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*Hi-ho, hi-ho, our yards we all must mow*

HERALD photo/Julie Bass

There's been plenty of rain this year, which means plenty of lawns that need mowing, as this man in front of the flower and gift shop on Scurry and 15th streets can attest.

## 2 teens charged in burglary

*Victim foils attempt; third suspect sought by police*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Two teenagers are in custody and a third suspect is being sought after an abortive home-burglary attempt, Big Spring police say.

The two teens were arrested after an incident in the 2600 block of Ann, a Big Spring Police Department news release stated.

A local man was checking on the house for his parents, who were not at home at the time, when he came face-to-face with a male subject, police say, and a struggle between the two ensued.

"At this point, the complainant saw a second burglar coming toward him with a shotgun that belonged to the home owner," the release stated. "The second male suspect demanded the release of the first suspect."

Police say the victim waited until the second suspect got closer, then released the person he was struggling with and began struggling for control of the gun.

"The victim was able to take the weapon from the suspect and cycled the weapon, only then discovering the weapon was not loaded," the release stated. "Both suspects fled out the back door of the residence, leaving the items they had planned to steal behind."

As the victim was calling 911, another family member followed the two suspects and gave police an update on their location. The two were arrested soon afterward.

No one was injured during the altercation, police say.

Because of their age police are not releasing their names.

The two teens identified a third suspect who had entered the home with them but fled the scene prior to the victim coming home, police said.

"It was learned that the suspects had planned on hitting three homes in the neighborhood but were caught while committing the first burglary," the BSPD release stated.

## Sales tax holiday should provide back-to-school shoppers a boost

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

With August just around the corner, parents and students will be, or are now, heading to the stores for the traditional shopping trip for back to school clothes and supplies.

In an effort to help mitigate the dent to families monthly finances, the state of Texas will once again hold the annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-9.

"As the father of three young children, I know back-

Here are some of the items that qualify under the August Sales Tax Holiday (The exempt items on this list must be priced under \$100. The exemption does not extend to rental, alterations or cleaning services on these exempt items of clothing and footwear):

- Adult diapers
- Aprons (household)
- Athletic socks
- Baby bibs
- Baby clothes
- Baby diapers (cloth or disposable)
- Backpacks (for use by elementary/secondary students)
- Baseball caps and jerseys

- Belts with attached buckles
- Blouses
- Boots (general purpose, cowboy, hiking)
- Bowling shirts
- Camp clothes
- Children's novelty costumes
- Coats and wraps
- Coveralls
- Dresses
- Employee uniforms (unless rented)
- Fishing caps and vests
- Football jerseys
- Gloves (generally)
- Gold caps, dresses, jackets and windbreakers, shirts and skirts

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## Cruz calls GOP leader 'a liar' on Senate floor

By **ERICA WERNER**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a stunning, public attack on his own party leader, Republican Sen. Ted Cruz accused Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of lying, and said he was no better than his Democratic predecessor and couldn't be trusted.

Cruz, a Texan who is running for president but ranks low in early polling, delivered the broadside in a speech on the Senate floor Friday, an extraordinary departure from the norms of Senate behavior that demand courtesy and respect.

"Not only what he told every Republican senator, but what he told the press over and over and over again, was a simple lie," Cruz said.

At issue were assurances Cruz claimed McConnell, R-Ky., had given that there was no deal to allow a vote to renew the federal Export-Import Bank — a little-known federal agency that has become a rallying cry for conservatives. Cruz rose to deliver his remarks moments after McConnell had lined up a vote on the Export-Import Bank for coming days.

"It saddens me to say this. I

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## Commissioners eye work on new budget

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will continue to hammer out details of a new budget when they meet at 10 a.m. Monday in the third-floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

County Judge Kathryn Wiseman promises few surprises in the new fiscal year package.

"It's very similar to last year," Wiseman said. "We have to add part-time employees in the district attorney and county treasurer office ... and we've received

a grant from MHMR to add three new mental health deputies, so we'll extend the sheriff's budget to include that, but there won't be any major changes in the new budget."

How much the county will charge taxpayers under the new fiscal package is still very much up in the air, however — Wiseman said officials are still waiting on final valuation figures from the appraisal district before they can figure the new county tax rate.

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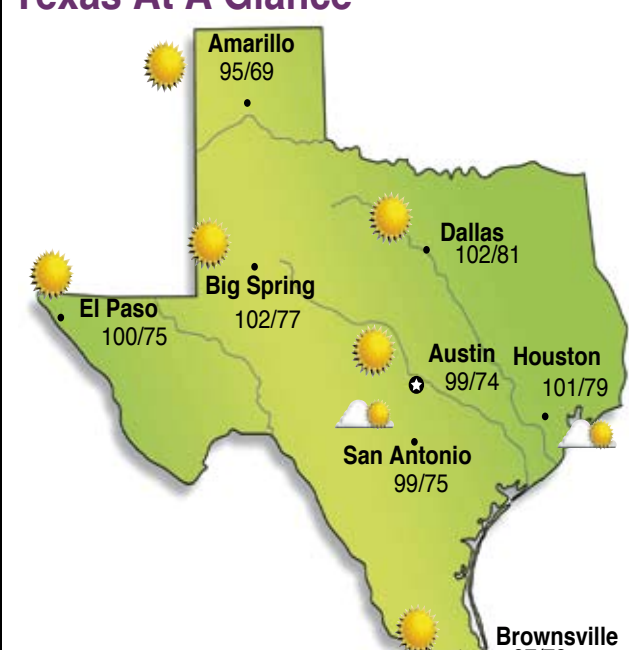
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**Local 5-Day Forecast**

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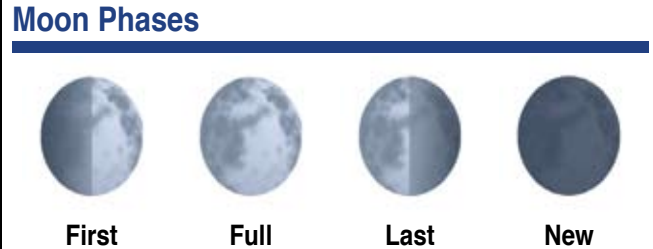
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Amarillo	95	69	sunny	Livingston	99	77	mst sunny
Austin	99	74	sunny	Longview	100	77	mst sunny
Beaumont	98	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	97	74	sunny
Brownsville	97	78	sunny	Lufkin	99	77	mst sunny
Brownwood	99	73	sunny	Midland	103	78	sunny
Corpus Christi	95	79	pt sunny	Raymondville	100	78	sunny
Corsicana	100	77	sunny	Rosenberg	99	77	pt sunny
Dallas	102	81	sunny	San Antonio	99	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	100	78	sunny	San Marcos	99	75	sunny
El Paso	100	75	sunny	Sulphur Springs	100	79	sunny
Fort Stockton	100	75	mst sunny	Sweetwater	99	76	sunny
Gainesville	99	76	sunny	Tyler	100	79	mst sunny
Greenville	97	76	sunny	Weatherford	101	76	sunny
Houston	101	79	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	99	76	sunny

**National Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	92	72	pt sunny	Minneapolis	89	71	pt sunny
Boston	79	68	t-storm	New York	86	74	pt sunny
Chicago	85	67	pt sunny	Phoenix	105	76	pt sunny
Dallas	102	81	sunny	San Francisco	68	58	foggy
Denver	86	61	cloudy	Seattle	70	57	rain
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**Obituaries**

**Maclane Barr**



Maclane Simco Barr, 21, of Odessa, formally from Fort Worth, walked into the loving arms of his Lord on July 22, 2015, as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

He was born January 20, 1994, in Dallas, Texas, the son of Rocky Simco Barr from Weatherford, Texas and Kimberly Ann and step-father Joe Grout from Fort Worth, Texas. Ma-

clane's grandparent are Suzanne and Bill Peddy from Dallas, Texas and Jackie and John Dalrymple Waco, Texas.

Maclane attended school in Keller and Weatherford, Texas. His fiancée was Amanda Charlene Smith from Odessa, formally from Azle, Texas, and they were expecting their first child. Maclane loved being with his family and friends more than any-

thing. He was a very loving and giving young man who offered his help to anyone who needed it and lived his life to the fullest. Maclane was employed by JCC Properties, Inc.

Maclane is survived by his father, Rocky Simco Barr; his mother, Kimberly Ann Grout and step-father Joe Grout; brother, Christopher David Hale and wife, Jeanette of Alma, Ark.; brother, Joshua Ryan Barr and wife, Lindsey Barr of Weatherford, Texas; sister, Ashley Lauren Rickman of North Richland Hills, Texas, sister, Kristyn Elizabeth Barr Woods and husband, Brandon Woods of Big Spring, Texas; and twin sister, MacKenzie Ann Barr of North Richland Hills, Texas. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, Callee Rickman, Bailee Rickman, Paislee Rickman, Preslee Woods, Chance Hale, Connor Barr and Caiden Smith.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Harkey Funeral Home in Monahans, Texas. The funeral will be held Sunday, July 26, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ at 502 South Betty, Monahans.

*Paid obituary*

**Police/EMS**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JANAE VERNELL GREEN, 21, of 1002 was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and from another agency.
- CARLOS RENE GARCIA, 36, of 600 S. Bell St. was arrested on warrants for driving on improved shoulder and driving while license invalid.
- OLIVIA CONZALES, 36, of 1201 Sycamore St.

was arrested on a warrant for driving while license invalid.

- REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK, 31, of 509 S. Johnson St. was given a citation for public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of N. Aylesford St. and the 600 block of Edwards Blvd.
- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of N. Lamesa Hwy, the 400 block of E. 16<sup>th</sup> St., the

500 block of Westover Rd., the 2000 block of S. Gregg St., the 2600 block of Hunter Dr. and the 100 block of N.E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg St. and at the intersection of FM 700 and Wasson.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels St.

• DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of Lexington.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of E. 16<sup>th</sup> St.

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

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported on Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore St.

**Support groups**

**MONDAY**

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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# Take note

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• Family Medical Center will host a community Meet & Greet on July 21 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. All providers will be on hand to meet with the community. There will be refreshments provided by Chef John. The reception will take place in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Lobby. Door prizes will be given away. The gift shop will also be open during this time for those wanting to browse the unique selection.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient

care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

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

• 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. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346.

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- Gym suits and uniforms
- Hats
- Hooded shirts and sweatshirts
- Hosiery
- Hunting vests
- Jackets
- Jeans
- Jogging apparel
- Knitted caps or hats
- Leg warmers
- Leotards and tights

- Neckwear and ties
- Nightgowns and nightshirts
- Painter pants
- Pants
- Pajamas
- Panty hose
- Raincoats and ponchos
- Rain hats
- Religious clothing
- Robes
- Safety shoes
- Scarves
- Scout uniforms
- Shawls and wraps
- Shirts
- Shoes (generally)

- Shorts
- Skirts
- Sleepwear
- Slippers
- Slips
- Soccer socks
- Socks
- Suits
- Sweaters
- Swimsuits
- Tennis accessories
- Underclothes
- Uniforms
- Veils
- Vests (generally)
- Work clothes and uniforms

# CRUZ

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sat in my office, I told my staff the majority leader looked me in the eye and looked 54 Republicans in the eye. I cannot believe he would tell a flat-out lie," Cruz said.

"We now know that when the majority leader looks us in the eyes and makes an explicit commitment that he is willing to say things that he knows are false."

The majority leader was not on the Senate

floor when Cruz issued his attack, and ignored reporters who tried to ask him about it in the Capitol's hallways. A spokesman said McConnell would have no response.

McConnell has long indicated he would allow a vote on the Export-Import Bank as an amendment on the highway bill, which is the course he's now following. Senate supporters of the Export-Import Bank have said they got that commitment from McConnell in the course of debate on a separate trade bill, though there's been

some dispute about what precisely was agreed to.

No senator rose to defend McConnell on the floor, as some Republicans sought to avoid engaging in the dispute and giving Cruz still more attention. Questioned by reporters later, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, challenged Cruz's criticism of McConnell, telling reporters, "I think it's wrong to disclose private information, especially when the disclosure is not accurate."

"Keep in mind, he's running for president," Hatch added. "People who run for president do some very interesting things."

McConnell and Cruz have never had a thriving relationship. The new majority leader's allies earlier this year derided Cruz's Senate record, complaining that he often speaks out but has missed important developments. After

complaining about President Barack Obama's nomination of Loretta Lynch as attorney general, for example, Cruz skipped the final vote on her confirmation.

Some close to McConnell call Cruz "Mr. 1 percent," referring to his share of support in the crowded race for the GOP presidential nomination. Recent polls have him a few points higher among more than a dozen contenders.

