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## DAV event honors wounded warriors

*Dove hunt set for early September*

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Donations and volunteers are still being sought in the second annual Big Spring Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47's veteran dove hunt set for the first weekend in September.

"Any donations that we receive in excesses of what we use for the Dove Hunt will be used to help veterans in the community," said Mike Tarpley, DAV Senior Vice Commander.

The event brings in four U.S. disabled veterans for a weekend getaway of dove hunting, a time to bond with fellow soldiers and a reason for the community to uplift and honor these warriors for their contribution to their country, said Tarpley who originally organized the first event after participating in a similar hunting weekend.

"We want to show how Howard County and Big Spring welcomes our U.S. Veterans and thanks them for what they've done," Tarpley said

Last year dove hunt drew enormous response from the community, Tarpley said, and made a lasting impact on many of the participants.

"We learned last year as they spent the night at the lodge together a lot of talking was done and a lot of demons were talked about and were left at the Ranch House,"



Tarpley said. "I had one mom tell me after the hunt was the first time her son laid down and slept all through the night without waking the perimeter. If we can do that for one or all four, we've accomplished a lot.

Several community organizations have signed up to provide meals for the four veterans including the ladies of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, Spring Creek Church, the Howard County Republican Party and the American Legion.

"During the day, we plan to split up the veterans and have them go hunting with a group of volunteers who will just be accompanying him during his hunt," Tarpley said. "Anyone interest, please call us. If you are a veteran, that is a plus, but you don't have to be.

Game Warden Mark Woodall will be serving as a guide during the hunt.

Local business man Bob Price is providing nightly lodging at his Moss Creek Ranch for the veterans during their stay and the estate of Wimp Holcumb will donate the hunting gun to all four men which will be given to the veterans as a gift. The Hill family will host a

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File photo  
**Children watch the 2014 Greater Rotary Club of Big Spring-sponsored duck race at the McEwen Family Aquatic Center.**

## A quacker-jack fundraiser

### Rotarians' annual duck race Saturday

By **JULIE BASS**  
 Staff Writer

There will be a friendly invasion of 1,000 rubber ducks at the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center on Saturday as the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club holds its annual Lucky Duck Race.

"This is a fundraiser for Isaiah 58, as well as our local service project fund" said Debbie Wegman, Greater Big

Spring Rotary board member.

Saturday at 6:30 p.m., 1,000 numbered rubber ducks will be released down the slide and enter the lazy river. Within the lazy river, there will be seven traps set and ready to catch rubber ducks.

"We will have seven prizes and a grand prize. If the duck with your number lands in that trap, you get the prize

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## Military, Guard join western firefighters

By **NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS**  
 Associated Press

CHELAN, Wash. — Fire managers overwhelmed by massive wildfires blazing across the West are looking for help wherever they can find it and have called in 200 active-duty military troops to fight the flames.

It's the first time since 2006 that the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise has mobilized soldiers for fire-suppression.

National Guard troops set controlled burns outside Chelan to use up fuel as helicopters dropped water. More than 1,000 people worked to protect homes from the lightning-sparked blazes that began there last week, have burned more than 170 square miles and destroyed an estimated 75 buildings.

"Nationally, the system is pretty tapped," said Rob Allen, the deputy incident commander for the fires around the Cascade Mountain resort town of Chelan. "Everything

*More than 1,000 people worked to protect homes from the lightning-sparked blazes that began there last week, have burned more than 170 square miles and destroyed an estimated 75 buildings.*

is being used right now, so competition for resources is fierce."

The active-duty troops are all coming from the 17th Field Artillery Brigade at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma and will be sent to a fire north of Republic, a town in central Washington, about 30 miles south of the Canadian border.

Fire managers at the center are able to enlist military help when there are not enough civilian firefighting teams, thanks to a 1975 agreement between the Defense, Interior and Agriculture departments.

The help can be crucial in particularly active years

like this one. In the last two weeks alone, more than 1,500 square miles have burned in the Lower 48 states, center spokesman Ken Frederick said.

"It's like the fire season gas pedal has been pushed to the floor in a really short period of time, and that's stressed our resources," Frederick said. "And that's got us relying on help from resources we don't normally use."

The fires in the Pacific Northwest get top priority when it comes to allocating pinched resources.

A lightning-sparked fire in Oregon's Malheur National Forest has grown to 63 square miles and destroyed at least

26 houses. An additional 500 structures are threatened by the flames near the community of John Day.

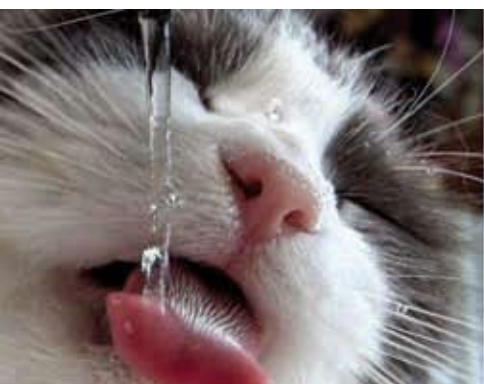
In the Northern Rockies, so many wildfires have ignited this month that officials are letting some that might be suppressed under normal circumstances burn because manpower and equipment are committed elsewhere.

The area experienced a normal fire season until last week, when a combination of drought, high temperatures and lightning-packed storms created new blazes across western Montana and Idaho.

As of Tuesday, at least 95 fires were burning in the two states, about 30 of them considered large, according to the Northern Rockies Coordination Center in Missoula.

That included a group of fires in northern Idaho that have scorched 90 square miles and destroyed 42 homes in the last several days, as well as a wildfire in the west-

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## Obituaries

### Mary Webb



Funeral services for Mary Webb, 98, of Ackerly will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015 at First Baptist Church in Ackerly with Derrick Looney and Stan Blevins officiating. Interment will follow in Ackerly Cemetery under the direction of Bronon Funeral Home. Visitation will be held tonight, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bronon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

Mary passed away Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 in Lamesa. She was born May 2, 1917 in Rayland, Texas to Elmer and Mary Ellen (Porter) Oaks. She married John Webb in 1933. He preceded her in death in 1974. Mary was a member at First Baptist Church in Ackerly. She volunteered as a Pink Lady at Medi-

cal Arts Hospital for many years. She enjoyed quilting with her "Church Ladies" and they donated the beautiful quilts to state hospitals. She provided Sunday lunches for her family for many years.

Mary is survived by her children, John Webb Jr. and wife, Melba of Stanton, Robert Webb of Ackerly, Joe Webb and his late wife, Lafern Webb of Ackerly, Jerry Webb and wife, Lawana of Ackerly, and Jack Webb and late wife, Brenda Webb of Stanton; daughter-in-law, Peggy Webb and Mary's late son, Wayne Webb of Lamesa; long-time friend, Bob Weddle; 11 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; four sisters; and seven brothers. The family suggests donations to a charity of your choice. To send condolences online, please visit [www.brononfuneralhome.com](http://www.brononfuneralhome.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Lana Gammons



Lana Gammons, 53, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 at her residence. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Lynn Robertson officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7, tonight, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Lana was born Dec. 17, 1961 in Big Spring to Eddie and Carolyn Sue Brunson Lamb. She married Larry

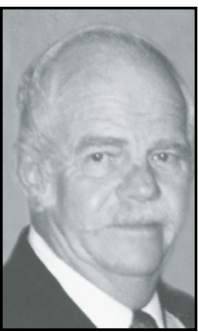
Gammons July 25, 1985 in Stanton.

