buttons" Moore Jr. of Andrews; two step-daughters, Regina Phillips of Lamesa and Tricia Vess of Big Spring; two sisters, Dean Baker of Midway and Floy Faye Lloyd of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

James is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Vivian Sylvester McIntosh Moore; and a brother, Freddie Joe Moore.

Services are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

## Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Thursday:

- DAVID RIOS, 9, of 711 Creighton St. was arrested on charges of fleeing or attempting to elude police officer and driving while license suspended/invalid.

- JOHN FRANCIS FISHER JR., 27, of 1722 Purdue was arrested on warrants for expired registration, two counts of fail to appear, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and drove without being secured by safety belt.

- EDDIE ALVARADO, 19, of 301 N.W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. was arrested on a warrant for graffiti - worship/burial/public/monument/school.

- JASON SCOTT WILLIAMS, 35, of 2405 S. Main St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.

- BENIGNO DERAS-LUNA, 58, of 4228 Flanders St. Denver, Co. was arrested on warrants for no inspection certificate and loose material not removed-loaded vehicle.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of S. Aylesford St. and the 1000 block of N. Nolan St.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3400 W. Hwy 80

and the 1500 block of S. Johnson St.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of Jeffery Rd.

- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of E. FM 700.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 900 block of E. 16<sup>th</sup> St.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80 and the 2700 block of S. Gregg St.

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of S. Gregg St. and the 2600 block of Ent Dr.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- GUADALUPE SALVADOR DIOSDADD, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for capias/fail to control speed.

- SAUNDRA JO GARRARD, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for ride not secured by safety belt and charges of fail to identify as a fugitive with intent to give false/fictitious information, possession of a dangerous drug, possession of a danger-

- ous drug, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- MORGAN BINDY HORTON, 26, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

- MELISSA ANN PUGA, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.

- AMBER RENEE RAMIREZ, 31, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for fail to appear - possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and three counts of parent contributing to non-attendance.

- DAVID RIOS, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of fleeing police officer and driving while license invalid with previous convictions.

- EDDIE JOE ALVARADO JR., 19, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for graffiti - worship/burial/public/monument/school and littering.

- MANUEL REY CHAVARRIA, 32, was booked by the HCSO on charges of violate promise to appear and warrants for fail to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and defective stop lamp.

- ous drug, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- RACHEL ECHEVERRY, 40, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.

- JOHN FRANCIS FISHER JR., 27, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for expired registration, two counts of violate promise to appear, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and no seat belt - driver.

- JANA E VERNELL GREEN, 21, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for no driver's license.

- JOHN MANUEL RIOS, 49, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for sentencing for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- JASON WILLIAMS, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for duty on striking fixture/highway landscape.

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

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2000 block of Main St. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg St. No transport.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Hwy 87. No transport.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Lancaster St. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3000 block of 11<sup>th</sup>. One person was transported to SMMC.

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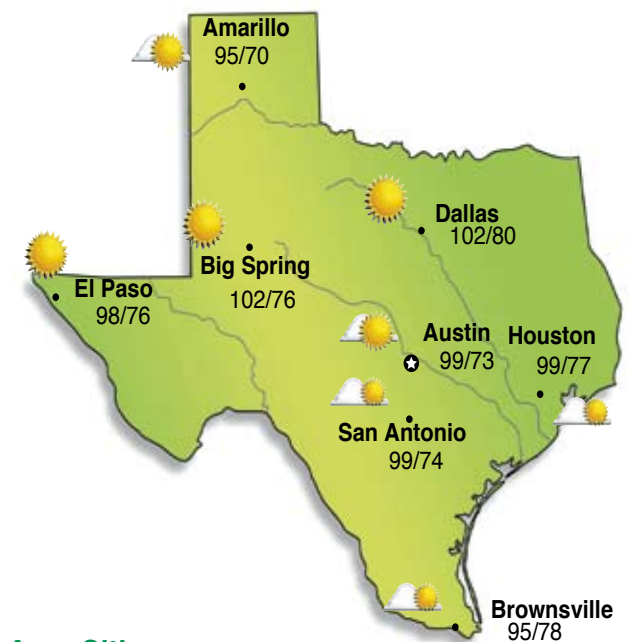
### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 7/25	Sun 7/26	Mon 7/27	Tue 7/28	Wed 7/29
102/76 Sunny skies. High 102F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.	102/77 Sunny. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the upper 70s.	103/77 Mainly sunny. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the upper 70s.	103/77 Abundant sunshine. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the upper 70s.	102/76 Mainly sunny. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:49 PM	Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM	Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM

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### Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	99	76	sunny	Kingsville	98	76	mst sunny
Amarillo	95	70	mst sunny	Livingston	99	75	pt sunny
Austin	99	73	mst sunny	Longview	99	76	sunny
Beaumont	97	74	pt sunny	Lubbock	97	74	sunny
Brownsville	95	78	pt sunny	Lufkin	99	75	pt sunny
Brownwood	99	74	sunny	Midland	102	76	sunny
Corpus Christi	94	79	pt sunny	Raymondville	99	78	sunny
Corsicana	99	76	sunny	Rosenberg	99	75	pt sunny
Dallas	102	80	sunny	San Antonio	99	74	pt sunny
Del Rio	99	77	pt sunny	San Marcos	99	74	pt sunny
El Paso	98	76	sunny	Sulphur Springs	99	77	sunny
Fort Stockton	99	74	sunny	Sweetwater	99	75	sunny
Gainesville	99	75	sunny	Tyler	99	77	sunny
Greenville	99	76	sunny	Weatherford	101	76	sunny
Houston	99	77	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	99	76	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	90	70	pt sunny	Minneapolis	90	64	t-storm
Boston	77	63	cloudy	New York	86	69	mst sunny
Chicago	86	69	mst sunny	Phoenix	101	76	cloudy
Dallas	102	80	sunny	San Francisco	69	58	pt sunny
Denver	90	61	cloudy	Seattle	71	58	pt sunny
Houston	99	77	pt sunny	St. Louis	90	74	mst sunny
Los Angeles	83	66	pt sunny	Washington, DC	90	70	sunny
Miami	92	78	t-storm				

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## Support Groups

**SATURDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.  
Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
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**Take note**

• The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services is looking for caring foster and adoptive families in your area. To learn more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent through our agency, we will be having an information meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Spring Creek Fellowship Church, 501 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring in the College Park Shopping Center. There will be child placement agencies there to answer any questions. For more information, call Art Mavrode at 325-276-0015

• Heroes Action Show will be at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday. Performances will be at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Heroes Action Show is a live action show put on by Bridges & Touchstone Entertainment LLC featuring many of your favorite heroes portrayed by champion martial artists. In addition to our live shows, we promote our bullying and suicide awareness and prevention program. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 the day of the performance. For more ticket information, go online at [www.heroesactionshow.ticketleap.com](http://www.heroesactionshow.ticketleap.com)

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

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids-Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. For more information call, Muffet Bomar 432-935-3998 or Peggy Hopper 214-773-6775. Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Food2Kids](http://www.facebook.com/Food2Kids)

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

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

sawtx.org.

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

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

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a

great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

• The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano. To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145.

w, e-mailing Kiley at [dkiley@howardcollege.edu](mailto:dkiley@howardcollege.edu) or e-mailing Wills at [ewills@howardcollege.edu](mailto:ewills@howardcollege.edu).

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

**GUNMAN**

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The second teacher then managed to pull a fire alarm to alert other moviegoers, he said.

"Her friend literally jumped over her and, by her account, actually saved her life," Jindal said.

President Barack Obama was briefed on the shooting aboard Air Force One by Lisa Monaco, his homeland security adviser, while on his way to Africa for a two-nation visit, the White House said.

Obama asked his team to keep him updated on the investigation and the status of those

wounded. He also offered his thoughts and prayers to the community and to the families of those killed.

The shooting took place a week after the man who shot and killed 12 people at a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., was convicted and on the very day a jury was cruel enough to justify the death penalty. But jurors must first hear the defense's arguments for a life term before deciding whether he'll be sentenced to death.

Nine people ranging in age from their late teens to their late 60s were wounded, Craft said. At least one of those was in critical condition. Two were released from the hospital. The condition

of the others was not immediately known.

Houser had been arrested and ticketed for several offenses in the past, ranging from arson to selling alcohol to a minor to speeding, authorities said. In Alabama, records show Houser had four speeding tickets and one no-seatbelt ticket between 1981 and 2003. It's not clear where the arson allegedly occurred.

Alabama court records show Houser filed a small claims court lawsuit in 2004 claiming he was injured when he donated plasma at a Phenix City donation center. He asked for \$1,800 to pay his emergency room bill and for a narcotics prescription. The case was settled, according to court records.

He had been married once but did not currently have a wife. Police said they had talked to his family in Alabama but he appeared "seemingly estranged" from them.

"It just seems like he was kind of drifting along," Craft said. He had an uncle that once lived in Lafayette, but he died 35 years ago. "We don't know why he decided to stop and stay in Lafayette."

State police superintendent Col. Michael D. Edmonson said there were about 100 people inside the theater at the time of the shooting. Keys, shoes and purses were all left behind.

Early Friday, about a dozen law enforcement personnel were gathered at a Motel 6 in Lafayette, where Houser had been staying. A bomb squad swept the room before going in as a precaution.

At one point, an officer carried out a cardboard box from the room and other officers could be seen knocking on neighboring doors.

Edmonson added that police believe the gunman fired shots only at the theater and had not waged an attack anywhere else beforehand.

He said police saw something suspicious inside the shooter's car and that a bomb-sniffing dog "hit on three different locations" in the vehicle, "so out of an abundance of caution we brought in the bomb squad."

No explosives were found in the car or in the theater complex.