Cruz, for his part, has grown increasingly outspoken about his contempt for McConnell and other Republicans, using his newly published book, "A Time for Truth," to attack his colleagues on various fronts and accuse them of failing to stand up for their principles.

# TAX

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to-school expenses can really put a strain on family budgets this time of year," said Glen Hegar, Texas Comptroller in a new release. "This is an opportunity for families to save some money and prepare for the start of the school year."

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

Hegar's office estimates shoppers will save about \$87 millions in state and local sales tax during the three-day period.

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website at [TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://TexasTaxHoliday.org).

Some of those items are: binders, book bags, calculators, cellophane tape, blackboard chalk, compasses, erasers, folders — expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila, highlighters, legal pads, lunch boxes, markers, including dry erase, notebooks, paper — loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper, pencils, pens, protractors, rulers and scissors.

Some clothing items on the list are: athletic socks, blouses, coats and wraps, dresses, football jerseys, graduation caps and gowns, gym suits and uniforms, hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts, jackets, jeans, jogging apparel, knitted caps or hats, leg warmers, raincoats and ponchos.

Robes, scarves, scout uniforms, shawls and wraps, shirts, shoes, shorts, skirts, sleepwear, nightgowns, pajamas, slippers, slips, socks, suits, slacks, and jackets, support hosiery, sweat suits, sweaters, trousers, underclothes, underpants and undershirts.

# BUDGET

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In other business Monday, commissioners will consider a proposal that would effectively refinance the \$11.5 million bond issue which financed construction of the law enforcement center. Wiseman said taking that action would save taxpayers around \$600,000, although it would extend the payout on the bonds.

In related news, Wiseman said the county's 2005 bond, which financed renovations at the courthouse, is due to

be retired in the coming fiscal year.

In other business, commissioners will consider:

- Purchase of a spare air conditioning compressor for the jail.
- Appointment of election judges and discussion of polling locations.
- Update on upcoming TxDOT road closures.
- Discussion and possible action on the county's employee health and dental rates.

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# Opinion

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

Walking the Red Road:

## Sacred animals

In my last two articles, Way of the Wolf, I explained why the wolf is a sacred animal to Native Americans. I will now share with you other animals that hold a special place in our culture.

Let us begin with the buffalo. The buffalo is a very special animal to all plains nations. The buffalo supplied the people with all that they needed.

It provided meat for them to eat, hide and fur used for clothing and to cover teepees. The buffalos bones were used to make tools.

All buffalo are special to the people, however, there is one that is sacred - the white buffalo. Native Americans would never harm a white buffalo. Here is a story explaining why the white buffalo is sacred.

**RANDY MCKINNEY** A very long time ago two warriors were out hunting. They came upon a maiden dressed in a beautiful white buckskin dress. The maiden was quite beautiful as well. One of the warriors had impure thoughts about the maiden. He quickly disappeared in a puff of smoke.

The other warrior took the maiden back to his village. She gave the people the first medicine pipe. She explained what it was for and how to smoke the pipe and use the pipe in ceremonies.

After staying in the village for a couple of days she told the people it was time for her to go. She walked alone from the village. When the maiden reached the top of a hill she turned back towards the people. As the people watched she turned into a white buffalo. Since this time all white buffalo became sacred animals.

Two other animals special to the Native American people are the raven and the otter. The raven is seen to be a messenger between the people and the Creator. The otter is known to assist the Creator the following is their story.

When the Creator first made the earth it was all covered in water. The people all lived inside the earth. There was a small opening they could look out, feel the warmth of the sun and smell the fresh air.

One day a man was looking out and a raven flew by. The man told the raven that the people were not happy living inside the earth and wanted to live outside.

The raven took this news back to the Creator. The Creator built a raft and with the raven, otter and turtle went out upon the water. The Creator told them that he needed some mud to make the land for the people to live on. First the raven dove into the water. But not being able to swim well he was unable to reach the bottom. The otter then tried. Otters are good swimmers and can hold their breath for a long time. The otter returned and told the Creator that the water was too deep for him to reach the bottom.

The turtle then offered to try. Turtles can hold their breath for a very long time and are very good swimmers. After a long period of time the turtle returned with the mud the Creator needed.

The Creator made the land, the people came out from inside the earth and were very happy to be able to live in the warm sunshine and breath the fresh air.

In part two I will tell more about the turtle and why it is so special in our culture. I will also tell of some of the other animals that are special and sacred to Native Americans. For now, be kind to all creatures. They are all our brothers and sisters.

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## 31 panes of glass

When David Scott of Dublin was working for a school he had an accident that caused a head injury. He became disabled and was spending time at home. He had trouble sleeping and would have bad dreams, visions and occasionally heard voices. “A doctor told me I was having post concussion syndrome,” says David, “which means you will have weird dreams and you might hear voices.” He didn’t say anything to his wife because he was afraid she would think he was having mental problems. During one of his sleepless nights he got out of bed, went to his shop and put his head down on his table. His bible was nearby.

He opened it to Genesis one, verse one and something in his head told him he needed to paint that verse.

A couple of months earlier he was looking around his shop and found 31 panes of glass in various sizes, most of them about 8 by 12 inches. “They were covered with dust and dirt and I spent some time cleaning them. Then I put them in a box. They

were about one-16th of an inch thick, just some old glass that could have been 60 or 70 years old. During the time I was off work I had bought some different types and colors of paints and some brushes and so forth. I made me a rather crude easel, reached down, grabbed me a pane of glass, picked up a brush, got my paint ready and started painting. I would close my eyes when the picture in my mind would fade and after a little bit it would become clear and I would start painting again.”

He says it took maybe three hours to paint the image that was in his mind. “I got through and looked at it and thought it didn’t look too bad for a person who had never painted anything before.”

For the next year he would leave his bed during the night, go to his shop and consider what was happening.

He decided to do a painting on a pane of glass for each verse of the first chapter of Genesis. “Things would happen to me that would stay in my mind and give me some thoughts for my paintings. After about a year I got to verse 30. I painted it and set it aside. A couple of days later I had another of my crazy spells, I guess. Another image. I went out to my shop, reached

into the box holding the panes of glass and realized there was only one more pane of glass. I set it up on my easel and opened the bible and turned the page and there was verse 31, the last verse in the chapter. I said wow. Why did I only find 31 panes of glass and why were there just 31 verses of Genesis 1? I did that last painting and took a good look at it and liked it. I closed up my paints, went into the house, went to bed and never had another dream. I slept like a baby and didn’t hear any more voices in my head.”

David and I had agreed to meet at a drive in restaurant in Dublin. He had the paintings in his pickup and I became one of just a few people who have seen them. He calls the entire collection THE CREATION. I asked him what he had done with the paintings, which were done in 1995 and 1996. “They’re stored in my house,” he said. “There’s got to be some reason why I did these because there are 3 or 4 paintings I don’t remember painting.”

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## A trip for ultimate ‘soariness’

Many tourist destinations tease with promises to “get away from it all.” One in the U.S. goes a step further. Albuquerque, N.M. offers opportunities to “get above” much of it, thanks to mountainous trails, a memorable aerial tramway and world-renowned hot air ballooning.

After spending a few days there, I’d dare suggest an “elevated” slogan that won’t likely gain traction. Still, “The City for Ultimate ‘Soariness,’” works for me. (OK, I won’t quit my day job.)

I’m thinking New Mexicans — whose state was admitted to the union in 1912 — are far too modest. Officially, it’s the “Land of Enchantment,” and tourism leaders in Albuquerque claim “It’s a Trip.” Six million tourists pumping \$2 billion annually into the city’s economy can’t be wrong. Yep, “soariness” there is big and getting bigger.

Multiple reasons for “soariness” go way back. God’s handiwork in topography set things up, and the rich talent of this region’s people has added much. Today, there’s a modern “new” Albuquerque, but snuggling alongside is its historic district, “Old Town.” The strong partnership in one of the world’s most unique cities suggests strong commitment to cultural preservation — pride in what was, what is and what will be. Heart, spirit, mind and soul reach for “ultimate ‘soariness’” in Albuquerque, all year long.

Two additions in the past half century are noteworthy. The storied Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway in 1966 was an immediate delight — and still is. Six years later in 1972, Radio Station KOB celebrated its 50th anniversary with Albuquerque’s first Hot Air Balloon Festival. Now the largest in the world, it draws global attention during its annual nine-day run each October. In the beginning, a handful of balloonists and small crowds showed up. Now, the spectacle is limited to 600 balloons — in various shapes, sizes and colors, many of them “game” for multiple competitions.

It is not uncommon for 100,000 visitors to gather for a single launch. Last year, the event attracted 850,000 people, and many visitors watch ballooning there throughout the year.

“Old Town” is simply a “must.” Arts and crafts — all preserving Native American, Hispanic and Spanish cultures — abound in dozens of shops, with a myriad of turquoise and silver jewelry — as well as pottery and leather goods — on sidewalk display.

Locals, redefining “friendly,” cheerfully suggest restaurants they like. And, doesn’t that make visitors feel more like insiders?

Art of the Southwest impresses. It is promoted in many ways, including initiatives by individuals, institutions and corporate groups. At Nativio Lodge — and other Heritage Hotels and Resorts — the rich, multicultural heritage draws from a blend of the region’s cultures for guests’ enjoyment — even amazement.

An authentic Native American drum — perhaps 10 feet in diameter — dominated our hotel lobby.

We would understand it better a day later.

Sunday brought two distinctive religious experiences.

One occurred early on. A Native American chanted quietly, slowly beating the aforementioned drum. The man — perhaps a guest? — was at worship. It was authentic; there was no commercial aspect. Then in Old Town, we visited the beautiful San Felipe de Neri Church, built in 1793. Church bells called worshipers to morning mass, and the robed padre bade welcome at the door.

Breathtaken by all the adobe structures with thick walls to withstand the ravages of centuries, we wished they could talk. They’d have much to say.

It’s easily understood why more than half of New Mexico’s two million residents live in greater Albuquerque.

They love the sunrises and sunsets for which the state is known. Also loved are tandem efforts to be progressive in what is “new” without disregarding what is “old.”

We visited Roswell — my wife’s birthplace, where ongoing conversations about aliens include predictions that the area may soon lead the world in pecan harvests. We vowed to visit Carlsbad Caverns one day soon, a “wow” experience in childhood. And, the capitol city of Santa Fe beckons from this enchanted land where more wonders await.

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# Yuma capitalizes as highway collapse diverts drivers

The Associated Press

Yvonne Peach was up late posting a new special on the website for her historic Yuma hotel.

The deal — \$159 for two nights at the Historic Coronado Motor Hotel plus a \$25 dinner gift card — was aimed at the steady stream of drivers passing through the desert city to avoid a collapsed freeway bridge on Interstate 10 to the north.

Yuma is usually a sleepy town on the way to San Diego. But it has seen thousands more visitors as traffic between Phoenix and Los Angeles is rerouted, prompting a brief but welcome boom.

Fast-food parking lots and gas stations have been packed all week as travelers make their

way to and from California.

“I just thought it would be nice for those people who are inconvenienced,” Peach said about her deal. “I don’t want them to think that Yuma’s gonna rip them off.”

Summer is generally the slow season for the farming city of less than 100,000 people near the Mexico border that counts on “snow birds” in the winter to keep its economy afloat.

But the rerouted drivers have meant more traffic for businesses, both in Yuma and other towns along the detour from I-10.

Parker, Arizona, about 36 miles north of I-10 near the California border, saw a huge spike in traffic on Monday, said tourism coordinator Josh Savino.

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The Parker Area Tourism office has been posting messages on social media that offer discounts and tout the town’s attractions. One post features a postcard of a lake with the caption, “Parker, Arizona. Best Detour Ever.”

“Come back on purpose next time,” it reads.

John Courtis, executive director of the Yuma Chamber of Commerce, said a McDonald’s that normally has a dozen cars in the park-

ing lot has been packed. A truck stop that typically has six to eight big rigs had more than 25, officials say.

“We got our welcome mat out and helping folks the best we can,” he said.

But the effort by business and tourism officials to capitalize on the freeway closure caused by flooding was short-lived when California announced it was re-opening the highway Friday.

Courtis said his of-

fice had been planning a Lynyrd Skynyrd-themed ad campaign dubbed “Gimme Three Stops,” a play on a song by the group, urging people passing through to visit the McDonald’s, a gas station and one shop in town.

“If the I-10 was going to be closed for two or three months, we’d really do some fun promoting,” Courtis said.

Ann Walker, a spokeswoman for the Yuma Convention & Visitors Bureau, said the organization has been using social media to entice drivers to stop and take a look around.

“People don’t realize how big Yuma actually is. The city population is under 100,000 but there are almost 4,000 hotel rooms here, which surprises people,” Walker said.

Collie Bernabe, who also works at the visitor’s bureau, has been selling her city.