Lana is survived by her husband, Larry of Big Spring, three sons, Scotty Meeks of Big Spring, Rory Gammons of Coahoma and Lane Gammons of Big Spring; one daughter, Brandi Gammons of Big Spring; two grandchildren; father, Eddie Lamb of Big Spring, a sister, Cheri Murray and husband, Wally of Spring Branch; two brothers, Darren Lamb of Waco and Chris Lamb and wife, Kim of Midland.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Sue Lamb and her grandparents.

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

### Walter R. Gleason



Walter R. Gleason, 81, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 30, 2015 in a local nursing home. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Walter was born Aug. 19, 1933 in Alton, Ill., to Walter and Louanne Hamm Gleason. He married Jean McCaig April 26, 1952 in Widnes Lancashire, England.

Walter served in the United States Air Force retiring after 26 years as a Master Sergeant. He also held the position of medical administrator at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, retiring after

20 years of service.

Walter is survived by his wife, Jean Gleason of Big Spring; three daughters, Joanne Sayles and husband, Ron of Big Spring, Susan Williams and husband, George of Big Spring and Sandra Crockett and husband, Donald of Midland; seven grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother.

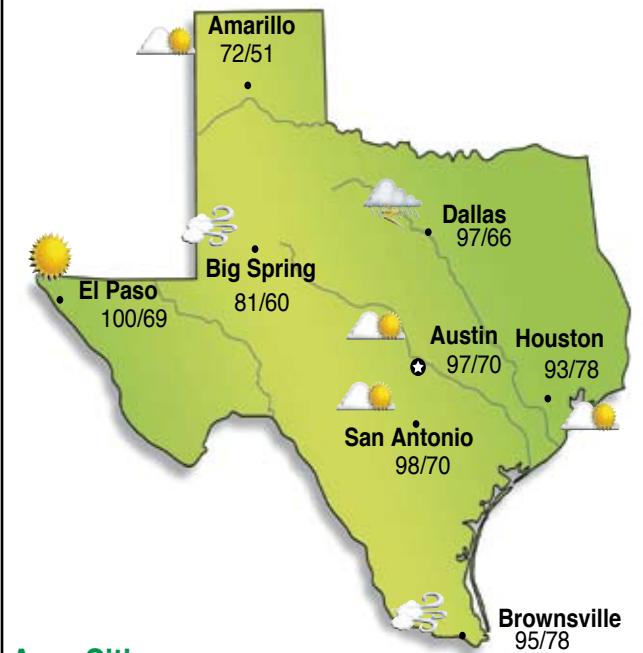
The family suggests that memorials be made to the Salvation Army, 811 W. 5th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

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### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 8/20	Fri 8/21	Sat 8/22	Sun 8/23	Mon 8/24
<b>81/60</b>	<b>88/68</b>	<b>95/71</b>	<b>96/72</b>	<b>94/69</b>
Wind increasing. A few clouds from time to time. High 81F.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Showers and thunderstorms late.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:12 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:26 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:13 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:25 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:13 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:24 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:14 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:22 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:15 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:21 PM

### Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	62	t-storm	Kingsville	96	78	t-storm
Amarillo	72	51	pt sunny	Livingston	91	74	t-storm
Austin	97	70	pt sunny	Longview	94	67	t-storm
Beaumont	88	75	t-storm	Lubbock	75	55	windy
Brownsville	95	78	windy	Lufkin	91	72	t-storm
Brownwood	96	64	mst sunny	Midland	90	62	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	93	80	windy	Raymondville	99	80	windy
Corsicana	96	69	pt sunny	Rosenberg	94	76	pt sunny
Dallas	97	66	t-storm	San Antonio	98	70	pt sunny
Del Rio	102	73	pt sunny	San Marcos	98	71	pt sunny
El Paso	100	69	sunny	Sulphur Springs	90	65	t-storm
Fort Stockton	97	66	mst sunny	Sweetwater	84	60	t-storm
Gainesville	84	60	t-storm	Tyler	95	68	t-storm
Greenville	89	63	t-storm	Weatherford	94	64	t-storm
Houston	93	78	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	77	57	rain

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	63	52	rain
Boston	87	68	pt sunny	New York	82	73	mst sunny
Chicago	75	56	pt sunny	Phoenix	103	76	mst sunny
Dallas	97	66	t-storm	San Francisco	71	60	pt sunny
Denver	72	51	rain	Seattle	89	60	sunny
Houston	93	78	pt sunny	St. Louis	74	58	rain
Los Angeles	81	64	pt sunny	Washington, DC	87	75	t-storm
Miami	92	79	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Thu 8/20	Fri 8/21	Sat 8/22	Sun 8/23	Mon 8/24
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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## Police, Sheriff, Fire/EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- GRADY DOMONIQUE HAWKINS, 32, of 810 Cherry was arrested on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, three counts of fail to appear, no driver's license when unlicensed and failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- CODY KYLE WITT, 29, of 902 Scurry St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- SHERLEY KIMBERLY GARCIA, 18, of 538 Westover Road. was arrested on charges of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of S. Salem Road in Coahoma.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 6th St. and Goliad St.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of W. IH. 20.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of N.E. Broadway in Coahoma.
- THEFT was reported in the 1400 block of Lincoln Ave. and the 200 block of W. FM 700.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- VANESSA BUSTMAMANTE, 28, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- MARTY EVANS, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bondsman off bond - delivery of controlled substance, less than 1 gram and charges of prohibited weapon.
- MICHAEL JAMES GUTIERREZ, 31, was booked by the BSPD on charges of assault family violence - threat.
- DEEANNA KAY WOODARD, 33, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- HUMBERTO CASTRO JR., 40, was booked by the GSO on warrants for theft of services, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20K; and theft of property, more than \$20K but less than \$100K.
- JAMIE JONES CHAPPELL, 38, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke.
- SHERLEY KIMBERLY GARCIA, 18, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- GRADY DOMINIQUE HAWKINS, 32, was

booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to appear, fail to display or expired motor vehicle certificate, violate promise to appear, no driver's license, fail to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

- JASON LARA JR., 32, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

- JASON DELLOYD MCCALL, 46, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke probation - evading arrest, detention with vehicle.

- CODY KLE WITT, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

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

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of 17th St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported at mile marker 179 of Interstate 20. Fire was extinguished.
- POWERLINE ARCHING was reported in the 3000 block of Drexel. Area was investigated.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore St. One person was transported to SMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of 17th St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of Lincoln. No transport.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of 14th St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Settles. No transport.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell. One person was transported to SMMC.
- OUTSIDE RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 300 block of Dundee. Fire was extinguished.
- OUTSIDE RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of Monticello. Fire was investigated.

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

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

## Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

# Take note

- The Big Spring High School Class of 2017 will hold a ragball tournament Sept. 5-6 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. Each team must have a minimum of 10 players. Co-ed teams will be comprised of five boys and five girls (16 and under teams have no co-ed requirement). Cost is \$10 per player, and registration will be held prior to the beginning of play Sept. 5. For more information, contact Kellie Wash at 432-213-3206.
- Midway Baptist Church will be holding a revival Sunday. Former church pastor Dr. Chad Haney will lead the revival. Services will be held at 11 a.m. followed by a pot luck luncheon and 6 p.m. on Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Highland Terrance Praise Team will be participating. Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 South Service Road of Interstate 20.
- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.
- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.
- Big Spring ISD. Meet the Teacher night for all elementary campuses will be on Thursday from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids-Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. For more information call, Muffet Bomar 432-935-3998 or Peggy Hopper 214-773-6775. Find us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids](http://www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids)
- An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).
- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving

- away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.
- The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano. To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at [dkiley@howardcollege.edu](mailto:dkiley@howardcollege.edu) or e-mailing Wills at [ewills@howardcollege.edu](mailto:ewills@howardcollege.edu).
- For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a sledding accident.
- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.
- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

## FIRES

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ern part of the state that led about 120 residents to evacuate near McCall. California is doing well in terms of resources, despite a pair of massive blazes in the north.