"Trainwreck" star Amy Schumer tweeted: "My heart is broken and all my thoughts and prayers are with every-

one in Louisiana." The comedy stars Schumer as a magazine writer who decides to live a life of promiscuity after her father convinces her that monogamy isn't realistic, but in spite of her best efforts, finds herself falling in love with one of her interview subjects.

Gov. Jindal called the shooting "an awful night for Louisiana."

"What we can do now is we can pray," Jindal said. "We can hug these families. We can shower them with love, thoughts and prayers."

Lafayette is about 60 miles west of the state capital of Baton Rouge. Outside the movie theater complex hours after the shooting, a couple of dozen police cars were still at the scene, which authorities had cordoned off with police tape as onlookers took photos with their cell phones.

A small group of theater employees stood outside the police perimeter. A man who identified himself as a general manager declined to be interviewed: "We would appreciate it if you could give us some space," he said.

Landry Gbery (pronounced Berry), 26, of Lafayette, was watch-

ing a different movie, "Self/less" at the time of the shooting when the lights came up and a voice over the intercom told everyone there was an emergency and they needed to leave.

Gbery said he never heard gunshots, and assumed the emergency was a fire until he got outside and saw a woman lying on the ground.

"I was really anxious for everybody at that point," Gbery said. "Fortunately I was lucky. I took the right exit."

Tanya Clark was at the concession stand in the lobby when she saw people screaming and running past her. She said she immediately grabbed her 5-year-old daughter and ran.

"In that moment, you don't think about anything," Clark, 36, told The New York Times. "That's when you realize that your wallet and phone are not important."

**BSPD**

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with our community members and create a platform for two-way communication that is convenient to our citizens."

BSPD has three employees who will be responsible for posting and monitoring of the Facebook page, "though the page will not be monitored 24/7, due to other assignments the personnel are tasked with," the release added.

The new venture is not intended to replace the Big Spring Police

Department/Howard County Sheriff's Office Crime Stoppers Facebook page, nor is it intended to be utilized for crime reporting or tips relating to crimes, officials stressed.

"For reporting any crimes please call the Howard County Detention Dispatch Center at (432)264-2244 or (432)264-2550, or, in case of emergency, call 911," the news release stated. "The department is excited to open the new communication avenue and hope that the information we provide will be helpful to the community and citizens we serve."

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

Amen

# America, we've been Trumped

I can't get over the suspicion we will all wake up one day and discover that Donald Trump was nothing more than a collective bad dream.

Personally, I have a hard time taking the guy seriously and still hold on to the hope that sometime in the near future, he will admit he's been pulling one over on us this whole time. Anybody who's a billionaire has to have a goodly amount of smarts, but nobody with those kind of smarts would say some of the stupid stuff The Donald has uttered.

Surely, some day soon, he will be in mid-speech when he'll stop, look around at his audience with a grin and say, "Sorry, I can't keep this up. I have a confession — this entire 'campaign' of mine has been nothing more than the plot for a new reality series I'm pitching to the networks. Think about it: After years of telling people they're fired, how much fun would it be to watch the entire country fire me?"

Surely, that's it, right? Donald's putting our collective leg. That has to be it. If he's not giggling us, that means ... he means everything he's been saying.

Gulp. If Trump is a serious presidential candidate — and, mind you, I'm still reserving judgment on that — he really is going about things the wrong way.

Insult comedians I've heard about, but Trump may be the first insult politician I've ever seen.

And insult is the only thing Trump has done since he announced his candidacy. He's insulted Mexicans, prisoners of war and basically everybody else who calls him on his nonsense. At this rate, he'll run out of people to insult within a week or two.

Don't get me wrong ... I love a



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witty barb just as much as the next guy, but I don't want Don Rickles to be our next president — I want a statesman. Trump may be many things, but a statesman he ain't. Think about it: do you want a short-tempered egomaniac with his finger hovering above the nuclear button?

Presidents have a tough job. I wouldn't want it, and I don't know anybody who would. Among the many things we expect of our chief executive, one of the least is that he or she show the ability to think before speaking. That should be a starting-line qualification — if you can't do that, don't even bother running for office.

Using that standard, Trump is automatically disqualified. For whatever reason, he wasn't paying attention when his elders gave him the "if you can't say something nice, say nothing" spiel.

The natural inhibition against saying whatever zips through your mind — which is a good thing, mind you — is missing in The Donald.

This makes for some good sound bites — which folks in my profession love more than kinfolk — but bad presidents.

I get why he appeals to some folks. The world is getting extremely complicated and many

of us long for the day when things were simpler. And Trump gives them what they want — simple solutions to complex problems. Illegal immigration a problem? Fine, we'll just build a big, ol' wall and keep those rapin', drug-pushin' furriners out. Never mind that folks will just go over, around or under the wall once it's built; that'll be a problem for another day.

As far as what else Trump stands for, I have to admit I'm at a bit of a loss. I browsed through his campaign website to discover his stand on issues, but that information was spotty at best.

It does mention his support for veterans — the ones he's not insulting, I suppose — and there is his support for the previously mentioned wall between us and Mexico. He also claims to have a plan to defeat ISIS, although he's not telling anybody just what that plan is (I guess he doesn't want to spoil the surprise).

Basically, the main point he makes is that the country is in a big, old mess and he's going to fix it.

Complex problems, simple solutions, vote for Trump.

OK, I'll confess there's not many presidential candidates out there just burying us in details on how they're going to fix the problems facing this country, but Trump's campaign strikes me as little more than a massive ego massage on his part.

That is, if he's really serious. Surely, it's all a joke.

C'mon, Donald, you big kidder, fess up.

Tell us you've just been having a laugh over this whole "candidate" thing. Say you've been bored making your billions and just wanted to see how much mileage you could get out of this gag.

We'll all have a big laugh and go back to watching you fire people on TV.

Donald Trump as president — that's rich.

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## Sensitivity over at Gawker

The truth will make you free, the more horrible the better. And the more humiliating the truth the richer you get — certainly if you're Nick Denton, founder of the gossip-mongering website Gawker.

But that was Phase One.

Denton recently pulled an item about a married media executive's allegedly seeking the services of a gay porn star, after about a half-million people saw it. He and other moguls in the nastier corners of the Internet are noting that though hits on such stories may reach stratospheric levels, advertisers don't want to get within smelling distance of the reportage.

Let's turn this discussion to members of Gawker's editorial staff. Several quit over not being consulted on the decision to take the story down.

Summoning the most noble of mainstream media explanations, Denton said the move was an "editorial call." In a statement, the unhappy writers and editors said they wanted to protect the site's editorial independence from the influence of "business-side concerns."

Children, CHILDREN! Were you laboring under the impression that you weren't working for the Man? Just because your CEO wears T-shirts, spouts liberal causes and says the F-word a lot doesn't mean you're not gerbils running all day on the digital wheel.

Wall Street has valued the Gawker Media empire at about \$250 million, yet you felt the

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need to unionize for such basic perks as consistent salaries. You were being paid for the number of hits. That's piecemeal, guys, like in the old garment industry sweatshops.

Much has been written about Gawker's cool "headquarters" office in Manhattan. Actually, Gawker Media is incorporated in the Cayman Islands, where its corporate privacy is well-protected and U.S. tax collectors are kept at bay.

Let's now look at Gawker Media's current business.

You will note that Denton's larger concern is not the hurt feelings of its content providers. It's the money, guys.

The Wall Street Journal reports that in June, Gawker saw a 13 percent drop in the number of unique visitors.

The competition is growing, and perhaps audiences are being numbed into indifference by the flood of flamboyant gossip.

Meanwhile, Hulk Hogan is suing Gawker for posting a video of the wrestler having sex with someone else's wife. The wronged spouse is Hogan's friend, a shock jock going under the name of Bubba the Love Sponge. (In this world, humiliation is something one inflicts unto others.)

Anyhow, Hogan's lawyers are asking for \$100 million, and if they were to get even a small part of it, Denton would be in trouble.

He might be forced to sell the company or surrender much of his equity to others.

Outside investors are now keeping their distance until the Hogan case is resolved, the Journal reports.

It's one thing for a liberal site such as Gawker to mortify an entertainer in professional wrestling — home of casual homophobic slurs — and quite another to out a gay man of high social status. In this case, the victim was media giant Conde Nast's chief financial officer — a husband, father of three and brother of former Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

That puts Gawker at risk of losing the few powerful friends it has left. Journalist/gay advocate Glenn Greenwald recently hyperventilated over the injustice of exposing a closeted gay man to ridicule. To Greenwald, this was not acceptable behavior like outing classified information tied to national security.

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# Did You Ever Wonder: Jacob's burial

Joseph had Jacob's body embalmed. It is hard to understand the reason. Embalming was part of an Egyptian idolatrous belief about meeting their gods in their hereafter. Embalming was definitely against Hebrew beliefs. The Hebrews believed that at death the soul rises to God and the body should be returned to the dust from which it was formed as quickly as possible.

Pharaoh ordered the traditional Egyptian 70-day mourning period for Jacob, and the whole nation mourned. This was probably because of Pharaoh's friendship with Jacob and because Joseph held such a high position in Egypt. But there may also have been personal grieving by the



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Egyptians. God had blessed them because of Jacob's presence in Egypt.

Joseph asked Pharaoh for permission to go to Canaan to bury his father. And his brothers and their families would go up with him.

Pharaoh sent with him all of Pharaoh's household servants and ministers. He also sent many horses and chariots, showing much pomp and ceremony. They gathered on the east side of the Jordan and held a seven-day mourning.

This was in Edom, the land of Esau. The size of this gathering made the people of Edom fear that an army had invaded. However, these men were dressed in royal garments. They also saw Joseph's crown placed on the bier to show homage to his father.