On Wednesday, a woman and her young daughter dropped by to ask what they might do while crossing town. Bernabe said the family had been in Anaheim, California, and was returning home but had to take a longer route.

Bernabe touted the city’s museums and the Yuma Territorial Prison, a historic site. The woman had planned on leaving that day but decided to stay the night and explore.

“Before they left the lady said she was really glad that they had to come to Yuma because they had never come here before and they were very impressed with the city,” Bernabe said.

## House passes bill to prevent 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.

“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.

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# Science students challenged at STEM camp

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The lack of cellphone chargers at this year's Aggie STEM Summer Camp became a real problem for the high school and middle school campers a couple days in.

Armed with new technology and engineering knowledge and with watchful Texas A&M University professors at their side, they built their own charging port.

The Eagle (<http://bit.ly/1Kox81e>) reports innovation could be found in every corner of the Harrington Building on A&M's campus this week as almost 70 budding science, technology, engineering and math wonderkinds from around Texas and as far away as Italy experimented with 3-D printers and solar panel technology, trebuchets and mobile app development.

Luciana Barroso, a structural engineering professor who instructs a bridge-build-

*"We need diversity. Creativity comes from different points of view and perspectives, and while you think of creativity more often in artistic fields, to be a good engineer, scientist or mathematician you need to have that openness of minds and perspectives."*

Luciana Barroso  
Texas A&M professor

ing section for the course, said there are no skill requirements for the summer camps, but campers leave with a strong grasp of science, technology, engineering and math. The non-exclusivity of the camp, now in its sixth year, is crucial to supplying the large demand for STEM majors.

"We need diversity," Barroso said. "Creativity comes from different points of view and perspectives, and while you think of creativity more often in artistic fields, to be

a good engineer, scientist or mathematician you need to have that openness of minds and perspectives."

At the start of the 13-day camp, Barroso said, students may not have known much about bridges, but they now spot buildings around town and have mini-debates about each one's structure and design. Jill Skaggs, an eighth-grader, said the course has already exceeded expectations.

"I expected it to be more like a normal classroom, but it's turned into so much more,"

she said. "It's more hands-on than a normal classroom."

Students will each work on small projects, such as a mechanical pulley system that will lift a bucket, that will work cohesively with other projects that could involve solar power. Students also have to document their progress so they can "sell" their project through a marketing campaign when it is complete.

Chon Brooks, who was a STEM 2010 camper-turned-counselor for this year's group, said students like

Skaggs who sign up for the camp alongside the boys are especially inspiring.

"It's very empowering to know that they're thinking beyond what society believes they want to do," Brooks said. "I encourage it so much."

Devyn Rice, an incoming A&M freshman, attended the camp the summer before her senior year in high school and is now an assistant counselor. One of the similarities she noticed between both summer experiences is that the campers, especially the girls, inevitably invest entirely in their new friendships and projects.

"You see a lot of them come out of their shells while they're here," Rice said. "Some of them will do their makeup the first couple days and make sure they look really cute, and they still look cute, but they care more about what they're doing rather than how they look."

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## Odds and ends

### Drunk man who jumped in lake to avoid rescuers sent to trial

LEVITTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A district judge says a drunken-driving suspect who ran naked from a hospital and jumped into an eastern Pennsylvania lake must stand trial for disorderly conduct and other charges.

The defense attorney for 29-year-old Gregory Morten, of New Hope, argued Thursday that his client was so drunk and mentally disturbed that he couldn't think clearly and didn't intend to disturb the public or endanger rangers at Core Creek Park in Middletown.

Morten was arrested June 6 because police say his blood-alcohol content was more than four times the legal limit after a car crash. He's still awaiting a hearing on the drunken driving and related charges.

### Milwaukee man shoots dog, mistaking it for reported lion

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A man who thought he spotted a lion that people have reported seeing wandering on

Milwaukee's north side has shot and injured a large pit bull.

Police say the dog, which was shot Tuesday night, is being cared for at the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission.

The organization's director, Karen Sparapani, says people might be "amped up or afraid" by the reports of lion sightings. The pit bull suffered a gunshot wound to the right front leg.

Officers say the man who shot the dog hasn't been identified.

### BLM: Idaho cyclist sparks fire by burning used toilet paper

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Authorities say a cyclist started a 73-acre wildfire in southwest Idaho by lighting his toilet paper on fire after taking a comfort break.

U.S. Bureau of Land Management officials say the cyclist stopped to defecate in a ravine in the Boise foothills on Wednesday afternoon. The man then lit the toilet paper on fire but lost control of the embers in the dry grass while trying to extinguishing the waste.

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# Jail death focuses attention on inmate suicides

DALLAS (AP)—When Sandra Bland died in a small Texas jail last week, she became just the latest name on a long list of inmates whose deaths were determined to be suicides.

Bland's death following her arrest for a minor traffic violation added fresh fuel to the national debate over police use of force on blacks. It also focused new attention on the longstanding problem of inmates who take their own lives.

The traffic stop "is one issue and that will be dealt with," Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said earlier this week. "But she lost her life in the jail. And that's what we have to look at." If the correct procedures had been in place, "maybe she would be alive today."

Suicide is the leading cause of death in jails after natural illness. In fact, inmates take their own lives three times more often than the average population, according to a 2010 study cited in the National Study of Jail Suicide.

Since 2000, the total number of jail suicides

has remained fairly constant — around 300 a year, according to the federal government's Bureau of Justice Statistics. Improved awareness and monitoring have helped make suicides far less common than in the 1980s or 1990s.

"You talk to any sheriff 20 years ago and they would say suicides are not preventable," said Lindsay Hayes, author of the national study. "Today, more often than not, a sheriff is going to be much more proactive or better-read about that issue."

Statistically, white male inmates are most likely to die by their own hand, both nationally and in Texas. Women make up just a fraction of total jail suicides, and Bland was the only black woman found to have killed herself in a Texas jail since 2009.

The heightened risk of suicide behind bars results from various factors, including those that arise from the jail environment itself.

"Suicides are often spontaneous and notoriously difficult to fore-

cast," said a 2013 article on Texas jail suicides in the LBJ Journal of Public Affairs published by the University of Texas. "Some stressors may come from the jail environment itself where isolation, loss of control, conflict with other inmates or staff, frustration with legal proceedings, or distress and shame over incarceration may flare suicidal tendencies."

State law requires county jails to determine an inmate's suicide risk and whether enhanced security measures are needed. The state only requires that an inmate be observed in person at least once every hour. An inmate who may be suicidal or who displays bizarre behavior must be checked every 30 minutes.

A suicide prevention plan filed by the Waller County Jail, where Bland was found dead July 13, requires all jailers to get two hours of annual mental health training. It also says inmates with high suicide risk should be observed every 5 minutes.

The four-page plan

was filed in 2010 with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

The plan sets out the same requirements for all inmates deemed suicidal: a paper gown instead of cloth, isolation in a single cell and no allowances for personal property or linens. Michele Deitch, a University of Texas law school lecturer, said those guidelines could make things worse for lower-risk inmates and cause them to lie about their thoughts.

"By making it such a restrictive and harsh setting, you're making it less likely that someone is going to actually reveal they have suicidal thoughts," she said.

Deitch argued the plan did not require enough training for jail staff, based on best practices

set out by mental health experts. The plan also only requires investigations of "completed suicides" and not all attempts, and doesn't require creating cells without hooks or other problematic features.

Waller County Sheriff Glenn Smith has said Bland was not on suicide watch and was supposed to be observed once every hour. But he also acknowledged that jailers at least once violated state rules by interacting with her via intercom and not in-person.

The intercom conversation, during which Bland asked how to make an outgoing call using a phone in her cell, came about an hour before her body was found July 13 hanging from a noose fashioned

from a plastic garbage-can liner.

Two jailers who assessed Bland when she was being booked in the county jail were "adamant" that she appeared fine, the sheriff said.

When the 28-year-old Chicago-area woman was booked into the county jail on July 10, records show, she reported having attempted suicide after a failed pregnancy. Her sister said the miscarriage happened in 2014. Other booking papers indicated Bland did not have suicidal thoughts at the time of her arrest.

The commission cited the jail last week for violating standards on staff training and observation of inmates, and the sheriff said he was forming a task force to review jail procedures.



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# Trump's hardline views divide Laredo Hispanics

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — There was an audible gasp from the gathered crowd as Donald Trump's 757 lifted off the tarmac.

"Oh my God. Wow," said Gina Gil, 48, after an excited shriek, reaching for her 11-year-old-nephew. "I think it's a historic moment, ma'am. Seriously, I really do."

Gil was referring to Trump's visit Thursday to Laredo, Texas, a small city on the U.S.-Mexico border where the Republican presidential candidate spent less than an hour touring the border, bragged to reporters about the danger he faced, proclaimed that Hispanics love him, and stopped traffic with a presidential-size motorcade.

Yet beyond the spectacle The Donald seems to create wherever he goes, the billionaire businessman's visit exposed evidence of a divided community whose overwhelmingly Hispanic population both decried Trump as racist and cheered his hardline immigration views. Interviews during and after the whirlwind tour with more than a dozen local residents underscored the danger Trump represents to the GOP's relationship with Hispanic voters and his appeal to a vocal segment of frustrated voters,

many Hispanics among them, who see a glaring problem on the nation's southern border that requires attention.

Jessica Gonzalez, 79, a retired housewife who was born and raised in Laredo, said she'd watched as the city she'd grown up in had changed, with restaurants replaced with Mexican food and new people coming in.

"I think he's right," she said in the parking lot of a local CVS. "All we have is people from foreign countries. ... It's not like it used to be."

Gonzalez — a Democrat — and her husband used to travel across the border frequently to shop and for entertainment, but are now afraid to cross because of violence from the drug cartels.

"I want to go down and say: Donald Trump, you're on fire in Laredo! Because everybody feels what you think!" she said.

Outside Obregon's Mexican Restaurant, Enrique Harrington Ramon, 75, said he felt Spanish-speaking immigrants "take advantage of us" in Laredo, and said people are responding to what Trump says "because it's the truth."

"I am sick of walking into a store and hearing 'en que le puede ayudar?' What country are we in?" he said.

Others in this growing city of about 250,000, where 95.6 percent of the population identified as Hispanic or Latino in 2010, lashed out at Trump, who described some Mexican immigrants in the country illegally as "rapists" and "criminals" during his announcement speech last month and has refused to apologize.

"I wish he wouldn't come down here," said Raul Gonzalez, 65, a retired trailer and truck mechanic who was born and raised in Laredo. "He's very disrespectful to Latinos."

Laredo-born Tony Flores, 82, who was wearing a cap that identified him as a Korean War veteran, said of Trump: "He is poisonous. He is hatred."

While Hispanic voters along the U.S.-Texas border have a unique perspective, the vast majority of the growing demographic supports more forgiving immigration policies that would allow a pathway to citizenship or permanent residency for immigrants in the country illegally, according to recent polls.

Trump, meanwhile, is viewed favorably by just 28 percent of Americans and unfavorably by 58 percent, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll conducted earlier in the month.

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# News in brief

## 1 loud shot, followed by another, another: Survivor describes shooting in movie theater

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — Emily Mann and her friend had come into the theater a bit late for the evening showing of "Trainwreck" so they quietly found seats near the top of the small theater. The 21-year-old didn't notice the man just a few seats down until 20 minutes into the movie when he got up and began firing into the crowd.

"You hear one loud shot and you're sure that's not what it is because it would never be that. And then you hear another and another and another and you realize that those aren't just lights and sounds," said Mann, speaking to The Associated Press about the brutal killing in a Lafayette movie theater Thursday evening.

John Russell Houser, 59, stood up without a word and started shooting, leaving a horrific scene of blood, bullet holes, spent shell casings, and personal possessions like purses and wallets in a movie theater that was supposed to be a refuge from the stress of daily life.

Amid the tragedy, a tale of heroism emerged: high school English teacher Ali Martin, suffering from a gunshot to the kneecap, made her way to a fire alarm and pulled it. Police say she saved lives, alerting some 300 people in the giant multiplex that something wasn't right.

Police say Houser then tried to blend into the crowd heading outside as the alarm blared. But he turned back as police officers approached, reloading and firing into the crowd before killing himself with a single shot inside the theater, police said.

## Movie theater gunman built a reputation as an angry provocateur who didn't like to be crossed

In 2014, facing eviction from his Alabama home, John Russell Houser set out to make sure no one else could ever live in that house. He poured concrete down the drains and cemented the fuse box shut. He splattered paint and human waste all over the walls.

The new owners found Houser had it booby-trapped: the gas starter tube in the fireplace was twisted out and ignited, the logs removed. "He was hoping the house would catch on fire. That's what the investigators told me," said Norman Bone, 77, who had bought the house for his daughter.