Officials prepared for a drought-fueled fire season by bringing in several hundred more firefighters than in previous years. In Chelan, about 180 miles east of Seattle, flames burned through grass, brush and timber. Air tankers established containment lines to

keep the flames from reaching downtown, and utility workers replaced burned power poles and inspected wires. Nearly 1,000 people remained under mandatory evacuations. On Tuesday, smoke was thick in the air of downtown Chelan. Particles of ash fell from

the sky. Some residents wore surgical masks as they walked through town. The firefighters sleep in the woods, get up every morning and work a full day, said Allen, the deputy incident commander. "It's hot. It's dirty," said Allen, who usually

works for the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska. He said authorities were looking for all the resources they could muster. Canada has loaned resources, and authorities were also talking to New Zealand and Australia. Everyone is working to save Chelan, at

the south end of Lake Chelan in the Cascade Range. "Chelan is still at risk, but we have very significant amounts of structure protection," said fire spokesman Brian Lawatch. "The name of the game today would be going on offense." The Chelan fires are about 30 percent contained, Lawatch said.

## HUNT

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private dinner for the group on Friday night, Sept. 4, at their farm located in Knott.

On Saturday, Sept. 5, a community dinner will be held on Moss Creek Ranch in honor of the four men who will be introduced to the public. The night's activities include a presentation of U.S. Flags

by U.S. Congressman Randy Neugenbauer's office, walking sticks by Mike's Custom Walking Sticks, a custom made license plate which says DAV for life by Tarpley and each man will receive a Quilt of Valor.

The meal is free provided by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department but is limited to 200 people. "Make sure to be one of the first 200 people to get some barbecue," Tarpley quipped. "Also,

we would love for the community to bring a dessert." For more information or to volunteer, call Tarpley at 431-556-2227. Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

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Buddy Reece Owens died Friday. A memorial for family and friends will be held on Friday, August 21, 2015 from 7-9 pm at the home of Joe and Kelley Owens.

## RACE

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for that trap" Wegman said. Before the race begins, a number will be placed in an envelope and sealed. If the duck with that number lands in the number seven trap, the person with that number will win the grand prize. "The grand prize is a

65 inch flat-screen TV" Wegman said. Isaiah 58, located at 809 Scurry St., is a local food pantry that assists needy families every Monday and Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club provides several services throughout the year, including purchasing bicycles for Big Spring elementary schools to give to one boy and one girl for perfect atten-

dance. Tickets for the duck race are \$5 each (purchase nine tickets and get the 10th ticket free). Tickets may be purchased at the Big Spring Visitors and Convention Center. For more information, contact Barney Dodd at 432-755-9529. Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 263-7331 ext 232 or email [life@big-springherald.com](mailto:life@big-springherald.com)



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## DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

## Nice guys finish first

In an era where spoiled celebrities and arrogant, abusive sports figures too often garner the headlines, it's refreshing to watch a young man rise to the pinnacle of his sport who is indeed a worthy role model for young and old alike.

Whether you are a fan of professional golf or not, you have no doubt heard the name Jordan Spieth in one context or another in recent months. He has become the number one golfer on the PGA tour and establishing a new standard of excellence on and off the golf courses of the world. This amazing young man displays the maturity of a seasoned veteran even though he is barely 22 years old.

He is a former US Junior Amateur champion who, in his first year at the University of Texas, led the team to an NCAA championship before turning pro. Spieth won his first major at the 2015 Masters Tournament with a score of 270 (18 under par), earning him \$1.8 million. Spieth tied the 72-hole record set by Tiger Woods in 1997 and became the second youngest to win the Masters, behind Woods.

He then proceeded to win the 2015 U.S. Open with a final score of 5-under-par.

He is the youngest U.S. Open champion since Bobby Jones in 1923.

At the Australian Open, Spieth set a course record with his final-round 63. Granted, records are meant to be broken, but not with the ease in which Spieth did it.

Even then world-No. 1 Rory McIlroy was impressed, saying "You could give me another 100 rounds today at The Australian and I wouldn't sniff 63 in a tweet congratulating Spieth.

His incredible skill on the golf course, as well as his humble attitude, has captured the admiration of millions of fans and that base continues to grow after every tournament and interview.

He is humble in victory and gracious in defeat, a rare combination in today's superstar "all-about-how-great-I-am" sports climate.

He is quick to give honor to

others who have been influential in his life and career. As an example, he paid tribute to his caddie, Michael Greller, after making history by becoming only the sixth player to back up Masters success by immediately winning the US Open.

The win was especially significant for Greller, a Washington state native who caddied for amateurs at Chambers Bay in his gap year from teaching high-school math, before taking to the professional ranks and linking up with Spieth.

"It was really cool. It's amazing," Spieth said. "What a special place for Michael. He was married here. (literally on the golf course a few yards from the first tee) He shared arguably one of the best moments of his life here. I was able to add to that history that he has at Chambers Bay.

"That was probably the best work Michael has ever done this week to get me through. At Augusta National I was on, making everything and striking the ball fantastic. He was the one that got me through this week when I wanted to get down when things weren't going well."

On two different occasions during last season's BMW Championship, Spieth was spotted lifting one of those ropes that keeps fans off the course for a rather large person, displaying a level of class and manners very rare in any situation. Amazingly, he did that during his round! He refers to his elders as "Mr.," as in Mr. Watson. (Tom Watson) in a recent postgame interview. The world hasn't seen this caliber of true respect and humility on this particular stage in a long, long time. Maybe never.

But what makes Jordan Alexander Spieth so extraordinary may not have as much to do with how he hits his 8 iron as it does to the life he lives when the cameras aren't following his every move at the Masters or the U.S. Open. His faith and his family are the most important things in his life and he isn't shy about either one.

Jordan saves his deepest love and admiration for his immediate family, which includes a special needs sister.

Their relationship is inspirational and reflects the true character this young man displays to his admiring public. In an age

when many high-profile celebs try to keep their families out of the spotlight, Jordan proudly honors his 14 year-old sister, Ellie. She is his greatest admirer and the feeling is mutual.

This past weekend's PGA event in Wisconsin featured his biggest fan in attendance on Thursday. Huge galleries were walking with the marquee group of the afternoon at Whistling Straits. Thousands of golf fans hoping to get a glimpse of (then) World No. 1 Rory McIlroy, British Open champion Zach Johnson and two-time major winner Jordan Spieth. One of those fans cheering on Spieth was someone who knows Spieth better than anybody, Ellie.

Jordan said he heard Ellie cheering for him before he teed off on the first hole, so he went over and greeted his little sister and his parents.

Ellie, 14, who was born with a neurological disorder, is an inspiration to her 22-year-old oldest brother. And even more, a motivating factor for Jordan to play better.

"She only accepts me if I win. And if I don't win, I better have something for her or take her shopping."