Probably they sent spies into the camp and found that the mourning was for Jacob, who was Esau's brother. Stories have it that Esau and his family also joined the mourning and placed their crowns on the bier.

Esau and his family accompanied Jacob's sons to the Cave of Machpelah in Hebron. Once there, Esau challenged Jacob's right to be buried in the burial cave of the Patriarchs. Esau was the firstborn, even though he was estranged from their father.

The way to dispel Esau's claim was to prove that the deed to Machpelah was in Jacob's possession. But the deed had been left in Goshen in Egypt. Jacob's son, Naftali, was known for his speed as a runner; he ran back to Egypt to fetch the deed.

Tensions must have run high during the long delay while Naftali made the run to Egypt. Cushim, a son of Dan, was deaf. He could not hear the conversation; he could only judge by people's actions and expressions on their faces.

When he understood, he swung a club at Esau so hard that it severed Esau's head from his body. The head rolled inside the cave and landed at the feet of Jacob.

Naftali arrived with the deed, which satisfied Esau's sons that the right belonged to Jacob. However, the head rolling into the cave seemed to be an ominous sign, so it was left there.

Scholars have studied the significance of these events. They reasoned that when Esau studied Torah as a young man, it was only a mental exercise for him. He never believed or internalized the information and teaching that he read. Therefore his head could enter the burial cave of the Patriarchs, but not his body, which had followed the ways of the world...Do you see this happening in our world today?

*Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.*

## Church News

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary at St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Goliad Streets. Bible study is held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Evening prayer begins at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel. For more information visit [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org).

Applications for EFM - Education for Ministry program, a four-year study and group reflection process for information of Christian ministry through the development of knowledge, attitude, skill and identity as Christians, are now being accepted. The course cost is \$350 a year and includes all books and materials. The program is sponsored by The University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. For more information, call Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

### Family Faith Center

FFC's celebration speaker this month is Dr. Jerry Savelle. He and his wife, Carolyn, are founding pastors of Heritage of Faith Christian Center in Crowley, Texas. Dr. Savelle is the author of more than 40 books including "If Satan Can't Steal Your Joy He Can't Keep Your Goods" and "Called to Battle, Destined to Win."

Dr. Savelle was just an average man who was struggling in life and considered himself of no importance before he became a believer and God told him not to worry because He had a plan and destiny for his life. God taught him how to stand on the word of God until he experienced victory and not quit until he did. God's faithfulness and Jerry's "no quit" attitude totally transformed his life.

God now uses Dr. Savelle to impact people who need the Lord as well as those who know the Lord but need practical application of the word of God to fulfill their dreams and destinies. Dr. Savelle teaches them from the word of God how the Lord can turn those who consider themselves nobodies into champions.

Since 1968 Dr. Savelle has traveled the world teaching people how to win in life. He has ministered in more than 3,000 churches in 26 nations and has overseas offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and Tanzania, Africa. He is the host of the Jerry Savelle Ministries television broadcast which airs in 200 countries worldwide.

The Lord took Dr. Savelle's joy of motorcycles and used it to found the Chariots of Light Christian Bikers Club. This is an evangelistic outreach of Jerry Savelle Ministries International and is an opportunity

for Christian bikers to come together and enjoy the fellowship of other bikers and make a difference in the lives of those around them.

Join us on Sunday 26 at 10:30 a.m. at 810 East 11th Place (across from Big Spring High School) as Dr. Savelle and members of the Chariots of Light join us in celebration of 15 years of ministry.

### Spring Creek Fellowship

It's almost time to move into our new home. Keep an eye out for more information about the date. There is still a little work to do but we are getting so close to officially moving in and want to share with you.

If you are a musician or singer and would be interested in being a part of our Worship Team, contact Clint Bratcher.

"Grief Share," a grief support group, meets Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information on "Grief Share," visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) or contact the office.

"Connection Groups" are meeting now on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. "Community Groups" meet Wednesday nights at various locations. Go to our website or call the church office for more information.

Weekly Happenings:  
Sunday  
9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. — Sunday School/Connection Groups  
10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. — "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.  
10:45 a.m. to noon — Worship Service

Tuesday  
noon to 2 p.m. — Prayer Team meets at Spring Town Plaza

Noon — Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza  
6 p.m. — Pain Management Group meets at church.

Friday  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. — Narcotics Anonymous meets at SCF.

Saturday  
7:30 a.m. — Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

10 a.m. — "Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please

contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas. (Across from Denny's). Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

### First Presbyterian Church — Big Spring

The regular Wednesday church activity is the following: 5:17 p.m., the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger.

The Stated Session Meeting was held Tuesday, July 21, in the library.

Tom Koger, speaking for the Service Committee, announced that Sunday is Noisy Offering day and asked members to bring their change and even some bills to help fund the work of this important arm of the body of Christ.

Lucy Odom said that the annual School Supply Drive of the Service Committee will take place July 26 and Aug. 2. The committee will be publishing a list of items for this effort.

Dianne Pippins is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. John Ferguson is Lector for the month. Ushers are Mark and Vickie McLean, Lucy and Pascal Odom.

The lectionary for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (or 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time) is 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Please note that our worship service

begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11 a.m.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: [www.fpchs.org](http://www.fpchs.org). On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

### Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship, worship, prayer and of course time in the word of God.

We are beginning decorations for our Back-To-School service. We are asking that if you or anyone you know has a letterman jacket that we can borrow for decorating we would greatly appreciate it. We will be receiving the jackets now, Sunday — Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Sr. Pastor's assistant and H.R. Director/New Member office. The last day to bring your jacket is noon Aug. 16. We also ask that when those are dropped off please bring a picture ID so that we can make a copy. We will have your jacket available for pick up after the

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# Let the word dwell in you

Most of us are blessed to have a home. They can be a variety of types and styles: house, apartment, condo, RV, etc. It doesn't matter what kind it is. What makes it a home is what you put into it. If you live in an apartment, there may be 10, 50, or 100 other units that look just like yours when they are empty, but you have filled yours with things that reflect you and your family.



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You have made it your home. Our homes are the places we dwell. Dictionary.com defines the word dwell as 1. to live or stay as a permanent resident, 2. to live or continue in a given condition or state, and 3. to linger over, emphasize, or ponder in thought, speech, or writing (often followed by on

or upon). There may be several places where you spend a significant amount of time. You might spend much of the day in an office or at a desk, but that is not your home. You might spend a lot of time in your vehicle for your job, but that is not your dwelling place.

In Colossians 3:16-17, the Apostle Paul writes, *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Paul tells Christians to let the word dwell in them. In other words, this does not happen all by itself. When you moved into your house or apartment, things did not just appear. Tables and chairs, couches and beds, and decorations did not magically materialize in your home. You had to

furnish them.

When someone obeys the gospel according to the New Testament pattern, they are not miraculously zapped so that they know everything. As followers of Jesus, we must allow His word to "move in."

This takes effort. You have to work at it. You must read and study the bible until it is no longer just trivial knowledge but a part of who you are. You must dwell in the Book so that the Book can dwell in you and furnish you completely.

Paul is specific in how we are to let the word dwell in us - richly. My wife and I married right out of high school so we were both leaving our parents' homes to start our own. That meant we did not have much of anything as far as home furnishings. So we started out with a hand-me-down couch, a garage sale table and chairs, and things like that.

I remember my two best friends got an apartment together and they

found one of those big wooden spools for large wire or cable, and that was their coffee table. We, and they, did not have much money to invest in furnishing our homes so they were not richly furnished, rather they were pretty poorly furnished. Thankfully, it does not matter how much money you have as a Christian! What matters is how much of yourself are you investing in God's word.

How much are you letting the word of Christ dwell in you?

The more time you spend in the word, the more it will transform your life. If you will submit yourself to Christ in faithful obedience and dig into His word, it will fill you up and furnish you to do God's will. And the more you know and understand, the more richly His word will dwell within you and make your heart its home.

*Greg Surles is the preacher of Birdwell Lane church of Christ.*

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"Back-To-School" Service the next day, Monday, Aug. 24.

- Saturday at noon. Our Single's Ministry will be having a "Picnic in the Park" followed by swimming at the Russ McEwen water park. Be sure to bring a sack lunch and the kids. At 4 p.m., our 50 and Up Ministry will be coming together at 2405 East 25th St (Faye and Steve Flowers home) for a "BBQ and Swim Party!" Be sure to bring a towel, swim suit and your favorite side dish. Then from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Our Marriage Ministry's "Family Picnic," we will be gathering on the top of the mountain for a time of family, fellowship, enjoyment and food. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish.

- Wednesday, 7 p.m. Join us for mid-week bible study. CCC offers classes for all ages. Also our, Chosen Generation, youth ministry meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Youth Sanctuary located in the down stairs portion of the east wing.

- Saturday, Aug. 22., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be gathering at the Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave, Coahoma, TX 79511, for our "Back-To-School" picnic. Be sure to bring the family and friends for a time of fellowship, fun and food. There will be plenty of games and activities.

- Sunday, Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. You are invited to join us for our "Back -To-School" service, as we celebrate the start of another blessed school year.

### First Church of the Nazarene

Looking to flock someone's yard with flamingos? Contact Josh or Melissa with the teen or visit our website or facebook for forms. Let the flocking begin!

You can also listen to any of our previous Sunday services by going to our webpage at nazfamily.org. Also, look for the service note on the YouVersion Bible app under live events.

We also invite you to come check out all the remodeling that has taken place. If you would like to help with donations please visit our website.

Sunday morning youth, adult and children's classes are held at 9 a.m. throughout the campus. Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Children's Church is at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall Sunday evening youth activities are Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday nights we have weekly prayer starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 am for a live broadcast of our service. We are located at 1400 Lancaster. Contact the church office at 432-267-7015.

### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Come praise our wonderful heavenly Father with us Sunday at 2 p.m. as we gather to worship. Pastor Jim Walterhouse continues to lead us on a journey through the book of Ecclesi-

astes as he brings the message. In this study of God's word, we are reminded of God's ever-present hand in the ups and downs of our lives. Sunday worship services meet inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700.

The next 'Friendly Friday's at Froyo's' will be July 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening schedule is suspended for the summer. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

### First Baptist Church

Join us as we gather in stillness before the Lord to worship and praise Him Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series titled "The Life of Christ: Start the Journey." Each message in this series invites us to explore Christ's identity, and how we should relate to Him as a follower. If you are unable to attend, you may watch the service through the live stream on our website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday School groups for all age groups and life stages meet throughout the building, and are a

great way to make friends and study the bible. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

Our Missional Community groups gather each Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in homes throughout the area. Call the church at 267-8223 or go to the website for details about meeting places; you do not have to be a church member to be part of a group. The Community groups come together for a light meal, pray for Big Spring and surrounding areas, and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Children going into first through going into seventh grade are invited to participate in our Summerama program which meets each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call the church at 267-8223 to register your child. Our Mother's Day Out program is also open the same schedule. Contact Tracy Boeker at the church to inquire about openings for your little ones. It's not too early to reserve a space in MDO for the fall term.

Thanks to all who participated and prayerfully supported our youth in their camp experience; a blessed time was had by all. All area teens are

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# Reflections: The master potter

A few miles north of Waco on the east banks of the Brazos River sits the Homestead Heritage, an agrarian community committed to preserving nineteenth century craftsmanship. The community offers shops where visitors can observe "artistry-in-action" complete with a pottery barn, blacksmith forge, grist mill and a carpentry shop. George and Laura Bush commissioned the Homestead to construct and furnish their house at the Crawford Ranch.



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Recently we took our grandchildren from Wyoming to the Homestead. When we visited the pottery shop, I marveled at the talent of those who

worked there. The artists applied water and shaped the clay spinning on the potter's wheel in front of them. With nimble fingers and just the right amount of pressure, they brought the clay to life and shaped it into the form they desired.

Pottery is an ancient art. For thousands of years the trade was passed down from generation to generation in cultures around the world. Communities developed around clay deposits in India, China and the Middle East. Archeologists continue to excavate pottery from the earliest sites of civilization.

Jeremiah must have marveled, as I did, when he visited a potter's house in ancient Jerusalem. When he watched the clay spin upon the wheel, he saw the potter's ability to change the shape of the clay in an instant. He sensed God speaking to him, "Can I not, O house of Israel,

deal with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand." (Jeremiah 18:6).

Isaiah made a similar observation. "Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay? That what is made would say to its maker, 'He did not make me,' or what is formed say to him who formed it, 'He has no understanding?'" (Isaiah 29:16).

God has made each of us unique. We are, each and every one of us, special in His sight. He never abandons us or gives up on us. Like the clay, we continue to be molded in His hands. With every pressure, whether success or failure, joy or sorrow. God is fashioning us for His purposes so that we can reflect His glory, bless others and be filled with joy. He wants us to love ourselves and one another just the way He made us.

This is what Paul meant when he said, "God causes all things to work together for good to those who love the Lord, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) All things work together for good when we realize the Master Potter is shaping us for His purposes on the earth.

He says, "For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'" (Isaiah 46:9-10).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).

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invited to 'Movie Day' Monday; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for information about this and upcoming events scheduled for the youth.

It's time to start gathering school supplies to be distributed through the Mission Center on Aug. 13. Supplies will also be given to incoming Howard College basketball players and girls' softball players. Cards with lists of needed items are available in the west foyer, and you may leave your donated supplies on the tables there.

Wednesday evening starts with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by activities for all ages. Go to [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org) for details. Join us Wednesday for meatloaf.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. You are always welcome at First Baptist Church.

### Birdwell Lane church of Christ

The church is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. On Sundays, bible study is 9 a.m. and worship is at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. On Wednesdays, a bible study and devotional is held at 7 p.m.

Don't forget our Vacation Bible School is Aug. 10-12, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This year's theme is How We Got the Bible. Classes for kindergarten through sixth grade are available. Also, an adult class will be held the auditorium.

### Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday our message is titled, "The Treasure Map," and comes from Psalm 118:9-16. Join us as we seek to uncover the treasure of God's Word.

This week we will begin a new study series on Sunday evenings called, "Heaven: Now and Then." This study will focus on what Heaven may be like as we enter it now, and what it will be like when Jesus returns.

All Wednesday youth activities are finished for the summer. CHAOS, GA's, RA's, and Mission friends will resume when school resumes in August. Normal Wednesday prayer meeting and bible study times will remain active.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

## House passes bill to prevent mandatory GMO labeling

WASHINGTON (AP) – Food companies would not have to disclose whether their products include genetically modified ingredients under legislation passed by the House Thursday.

The House bill is backed by the food industry, which has fought mandatory labeling efforts in several states around the country. The legislation, which passed 275-150, would prevent states from requiring package labels to indicate the presence of genetically modified organisms, or GMOs.

So far, Vermont is the only state set to require the labels. That law will take effect in July 2016 if it survives a legal challenge from the food industry. Maine and Connecticut have also passed laws requiring the labeling, but those measures don't take effect unless neighboring states follow suit.

The country's largest food companies say genetically modified foods are safe and that labels would be misleading. They say a patchwork of laws around the country would be expensive for companies and confusing for consumers.

"The reality is, biotechnology has time and time again proved safe," the bill's sponsor, Kansas Republican Rep. Mike Pompeo, said on the House floor. "We should not raise prices on consumers based on the wishes of a handful of activists." Advocates for the labels say people have a right to know what is in their food and criticize the legislation for trying to take away states' ability to require the labels.

"What's the problem with letting consumers know what they are buying?" asked Vermont Rep. Peter Welch, a

Democrat.

Genetically modified seeds are engineered in laboratories to have certain traits, like resistance to herbicides. The majority of the country's corn and soybean crop is now genetically modified, with much of that going to animal feed. It also is made into popular processed food ingredients like high-fructose corn syrup, corn starch and soybean oil.

The food industry says about 75 percent to 80 percent of packaged foods contain genetically modified ingredients.

The Food and Drug Administration has said GMOs are safe, and the federal government does not support mandatory labels. Even so, the House bill would make it harder for the agency to require labeling nationally by laying out additional standards for such a policy.

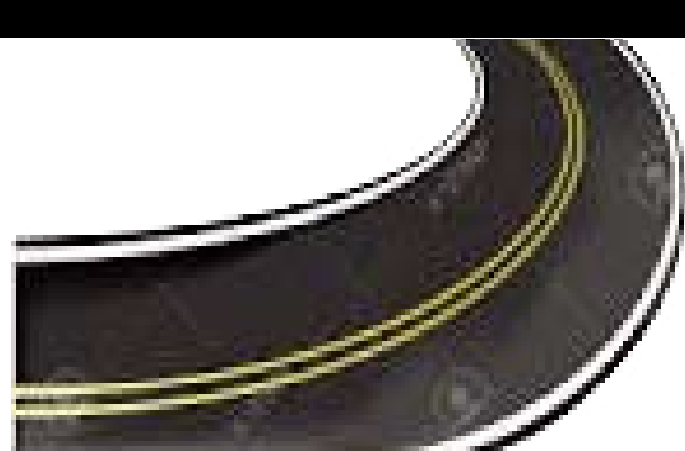
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# Altuve's walkoff homer lifts Astros over Boston 5-4

HOUSTON (AP) — Craig Breslow summed up the state of the Red Sox succinctly after giving up a walkoff homer to Houston's Jose Altuve on Thursday night that extended Boston's season-high losing streak to eight games.

"We didn't play good baseball this road trip," Breslow said. "That's the bottom line."

Altuve homered with one out in the bottom of the ninth, the last of his four hits, and the Astros beat Boston 5-4.

The game was tied 4-4 when Altuve connected off Breslow (0-1) and homered into the seats in left field, a ball that barely made it over the wall. The play was reviewed and confirmed.

Marwin Gonzalez and Colby Rasmus both went deep for the Astros, who lead the majors with 135 home runs.

"We had a tough time keeping guys in the ball-

park," Boston manager John Farrell said. "The way they are able to go left, right, left through-out their lineup, sooner or later they end up getting a matchup that they are (looking) for."

Josh Fields pitched a scoreless ninth for the win (3-1).

Boston's David Ortiz cut the lead to 4-3 with a solo homer off Will Harris with no outs in the eighth. Mike Napoli's RBI double off closer Luke Gregerson later in the inning tied it.

Houston trailed by one run in the seventh before a pinch-hit homer by Rasmus tied it 2-2 with one out. Altuve singled and stole second base before scoring on a double by Gonzalez.

Gonzalez was thrown out trying to stretch it to a triple before rookie Carlos Correa doubled and Evan Gattis to push the lead to 4-2.

Napoli hit a solo hom-

er in the second for Boston (42-54), which dropped a season-high 12 games under .500.

"There's been times during this stretch where if we've made a mistake, it's been difficult for us to overcome or for our offense to cover any mistakes from the mound," Farrell said. "A lot of that has come with men in scoring position, where we haven't gotten the key base hit, either with two outs or with men on base."

Boston starter Wade Miley yielded four hits and one run in six innings. He was replaced by Alexi Ogando and he gave up the full-count homer by Rasmus before being chased on Altuve's single.

Houston rookie Lance McCullers allowed six hits and two runs in five innings.