The man Bone once knew as a church-going neighbor had grown into someone better known by neighbors and colleagues as an angry provocateur. Police say his anger culminated Thursday night in a slaughter at The Grand 16 theater in Lafayette, Louisiana, leaving two women dead and nine other people hurt.

For decades, Houser lived and worked in the same area where he owned that home, in Phenix City and the surrounding cities. Since the early '90s, he had built a reputation as an oddball. It was then that he regularly appeared on a local television show, appearing opposite a Democrat as a radical Republican railing against women in the workplace and calling for violence against abortion providers.

## Obama returns to Kenya for first time as president, reunites with father's family

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Fulfilling the hopes of millions of Kenyans, Barack Obama returned to his father's homeland Friday for the first time as U.S. president, a long sought visit by a country that considers him a local son.

The president spent the evening reuniting with his Kenyan family, including his elderly step-grandmother who made the trip to the capital of Nairobi from her rural village. U.S. and Kenyan flags lined the main road from Nairobi's airport, and billboards heralding Obama's trip dotted the city.

"I don't think that Kenyans think of Obama as African-American. They think of him as Kenyan-American," said EJ Hogendoorn, deputy program director for Africa at the International Crisis Group.

Obama's link to Kenya is a father he barely knew, but whose influence can nonetheless be seen in his son's presidency.

## Turkish jets hit Kurds in Iraq for first time since 2013 peace deal, Islamic State in Syria

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish jets struck camps belonging to Kurdish militants in northern Iraq, authorities said Saturday, the first strike since a peace deal was announced in 2013, as Ankara also bombed Islamic State positions in Syria for a second straight night.

The strikes in Iraq targeted the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, whose affiliates have been effective in battling the Islamic State group. The strikes further complicate the U.S.-led war against the extremists, which has relied on Kurdish forces making gains in both Iraq and Syria.

A spokesman in Iraq for the PKK, which has been fighting Turkey for autonomy since 1984 and is considered a terrorist organization by Ankara and its allies, said the strikes likely spelled the end of the peace agreement.

"Turkey has basically ended the cease-fire," Zagros Hiwa told The Associated Press, declining to elaborate further. He said the PKK was still assessing the damage caused by the strikes, though they didn't appear to cause casualties.

The jets hit PKK shelters, bunkers, caves, storages facilities and other "logistical points," a statement from the Turkish prime minister's office said. It said five areas were targeted, including the Qandil mountains, where the PKK's command is based. The statement did not specify Islamic State targets that were struck in Syria in a second night of bombings, but described the airstrikes in both Syria and Iraq as being "effective."

## Police say motive unclear after 5 members of Oklahoma family stabbed to death

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP) — Po-

lice in Oklahoma say they have turned to social media posts for clues about the motive of a teenager accused in the stabbing deaths of his parents and three siblings during a late-night attack that left bodies strewn through the family's home.

A booking document filed by police in the Tulsa suburb of Broken Arrow accuses Robert Bever, 18, of five counts of first-degree murder and a count of aggravated assault in the attack Wednesday night.

Bever's 16-year-old brother also was being held.

Because he is a juvenile, officers have not released his name or announced charges against him. Broken Arrow Police Cpl. Leon Calhoun said both brothers were cooperating with the investigation.

## Dawn of deep-sea mining alarms conservationists as UN body issues exploration contracts

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — The deep oceans span more than half the globe and their frigid depths have long been known to contain vast, untapped deposits of prized minerals. These treasures of the abyss, however, have always been out of reach to miners.

But now, the era of deep seabed mining appears to be dawning fueled by technological advances in robotics and dwindling land-based deposits. Rising demand for copper, cobalt, gold and the rare-earth elements vital in manufacturing smartphones and other high-tech products is causing a prospecting rush to the dark seafloor thousands of meters (yards) beneath the waves.

With authorities at the Jamaica-based International Seabed Authority issuing exploration contracts, alarmed conservationists are warning that the deep ocean's fragile biodiversity must be protected and not nearly enough is known about the risks of extracting minerals from seabeds.

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- August 10** – Games 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- August 11** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
Supper Club "Red Mesa" 5:30 p.m.
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- August 17** - Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- August 18** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
Supper Club "China Dragon" 5:30 p.m.
- August 19** – Senior Appreciation Day 11:30am
- August 20** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
Bunko 5:00 p.m.
- August 21** – POTLUCK & BINGO 11:30 - 2:00 p.m.
- August 24** – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- August 25** - Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
Supper Club "Cowboy's" 5:30 p.m.
- August 26** – Senior Appreciation Day 11:30am
- August 27** – Mall Walking, 9:00 am.
- August 31** – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.



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## Angels fans boo Hamilton but Texas gets 4-2 victory

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Several of Josh Hamilton's former Angels teammates chatted with the slugger on the field during his first game back at the Big A, glad to see him happy and healthy with the Texas Rangers.

They just wished the slugger's return hadn't been quite so successful.

Hamilton doubled, singled and scored two runs in his first game back at Angel Stadium since he was traded, and Texas got 7-plus outstanding innings of four-hit ball from Colby Lewis in a 4-2 victory over Los Angeles on Friday night.

Hamilton was jeered whenever he stepped to the plate or touched the ball at the stadium where he played the previous two seasons after signing a five-year, \$125 million free-agent deal with the Angels. The former AL MVP was traded back to Texas three months ago following two dismal years in Orange County during which he profoundly frustrated Angels fans.

"The reaction from the crowd was exactly what I expected," Hamilton said. "Wasn't too bad. Wasn't good, either."

He handled it in stride, joking about the reception with Angels catcher Chris Iannetta at the plate.

"Everybody knew he was going to get booed," said Mike Trout, who publicly supported Hamilton after the slugger's latest struggle with sobriety led to the trade. "But we've turned the page over here, and he's turned the page since he's been over there. He's

in a new place, and I'm sure he's happy over there."

Trout hit his 29th home run to pull even with Albert Pujols in the AL race, and he also had a run-scoring single in the eighth for the Angels (54-42). They have lost two straight after winning 17 of their previous 20, allowing Houston (55-43) to pull virtually even atop the AL West.

Hamilton had just his second multi-hit game of July despite the frosty reception. He figured in both of the Rangers' scoring rallies, with his double off the right-field wall starting the Rangers' decisive three-run surge in the fifth.

"I think he handled it fine," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "He's probably been booed in other stadiums before. He had a lot of energy, smile on his face, and enjoyed the game."

Robinson Chirinos drove in two runs for the Rangers, who jumped on Angels fill-in starter Nick Tropeano to win their third straight.

Lewis (10-4) shook off his dismal career history against the Angels to dominate their surging lineup, striking out nine while yielding only three infield singles and Trout's solo homer in the fourth.

After retiring 15 of the first 17, Lewis gave up two singles leading off the sixth. He calmly struck out Kole Calhoun, Trout and Pujols, who have all hit superbly against Lewis in the past.

"The way he pitched, it was like night and day from when we saw him in Texas a couple



Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton, left, and Los Angeles Angels catcher Chris Iannetta react as Hamilton is greeted with "Boos" as he is introduced to bat during the second inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Friday, July 24, 2015.

of weeks ago," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said, recalling their 12 hits and 10 runs off Lewis on July 5. "He was ahead in the count, had a good slider working, and we weren't able to pressure him. Mike got us on the board, but for the most part, any opportunities we had, he made some pitches for sure."

Tropeano (1-1) pitched seven-hit ball into the

second start for the Angels. He retired 13 Angels before the double by Hamilton, who scored from third after Tropeano's pickoff throw to first got past C.J. Cron.

Trout delivered a two-out RBI single off Kevone Kela in the eighth, but Pujols took a called third strike moments later with two runners on. Pujols went 0 for 4 with three strikeouts.

CHANGES

Tropeano was optioned back to Triple-A Salt Lake to make room for infielder Conor Gillaspie, acquired from the White Sox earlier in the day. Gillaspie could get starts at third base while David Freese's broken finger heals.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Rangers: C Carlos Corporan (sprained thumb) took batting practice. He is expected to be activated next week.

Angels: RHP Jered Weaver won't return early next month missing the last month with a hip injury, but shouldn't be out much longer.

**UP NEXT**

Rangers: Yovani Gallardo (7-9, 2.91 ERA) has lost three straight starts despite his tidy ERA.

Angels: Hector Santiago (7-4, 2.30 ERA) began the weekend with the AL's third-best ERA.

### Scoreboard

**BASEBALL**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	53	42	.558	—
Tampa Bay	49	49	.500	5½
Toronto	49	49	.500	5½
Baltimore	46	49	.484	7
Boston	43	54	.443	11

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	57	38	.600	—
Minnesota	52	44	.542	5½
Detroit	47	49	.490	10½
Cleveland	45	50	.474	12
Chicago	44	50	.468	12½

**West Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	54	42	.563	—
Houston	55	43	.561	—
Texas	46	49	.484	7½
Seattle	45	52	.464	9½
Oakland	44	54	.449	11

**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

**Friday's Games**  
Tampa Bay 3, Baltimore 1  
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 0

**Saturday's Games**  
Boston 2, Detroit 1, 11 innings  
Houston 4, Kansas City 0  
Minnesota 10, N.Y. Yankees 2  
Texas 4, L.A. Angels 2  
Seattle 5, Toronto 2  
San Francisco 9, Oakland 3

**Sunday's Games**  
Detroit (Simon 8-6) at Boston (S. Wright 3-3), 4:05 p.m.  
Oakland (Bassitt 0-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 10-5), 4:05 p.m.

Toronto (Hutchison 9-2) at Seattle (Happ 4-5), 4:10 p.m.  
Baltimore (Mi. Gonzalez 8-6) at Tampa Bay (E. Ramirez 8-3), 6:10 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Sale 8-5) at Cleveland (Carrasco 10-7), 7:10 p.m.  
Houston (Feldman 4-5) at Kansas City (D. Duffy 4-4), 7:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-8) at Minnesota (Milone 5-2), 7:10 p.m.  
Texas (Gallardo 7-9) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 7-4), 9:05 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
Baltimore (W. Chen 4-6) at Tampa Bay (M. Moore 1-1), 1:10 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Rodon 3-3) at Cleveland (Salazar 8-5), 1:10 p.m.  
Houston (Keuchel 12-4) at Kansas City (Ventura 4-7), 2:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 9-2) at Minnesota (Gibson 8-7), 2:10 p.m.  
Texas (N. Martinez 5-5) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 4-0), 3:35 p.m.  
Oakland (Graveman 6-6) at San Francisco (T. Hudson 5-8), 4:05 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
Toronto (Buehrle 11-5) at Seattle (T. Walker 7-7), 4:10 p.m.  
Detroit (Greene 4-7) at Boston (E. Rodriguez 5-3), 8:08 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**  
Atlanta (A. Wood 7-6) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Danks 5-8) at Boston (J. Kelly 2-6), 7:10 p.m.  
Detroit (An. Sanchez 10-7) at Tampa Bay (Karns 5-5), 7:10 p.m.