"It's awesome when she comes out to events," Spieth said. "I'm interested to see if she made it through the whole round and what she thought."

"I try to get back home all the time to be with her and regroup things," Spieth said, sitting alone in a dining room at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth after a recent sponsor outing. "She sets everything in perspective for me. She is so happy for the littlest of things."

He doesn't say and do things like that to be recognized for it. He does it because it's who he really is, and has been all his life. He understands what's really important and makes the most out of every opportunity to make someone else's life special. The world could sure use more people like Jordan Alexander Spieth.

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

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## Some choose to be homeless

The Obama Department of Justice argued last week that a Boise, Idaho, law against "public sleeping in a city without adequate shelter space constitutes criminalizing homelessness itself, in violation of the Eighth Amendment." In a statement of interest filed in federal court, the Obama administration asserted that banning sleeping and camping in public places constitutes "cruel and unusual punishment." Republican candidates, please take note.

Mike Journee, spokesman for Boise Mayor David Bieter, described his city as "a fairly progressive island in a deeply red state." Bieter is trying to address homelessness, Journee told me, "from a holistic standpoint" — and with compassion. That said, the Obama statement is "misguided" in that it is based on a notion that "those experiencing homelessness have no recourse and we are willy-nilly criminalizing this by writing tickets for people who have no options. That is not the case."

Homeless advocates have a mantra: No one chooses to be homeless.

I'm sure that's true for some people, but there are homeless individuals who make a series of self-destructive choices that inevitably lead them to homelessness.

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"We fundamentally disagree that people don't have a choice," quoth Journee. Some "are choosing not to avail themselves of the services that are here." They congregate in camps where "there's inevitably conflict. There are inevitably public health issues. There is also illegal activity." That's why Boise police make arrests.

In this story, it depends on what the meaning of "adequate shelter space" is.

Homeless advocates and the Obama administration have a high standard. Eric Tars, senior attorney for the National Law Center on Homeless & Poverty, which first filed the lawsuit against Boise in 2009, told me, "It's not OK even if there are enough shelter beds." And: "Not all people are able to access shelter beds." A city fails his test if there are available beds in a religious shelter that proselytizes; that violates a homeless person's First Amendment right to religious freedom. A veteran with post-traumatic stress

disorder or a victim of domestic violence might feel "threatened or uncomfortable" in a crowded shelter.

I asked Tars: Does that mean anyone can pitch a tent on San Francisco's Market Street and the police can't do anything? He answered, "Anyone who needs a place to stay to survive should be able to shelter themselves as best they can."

Tars is right about the downside of law enforcement. Arrests can tarnish a homeless person's record and hence his or her ability to get a job. Law enforcement is expensive. It doesn't always work. Local governments should look for common-sense prescriptions that reduce homelessness. Tars points to a successful housing program in Salt Lake City. The key, he said, is to provide housing — perhaps without preconditions, such as that those given housing not use illegal drugs or alcohol. Do that and "in the short term, you do have to tolerate the tent cities a little bit longer."

Those tent cities are breeding grounds for crime. So why is it that the only people who really get a choice under the Obama administration's regime are the people who make really bad choices?

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# Check this out: What's at the library

Here's some last minute summer reads, or "just for you" books while the kiddos are off to school next week:

Kick back after the chaos of, "Where's my backpack," the tears of the first day of pre-K or kindergarten or nerves of freshmen-tis; have a second cup of coffee/tea and relax with Barbara Delinsky in "Blueprints" (F DEL B). It is the story of two strong women, Caroline MacAfee, a skilled carpenter, and her daughter, Ja-



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"Gut It!" "Who am I?" Both women ask, as the blueprints they've built their lives around suddenly need revising. While loyalties shift, decisions hover, their challenge comes not only in remaking themselves, but in rebuilding their relationship with each other.

Going in a completely different direction is Dick Wolf in his new Jeremy Fisk novel, "The Ultimatum" (F WOL D). Detective Jeremy Fisk tracks a serial sniper who has mastered state-of-the-art airborne technology to hunt his prey in this chilling thriller. When a leaker named Verlyn Merritt releases sensitive documents from the NYPD Intelligence Division to WikiLeaks,

some of the deadliest criminals have access to Detective Jeremy Fisk's unlisted home address.

Within hours, three mysterious assailants arrive at his Sutton Place apartment. Who are they and why do they want Fisk dead? Forced from his

home and his bank accounts drained, Fisk confronts Chay Maryland, a reporter who has been covering Merritt's case. Fisk wants the journalist's help to get close to the leaker — to find out what Merritt really wants and who else is involved.

With the clock ticking and millions of lives at stake, Fisk and Chay must find the mastermind before he can wreak havoc on a city paralyzed by fear.

Dick Wolf is the person who created the Law and Order series on TV.

For a cozy mystery, you will just love "Purl Up and Die" (M SEF M), a knitting mystery by Maggie Sefton. Along with the entertaining mystery, you also get recipes and a knitting

pattern. Kelly Flynn's summer in Fort Connor, Colo. is off to a tremendous start with a romantic celebration with her boyfriend, Steve, along with challenging knitting lessons from Barb at the House of Lambspun.

Trouble soon appears when Barb's son, Tommy (a young doctor doing his residency) is accused of assaulted a young woman.

When the young woman is found dead in her apartment, Tommy becomes the number one suspect.

With the police ready to close the case, it's up to Kelly to knit together the clues to uncover a killer who doesn't seem to drop a stitch.

Mary Kay Andrews' "Beach Town" (F AND M) does it again. She has a woman on the edge of flaming out in her career, no man in sight, frantically trying to save and find both; succeeding in accomplishing both tasks in only one summer.

Greer Hennessy is a struggling movie location scout.

Her last location shoot ended in disaster when a film crew destroyed property on an avocado grove.

And Greer ended up with the blame.

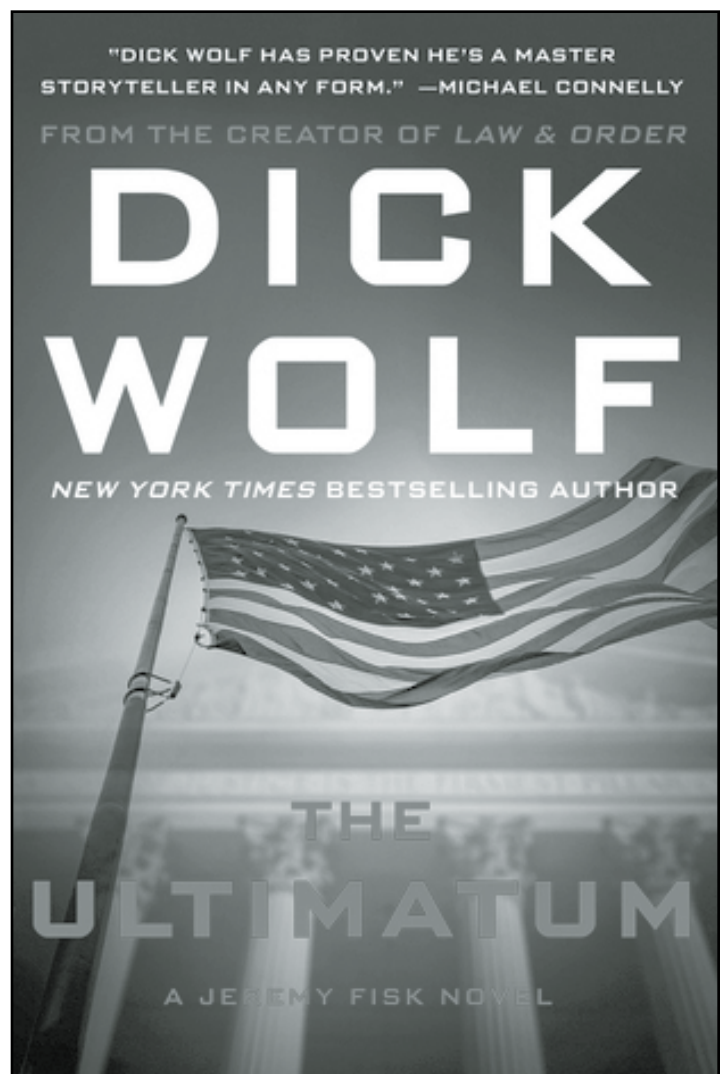
Now Greer has been given one more chance — a shot at finding the perfect undiscovered beach town for a big budget movie. She zeroes in on a sleepy Florida panhandle town. There's one motel, a marina, a long stretch of pristine beach and an old fishing pier with a community casino — which will be perfect for the film's climax — when the bad guys blow it up in an all-out assault on the townspeople.