Mookie Betts doubled and scored on the double by Ortiz to put Boston up 1-0 in the first.

Houston tied it in the bottom of the inning on the homer by Gonzalez, which landed in the Crawford Boxes in left field. Gattis singled with two outs, but was caught trying to steal second to end the inning.

Napoli's two-out, two-strike homer, which bounced off the wall above the Crawford Boxes, made it 2-1 in the second inning.

Ryan Hanigan singled after that before Betts drew a walk. The Red Sox missed a chance to build on their lead when Hanigan was thrown out at the plate when he tried to score on a single by Brock Holt.

Correa, who extended his hitting streak to a career-long eight games, robbed Xander Bogaerts of a hit when he dived to make the stop on his grounder and made a perfect throw to first base for the first out of the third inning.

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Astros: INF Jed Lowrie, who has been out since April 27 because of a torn ligament in his thumb, felt good on Thursday after playing the first game of a rehabilitation assignment with Double-A Corpus Christi the night before. He's expected to play four more games before he is activated.

### UP NEXT

Red Sox: RHP Rick Porcello opposes Detroit RHP Justin Verlander when the Red Sox open a three game series against the Tigers. Far-

rell announced Thursday that Steven Wright will be recalled from Triple-A to start on Saturday and Eduardo Rodriguez will be pushed back to Sunday.

Astros: LHP Scott Kazmir will make his Astros debut against Kansas City's Jeremy Guthrie in the opener of a three-game series on Friday. Kazmir was traded from Oakland on Thursday for two prospects. Scott Feldman, who was scheduled to start that game, will be moved to Saturday.

# A's trade Kazmir to his hometown Astros for 2 minor leaguers

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Scott Kazmir is heading to his hometown Houston Astros and into the thick of a pennant race, and the Oakland Athletics are starting their summer sell-off.

The A's began their expected changes leading up to the July 31 trade deadline, sending the left-hander to the Astros for a pair of minor leaguers Thursday in what could be the first of many significant deals across the majors in the next week.

Oakland received sought-after catcher Jacob Nottingham and right-handed pitcher Daniel Mengden in the swap with its AL West rival — and the Astros got a top-tier starter as they chase a playoff berth in the season's second half. Houston hasn't been to the playoffs since being swept in the 2005 World Series by the Chicago White Sox when the Astros were still in the National League.

"He's consistently performed against really good competition," Houston general manager Jeff Luhnow said. "He's been in our division, we've faced him. We know how hard he is to go up against."

"Taking him out of the equation as somebody on the other side and putting him on our team I think is really going to help us. We're in a tight di-



AP photo

**Oakland Athletics' pitcher Scott Kazmir works against the Kansas City Royals in the first inning of a baseball game Saturday, June 27, 2015, in Oakland, Calif.**

vision battle with L.A. ... having Kazmir in our rotation will definitely help our chances."

Even with all the trade talk surrounding him, the news caught the 31-year-old Kazmir by surprise. He was scheduled to start Thursday

against Toronto and woke up preparing to play at least one more game in green and gold.

Instead, Kazmir got a phone call from A's general manager Billy Beane and manager Bob Melvin informing he had been traded. He packed up his belongings in the A's clubhouse

while getting hugs and handshakes from teammates.

"It felt like it just hit me at once. It's going to take some time to sink some stuff in," Kazmir said.

He'll get to work with the Astros immediately, starting on Friday night at Kansas City. He went 5-5 with a 2.38 ERA in 18 starts for Oakland.

Drew Pomeranz started in Kazmir's place against Toronto, and Oakland recalled right-hander Arnold Leon from Triple-A Nashville to take Kazmir's roster spot.

Later in the day, there was another trade involving a contender: Pittsburgh acquired third baseman Aramis Ramirez from Milwaukee for a minor league pitcher.

Nottingham and Mengden were at Class A Quad Cities to start the season before being promoted to the organization's higher A club in Lancaster of the California League. They will report to Class A Stockton.

While Kazmir has been reportedly on the move for weeks, Beane said he wasn't actively shopping the starting pitcher. But when the Astros included Nottingham in the deal, he said the trade "came together pretty quick."

It's the first of what could be many moves for Oakland before the

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## Scoreboard

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE				BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE				BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE								
East Division				West Division				East Division				West Division								
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB					
New York	53	41	.564	—	Los Angeles	54	41	.568	—	Washington	51	43	.543	—	Atlanta	45	50	.474	6½	
Toronto	49	48	.505	5½	Houston	54	43	.557	1	New York	49	47	.510	3	Milwaukee	41	55	.427	11	
Tampa Bay	48	49	.495	6½	Houston (Kazmir 5-5) at Kansas City (Guthrie 7-5), 8:10 p.m.	Chicago	47	48	.495	10½	Atlanta	45	50	.474	6½	Philadelphia	34	63	.351	18½
Baltimore	46	48	.489	7	N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 9-6) at Minnesota (P.Hughes 8-6), 8:10 p.m.	Cleveland	45	49	.479	12	Chicago	43	50	.462	13½	St. Louis	41	55	.427	11
Boston	42	54	.438	12	Minnesota (P.Hughes 8-6), 8:10 p.m.	Chicago	43	50	.479	12	Philadelphia	34	63	.351	18½	Philadelphia	41	55	.427	11
Central Division				West Division				Central Division				West Division								
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB					
Minnesota	51	37	.606	—	Los Angeles	54	41	.568	—	St. Louis	61	34	.642	—	Los Angeles	55	42	.567	—	
Kansas City	57	44	.567	6½	Houston	54	43	.557	1	Pittsburgh	55	40	.579	6	San Francisco	51	44	.537	3	
Detroit	47	48	.495	10½	Texas	45	49	.479	8½	Chicago	51	43	.543	9½	Arizona	44	50	.468	9½	
Cleveland	45	49	.479	12	Texas (Gonzalez 8-5), 8:10 p.m.	Texas	45	49	.479	8½	Cincinnati	42	51	.452	18	Arizona	44	52	.458	10½
Chicago	43	50	.462	13½	Oakland (Bassitt 0-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 10-5), 4:05 p.m.	Chicago	43	50	.479	12	Milwaukee	42	54	.438	19½	Colorado	40	53	.430	13
Wednesday's Games				Saturday's Games				Wednesday's Games				Saturday's Games								
Philadelphia 5, Tampa Bay 4, 10 innings	Cleveland 7, Milwaukee 5	Texas 10, Colorado 8	N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 3	Detroit 9, Seattle 4	Houston 4, Boston 2	Kansas City 5, Pittsburgh 1	St. Louis 3, Chicago White Sox 2	L.A. Angels 5, Minnesota 2	Oakland 4, Toronto 3, 10 innings	Thursday's Games	N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 3	Seattle 3, Detroit 2, 12 innings	Minnesota 3, L.A. Angels 0	Toronto 5, Oakland 2	Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 1	St. Louis 4, Kansas City 3	Houston 5, Boston 4	Friday's Games	Baltimore (Tillman 7-7), 7:10 p.m.	Chicago White Sox (Quintana

ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent LHP Josh Outman to Carolina (Carolina) for a rehab assignment.

CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned RHP Dallas Beeler to Iowa (PCL).

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Traded INF Karam Ramirez and cash considerations to Pittsburgh for RHP Yhonathan Barrios.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Designated INF Steve Lombardozzi for assignment.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Sent LHP Jaime Garcia to Peoria (MWL) and RHP Jordan Walden to Springfield (TL) for rehab assignments.

American Association GARY SOUTHSORE RAILCATS — Released LHP Dan Ludwig.

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed OF Gabe Suarez.

SIoux CITY EXPLORERS — Signed OF Brent Keys. Released LHP Anthony Ferrera.

Atlantic League SUGAR LAND SKEETERS — Signed RHP Tim Gustafson.

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed C Matt Rubino.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed LHP Dillon Haviland.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed RHP Kolin Stanley.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Traded F Rakeem Christmas to Indiana for a 2019 second-round draft pick.

DALLAS MAVERICKS — Signed F Maurice Ndour.

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**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Codes, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P O Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #8799 July 24, 2015

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To: Lisa Lynn Hodges Defendant, Greeting:

Respondent Greeting:

The petition of Linda Bledsoe Gillette, Petitioner has been filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, on 21st day of July, 2015 against Lisa Lynn Hodges, Respondent, numbered 50608 and styled In The Interest of K.K.H and S.N.H. Children.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 21st day of July, 2015.

COLLEEN BARTON District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Jury Padron, Deputy

#8806 July 24, 2015

**NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CARL KNAPPE**

Notice is hereby given that Heather Knappe has filed a Combined Application for Independent Administration and Heirship for the Estate of Carl Knappe, Deceased, in Cause No. P-14452, on July 21, 2015, which is currently pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas. All known heirs have been served and have waived further notice of any hearing.

In accordance with Section 202.052 of the Texas Estates Code, any and all unknown heirs of Carl Knappe if over the age of 12 (or the parent, managing conservator, or guardian of any heir under the age of 12) are hereby instructed to appear before the County Court of Howard County to provide evidence of heirship and to contest the application, should they desire to do so. Such heirs may employ an attorney. If the heir(s) or their attorney(s) do not appear, they will be represented at the heirship and administration hearing by an attorney ad litem.

The County Court of Howard County has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in regards to the Estate of Carl Knappe, Deceased, which will be binding on all heirs, known and unknown.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Howard County, Texas, this 21st day of July, 2015.