Kansas City (Volquez 9-5) at Cleveland (Co. Anderson 2-1), 7:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 2-3) at Texas (M. Harrison 1-1), 8:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Ray 3-5) at Seattle (Montgomery 4-4), 10:10 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	51	44	.537	—
New York	49	48	.505	3
Atlanta	45	51	.469	6½
Miami	41	56	.423	11
Philadelphia	35	63	.357	17½

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	62	34	.646	—
Pittsburgh	56	40	.583	6
Chicago	51	44	.537	10½
Cincinnati	42	52	.447	19
Milwaukee	43	54	.443	19½

**West Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	56	42	.571	—
San Francisco	52	44	.542	3
San Diego	45	52	.464	10½
Arizona	44	51	.463	10½
Colorado	41	53	.436	13

**Thursday's Games**  
Pittsburgh 7, Washington 3  
L.A. Dodgers 3, N.Y. Mets 0  
St. Louis 4, Kansas City 3  
Arizona 8, Milwaukee 3  
Miami 4, San Diego 0

**Friday's Games**  
Philadelphia 5, Chicago Cubs 3, 10 innings  
Pittsburgh 7, Washington 5  
L.A. Dodgers 7, N.Y. Mets 2  
St. Louis 4, Atlanta 2  
Colorado 6, Cincinnati 5  
Milwaukee 2, Arizona 1  
San Diego 3, Miami 1  
San Francisco 9, Oakland 3

**Saturday's Games**  
Oakland (Bassitt 0-2) at San

Francisco (Bumgarner 10-5), 4:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Hamels 5-7) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 11-5), 4:05 p.m.  
Washington (G. Gonzalez 7-4) at Pittsburgh (Burnett 8-3), 7:05 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Z. Lee 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 8-7), 7:10 p.m.  
Atlanta (S. Miller 5-6) at St. Louis (C. Martinez 10-4), 7:15 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Cueto 6-6) at Colorado (Rusin 3-3), 8:10 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Jungmann 5-1) at Arizona (R. De La Rosa 7-5), 8:10 p.m.  
Miami (PHELPS 4-6) at San Diego (Kennedy 5-9), 8:40 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 9-2) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 10-6), 1:10 p.m.  
Washington (J. Ross 2-2) at Pittsburgh (G. Cole 13-4), 1:35 p.m.  
Atlanta (Wisler 4-1) at St. Louis (Whacha 11-3), 2:15 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Nola 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 5-4), 2:20 p.m.  
Oakland (Graveman 6-6) at San Francisco (T. Hudson 5-8), 4:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Lorenzen 3-4) at Colorado (K. Kendrick 3-11), 4:10 p.m.  
Miami (Latos 4-6) at San Diego (Despaigue 3-7), 4:10 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Garza 5-10) at Arizona (Hellickson 6-6), 4:10 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
Atlanta (A. Wood 7-6) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Colorado (J. De La Rosa 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Harvey 4-5),

8:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati (R. Iglesias 1-2) at St. Louis (Lynn 7-5), 8:15 p.m.  
Arizona (Ray 3-5) at Seattle (Montgomery 4-4), 10:10 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Lohse 5-11) at San Francisco (Heston 10-5), 10:15 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**CLEVELAND INDIANS** — Recalled 1B Jesus Aguilar from Columbus (IL). Optioned LHP Kyle Crockett to Columbus.  
**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Recalled INF Cheslor Cuthbert from Omaha (PCL). Optioned INF Dusty Coleman to Omaha.  
**HOUSTON ASTROS** — Optioned OF L.J. Hoes to Fresno (PCL).  
**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Acquired INF Connor Gillaspie from the Chicago White Sox for cash. Designated LHP Adam Wilk for assignment. Recalled RHP Nick Tropeano from Salt Lake City (PCL).  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS** — Recalled RHP Angel Castro from Nashville (PCL). Optioned RHP Arnold Leon to Nashville.  
**National League**  
**COLORADO ROCKIES** — Activated OF Corey Dickerson from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Rex Brothers to Albuquerque (PCL).  
**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Placed RHP Zack Greinke on the paternity list. Recalled RHP Josh Ravin from Oklahoma City (PCL).  
**MIAMI MARLINS** — Recalled RHP Andre Rienzo from New Orleans (PCL).  
**NEW YORK METS** — Placed OF Michael Cuddyer on the 15-

day DL. Selected the contract of OF Michael Conforto from Birmingham (EL). Acquired INF Juan Uribe, OF Kelly Johnson and cash considerations from the Atlanta Braves for RHP John Gant and RHP Rob Whalen. Designated OF John Mayberry Jr. for assignment. Optioned INF Danny Muno to Las Vegas (PCL). Transferred 3B David Wright to the 60-day DL.  
**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS** — Acquired RHP Steve Cishek from Miami for RHP Kyle Barraclough.  
**Eastern League**  
**TRENTON THUNDER** — Announced INF/OF Jose Rosario was transferred from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Placed RHP Andrew Bailey on temporarily inactive list.  
**American Association**  
**AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS** — Signed LHP Matthew McCormick.  
**JOPLIN BLASTERS** — Signed INF Jairo Perez.  
**LAREDO LEMURS** — Signed INF Ty Forney. Released RHP Mark Haynes.  
**WINNIPEG GOLDFISH** — Signed LHP Jon Jones.  
**Atlantic League**  
**LONG ISLAND DUCKS** — Released RHP Matt Soren.  
**Frontier League**  
**RIVER CITY RASCALS** — Signed OF Kelton Caldwell. Released 1B Mike Parker.  
**SCHAUMBURG BOMBERS** — Signed RHP Taylor Thuber.  
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# Kazmir pitches well in Astros debut, beating Royals 4-0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Scott Kazmir made a strong first impression on his new teammates.

Kazmir pitched seven strong innings in his Houston debut, leading the Astros to a 4-0 win over the Kansas City Royals on Friday night.

The 31-year-old left-hander limited the Royals to three singles and only runner — Mike Moustakas in the fourth — past first base. Kazmir (6-5), who lowered his ERA to 2.24, retired the final nine batters he faced.

“It’s nice to get the first one out of the way,” Kazmir said. “When you have a defense like I had behind me especially what you see the first couple of innings, you have a lot of confidence out there. I just pitched to contact.”

Kazmir, acquired by the Astros from Oakland on Thursday for two minor leaguers, hasn’t lost a July start since July 10, 2010, going 7-0 in his past 14 starts.

Kazmir met his catcher Jason Castro for the first time just before batting practice.

“He’s going to be huge for us,” Castro said. “Obviously, the reason we went out and got him is exactly what he did tonight, to give us solid innings. We can’t expect him to throw a shutout every time, but that would be nice. That’s exactly what we were hoping to get out

of him, to have another arm like that in our rotation is going to be huge.”

Preston Tucker had three of the Astros’ hits, including his fourth home run in five games — a solo shot in the third inning. Colby Rasmus singled home Carlos Correa later in the inning to make it 2-0.

“I hadn’t got a chance to see him pitch this year,” Tucker said of Kazmir. “I knew he was good. I didn’t know what to expect. That was awesome. That’s just what we needed.”

Correa, a 20-year-old rookie who extended his hitting streak to nine games, and Jose Altuve each singled home a run in the fourth inning.

Left-hander Tony Sipp walked Moustakas and gave up a single to Eric Hosmer in the ninth, which prompted manager A.J. Hinch to summon closer Luke Gregerson for the final two outs. Gregerson logged his 21st save in 24 opportunities, getting Kendrys Morales to ground into a game inning double play.

Royals right-hander Jeremy Guthrie (7-6) gave up four runs and 11 hits, matching his season high, and two walks in seven innings. It was the eighth time this season and his third straight start Guthrie has allowed at least eight hits.

It was too much Kazmir for the Royals to overcome.



Houston Astros pitcher Scott Kazmir throws in the first inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals in Kansas City, Mo., Friday, July 24, 2015.

AP photo

“He really handled us with fastballs and changeups,” Royals manager Ned Yost said. “But changing speeds ... his fastball was 93-95. His changeup was 74 to 80. A lot of variation there. Really commanded the ball well, kept the ball down. Busted us in when we started looking away and off-speeded us down and away when we were looking in.”

The Astros won their fifth straight and are 6-1 since the All-Star break. The Royals are 0-4 against the Astros this season.



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## Paint away the summer lazies



BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The first week of the summer camp art class has drawn children from the area to express their inner creative skills.

The camp is a series of classes each designed for a specific age group ranging from pre-kindergarten to high school age to teach students self expression, according to art instructor Terri Chaney. Each class cost \$45 to participate which includes all major art supplies. Enrollment is limited to 15 students per class.

Registration is being taken at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry St. Class fees are due at the time of registration. Major art material and snacks will be provided for each class and students should wear appropriate clothing for painting, Chaney said.

The camp continues this week through Friday and classes will be held in the main downstairs gallery of the Heritage Museum.

Classes are:

- Mommy And Me Art Class, age group finishing pre-kindergarten to kindergarten, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Designed for children and their parents to participate, class members will create a crayon resist painting in watercolor and a funny fish painting.

- Funny Robots, age six years old to 10, Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Students will create a robot on canvas using found parts and paint.

- Fun Self-Portraits, ages eight years old to 11, Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Students will learn how to draw and paint a self-portrait with an added surprise to the finished piece.

- Silly Animal Portraits, age eight years old and older, Wednesday and Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

An art show will be held with each students work on Aug. 2 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information,  
contact  
Terri Chaney

432-816-3426.



Pictured at top is David Tidwell, 10, shows off his creation during one of the art summer camp classes; middle, Weston Layman, 11, and bottom, Ashley Sarmineto, 11, work on their projects



## It's back... Amigos Del Barrio

When: Aug. 8  
Where: Legacy  
Contact: Libby Uribe  
263-4260.

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

It's back.

Friends, neighbors and family will be returning to the old neighborhood in early August to attend the return of Amigos Del Barrio, a reunion for people who grew up in the north side community during the 50s, 60s, 70s and even the 80s.

It's a been a popular event drawing as many as 1,500 people from around the country back to Big Spring to swap old stories, compare grey hairs and catch up on the lives of relatives and old friends.

However, the last Amigos Del Barrio was held in 2010, mostly because the main and one of the original organizers, 80-year-old Libby Uribe, stepped back because of her age.

"People started calling me last year, and I kept putting it off. It is a lot of work, but I decided to have a little one this year," Uribe said. "I hope we can have 600 people."

Barrios is a Spanish word comparable to "neighborhood," in English. The reunion is designed mainly to bring together former residents of Big Spring's north side neighborhoods with their families.

The idea originated in the late 1980s when Uribe and some of her friends were discussing a high school reunion for Hispanic graduates of Big Spring High School from the 50s and 60s.

The first reunion was held in 1989 at Dora Roberts Community Center drawing far more people than the organizers' expected, Uribe said.

"We were cooking and suddenly we had to ask for some more help. We were running out of food," she recalled laughing. "Everybody ran to their houses and fixed salads. It was overwhelming the amount of people come in. It was a big crowd."

Uribe describes the event as a "little family reunion."

And it seems for many who grew up in the tight-knit community, it is.

"The neighborhood was like one whole family," Uribe said. "If there was a party, everybody would go to the party and if there was a funeral, everybody would participate."

Uribe said after the long break, she wasn't sure of how much interest the event would draw from the community. However, she has received enormous feedback after she placed an advertising sign on Gregg St.

Everybody is talking about it," she said. "I had some people call me from Colorado, and they wanted to reserve eight tables."

Amigos Del Barrio will be held on Aug. 8 at the Legacy, 125 E. Third St., across from the Settles Hotel. The cost is \$20 for couple and \$10 a person. D.J. Dominguez will be providing music for the dance.

For more information, contact Uribe at 263-4260.

## Good Neighbor Fun Run Results



Results from the Good Neighbor Run held Saturday, July 18 are:

Male

1. B. Ramirez of Midland, 18:49.88
2. Popcorn Leonard of Midland, 21:50.49
3. Kyle Beran of Midland, 22:50.09

4. Richard Martinez of Big Spring, 24:45.86

5. Miguel Hernandez of Odessa, 26:49.99

6. Patrick Wilbert of Big Spring, 28:22.10

7. Craig Peterson of Big Spring, 31:02.13

8. Heath Hayes of Big Spring, 31:04.04

9. Geoffery Woodruff of Big Spring, 31:58.83

10. Mario Jimenez of Lubbock, 34:15.47

11. Alec Trevino of Big Spring, 35:42.72

12. Scott Martinez of Big Spring, 36:37.72

13. Hardy Wilkerson of Big Spring, 36:46.60

14. Carl Feuge of Midland, 40:17.02

15. Manny Negron of Big Spring, 58:01.92

Females

1. Jessica Gwin of Big Spring, 24:22.12

2. Mary Ann Calvio of Irving, 24:46.14

3. Deloras Shubert of Midland, 27:06.28

4. Jamie Trevino of Big Spring, 27:49.09

5. Mindy Sedberry of

- Big Spring, 28:31.28

6. Culley Wilson of Big Spring, 28:38.00

7. Sharon Simmons of Midland, 28:49.99

8. Sandy Roffers of Big Spring, 31:07.76

9. Megan Roffers of Big Spring, 31:08.82

10. Melissa Nairn of Big Spring, 31:22.83

11. Amanda Gist of Big Spring, 32:54.21

12. Celeste Valle of Big Spring, 34:40.66

13. Olga Trevino of Big Spring, 34:42.70

14. Kyrie Clark of Big Spring, 36:44.64

15. Tierra Sharpe of Big Spring, 37:40.53

16. Maya Gomez of Big Spring, 38:21.11

17. Melissa Kreher of Big Spring, 38:57.57

18. Laurie Martinez of Big Spring, 39:05.64

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<b>Wednesday</b> Beef enchiladas, rice and beans, chips and salsa, chocolate cake and milk.	Menu is subject to change due to availability.
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## Pet porkers pack rescues as trendy teacup pigs fatten up

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eva Monroy bought a mini pig for her family and fed it what the breeder instructed: a half-cup of food in the morning and a half-cup at night.

But the piglet named Hammond started raiding the pantry and digging through the trash. A veterinarian told Monroy that he was behaving badly because he was starving.

The breeder promised the diet would keep him a mere 12 inches tall. But when Hammond grew to 20 inches and 180 pounds, "my husband couldn't handle it any more. 'Either the pig goes or I go,'" Monroy, of El Monte, Calif., says he told her.