However, there is one obstacle: The mayor of the town is adamantly against it. Eben Thinaudeau is a born-again environmentalist who's seen huge damage done to the town by a huge paper company. The bay has only recently been re-born, a fishing industry has sprung up, and Eben has no intention of letting anybody mess with his town again.

The only problem is that he finds Greer way too attractive for his own good, and knows that her motivation is in direct conflict with his.

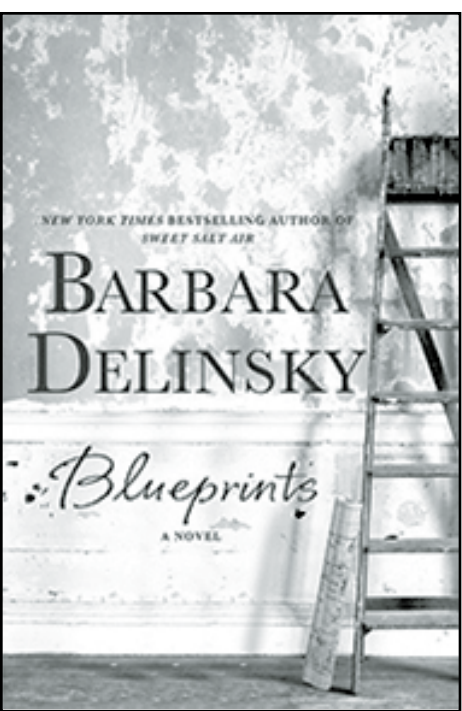
Will true love find Greer and Eben before it is too late? Will the film be made and help revitalize the town before it's too late and disaster strikes? "Beach Town" is this year's summer beach read!

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mie, a talented architect.

The day after her 56th birthday, Caroline is told the network wants Jamie to replace her as the host on "Gut It!," their family-based home construction TV show. The resulting rift couldn't come at a worse time. For Jamie, life changes overnight when, soon after learning of the host shift, her father and his new wife die in a car accident that orphans their two-year-old son.

Accustomed to organization and planning, she is now grappling with a toddler who misses his parents, a fiancé who doesn't want the child, and a work challenge that, if botched, could undermine the future of both MacAfee Homes and

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## News in brief

### New Braunfels police rescue 10 immigrants from train bin

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — Several immigrants have been treated for dehydration after 10 men were rescued from a closed bin aboard a northbound freight train in Texas.

New Braunfels police received a 911 call Tuesday morning from one of the smuggled travelers on the train. Communications coordinator David Ferguson says police contacted Union Pacific and the 80-car train was stopped.

Police say the men from Mexico apparently slipped aboard in Laredo, about 185 southwest of New Braunfels, and were bound for Austin. Forecasters say temperatures were in the upper 80s when the immigrants were rescued.

Emergency personnel examined all of the men, with several treated for dehydration. All ten are in the custody of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Their names and further details on their conditions weren't immediately available.

### Sex offender who escaped from Texas found dead in SC

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) — A sex offender who escaped from Texas earlier this month has been found dead in Myrtle Beach.

Authorities tell media outlets that 48-year-old Brent Allen Jozefkovicz was found dead on the beach in Myrtle Beach early Saturday morning. The coroner's office says he died of a gunshot wound and his death has been ruled a suicide.

He was listed on the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders list and was considered armed and dangerous.

Authorities say he cut off his ankle monitor device Aug. 4 and escaped from the Fort Worth Transitional Center Halfway House.

### North Texas teacher charged with indecency with a child

HURST, Texas (AP) — A third-grade teacher in the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District has been

charged with two counts of indecency with a child.

Hurst police said Tuesday that 25-year-old Angel Omar Sales was arrested by U.S. Custom and Border Protection authorities Aug. 10 at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport upon his return to the country from a trip.

He was released after posting a \$20,000 bond. It was not immediately clear if Sales has an attorney.

Sales, who taught at Bellaire Elementary School, has been on administrative leave since May 21 after school officials learned of allegations against him. Hurst police were notified by Child Protective Services on June 1 after an investigation.

The school district said in a statement that it has notified Sales of its intent to terminate his employment.

### 35 years served without conviction, man's retrial nears end

BAY CITY, Texas (AP) — A Texas man kept in prison for more than 35 years even though an appeals court threw out his conviction on a 1976 murder charge could learn if he's returning to prison.

Closing arguments are set for Wednesday in the capital murder retrial of 59-year-old Jerry Hartfield. He faces a life sentence if convicted of killing 55-year-old Eunice Lowe, who sold tickets at the Bay City bus station.

Hartfield initially was on death row. Matagorda County prosecutors decided against a death sentence in the retrial after evidence showed he's mentally impaired.

Hartfield's original conviction was thrown out on appeal but he never was retried. Gov. Mark White in 1983 commuted his sentence to life, but courts more recently decided the governor didn't have a sentence to commute.

### San Antonio police say man's body found in vacant apartment

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police say a body has been found in the bathtub of a vacant apartment

building in a death being investigated as a homicide.

Authorities say the man's body was discovered early Wednesday as officers responded to a call about a foul odor near a unit.

Police are trying to identify the man. Authorities had no immediate information about the victim, who may have been in the tub for as long as a week. Police did not immediately say who called for help.

Authorities ordered an autopsy. Further details weren't immediately available.

### Oil lease sale Wednesday for tracts off of Texas

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The federal government on Wednesday will offer 21.9 million acres off the Texas coast to oil and gas developers, though low oil prices are likely to limit interest.

The last two comparable lease sales in the western Gulf of Mexico brought \$109.1 million last year and \$100.1 million in 2012.

A March 18 sale in the far more popular central Gulf of Mexico brought the lowest number of bids since 1986. Officials said low oil prices were the reason. Since then, the price of U.S. crude has dropped \$1.44 a barrel.

The National Ocean Industries Association, an offshore trade group, said in a news release Tuesday that members looked forward to the lease sale "but do not anticipate jaw-dropping results under current conditions."

The group cited low prices, uncertainty over new regulations — including stronger rules proposed for equipment designed to prevent oil well blowouts — and an upward trend in lawsuits over permits and leases.

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# News in brief

## Sierra Leone awaits countdown to Ebola-free declaration as families still grieve

MASSESEHBEH, Sierra Leone (AP) — It had been five months since an Ebola death when Musa Kamara traveled to his hometown for festivities to mark the end of Ramadan. Not long after his sudden death in this roadside village, authorities came with a grim message: The killer virus was back.