Donna Wright, County Clerk Howard County, Texas

By: Angie Worley Deputy

#8807 July 24, 2015

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**Editing Moon**

The bouquets at the grocery store always look better in MATHIS vases that accommodate their scale. Often the stems need to be cut down. The Scorpio moon favors making alterations to better accommodate the size of things. What do you need to put on the chopping block in order to release the natural beauty of it? Edit away.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). As the planets settle into a new lineup, a pecking order will be established. You will disagree with this. You'll wonder why anyone should get pecked at all. Your presence will change matters.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Learning only makes you want to know more. An interest is turning into a passion. Follow your passion, and you'll soon be an expert. Follow your expertise, and you'll soon be rich.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Giving your love unconditionally will help your loved one grow and blossom. This exchange has the added bonus of fulfilling a deep purpose in you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). One way you can tell your true supporters from your fair-weather friends is that your true supporters will try to understand what's important to you. If it's important to you, it's important.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The cosmic forces favor you this time of year. Because you are so focused, your professional life and personal life will intersect in interesting ways, increasing your luck on both fronts.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are brilliant on your own, but your true genius emerges when you work with others. You're happy to support family and friends in any way that is needed. Modesty is your trademark.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In the current cosmic milieu, dramatic choices get noticed, and subtle ones sail over the heads of 90

percent of the audience. So go big or go home.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Imagine the situation being better. Envision what life would be like if this were entirely fixed. Don't worry about the "how" right now. The intensity of your thoughts will set improvement in motion.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may privately decide that your work is pretty stellar, and this is a good thing. If you're not a fan of you, how are you going to get other people to be fans?

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). So, you don't believe the same thing you believed yesterday. So what? The world is flexible, always moving and forever changing. And for as long as you're here, you're a part of that.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Good people review the bad things they did with regret. Bad people aren't capable of self-reflection. If you feel bad about what you did, at least you can feel good about who you are.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You may not be an authority on the subject you are asked to talk about today. The best way is to admit that right off the bat and then to know that you are the No. 1 authority on your own thoughts. So why not share those?

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 24). Your attention is in high demand at the start of this solar year. Instead of rushing around trying to please everyone individually, find the collective heart of your group and speak to what everyone needs. Professionally, you raise your game at the end of 2016. You'll be thrilled to see how your family plays into your plans. Pisces and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 12, 2, 6 and 13.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:**  
**ARIES:** Here's a good rule. The ones who try to shame you on a regular basis are not being loving. What if you operated your life without them?  
**TAURUS:** The smartest humans know that humans, in the grand

scheme of things, probably know very little about very little, love included. **GEMINI:** The journeys may intertwine and intersect, but they are separate journeys. **CANCER:** Stay sharp. Avoid mind-numbing tasks and pastimes. **LEO:** Become your own fan, and you'll soon add members to your team. **VIRGO:** You won't find the answer to your love quandary inside your comfort zone. Move out and on. **LIBRA:** The difference between the mundane and the extraordinary is love. **SCORPIO:** Own your part in what went right and what went wrong. Accountability precedes transformation. **SAGITTARIUS:** Promises are poor predictors of the future. Behavioral patterns are often spot-on. **CAPRICORN:** Humor, music and good taste -- these are your survival mechanisms and very attractive qualities, too. **AQUARIUS:** As far as your world of relationships goes, you're outgrowing one of your influencers. **PISCES:** You can't always sing their song with them, and that's normal. If they make you feel like

you have to, it's wrong. **COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Venus retrograde will be felt by all the signs, but Libra and Taurus are particularly susceptible to the love planet's moves, as Venus rules both of these signs. Libra and Taurus could potentially enjoy this backward journey together, as it twists love like a corkscrew on a rollercoaster. Hold hands and scream, abandoning control and knowing the ride will only last for a finite number of moments.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Dear Annie: I am 62 years old and have been married to "Clyde" for 12 years. We do not have a sexual relationship. He prefers to sleep on the sofa and always has, saying it's more comfortable.

Clyde had a horrible childhood. He told me that his mother had sex with various men in his presence. On the weekends, he would stay with his paternal grandparents, where he witnessed his uncle abusing his aunt. His grandmother is the only one who showed him any love, and while there, he slept on the sofa.

Prior to meeting my husband, I contracted herpes. I am allergic to latex so sex is always a risk. He knew this prior to our marriage and things were OK then. But after we married, sex became infrequent, partly due to his erectile dysfunction. He informed me that I was no longer attractive to him because I had

gained weight (so has he) and he fears getting herpes.

I don't know what to do. Clyde is moody and I sometimes feel that I'm walking on eggshells. He can acknowledge that he is difficult, but he doesn't change. We love each other and share a fairly comfortable life, but I miss an intimate relationship. Clyde will not go to counseling. In fact, he dislikes speaking of our problems in the bedroom and becomes so angry that I once put my feelings in a letter. He tore it up without reading it. Any advice? -- Missing My Husband

Dear Missing: Clyde's background indicates a lot of unresolved issues about sex and intimacy, but if he refuses to address them, there is little you can do to change how he responds. However, you can get counseling for yourself. A good counselor will help you focus on what's important to you and decide what is best for you, including

ways to cope with the situation you have with less frustration.

Dear Annie: "Good Daughter" said her mother endlessly stole the limelight. I've observed the exact same behavior in both my husband's mother and mine, and it seems to have started in their 70s. I wondered if it had to do with them fighting the feeling of being invisible or irrelevant in their families' lives.

As I transition into the empty-nest phase of life, I'm beginning to get a glimpse of what it feels like to go from being the center (and coordinator) of all family activities into a much less active role in my kids' lives, and I'm sure it will be even more pronounced over time.

We all need to feel needed. In our younger years, we race through our busy lives. Once we reach our senior years, all of these connections and obligations fade. We need others to validate that we still matter. While

this doesn't make it any more pleasant to observe the redirection of every conversation, a little perspective might encourage more tolerance. -- Patient Daughter

Dear Patient: While we aren't sure that applies to all cases (many people are self-absorbed from childhood on), we agree that the sense that one is invisible and unimportant can push people to assert themselves this way. Thank you for providing a plea for understanding.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Bidding Quiz**

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	?	

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠AQJ62 ♥854 ♦J82 ♣K7
- ♠KJ95 ♥A98 ♦Q6 ♣K972
- ♠AJ843 ♥KJ76 ♦74 ♣83
- ♠AK985 ♥A73 ♦K86 ♣94

1. **Three diamonds.** Partner's rebid indicates a hand in the minimum range, but game possibilities cannot be dismissed when you have 11 high-card points and partner might have as many as 15. To indicate mild interest in game, you raise partner to three diamonds, saying that game in spades, diamonds or notrump is possible if partner is in the upper half of the range for his previous bids.

It is far better to show your diamond support than it is to rebid your five-card spade suit. If partner has three-card support for spades and maximum values for his two-diamond bid, he will bid three spades over three diamonds.

2. **Three notrump.** It would be wrong to bid only two notrump, which would merely invite partner to bid game and allow him to pass with minimum values. Since you have a full opening bid opposite an opening bid, you must make sure of reaching game. Everything points to notrump

as the best spot, and the easiest way of letting partner know this is by going directly to three notrump.

3. **Pass.** Partner has between 13 and 15 points, so it is hardly likely that your nine-point hand combined with his can produce a game. Once you reach this conclusion, the only problem remaining is to decide where the best partscore lies. There is no good reason to think that a two-heart or two-spade bid would improve matters, especially when a bid of two hearts would force partner to bid again. Partner is very likely to have a six-card diamond suit and should be able to make two diamonds opposite your hand.

4. **Two hearts.** This unorthodox bid with a three-card suit is the best answer to a difficult situation. Obviously, there's a game somewhere, but you have no way of knowing whether it's in spades, diamonds or notrump.

Since you are naming a new suit as responder, partner is forced to bid again, even with a minimum opening bid. His next action — the most likely being another diamond bid, a spade preference or a notrump bid — should clear up the question of which game to bid. If partner should happen to raise hearts, you will show your diamond support next.

Strictly speaking, three-card suits are not biddable, but occasionally you have to improvise to find the best contract.

**Tomorrow:** The visualization factor.  
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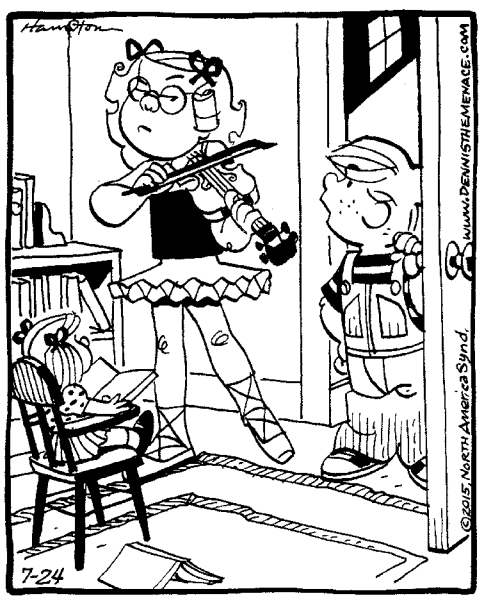
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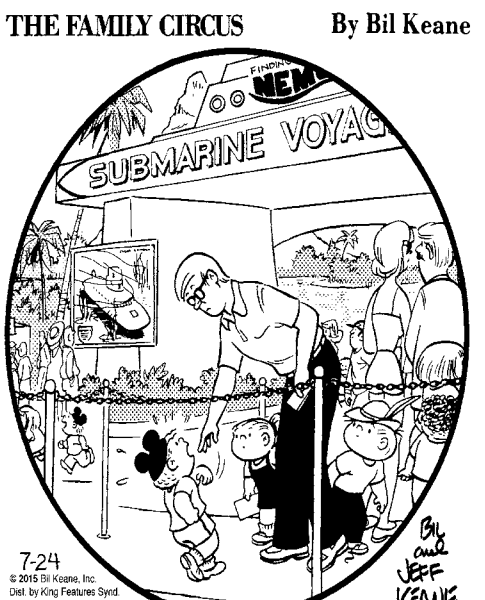
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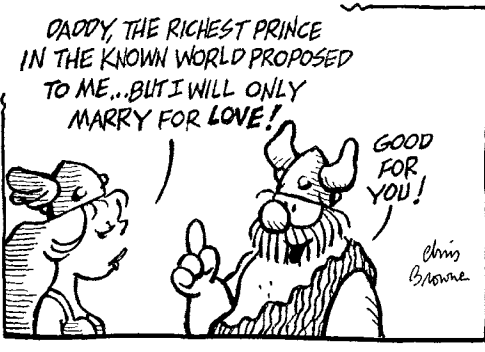
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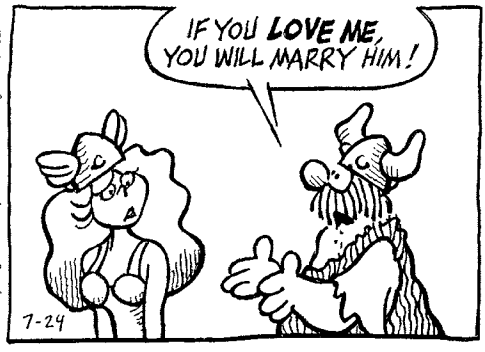