So she took the animal to Lil' Orphan Hammies, a rescue about 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

It's a common story playing out nationwide, leaving thousands of pet pigs homeless and rescues packed. The crunch has led many sanctuaries to limit how many pigs they will accept or stop taking them completely.

The craze for tiny pet pigs started decades ago and gets reignited every few years. Online sellers offer teacup pigs for thousands of dollars, promising the animals will stop growing after age 1 and stay small if fed a restricted diet.

But the tiny pigs keep growing until age 4 and will starve if they aren't fed properly with potbellied-pig food or a blend of vegetables, animal groups say. Once they grow too big to handle, people give them up.

"There are not enough homes out there anymore. These pigs are in big trouble," said Sue Parkinson of Lil' Orphan Hammies in Solvang, which took in Monroy's porker and others no one else would.

Parkinson, who has saved 1,000 pigs since founding the rescue 23 years ago, says she gets 20 calls a day from people trying to get rid of their pigs.

Same goes for Nancy Koontz and her husband at Grazin' Pig Acres in Ramona, 40 miles northeast of San Diego.

"We absolutely fell in love with the potbellied pig. But we can't take more because we don't have the time, money or help," she said.

Anna Key, vice president of the North American Potbellied Pig Association, estimated that 90 percent of pigs adopted in the U.S. are

later taken to a rescue or sanctuary.

Complicating things is their care: Some veterinarians won't treat them because they consider them farm animals. Many cities and counties do not allow pigs on property not zoned for livestock, but that doesn't stop many pet owners.

As pets, people get potbellied pigs, which are a fraction the size of commercial pigs. They typically weigh between 100 pounds and 120 pounds, while farm pigs bred for slaughter often weigh 1,000 to 1,200 pounds.

Tiny pet pigs purchased for thousands of dollars aren't a typical food source, even when they grow larger, because they're mostly fat with little taste, experts said. However, some are sold for slaughter or raised for meat.

Breeders say pet pigs can stay tiny because they're learning to eat less, but rescues say they're emaciated and losing muscle mass.

"I have never seen a full-grown, healthy, 35-pound pig live to maturity," said Susan Magidson, owner of Ross Mill Farm in Jamison, Penn., north of Philadelphia. It's one of busiest rescues in the country, with 250 pigs and services such as grooming, massage and acupuncture.

Breeder Patty Morrisroe of Dallas, Oregon, says her smallest pigs weigh 15 to 50 pounds for life by eating specially made feed. She says that her pigs stop growing after one year but that feeding them potbellied-pig food and letting them nibble on grass fattens them up.

"Regular potbellied pig chow is not compatible with this extremely small breed," she said of the food recommended by animal-welfare groups.

When pigs grow larger than expected, it can lead to heartrending decisions.

Holly Jasma ordered a piglet costing \$2,500 from a breeder who promised it would stay small. She had to give it to a rescue when it grew to 150 pounds.

"It was gut-wrenching, — pretty traumatic for me," the Seattle resident said.

## Who's Who in Howard County

**Name:** Megan Constanancio

**Where do you work:** Baja Retreat

**Where were you born:** San Angelo, Texas

**City you live in:** Coahoma, Texas

**Family:** Gina Calvio, Jonathon Tindol, Jay

McLeod, Rachele Barber

**Hobbies, Organizations, Clubs:** I like to go swimming with my friends.

**Favorite book:** The Ugly Duckling

**Favorite show:** Keeping up with the Kardashians

**Favorite movie:** Magic Mike XXL

**Where would you visit if you could go anywhere:** Hawaii



## Tourists worried about fire nix Glacier National Park trips

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Hotels and campgrounds in Glacier National Park are flooded with calls from worried tourists canceling their reservations or asking whether the Montana landmark will stay open as a wildfire sweeps through a popular part of the park.

Hotel owners are trying to talk the callers out of changing their plans, while Glacier officials emphasized that only a small part of the 1,718-square-mile park is closed as the flames chew through parched conifer-topped ridges on its eastern side.

The blaze has shut down nearly half of the heavily trafficked Going-to-the-Sun Road, and officials were helping reroute tourists planning to visit attractions along the roadway to other scenic areas, park spokeswoman Denise Germann said.

"I think what we're offering visitors is a completely different experience throughout the park," Germann told The Associated Press on Friday. "So many people rely on the Going-to-the-Sun Road, but you and I know there is so much more to Glacier."

The fire was unchecked as of Friday morning, though officials said it did not grow from about

6 square miles. Some 300 firefighters dug fire lines, cleared debris and tried to contain its spread near the roadway.

Blazes also are sweeping through other drought-stricken areas of the West, threatening homes and forcing some evacuations in California and Washington state.

Glacier National Park was having a banner year before the first plume of smoke started rising Tuesday. It is the 10th-most-visited park in the National Park Service system, despite its remote location. Top destinations such as the Great Smoky Mountains and California's Yosemite National Park enjoy proximity to denser populations.

Visitor numbers from the first part of 2015 showed Glacier was on track to beat last year's record of 2.3 million tourists. But the main tourist season, measured from the June 19 opening of the scenic Going-to-the-Sun Road

until its planned closure Sept. 20, is a brief 13 weeks.

Any disruption in that window can hurt the tourism-driven businesses around the park that took in \$193 million from visitors last year.

At the center of it all is the 50-mile Going-to-the-Sun Road, which cuts through the park's stunning alpine peaks. Twenty-one miles of the road is closed, including at Logan Pass on the Continental Divide, where some of the park's most-hiked trails begin.

Germann said the closures are an opportunity to visit other places in the park, such as Many Glacier and Two Medicine, scenic areas with campgrounds, lodges and trailheads, or the entire western side.

Many of the cancellations are at hotels and campgrounds in the St. Mary community, where the Going-to-the-Sun Road ends at the park's eastern boundary.

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# 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.

At the same time, the legislation would step up FDA oversight by requiring that any new genetically engineered products be reviewed by the agency before they can be sold. That process is now voluntary for most modified foods.

The bill would also create a new certification process at the Agriculture Department for foods that are labeled free of GMOs. That would mean anyone wanting to use that label would eventually have to apply. Organic foods would be automatically certified, since they are already required to be free of engineered ingredients.

A December Associated Press-Gaff poll found that two-thirds of Americans support labeling of genetically modified ingredients on food packages.

Many of those who support the labels say they have no problem buy-

ing food containing GMOs, but they think there should be more accountability in the food industry. Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., said Wednesday in a speech opposing the bill that he buys genetically modified foods but thinks it should be a choice.

Michael Gruber of the Grocery Manufacturers of America, the industry group leading the fight against mandatory labels, says those who want the labels are trying to scare people away from genetically modified foods. "This is to tear down brands in the name of right to know," Gruber said.

There is no similar bill in the Senate, although Sen. John Heaven, R-N.D., has said he is working on legislation.

It's unclear whether President Barack Obama would sign the legislation. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has been supportive of genetically modified crops and has praised voluntary labeling solutions like special bar codes on packages to allow consumers to access information via smartphone. But the White House has so far been silent on the House bill.

# Nuns bake high-end cheesecakes to help support monastery

CAMBRIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — In the midst of quiet lives of prayer, a handful of nuns have sliced out a niche as bakers of high-end cheesecakes, so rich and creamy in flavors of chocolate, amaretto and key lime that they seem downright sinful.

But there are no transgressions here. In fact, money from the sales help the sisters of New Skete sustain their small monastery in upstate New York.

"Everything in moderation is one of the Christian concepts, I think," said Sister Cecelia. "So who's to say we shouldn't appreciate food? God made us to love food."

Even the sisters' humility comes in moderation: They freely advertise their cheesecakes as "heavenly."

Though the sisters' mastery of cheese fillings and cookie-crusts is novel, the idea of nuns and monks selling their handiwork, the sisters' larger cheesecakes can sell for more than \$40, is not.

Contemporary monasteries could easily stock a first-rate boutique with the likes of lip balm, chocolate bourbon fudge, greeting cards, herbal liqueur, gouda cheese and scented candles. The nearby monks of New Skete train dogs and breed German shepherds.

On a recent baking day, the nuns tied kerchiefs on their heads before cutting into pillow-sized hunks of cream cheese, melting chocolate

chips on a stove top, mixing the thick batter and pouring it into circular forms.

Sister Patricia, 82, loaded the unbaked cakes into the wide mouth of an oven fitted with five shelves that rotate like a Ferris wheel. Each of the roughly 220 cheesecakes came out of the oven that day only after she eyed each one carefully.

"You make 220 decisions on whether the cakes are baked," said Sister Patricia. "You get used to it, but you do need to know the look of each flavor, they look different. And if you leave them too long, they crack."

The five nuns of New Skete (two more are in a nearby nursing home) live communally in a monastery near the Vermont state line under the aegis of the Orthodox Church in America. The youngest is 64 and some of them, like Sisters Cecelia and Patricia, have spent their adult lives as nuns.

The roots of the cheesecake business here go back to 1969, when five Roman Catholic nuns from Indiana searched for a less cloistered life in a new monastery. They ended up in Cambridge near like-minded monks and began looking for ways to earn money.

They cleaned houses, worked at the local hospital and did upholstery work. One of the nuns, Sister Magdalene, had a talent for baking and in the mid '70s tried selling cheesecakes to local restaurants.

The cheesecakes were such a hit they added a bakery in 1983. Baking of the 4-pound cakes is now done one or two days a week, depending on the season. The nuns sell their cheesecakes online, at the monastery and deliver to some stores in the region like Delmar Marketplace near Albany,

where co-owner Christine McCarroll said sales pick up during holidays.

"When extended family gets together, we usually have one," said customer Sandy Onderdonk, who especially likes the amaretto variety. "It doesn't seem expensive because you don't need a big piece."



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### Advice for consumers about talent agencies

Whether you are interested in a modeling career, want to make extra money, or think your child might be the next star, be cautious about working with a talent search agency that is soliciting participants. Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin warns consumers that not all talent and modeling agencies deliver on the promise of fame and fortune.



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Typically, BBB receives consumer complaints that allege potential models or actors are asked to pay upfront fees for items such as headshots, portfolios or for an out-of-town trip. Once the fees are paid, the agency then promises to find work for these models. Consumers also report that despite paying hundreds or even thousands of dollars in various upfront fees, the agency found them few, if any, jobs. According to the Federal Trade Commission, legitimate agencies don't charge you upfront fees to serve as your agent, and they get paid when you get paid.

BBB also warns consumers to be cautious of agencies that travel from city to city for open auditions or casting calls. This often leads to hundreds of hopeful models or actors lining up for what they believe will be an opportunity of a lifetime. Unfortunately, some of these "auditions" are scams designed to take upfront fees for a dream that will never become reality. Remember, modeling agencies are not the same as modeling and acting schools that provide instruction in a variety of areas such as poise, walk, makeup, dictation, etc. BBB recommends consumers keep this advice in mind before signing up with a model or talent agency:

- Beware of big promises and high-pressure sales pitches. Consider it a red flag if the sales pitch promises regularly scheduled jobs and big earnings. Additionally, be wary if the company uses high-pressure tactics to get you to sign up and pay immediately. Remember, if you get a "once in a lifetime" or "today only" offer, you should be suspicious.
  - Do your research and ask questions. Research the company, and take time to check the information out. Check out BBB Business Reviews and Customer Reviews at [bbb.org/central-texas](http://bbb.org/central-texas).
  - Read the fine print and get everything in writing. Take your time and read through the agreement or contract carefully, paying close attention to details regarding refunds and what to do if you are dissatisfied. Make sure that all verbal promises are in the agreement.
  - Get references. Ask for references from other satisfied clients who have a similar background and qualifications.
  - Report concerning behavior. If you feel you have been misled by a talent or modeling search agency, file a complaint with your local BBB or the Federal Trade Commission.
- For consumer information, BBB Business Reviews, to schedule a guest speaker or to file a complaint, visit Better Business Bureau online at [bbb.org/central-texas](http://bbb.org/central-texas).

Heather Massey is the Regional Director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin.

## Sheppard team represents area at Mary Kay Inc. national seminar

Special to the Herald

The Dene Sheppard Unit of West Texas joined more than 27,000 Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultants at the company's annual Seminar from July 15 to Aug. 1 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas. Dene Sheppard, a Big Spring resident, began her Mary Kay business in 1982 and is currently an Independent Senior Sales Director. At the national seminar, Dene was recognized for Unit Sales Production of \$300,000 and earning the use of a BMW 320i.