Soon officials barricaded this community of nearly 600 people, putting up orange plastic fencing to quarantine half the town for the 21-day Ebola incubation period after potential exposure.

But late last week, residents who could only talk to family on the other side of the fence by phone erupted into song and dance when President Ernest Bai Koroma came to cut it down, marking the formal end of Sierra Leone's largest remaining quarantine.

Alie Senkoh, 21, said he couldn't wait to "move all around town" after days of playing cards and dice at home with his aunt and grandmother.

"We are feeling good because we are healthy and there is no more Ebola here," he said. "We believe this was the only way to stop the transmission."

## Police release sketch of Bangkok bombing suspect and offer \$28,000 reward for help finding him

BANGKOK (AP) — Police in Thailand released a sketch Wednesday of the man they believe carried out this week's deadly Bangkok bombing, and offered a 1 million baht (\$28,000) reward for help leading to his arrest. But apart from a rough portrait, authorities have few solid leads — they don't know the bomber's motive, where he's from or if he's still in the country.

The sketch was released after grainy security video footage showed the man leaving behind a backpack just 15 minutes before the blast at a popular downtown shrine. Police said the picture was also partly based on a description provided by a motorcycle taxi driver believed to have given him a ride on the night of the Monday blast.

Two days after the attack, which authorities have called the worst in Thai history, the open-air Erawan Shrine reopened to the public. But little is known about who carried out the blast that left 20 people dead and more than 120 injured, and no one has claimed responsibility.

Police chief Somyot Poompanmoung said authorities didn't know if the suspect seen in the video was still in the country, whether he was Thai or a foreigner and were wondering if he wore a disguise to mask his identity.

The sketch released Wednesday showed a young man in eyeglasses with bushy, dark hair that is cropped at the sides.

## Deadly Thai blast strikes blow to tourism, sole bright spot in ailing economy

BANGKOK (AP) — The bomb blast that ripped through a Bangkok shrine, killing 20 and injuring dozens, is also certain to take its toll on tourism, the one bright spot in Thailand's sputtering economy.

The Southeast Asian country's tourism industry has expanded strongly over recent years, driven by rising numbers of Chinese tourists, which has helped offset the drag on growth from a decade of political instability.

In the bombing's aftermath, some foreign travel agencies cancelled group tours and the baht sank to a six-year low. The country's stock benchmark fell to its lowest since the start of the year, led by tourism-related shares.

The explosion at the shrine, which is popular with Chinese visitors, is likely to dampen their enthusiasm for Bangkok as a tourist destination. The industry has emerged stronger after every crisis the country has faced in the last decade, but the latest incident appears to mark a change by targeting tourists. That raises questions about whether the

impact on tourism will be short term or a crippling blow that drives visitors away for longer.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha called the bombing "the worst incident" to ever hit the country, saying, "this time they aimed for innocent lives. They want to destroy our economy, our tourism."

## FDA OKs first pill for boosting sexual desire in women, but it comes with safety restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first prescription drug designed to boost sexual desire in women, a milestone long sought by a pharmaceutical industry eager to replicate the blockbuster success of impotence drugs for men.

But stringent safety measures on the daily pill called Addyi mean it will probably never achieve the sales of Viagra, which has generated billions of dollars since the late 1990s.

The drug's label will bear a boxed warning — the most serious type — alerting doctors and patients to the risks of dangerously low blood pressure and fainting, especially when the pill is combined with alcohol. The same problems can occur when taking the drug with other commonly prescribed medications, including antifungals used to treat yeast infections.

"Patients and prescribers should fully understand the risks associated with the use of Addyi before considering treatment," said Dr. Janet Woodcock, director of the FDA's drug center, in a statement announcing the approval Tuesday.

Under an FDA-imposed safety plan, doctors will only be able to prescribe Addyi after completing an online certification process that requires counseling patients about Addyi's risks. Pharmacists will also need certification and will be required to remind patients not to drink alcohol while taking the drug.

## Television report: Ex-Subway pitchman expected to plead guilty to child-pornography charges

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Longtime Subway pitchman Jared Fogle is expected to plead guilty to child-pornography charges, an Indiana television station reported.

The Tuesday report on Fox59 came six weeks after authorities seized electronics and other items from Fogle's home in Zionsville, an affluent Indianapolis suburb.

Citing sources it did not identify, the station said Fogle would enter a plea Wednesday. It also said the U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis planned to hold a news conference Wednesday.

The 37-year-old Fogle became a Subway pitchman more than 15 years ago after shedding more than 200 pounds as a college student, in part by eating the chain's sandwiches.

Subway suspended its association with Fogle after the raid. The company declined to comment Tuesday, saying only that the chain had "already ended our relationship with Jared."

## The Bush boost: Donors who gave to Jeb Bush's father and brother account for half of his money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jeb Bush's fundraising network is two generations in the making, and it shows.

About half of the roughly \$120 million raised to help him win the Republican presidential nomination comes from donors who previously gave to his brother or father, both former presidents, according to a new analysis of Federal Election Commission records by CrowdPac.com, a nonpartisan political research company.

The finding puts a numerical exclamation point on the advantage Bush's presidential family gives him when it comes to fundraising.

In CrowdPac's review of named contributors to three political committees helping Bush, \$59.2 million came from first-time Bush donors, while \$60.3 million came from returning donors to the earlier campaigns of President George W. Bush, President George H.W. Bush or both.

One such Bush family stalwart is Dirk Van Dongen, president of the Washington-based National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors. Van Dongen said he is one of a "huge" network of volunteer fundraisers — called "bundlers" because they gather checks from friends and associates to turn over to campaigns — who sprang to action when the former Florida governor said at the beginning of the year that he was thinking about running.

Activists: IS suicide bomber kills 11 in Kurdish town in northeastern Syria

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian activists say an Islamic State suicide bomber has targeted a predominantly Kurdish town in northeastern Syria, killing at least 11 people.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says Wednesday's explosion happened outside a local Kurdish police station in the town of Qamishli. It also says more than 40 people were wounded.

Syria's state news agency SANA reported the explosion, saying it killed 13 and wounded about 50.

The Islamic State group has been fighting Kurdish fighters in Syria since last year and the extremists have carried out dozens of suicide attacks against the Kurds. The Kurdish fighters, aided by U.S.-led airstrikes, have also captured significant territory from IS in northern Syria.

## Here lies Vera: Woman's death still haunts New Orleans neighborhood a decade after Katrina

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Amid the chaos after Hurricane Katrina swamped New Orleans, Vera Smith's body decayed for four days on a sidewalk until her horrified neighbors covered her with dirt, a makeshift plastic shroud and a bleak epitaph: "Here lies Vera. God help us."

Broadcast to the world, the stark image came to stand for what seemed like the complete breakdown of a great American city.

Although her cremated remains were later buried on a family plot in Texas and the place where she died of unknown causes has sprung back since Katrina, Vera Smith remains part of her neighborhood.

A colorful memorial by local artist Simon Hardeveld stands beside an upscale restaurant built near the site of her death, and her all-too-public demise was recounted in a book written by a man who helped erect her temporary sidewalk tomb.

Ten years later, friends — as well as neighbors who never even met Elvia Briones Smith, her full name — sense that she could have been any of them, a victim of a natural disaster compounded by human mistakes.