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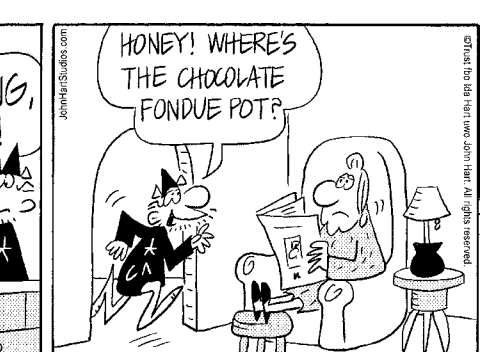
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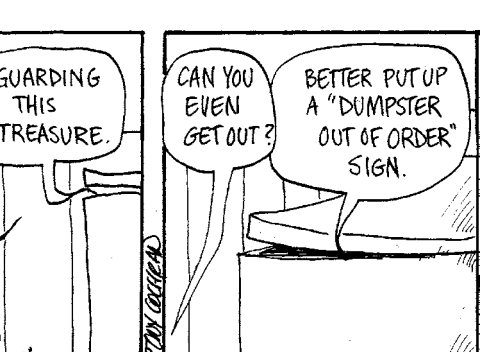
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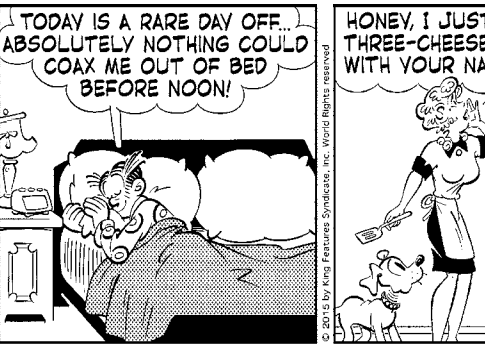
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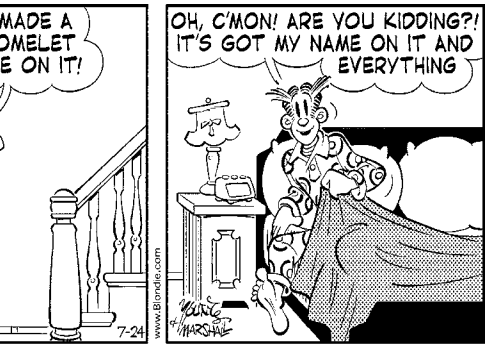
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 24, the 205th day of the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 24, 1915, the SS Eastland, a passenger ship carrying more than 2,500 people, rolled onto its side while docked at the Clark Street Bridge on the Chicago River; an estimated 844 people died in the disaster. On this date: In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar (see-MOHN' boh-LEE'-vahr) was born in Caracas, Venezuela. In 1862, Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, and the first to have been born a U.S. citizen, died at age 79 in Kinderhook, New York, the town where he was born in 1782. In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War. In 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne, which settled the boundaries of modern Turkey, was concluded in Switzerland. In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against four of the nine young black men

accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case." In 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged in his famous "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev. In 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts, two of whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon, splashed down safely in the Pacific. In 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor. In 1975, an Apollo spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific, completing a mission which included the first-ever docking with a Soyuz capsule from the Soviet Union. In 1980, comedian-actor Peter Sellers died in London at 54. In 1998, a gunman burst into the U.S. Capitol, killing two police officers before being shot and captured. (The shooter, Russell Eugene Weston Jr., is being held in a federal mental facility.) In 2002, nine coal miners became trapped in a flooded tunnel of the Quecreek Mine in western Pennsylvania; the story ended happily 77 hours later with the rescue of all nine. Ten years ago: Lance

Armstrong won his seventh consecutive Tour de France (he was later stripped of all his titles after admitting to doping). Sir Richard Doll, the British scientist who first established a link between smoking and lung cancer, died in Oxford, England, at age 92. Five years ago: A stampede inside a tunnel crowded with techno music fans left 21 people dead and more than 500 injured at the famed Love Parade festival in western Germany. Fourteen-year-old Jim Liu beat Justin Thomas 4 and 2 to become the youngest U.S. Junior Amateur champion at Egypt Valley Country Club in Ada, Michigan. Thought for Today: "People who jump to conclusions rarely align on them." Philip Guedalla, British writer (1889-1944).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Beach club amenities
  - 8 Very cool
  - 15 Strategize carefully
  - 16 Hoglike
  - 17 Metaphorical obstacle
  - 18 Antediluvian
  - 19 Passing around one's shellfish
  - 21 Prom workers
  - 24 Wayside retreat
  - 25 Man of Steel character
  - 26 Nomad
  - 29 Biblical excerpt
  - 33 NASDAQ Composite, e.g.
  - 34 Configure
  - 35 CIO partner
  - 38 Splenic shellfish
  - 41 Short in the pot
  - 42 Filmom's Blanche DuBois
  - 43 Massive mammal
  - 44 30th anniversary gift
  - 45 Sure-handed
  - 46 Commando garb
  - 49 Take some courses
  - 51 Prefix like centri-
  - 52 Flying shellfish
  - 58 Many 59 Across
  - 59 Shiny suits
  - 63 His birthday is Read Across America Day
  - 64 1945 battleground
  - 65 Paltrow, circa 1993
  - 66 Gets back to it
- DOWN
- 1 Night-school class
  - 2 Twelfth Night beverage
  - 3 Loathsome
  - 4 Cookout annoyance
  - 5 Ancient mariner
  - 6 Household helper
  - 7 Inflexible
  - 8 Airplane's full width
  - 9 Half a picker-upper
  - 10 Predatory dolphin
  - 11 Symbol of winter
  - 12 Olds last made in '96
  - 13 Eminent Ghanaian diplomat
  - 14 Don't bother
  - 20 Beguiled
  - 21 Small amounts
  - 22 Hill of 22 Jump Street
  - 23 With remorse
  - 27 Voice of Bugs
  - 28 Drive out
  - 30 Outline sharply
  - 31 Bananas Foster ingredient
  - 32 Brief burst
  - 34 Paint-can instruction
  - 35 Just like me
  - 36 Prada alternative
  - 37 Chaplin contemporary
  - 39 Copious quantity
  - 40 Any ship
  - 44 Safari employee
  - 45 Physician's patron
  - 46 Type of trousers, for short
  - 47 Turn away
  - 48 Sponsor of Mind Games 2015
  - 50 SAG-AFTRA member
  - 53 Take by truck
  - 54 Of another kind
  - 55 Intern, for instance: Abbr.
  - 56 Rod in a globe
  - 57 Choice of dishes
  - 60 Stop up
  - 61 Be attributable (to)
  - 62 Its main hub is Copenhagen

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non-waiver trade deadline. The A's, who made the playoffs the past three seasons, entered Thursday with a 44-52 record — 11 games behind the division-leading Los Angeles Angels.

"We have to be realistic with where we are," Beane said. "The math doesn't necessarily work in our favor given the level of play we need just to get back in it."

Melvin said he didn't have a chance to address players before the game but didn't feel he needed to. He said they know roster turnover is part of the business.

"When you're here in Oakland, you understand that moves are made, whether it's off-season or in-season," Melvin said.

The A's acquired Kazmir as a free agent in December 2013 and he was 20-14 with a 3.12 ERA in 40 starts over parts of two seasons, including making the AL All-Star team last year.

Houston (53-43) began the day in second place in the AL West, two games behind the defending division champion Angels. The Astros were hosting Boston on Thursday night.

"Scott Kazmir is one of the best pitchers in the American League and strengthens our rotation," Luhnow said. "His addition gives the Astros a better chance of reaching and succeed-

ing in the postseason. It has been a while since the Astros have been relevant late in the summer and winning now is a priority."

Kazmir said it's tough to leave the A's behind, but he's excited to help his hometown Astros make a playoff push.

Houston manager A.J. Hinch raved about adding Kazmir.

"I'm really happy," Hinch said. "I feel like we got better. We were able to get one of the best pitchers that has been rumored to be available and join our team in Kansas City and that's a big boost."

Kazmir was an All-Star with Tampa Bay in 2006 and 2008. He was limited to one start in 2011 with the Angels before going on the disabled list with a lower back strain and being released.

He spent the 2012 season with independent Sugar Land — just outside Houston — before bouncing back to go 10-9 with a 4.04 ERA in 29 starts and 158 innings for Cleveland. He has continued to reinvent himself in Oakland and has returned to his status as one of baseball's most reliable arms.