This year Dene was joined by consultants from her Unit in the West Texas area — Wendy Holland of Midland, Dana Boettcher of Midland, and Anna Gutierrez of Big Spring. As a part of Mary Kay's long-standing commitment to prevent and end domestic violence, Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultants were encouraged to bring gently-used professional attire to donate to domestic violence shelters as part of The Mary Kay Foundation's seventh annual "Suits for Shelters" program. To date, the program has collected more than 14,000 pieces of

professional attire for domestic violence survivors seeking jobs. Mary Kay Inc.'s annual Seminar brings together Independent Beauty Consultants from across the country and around the world to celebrate their business achievements and provide education, recognition and motivation for the year ahead. The theme for this year's Seminar, "Discover What You Love," invites Mary Kay's independent sales force to discover what helps them feel beautiful, confident and connected while enjoying the freedom and flexibility in their Mary Kay businesses.

## Permits

Johnny Shafer, 702 Caprock Dr. Res HVAC; Val: \$11,400 Fee: \$45.  
Baja Retreat, 1801 E. FM 700 M-1A. Cross Road; Val: \$30,000 Fee: \$328.78.  
DNOW, Inc, 1303 Snyder Hwy. Cm elec; Val: \$25,000 Fee: 1,545.  
McAlisters Deli, 1010 N. Lamesa Hwy. Com sewer tap; Val: \$489 Fee: \$489. Com water tap; Val: \$5,166 Fee: \$5,166.  
City of Big Spring, 3500 Rickabaugh. Com plumb; Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$0.  
Dunnahoo Properties, Ltd, 821 W.

I-20. Com plumb; Val: \$89,900 Fee: \$123. Com gas; Val: \$1 Fee: \$7.  
CDR Properties, 2503 Alamesa Dr. Res plumb; Val: \$3,500 Fee: \$89.  
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CDR Properties, 2507 Alamesa Dr. Res plumb; Val: \$3,500 Fee: \$89.  
CDR Properties, 2509 Alamesa Dr. Res plumb; Val: \$3,500 Fee: \$89.  
Fernando David Vargas, 407 Sgt Paredez St. Res Re-Roof; Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.

Henry Franco, 508 N. Aylesford. Com elec; Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.  
Derle Harbuck, 901 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Demo all; Val: \$1 Fee: \$25.  
Lora Ethel Spivey, 710 E. 14<sup>th</sup> St. Structures; Val: \$5,000 Fee: \$35.  
Larry Ray Cole, 4207 Bilger St. Structures; Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.  
Kerr Management, Inc., 2523 Chanutte Dr. Res Re-roof; Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25.  
Kerr Management, Inc., 2502 Gunter Circle. Res Re-roof; Val: \$25.  
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## Public Records

### Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanute Dr., Big Spring  
Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. #19, Big Spring  
Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring  
Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake  
Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring  
Susan Cheyanne Cearley, 4104 Muir St., Big Spring  
Pedro Chavarria, 1404 Wood St., Big Spring  
Tonya Renea Cogburn, 1610 Johnson St., 2000 S. Main St., Big Spring  
Matilda Cortez, 302 N. Saint Teresa, Stanton  
Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble  
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder  
Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland  
Brittany Vanessa Escan-

uela, 2521 Chanute Dr., Big Spring  
Jose Enrique Faz, 602 N.W. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring  
Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave Apt 901, Midland  
James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta  
Eugene Frank Gulley, 1201 Floydada, P.O. Box 551, Wellington  
Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25<sup>th</sup> St., Snyder  
Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, Big Spring  
Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., San Angelo  
Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa  
Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma  
Jenny Marie Hamilton Lyon, P.O. Box 2712, Big Spring  
Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa  
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Country Pl. # 108, 2507 Cindy Lane, Big Spring  
John Troy Riddle, 3717 Old Howard Co. Airport Road, Big Spring  
Geroge Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Road #14, Big Spring  
Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring  
Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring  
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big spring  
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City  
Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring  
Caleston Nasier Sanders, 700 N. Valley St. Anaheim, Calif., 1203 Runnels, Big Spring  
Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 East Davis Rd., Big Spring  
RickyLynnWaltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. # 133, Big Spring  
Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring

Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

### Judgments

The State of Texas vs. Deaanna Kay Woodard, possession of marijuana. \$500 fine, court costs and probated 12 months.  
The State of Texas vs. Allen Tristan Jackson, violate bond/protective order. \$100 fine, court costs and 75 days in jail.  
The State of Texas vs. Allen Tristan Jackson, violate bond/protective order. \$100 fine, court costs and 75 days in jail.  
The State of Texas vs. Isaiah T. Harris, theft of property. \$500 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated 12 months.  
The State of Texas vs. Robert Gonzales Jr., theft of property. \$100 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.

The State of Texas vs. Ethan Holt Aguilar, evading arrest/detention. \$500 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail.  
The State of Texas vs. Allen Tristan Jackson, driving while intoxicated. \$100 fine, court costs and 75 days in jail.  
The State of Texas vs. Austin Nocona Hinojosa, assault causes bodily injury. \$200 fine, court costs and probated 12 months.  
The State of Texas vs. Linda J. Salgado, possession dangerous drug. \$750 fine, court costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 180 days in jail and probated 24 months.  
The State of Texas vs. Sanjuanita Kaysie Olivarres, possession of marijuana. \$200 fine, court costs, 24 hours community service and probated 12 months.  
The State of Texas vs. Fernando Sepeda III vs. Amanda Sepeda, divorce  
Sylvia Evans vs. Robert Evans, divorce

Sarah Reyes vs. Hector Reyes Jr., divorce  
Allen Gana vs. Tina Hilaro, divorce  
Jacob Lang vs. Jonathan Jesse Martinez, Parsons Electric LLC, injury/damage — motor vehicle  
Henderson & Erickson, Inc vs. Universal Well Service Holdings, Inc., contract other  
Ashley Evans vs. Robert Evans, divorce  
Big Spring Hospital Corporation vs. Lenore Mitchell, Mitchel Mitchell, contract — consumer/commercial/debt  
Selena Bustaante vs. Austin Hunt, protective order  
Jessica Darlin vs. Kenneth Darlin, divorce  
Bobbi Rothell vs. William Rothell, divorce  
Big Spring Hospital Corporation vs. Dorothy Johnson, contract — consumer/commercial/debt  
Fernando Sepeda III vs. Amanda Sepeda, divorce  
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\$2,500 Fee: \$25.  
Kerr Management, Inc.,  
2508 Fairchild Circle. Res  
Re-roof; Val: \$2,500 Fee:  
\$25.  
Ann M. Wood, 1301  
Kindle. Mobile home; Val:  
\$7,000 Fee: \$45.  
Rosie Mae Green, 3706  
Dixon St. Res HVAC; Val:  
\$5,000 Fee: \$45.  
Bill Everett, 4001 Con-

nally St. Res HVAC; Val:  
\$6,000 Fee: \$45.  
Irrma Cortez Moralez,  
4218 Calvin St. Res gas;  
Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$32.  
Angelica Campos, 636  
Caylor Dr. Res addition;  
Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25.  
Limestone Ridge Apart-  
ments, 1401 N. Hwy 87,  
403. Com plumb; Val:  
\$900 Fee: \$30.  
Steven Chase Nichols,  
4205 Bilger St. Structure;  
Val: \$2,000 Fee: \$25.  
Roger A. Powell, 1618  
E. 17th St. Res elec; Val:

\$500 Fee: \$25.  
Janie Martin Anderson,  
1707 E. 15th St. Res elec;  
Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.  
Silverleaf Communi-  
ties, 724 Bucknell Ave.  
Single family house; Val:  
\$225,582, Fee: \$978. Res  
plumb; Val: \$8,250 Fee:  
\$99.  
DNOW Inc., 1303 Sny-  
der Hwy. Com HVAC; Val:  
\$16,000 Fee: \$65.  
Arturo Contreras, 1806  
11th Place. Other; Val:  
\$200 Fee: \$25.

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Francisco Garcia Deoga-  
do, 49, and Ma Eugenia  
Pasillas Aguirre, 48, both  
of Big Spring  
Charles Edward Reice,  
64, of Big Spring and Car-  
ol Lyman Hoffman, 65 of  
Childress  
John Scott Finnegan,  
38, and Evelyn Marie Hol-  
ley, 39, both of Big Spring

**Warranty Deeds**

Grantor: Jane L. Lusk  
Grantee: Bradley Seth  
Everett  
Property: 19.79 acre  
tract n.W. quarter of sec  
31, block 32, T-1S T&P  
RR Co Survey  
Date: July 15, 2015

Grantor: Joey Sosa  
Grantee: Halina Sosa  
Parsons and Richard Par-  
sons  
Property: 1.5 acre tract  
S.W. quarter of sec. 32,  
block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR  
Co.  
Date: July 15, 2015

Grantor: Michael  
Bullinger  
Grantee: Todd Loesch  
Property: Tract of land  
out of sec 46, block 31, T-  
1-N T&P Ry Co. Survey  
Date: July 13, 2015

Grantor: Horace E.  
Tubb  
Grantee: Roger Dean  
Myer and Debra Lynn  
Myer  
Property: Tract in sect  
46, block 31, T-1-N T&P  
Ry Co. Survey  
Date: May 1, 2011

Grantor: Ida Rangel  
Grantee: Roger Dean  
Myer and Debra Lynn  
Myer  
Property: S. 40 feet of lot  
15, block 8, Wrights Airport  
addition  
Date: July 13, 2015

**Warranty Deeds with  
liens**

Grantor: First RDW Ltd.  
Grantee: Garrett Morgan  
and Kristi Morgan  
Property: Lot 8, block 33,  
College Heights addition  
Date: July 16, 2015

Grantor: David A. Gross  
and Beverly Carlile Paul  
Grantee: Gerald Lee  
Harris  
Property: Lots 7-10 and  
S. half of lot 11, block  
38, Original town of Big  
Spring  
Date: July 15, 2015

**Label would give context to sugar in food**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wondering if you are eating too much added sugar? The nutrition label on your food may one day help you figure it out. The Food and Drug Administration on Friday proposed that nutrition facts labels include the percentage of your recommended daily intake of added sugars in

a food item — the “percent daily value.” Adding new line for added sugars, or those that don’t occur naturally, is part of an overhaul of the nutrition facts label proposed last year by the Obama administration. While the labels include percent daily values for other nutrients, the proposal didn’t

include one for added sugars. Since then, a government advisory committee recommended that people get no more than 10 percent of calories daily from added sugars. The FDA proposal would be based on that number, meaning that added sugars should be no more than 200 calories.

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The Colorado River Municipal Water District is seeking proposals for Specific and Aggregate Stop Loss for their self funded employee benefit plan.

Request for Proposals can be obtained by contacting the TML Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool via email at stephanie.chtata@tm-multistateiebp.org or by calling 512-719-6754.

Proposals must be received by August 11, 2015 by 2:00 p.m. CDT.  
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**



**Uranus Turns Retrograde**

HOLIDAY MATHIS

The human tendency is to believe the thing that resonates with one's instincts and disbelieve

what doesn't, truth be damned. It takes an open mind to fight this tendency and erase bias. As Uranus joins four other planets in their retrograde dance, there will be plenty of opportunity to detach, consider, reconsider and move closer to truth.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Even though, as a rule, you have social expectations of people, you are willing to extend the benefit of the doubt in rather creative ways. It's not foolish; it's compassionate.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Getting there used to be half the fun. Lately, it's such a hassle you find yourself thinking twice about leaving the house. Would it be better if you moved or changed your schedule or style of transportation?

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You have two important missions of the day, and both will be fulfilled inside small and subtle details. Mission 1: Make life better for those around you. Mission 2: Provide joy.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Being extremely attracted to someone or something will automatically put you in synch with it. Your rhythms will naturally align with the object of your affection.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). What percentage of your good luck would you attribute to serendipity? You'll make the most of what you were born into and gifted with while working to make up for what you were not.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't feel like you have to be like everyone else. You are all the more attractive for loving something that unconventional. If that makes you a geek, you'll wear the label with great pride.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your instinct to stay cool, remain at a detached distance and assess the situation before reacting will keep you in the good graces of those around you. It might even save the day.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those who value silence will be regarded with suspicion. Because you'll be in a quiet mood, you

might consider chiming in now and then with some innocuous comments to avoid drawing unwanted attention to yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Morning shows you as a rebel, a dreamer and a fighter. Evening shows you as a comfort-seeking love bug whose biggest dreams include pillows and long stretches of time.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The bottom line is, when your power and talents are in full use, you're happy. When you're underutilized, you're not content. Work is essential to your joy.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You see the value in organized groups, and yet you refuse to blindly follow authority. Your investigations of the day may be perceived as threatening to certain people.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Some of your powers and talents are so close to you that you don't recognize them as anything more than ordinary human traits. It takes an outsider to highlight your unique insides.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 26). This year your life is a canvas that you paint with many layers and colors. In August, you will abandon your former ideas of beauty for something wilder and freer. September

brings resolution to last year's plaguing issue. The work you turn in in mid-October will lead to a prosperous end of the year. Aquarius and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 22, 18, 1 and 45.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** When Uranus joins the retrograde planets at the top of the week, it will temporarily mute his hotheaded tendencies, providing a welcome reprieve. It's easier to grow in a stable environment. How can you create this for yourself and for others? It should be noted that stability is not always boring. In fact, it can be a springboard for some of the most exciting happenings of life.