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### Gonzalez's 10th-inning homer gives Astros 3-2 win over Rays

HOUSTON (AP) — Tampa Bay's bullpen hadn't given up a run to the Houston Astros in four games this season.

That changed Tuesday night when Houston tied off Jake McGee by hitting Marwin Gonzalez hit a homer leading off the 10th inning off All-Star closer Brad Boxberger to lift the Astros to a 3-2 victory.

The game was tied 2-2 when Gonzalez connected off Boxberger (4-9), sending a full-count fastball into the seats in right field.

"I think it's just a rough patch we're hitting right now," Boxberger said. "It's part of it. Everyone goes through it. It's just a matter of how quick you

can turn it around."

Manager Kevin Cash doesn't believe Tuesday's performances by McGee and Boxberger are cause for concern.

"I don't think so," he said. "I don't think both of their velocities have been consistent pretty much all year. I think you have to credit the hitters that are having the approach off of them."

Luke Gregerson (6-2) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

The Rays led 2-1 in the eighth before an RBI double by Carlos Correa off McGee tied it.

Curt Casali homered for the Rays, who lost for the fourth time in five games.

Gonzalez drove in

Houston's first run with a double in the third inning.

Kevin Kiermaier singled to center field to start the top of the seventh and Casali followed with a bloop double. Grady Sizemore drew a walk with one out to load the bases before Evan Longoria grounded into a forceout that scored Kiermaier to put the Rays on top 2-1.

Jason Castro singled with one out in the third and Jose Altuve reached on a bunt single. He was ruled out initially but the Astros challenged the call and it was overturned. Gonzalez followed with his double to left to score Castro and give Houston a 1-0 lead.

Casali's towering hom-

er tied it at 1-all with one out in the fifth.

Jake Odorizzi allowed six hits, one run and tied a season-high with nine strikeouts in six innings.

He wasn't feeling great early, but was able to settle down as the game progressed.

"First two innings were really bad," Odorizzi said. "Couldn't really get a relief point. Wasn't really comfortable. Once I started using my legs more and the ball started going where I wanted it to and everything just got a lot better."

Houston starter Scott Feldman yielded nine hits and two runs in seven innings.

There was a scary mo-

ment came when Correa tumbled over Carlos Gomez when the two both tried to catch Casali's double in the seventh. Gomez went to the ground to try and make the catch and a sprinting Correa deflected the ball off his glove before running into him and falling to the ground. He remained on the ground for a minute clutching his left ankle, but remained in the game after a short chat with the team's trainer.

Correa said after the game he was fine.

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: OF Desmond Jennings, DL on Friday the 60-day DL, on Friday, got a day off. Cash said he was fine, but that he wanted to give him

a breather after playing four straight games after such a long layoff following arthroscopic knee surgery.

Astros: OF George Springer (broken right wrist) a fungo bat. Manager A.J. Hinch said he's still some time away from swinging a real bat or actually hitting. There is no timetable for his return.

#### UP NEXT

Houston ace Dallas Keuchel (14-6, 2.36) looks to improve to 12-0 at home when he opposes rookie Nathan Karns (7-5, 3.53). Keuchel is tied with Seattle's Felix Hernandez for the AL lead in wins and his 2.36 ERA ranks second.

### Iwakuma follows no-hitter with 3-2 win for Mariners

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers hadn't figured out Seattle's Hisashi Iwakuma.

The Mariners right-hander didn't make history Tuesday night with a second consecutive no-hitter, but he limited Texas to two runs and five hits over seven innings in a 3-2 victory.

He is 6-0 in his last seven starts against the Rangers.

"He was pitching everything down," said Texas' Rougned Odor, who had two hits, including his ninth home run of the season. "Fastball and split and slider. He did a good job."

The Rangers ended Iwakuma's bid for no-hitter with Shin-Soo Choo's one-out single in the first inning but saw their winning streak end at five games. Texas fell to four games out of first place in the American League West. The Mariners went to Tuesday one game out of the second wild-card spot.

Texas is 27-33 against teams below .500, including 3-8 against the Mariners.

"I think we pose problems to other clubs, also," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "I think it's a situation that there are times the matchups are not in your favor."

Texas rookie right-hander Chi Chi Gonzalez (2-5) set a career high with seven strikeouts and allowed three runs and five hits in six innings. All of Seattle's scoring came in the first inning on three extra-base hits, including Seth Smith's 10th home run of the season.

Gonzalez won his first two starts after his initial call up in late May. Since then, he has

five losses and a no-decision.

"I'm not happy, but I went six (innings)," Gonzalez said. "Got me two (runs). Just couldn't get that third one."

After the game, Gonzalez was optioned to Triple-A Round Rock with left-hander Derek Holland coming off the disabled list and starting Wednesday for the first time since April 10.

Odor hit nine homers last season in 114 games and needed 81 games to do so this year. Since his recall from Round Rock on June 15, he's hitting .342 with eight homers.

Odor represented in the seventh inning when he was thrown out by Jesus Sucre trying to get to second on a pitch out for the third out.

"That was a great play," Iwakuma said. "The game was on the line there. 'Succy' made a great throw."

Choo has reached safely in 23 starts following the All-Star break, hitting .333 during that span.

#### HELP ON THE WAY

The Rangers acquired OF Will Venable from San Diego for minor league C-OF Marcus Greene and a player to be named. The trade

of Josh Hamilton sitting out with a sore left knee since Sunday. Texas general manager Jon Daniels said the club sought outfield depth overall, but Hamilton's situation played a role in the trade. Venable and Hamilton are left-handed hitters.

#### SPIETH DELIVERS STRIKE

Dallas' Jordan Spieth, the world's No. 1-ranked golfer, threw out the ceremonial first pitch two days after his runner-up finish at the PGA Championship. "As long as

you don't bounce it, I think it was a success," Spieth said. "And got it over the strike zone, too, so that was nice."

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: LHP Charlie Furbush was scheduled to see a doctor Tuesday in Seattle. Furbush experienced biceps discomfort last Saturday in the bullpen in Boston and was sent home.

Rangers: Banister said he hopes C Robinson Chirinos (left shoulder strain) can begin a rehab assignment next week.

#### UP NEXT

Mariners: LHP Mike Montgomery (4-5) allowed nine runs and two homers in only 2 1-3 innings last Friday in Boston. He hasn't won in his last seven starts.

Rangers: Holland will make his first appearance after throwing only nine pitches in the home opener before being sidelined with a torn muscle behind his throwing shoulder. "I know what I need to do, and I'm ready to go," he said.



Courtesy photo  
Big Spring Volleyball went 3-3 this past weekend in the BevBall Classic, losing in the Silver Bracket Championship to Lake View. Yesterday, the team extended their road losing streak to 0-3 after a straight sets loss against Abilene Wylie. They travel to Granbury for a three-day tournament August 20 through the 22.