"It's been crazy, to be honest with you," Kazmir said. "Playing independent ball and I'm thinking I would never be able to play professionally. And now I'm going back to my hometown and going to play for the Astros. It's a complete whirlwind, but I'm excited for the opportunity."

**HBO signs ex-ESPN personality Bill Simmons to exclusive deal**

NEW YORK (AP) — HBO says it has struck a multi-year, multi-platform deal with the multi-faceted Bill Simmons.

Under the deal, which begins in October, HBO will be Simmons' exclusive television home, the network said Wednesday.

Among other projects, Simmons will host a weekly talk show premiering next year. It will feature stories and guests from across the sports and cultural landscapes.

He will also have a production deal to produce content for the network and its digital platforms, delivering video podcasts and features. In addition, he will consult with HBO Sports.

A top personality at ESPN until they parted ways in May, Simmons has served as a sports columnist, TV host and analyst, and best-selling author. He was also the founding editor of the Grantland.com and an executive producer of the "30 for 30" documentary series.

Simmons will have more freedom to speak his mind at HBO, as well as the chance to grow his television persona. Simmons hosted the Grantland Basketball Hour on ESPN, and was a member of NBA Countdown during the NBA Finals for several years.

There is no question the footprint Simmons left at ESPN, with more autonomy the sky seems to be the limit on what he can accomplish.

**Company with Romo ties sues NFL over canceled fantasy event**

DALLAS (AP) — A company partly owned by Tony Romo sued the NFL on Tuesday over a canceled fantasy football event in Las Vegas that was to involve the Dallas quarterback and other star players.

The Fan Expo LLC alleged in a lawsuit filed in Dallas County that the league intimidated players with threats of fines and suspensions if they attended what the NFL said was a gambling-related event because it was to be held at a facility associated with a casino.

The Texas-based company claims the NFL initially approved the event, set for mid-July, by allowing some members of league-owned media outlets to participate. Then in June, according to the lawsuit, players and in some cases family members of players were told they could be disciplined if they showed up.

"This case is about the NFL's blatant and premeditated sabotage of an event designed to bring together the very people who are the backbone of the NFL — the players and the fans," said the lawsuit, which seeks more than \$1 million in damages.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the league was reviewing the lawsuit and would "respond accordingly."

The Fan Expo created the National Fantasy Football Convention and used Romo as its headliner while getting commitments from Cowboys receiver Dez Bry-

ant, New England tight end Rob Gronkowski and Pittsburgh running back Le'Veon Bell.

DeMarco Murray, Romo's former teammate and the NFL rushing leader who signed with Philadelphia in free agency, also was among the 60 players the lawsuit says had agreed to attend. The suit said there were another 35 players who were considering signing agreements.

The event was to include autograph sessions with players and clinics with fantasy football experts. It was to be held at the Sands Expo, a convention center that's part of the Venetian Resort but doesn't have gambling or slot machines.

The lawsuit said the mother of New York Giants receiver Odell Beckham Jr. was among those warned by the NFL that her son would be punished if he participated. It also said NFL senior labor relations counsel Brook Gardiner contacted the Cowboys, prompting the team to call an event organizer.

After failed attempts to persuade the NFL that the event wasn't associated with gambling, it was called off and refunds were offered to fans who had already booked trips. Organizers say they are planning to hold the event in Los Angeles next summer.

The suit listed several examples of what the plaintiffs considered casino ties to other players and teams, including an

upcoming cruise hosted by Gronkowski and a so that it could replace it with one of its own."



AP photo  
**Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo gives instructions to a teammate during an organized team activity on May 27.**

fantasy football event in Las Vegas with ties to New York Jets receiver Brandon Marshall. The fantasy event was about the same time that Romo's was supposed to be held.

"Given the NFL's close ties to gambling, to now argue that the NFFC's July 2015 event was a violation of the gambling policy is utterly disingenuous," the lawsuit said. "Instead, the NFL, recognizing the commercial opportunities available to the NFFC, likely decided to kill Tony Romo's effort

Romo was critical of the NFL in a radio interview after the cancellation was announced in June, also saying he was disappointed the league waited until a few weeks before the event to make an issue of it. He disputed the league's claim that it raised concerns soon after learning of the event.

Julie Pettit, an attorney for Fan Expo, confirmed that Romo had a stake in the company but wouldn't say whether he approved the decision to sue the NFL.

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## News in brief

### Analysis: Nuke deal that ignores Iran's behavior has precedent in US-Soviet Union agreements

WASHINGTON (AP) — Critics of the Iran nuclear deal claim it is flawed, among many reasons, because it does not demand that Tehran also change its behavior at home and abroad. That complaint ignores the United States' long history of striking arms control agreements with the Soviet Union, a far more dangerous enemy.

Those deals probably made the world a safer place through some of the darkest days of the Cold War and they proved talks could be productive even with a sworn adversary.

Dating as far back as the Limited Test Ban Treaty in 1963 — less than a year after the Cuban missile crisis — U.S. administrations engaged the Soviet Union in agreements to limit nuclear threats while not linking deals to abhorrent Soviet human rights abuses and the active arming and funding of leftist, anti-American revolutionary movements around the world.

As Cold War brinkmanship moved apace, the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China signed on to the 1963 Nonproliferation Treaty. That agreement was designed to prevent other countries from developing nuclear weapons, while guaranteeing their rights to civilian nuclear technology — the very guarantee that, 47 years later, allows Iran to continue building nuclear facilities for power generation and medical research.

### In second White House bid, Clinton embraces race as a top issue, denounces 'systemic racism'

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — In her second bid for the presidency, Hillary Rodham Clinton is discussing "systemic racism" and making the issue a hallmark of her campaign as she looks to connect with the black voters who supported rival Barack Obama in 2008.

At multiple stops in South Carolina, Clinton on Thursday bemoaned "mass incarceration," an uneven economy, increasingly segregated public schools and poisoned relations between law enforcement and the black community. She praised South Carolina leaders, including Republican Gov. Nikki Haley, for removing the Confederate battle flag from statehouse grounds after a white gunman's massacre of nine people at a historic black church in Charleston, but she warned that the act is only symbolic.

"America's long struggle with racism is far from finished," the former secretary of state said before a mostly white audience at a Greenville technical college. Hours earlier, with a majority black audience at a West Columbia church, she declared, "Anybody who says we don't have more progress to make is blind."

At both stops, she added some symbolism of her own, trumpeting the mantra "Black Lives Matter," which has become a rallying cry of and name for the activists who have organized protests in several cities amid several high-profile cases of black citizens being killed during encounters with police.

"This is not just a slogan," Clinton said. "This should be a guiding principle."

### Authorities point to new evidence of suicide in Bland's death in Texas

HEMPSTEAD, Texas (AP) — While Sandra Bland's family maintains that the woman found dead in a Texas jail cell would not have taken her own life, authorities are pointing to mounting evidence that they say shows she hanged herself.

Marks around the neck of Bland, 28, neck were consistent with suicide by hanging, Waller County prosecutor Warren Diepraam said. Briefing reporters in Hempstead on Thursday, Diepraam said that Bland's body showed no signs of defensive injuries to suggest a final struggle for survival and that she had about 30 small cuts on her wrist that were probably self-inflicted within the last few weeks.

Some lacerations or abrasions were found on her wrists. Those were consistent with a struggle while being handcuffed, Diepraam said.

Bland was arrested in a traffic stop three days before she was found in her cell on July 13. Her family and friends dispute the official finding that she killed herself using a noose fashioned from a plastic garbage bag.

Texas Rangers and the FBI are investigating. The county district attorney has said the matter will be turned over to a grand jury, which does not meet again until August.

### Turkey says warplanes strike IS targets across the border in Syria

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish warplanes struck Islamic State group targets across the border in Syria on Friday, government officials said, a day after IS militants fired at a Turkish military outpost, killing a soldier.

The bombing is a strong tactical shift for Turkey which had long been reluctant to join the U.S.-led coalition against the extremist group.

A government official said three F-16 jets took off from Diyarbakir airbase in southeast Turkey early Friday and used smart bombs to hit three IS targets. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of government rules requiring authorization for comment, said the targets were two command centers and a gathering point of IS supporters.

Turkish media said the targets were the Syrian village of Havar, near the border, but officials would not confirm the location.

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The private Dogan news agency said as many as 35 IS militants were killed in the airstrike that targeted the gathering point. The agency did not cite a source for the report.

### Suddenly a dominant 2016 force, Donald Trump looms over first Republican presidential debate

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — They have been holding mock debates, hunkering down with advisers and finessing policy answers. But the most pressing concern for many Republican presidential contenders as they prepare for the first debate of the 2016 primary season is one man: Donald Trump.

The billionaire businessman has dominated the 2016 Republican race in recent weeks, and he threatens to do the same when the top 10 Republican candidates — as determined by national polls — face each other for the first time on national television. It's a high-risk, high-reward event for candidates eager to stand out in a packed field in which Trump is playing the ultimate wildcard.

"It's the No. 1 unavoidability," said former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a 2012 GOP candidate who had a knack for standing out in debates four years ago.

"Do not try to match him in anger and in aggressiveness. It's not possible," Gingrich warned Trump's rivals. "He's a very instinctively aggressive guy and if you try to dance with him on his strengths he'll run over you."

Indeed, despite his longshot status, the reality television star has commanded attention and seen his poll numbers rise after firing off provocative comments about immigrants, his presidential rivals and critics in both parties. His supporters love him because he's willing to say what others only think. But that makes him dangerous in a debate setting, says Charlie Black, a leading GOP strategist, who has worked on multiple presidential campaigns.

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