This week brings a blue moon that will live up to its reputation, if not in color, then certainly in the kind of rare, whimsical experience that is associated with this lunar anomaly. The blue moon has come to refer to the third full moon of a season with four full moons, or the second full moon in a month. Friday, July 31, will celebrate the unlikely, highlight the rare and honor the unusual. Until then, don't waste your time trying to cover up what's different about you. If you know the thing that sets you apart, consider yourself lucky. And if you don't, make it your business to find out. The help of a trustworthy Taurus,

a practical Virgo or a plainspoken Capricorn could be invaluable to this mission.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Kate Beckinsale will star in the science fiction film "Absolutely Anything" along with the greatly missed Robin Williams, who voiced a starring role in this alien comedy. Beckinsale's parents were actors, and she has been acting professionally since the age of 4. The fiery Leo was born under a fastidious Saturn in Gemini, promising her career options will always be varied and exciting.

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5	6	7	3	4	2	9	1	8
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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dear Annie:** Last year, my husband told me that he was having an affair. I was shocked. All I knew was that he had been drinking excessively and I was concerned.

He told me that the Other Woman "gets him" and that he is in love with her. She makes him feel young again. He was certain that I would let him go, but I refused to throw away 27 years and break up our family. I said I wanted to work on our marriage. For a while, he made a half-hearted attempt at counseling. Then, the Other Woman became stricken with guilt and decided she doesn't want to be a home wrecker. She told him to give 100 percent to saving his marriage.

But I can tell he is still not really trying. I told him to leave and get counseling or not come back, so he stayed with a friend for a month and got counseling. He is back home now and acts like nothing happened, as if this devastating event that broke my heart never occurred. I want him to make

some kind of verbal commitment, saying he really wants to be married to me. But he won't. Instead, he wants to see whether we can "reconnect." He says he obviously couldn't honor the commitment he made 27 years ago, and won't make another until he's sure.

This man has known me for 30 years and we have three children. He either wants me or he doesn't. My adult children have lost respect for him, my family hates him, his sisters are angry, and we haven't told his poor mother because it would kill her.

I hope people realize the amount of pain they cause by believing a fling with a married person is fun. Even if we work things out, I will never feel the same way about him. I can forgive, but I will never forget. This waiting is torture. Should I leave? Am I kidding myself to think he really wants to be with me? -- Broken-hearted

**Dear Brokenhearted:** Your husband has not yet let go emotionally of the Other Woman. Right now, any words of commitment would be false. Some men eventually return to their wives completely, with gratitude that they didn't abandon their marriages. But there are no guarantees. This is why counseling can be so helpful -- for you. Are you better off with him, learning to trust again, or without him, finding a new path? Please talk to a professional and sort out what you need to do for yourself.

**Dear Annie:** Your readers who have given up a child in a "closed" adoption may want to know how remarkably easy it is for that child to find them via DNA results on Ancestry.com. All the child needs is the cooperation of a biological relative who has already built a family tree on the site and added their DNA results. The biological parents can be pinpointed within hours. -- Amateur Genealogist

**Dear Genealogist:** This is true (although the child must be 18 or older or have a legal guardian). There are other sites that offer DNA matching, but Ancestry.com is probably the largest, which means the odds are pretty good that a relative's DNA is already available through the site.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
**The Price Is Right**

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

- NORTH**  
♠ 7 4 3  
♥ A J 10 5  
♦ A Q 8 3  
♣ 10 4
- WEST**  
♠ J 9 6 2  
♥ 9 6  
♦ K 10 4  
♣ J 9 6 3
- EAST**  
♠ K Q 5  
♥ K Q 8 4 2  
♦ J 9 7 5 2  
♣ —
- SOUTH**  
♠ A 10 8  
♥ 7 3  
♦ 6  
♣ A K Q 8 7 5 2

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

Opening lead — two of spades.

A fine declarer never relaxes his grip, even though the contract seems easy to make. It's not difficult to do well when key suits break normally; the trick is to do well when they break abnormally.

Here is a typical case. South was in three notrump, and West led a spade. Declarer ducked East's Q-K and won the third round with the ace. He then cashed the ace of clubs, and when East showed out, the contract

collapsed. What had seemed a moment before to be a sure thing for 10 tricks had now taken on an entirely different hue. South struggled awhile, but eventually finished down two.

Had declarer taken the precaution of guarding against a 4-0 club division, he would have gotten home safely. As soon as dummy came down, he should have realized that the only real threat to his contract was a 4-0 club division and then adapted his play to deal with that possibility.

There was a simple way to do this. After winning the third spade and learning that the suit was divided 4-3, South should have led a low club from his hand! The worst that could happen would be that West would score a club and a spade to hold him to nine tricks. The safety play was thus sure to succeed against any lie of the cards at that point.

It is true that in the great majority of deals the recommended play would cost declarer an overtrick or two, since nine times out of 10 the clubs would be divided 2-2 or 3-1. However, deliberately conceding a trick that might not have to be lost in order to make certain of scoring hundreds of points is well worth the price.

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# YouTube creators looking elsewhere for money

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA

AP Business Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — When 29-year-old YouTube star Meghan Tonjes launched a podcast with crowd-funding site Patreon a year ago, it was one of dozens of things the singer-songwriter was doing to grind out a living online. Today, it's paying her rent.

Along with posting performance videos on YouTube, touring, selling songs on iTunes and "vlogging" (video blogging), Tonjes sits down twice a week with her roommate in Los Angeles to talk about "Adventures in Roommating." Nearly 100 online patrons donate a total of close to \$700 per podcast, just to listen and maybe get a shout-out.

Tonjes grew her audience on YouTube, where she has amassed more than 210,000 followers since 2006.

But collecting a check from her cut of YouTube ad revenue is no longer her main source of income.

"If YouTube disappeared tomorrow, I want to know that I can go play shows, do podcasts and live without being dependent on one site or one app," she says.

With YouTube taking about a 45 percent cut of ad revenue from videos posted on the site, YouTubers and companies that manage them are hunting for new ways to make money from the audiences they've built on the platform. That will be a big topic of conversation at VidCon, the annual convention in Anaheim, California, that kicked off Thursday.

Robert Kyncl, head of content and business operations at YouTube, welcomes the challenges to its online dominance, even if other platforms are enticing creators with better cuts of revenue.

Richer creators will "have more and better content to publish on YouTube," he says. "We don't live in a world that is mutually exclusive."

A panoply of ways to earn money outside of YouTube have recently emerged.

## OTHER VIDEO

### SITES ARE PAYING

Facebook announced this month that in the fall it would start sharing ad revenue with a select few creators like the NBA, Fox Sports and Funny or Die. Video-game streaming service Twitch already shares subscription revenue from followers with top gamers, and a site called YouNow allows online fans to give tips to talent with coins bought with real money in live stream forums.

Vessel, a video service launched in January by former Hulu CEO Jason Kilar, offers creators 15 percentage points more ad revenue share than YouTube, as well as 60 percent of the \$3 per month fee from subscribers who want days-early access to videos before they show up elsewhere.

Kilar says paying creators more helps them make higher-quality videos, the same way subscription revenues help premium pay channels like HBO finance better TV shows.

### BRAND-SPONSORED VIDEO

Everything from "unboxing" videos of new gadgets and how-to videos that show off teeth-whitening products are providing YouTubers a solid revenue stream.

FameBit, a Santa Monica startup, launched a marketplace last year where creators bid on the right to make brand-sponsored videos, and deals close for, on average, \$500 per video, says Agnes Kozera, the company's co-founder and chief operating officer. Brands usually buy multiple videos in different genres, from reviews to funny skits, to see what fits.

Also launching this week is an app called Social Bluebook, which benchmarks how much creators should ask for such digital promos, including on platforms like Instagram and Twitter. It's based on existing deals and a creator's fan base and their level of engagement.

"We at least want you to have an educated estimate on what you should be charging," says Chad Sahley, the company's founder and CEO.

### BOOKS, MOVIES, MERCHANDISE, DOWNLOADS

Two movies starring YouTube sensations are debuting around VidCon, including "SMOSH: The Movie," featuring comedy duo Ian Hecox and Anthony Padilla, and "The Chosen," a horror flick featuring vlogger Kian Lawley. With limited theatrical runs, both films are being made available online for \$10 on Friday.

They won't be the first feature films starring YouTubers and they won't be the last, says Barry Blumberg, chief content officer for SMOSH backer Defy Media. Last year saw the success of similar films such as "Camp Takota," starring Grace Helbig, and "Expelled," starring Cameron Dallas.

"Everybody that has already made a movie in this space is anxious to make another one," Blumberg says.

FameBit is also venturing into paid content, launching a talk show series called "FilterFreeTV" that will sell on iTunes for \$1.99 per episode.

YouTube personality Kayla Lashae, 22, who has made a living for three years with videos about trying out bags and testing things like electric toothbrushes, says it's a good idea to branch out with the co-hosting gig.

"My overall goal is take my brand outside of YouTube and move it directly to television," she says.

### GOING INTERNATIONAL

Big multichannel networks, which help YouTube stars get advertising deals, are tying up and expanding their business abroad.

Last year Disney bought Maker Studios, and AT&T and Chernin Group purchased Fullscreen. And earlier this month, German broadcaster ProSiebenSat.1 merged its Studio71 with Collective Digital Studio, a Los Angeles-based network behind such brands as Epic Meal Time, Video Game High School and Just Kidding News.

Part of the rationale is to take formats that have worked in Germany, like the head-to-head video game challenge show, "Last Man Standing," and transport them to different markets with local talent, says CDS CEO Reza Izad. The merger will also help build up advertising sales forces in countries where consumers are watching videos that don't have ads sold against them.

"You want to grow (ad rates)? You're going to need to have ad sales forces globally in marketplaces that have

real value," Izad says. That means countries like Canada, and various territories in Europe and elsewhere where English language videos travel well.

There are plenty of genres that work in other markets, like sports, dance,

and fashion, says Peter Csathy, CEO of venture capital firm Manatt Digital Media Ventures. "Those things are not language dependent and they're naturals for international reach," he says.

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Pictured from left Neshia Rudd, granddaughter; Virginia King; Hazel Rudd, daughter; Randy Rudd, grandson.

# King is "queen" for a day

Former Big Spring resident turns 90

Virginia (Stephens) King was thrilled and surprised. Family and friends attended, those that could not attend sent her gifts, cards or flowers. She treasured the handmade "special" birthday cards that each of her three great-grandchildren made for her. She was delighted to see her nieces, a nephew, and a brother that she had not seen for 10 years.

Virginia still has a full life at the age of 90, 80 of those years, she lived

in Big Spring. She was chosen Valentine Queen in 2014 at Heritage Park, Assisted Living, in Mount Pleasant, Texas where she lives. In her life, she has had many titles, daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, community service volunteer, sometimes called (Coot) or (Bones) by family members. She worked in Big Spring for Montgomery Ward for 33 years and volunteered at the VA MC for 22 years. She has a strong faith and is kind, quick witted and enjoys helping others.

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I look in awe at the grandeur of the sky.  
Oh how I wish, that I had wings to fly.  
I would fly like a bird in the magnificent, beautiful sky.  
Oh how I wish, that I had wings to fly.  
I would fly over the vast oceans and the mountains so high.  
Oh how I wish, that I had wings to fly.  
— By Fannie Price

### A Dreamer

Do you ever wish you could sail in a ship upon a foreign sea?  
Do you ever long to be places you can never be?  
Do you love the forests, the mountains and the seas?  
Do you love adventure and places you have never seen?  
Then, you may be a dreamer like me.  
— By Fannie Price

### River of the Lost

The raging river runs cold and deep.  
It is so wide to cross.  
Many men have braved the river.  
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An old indian gave the river its name.  
It is the river of the Lost.  
Many men will take a challenge whatever be the cost.  
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2503 Gregg St., Unit C

Cardiologists Christopher Haddad, MD, and Rudy Haddad, MD, are now seeing patients each Monday at our new Shannon Clinic location in Big Spring.



Christopher Haddad, MD



Rudy Haddad, MD

After receiving their bachelor's degrees from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, these specialists earned their medical degrees from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. They completed their residencies at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota. Both are board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology.

Clinic will be held at the Shannon Clinic, 2503 Gregg St., Unit C in Big Spring. For appointments and information about cardiac services, call (325) 481-2281.

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