### Scoreboard

BASEBALL					AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE												
East Division					West Division					East Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB							
Toronto	66	52	.559	1	Houston	65	55	.542	—	Los Angeles	62	57	.521	2½	Seattle	56	64	.467	9			
New York	66	54	.550	—	Texas	60	58	.508	4	Oakland	52	69	.430	13½	Monday's Games	N.Y. Yankees	8	Minnesota	4			
Baltimore	61	57	.517	5	Seattle	57	61	.483	15	Chicago	55	62	.470	16½	N.Y. Yankees	8	Minnesota	4	Toronto	5		
Tampa Bay	59	60	.496	7½	Cleveland	55	63	.466	17	Oakland	52	69	.430	13½	Chicago	8	Seattle	2	Boston	1		
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#8827 August 16, 19, 21, 2015

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With responsibility comes a sense of control. With

a sense of control comes security. But when we take responsibility for what we can't control, security is lost. Venus and Uranus form an auspicious angle to suggest a more fair sense of judgment about what we can and cannot control. Make peace with what falls beyond your reach.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Accept yourself as a work in progress. You will bond with others through your humanity, not through your perfection. You're so attractive when you let go of needing to do things right.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You appreciate a friend who can keep a secret. You also appreciate a friend who can't keep a secret and gives you fair warning of this inability. Your discretion will be important to the day's events.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are the guardian of your joy. Don't let anyone take it from you, and especially don't let it slip through your fingers while you're paying attention to things other than it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The safe solutions might work, but where's the fun in that? You are extra-bold in your creativity now, which makes this the perfect time to come up with outlandish solutions to your problems.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Abraham Lincoln said, "When you have got an elephant by the hind leg and he's trying to run away, it's best to let him run." Recognize the things you have no control over and let them go.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Socializing takes effort, but force yourself to do it even though you don't feel like it now. You'll attract admirers. It's interesting the way people fall for you when you couldn't care less.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Try not to let that vivid and restless imagination of yours roam into dark plac-

es. Music, humor and exercise will be best to keep your mind reaching into the light.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love is paying attention to who a person is and warmly accepting that. Wanting someone to be different is the opposite of love. If you are experiencing this kind of rejection trying to pass for love, it's important that you label it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The wish hasn't been granted yet, and already you feel thankful for it. Tonight, people feel they can be themselves around you. When you're relaxed and others are relaxed, the magic sets in.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your work needs more structure to it. With the right systems in place, you can succeed beyond your expectations. Sign up for a course or enlist the help of a tough coach or teacher.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The things you want should match up with the things you're willing to do to get

what you want. Look for the discrepancies and decide whether it might be time to adjust your goal.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You weren't always this person, but the seeds were there and you grew them. You might be surprised at what seeds are in you now. Add water, and then stand back to see what happens.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 19). What you think will happen over the next three weeks will indeed, so hold tight to that optimism! The whole team is rooting for you in September (yes, even the jealous ones). Your heart is fulfilled by a loved one's actions in November. There's big work to be done to accomplish lifestyle changes in January. Pisces and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 24, 32, 35 and 18.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I am a Pisces who hit it off with a Leo. We share the same intellect, sense of humor and basically what we wanted out of life -- I thought. He's now distant, his reason being 'life in general.'

So should I remain patient, or are we done?"

Given that Leos in love and the concept of "distancing" are as non-simpatico as cats and dogs, I'd take this as a clear signal that the distance he's taking is indeed what he wants -- and you should follow suit. But, Pisces, not all is lost. If you fell hard for this lion, the best remedy is to find someone similar to him. No, I'm not suggesting you go out and search for his long-lost twin, but that you send a prayerful message to the universe that the stars might send you someone with all the wonderful qualities he possesses. Make a list of those qualities. And while you're at it, throw in a few more: the musical side of your first crush, his gas station attendant's eager helpfulness... Then bury the list. If Leo comes back, great. If not, in nine months, your starter boyfriend has grown you a new one.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My nephew recently found out that he has genital herpes. He is a fine young man and had been dating the girl for a while. When they parted ways, neither of them knew she had a sexually transmitted disease.

Since finding this out, my nephew has become so depressed. He is convinced that no one will ever want him and that he will spend the rest of his life alone. We are worried about him and have looked around for support groups, but could not find any.

I am sure he cannot be the only person in this position. Could you ask your readers to send in some encouraging words or some advice for him? It would mean so much to him to know he is not alone and that there is hope for a future with someone. -- A Concerned Aunt

**Dear Aunt:** We can assure you that your nephew is not alone. Roughly 1 in 6 people ages 14-49 in the U.S. have genital herpes, and many are unaware of it. While it is not curable, there is medication available to treat symptoms, control outbreaks and reduce the risk of transmission to a

partner.

Please tell your nephew to check the website of the American Social Health Association at [asha-sexualhealth.org](http://asha-sexualhealth.org) or their Herpes Hotline at 1-888-411-4377. They offer information, encouragement and support, along with relationship advice about how to tell one's potential sexual partners about the infection.

**Dear Annie:** A year ago, I accepted a friend request on Facebook from an old boyfriend. (My first teenage crush from 35 years ago.) I was glad to see photos of his wife and children, and to chat with him about our lives.

Over time, he began sending me private messages, which eventually took a sharp turn toward flirtation and then became downright suggestive, to the point where he thought we should meet up. I stopped that in its tracks and told him in no uncertain terms that I had no interest in him as anything but an old friend. After a few months of no contact, he agreed that I was right, and we had several more chats, solely about family and life. Yesterday, his son posted on his

Facebook page that he had died. I was stunned and shed many tears for his family, plus a few for myself. Feeling sentimental, I opened up our chat page and started re-reading it, and lo and behold, saw all of those earlier conversations -- the ones that would devastate his family. I deleted the entire conversation immediately. I only hope no one in his family saw it.

The best gift I could give to his grieving family was to leave them the loving husband and father they knew, with no stains on his character. Please remind people that these

things stay online forever and that one never knows whether the next person looking at that page could be your spouse or child. -- Another Distant Survivor

**Dear Survivor:** There have always been instances of surviving family members discovering evidence of inappropriate behavior (love letters in a desk drawer, receipts for hotels and gifts), but the Internet allows simple conversations to live forever. Thank you for reminding folks that Facebook pages can be accessed after death. Our condolences.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Exercise in Good Technique**

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K 4 2  
 ♥ 9 8 6 3  
 ♦ 8 5 4 3  
 ♣ 9 8

**WEST**  
 ♠ A J 9 7 6  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ J 7 6 2  
 ♣ 7 5 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ 8 3  
 ♥ A K Q J 7 5 2  
 ♦ Q 10 9  
 ♣ 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ Q 10 5  
 ♥ 10  
 ♦ A K  
 ♣ A K Q J 10 6 3

The bidding:  
 East South West North  
 1♥ Dble 1♠ Pass  
 4♥ 5♣ Dble

Opening lead — four of hearts.

It's not difficult to make five clubs on this deal if you see all four hands. All you have to do is to time your plays properly to avoid losing two spade tricks.

But to make the contract without seeing the opposing hands is quite a chore, since it requires visualizing the East-West cards precisely and then taking advantage of that knowledge.

This is by no means an impossible task, however. The bidding speaks for itself, and the missing cards are apt to be exactly where the bidding indicates they are.

East is practically sure to have seven hearts for his leap to four, and West's treasures, considering his bidding, probably consist of a spade suit headed by the A-J. If so, the play becomes merely an exercise in good technique.

East wins the heart lead with the jack and continues with a heart, which you ruff with the ten as West shows out. Taking a long-distance view of the situation, you cash the A-K of diamonds before leading a club to the eight. Next you ruff a diamond high, lead a club to the nine and ruff dummy's last diamond in order to run West out of diamonds.

Having attended to these preliminaries, you draw West's last trump, reducing his hand to the A-J-9-7 of spades. You are down to the Q-10-5 of spades and a trump, while dummy has the K-4-2 of spades and a heart.

You now lead the queen of spades, and West has had it. If he takes the queen, he must return a spade, and your ten and king become tricks. If he ducks the queen, you simply play another spade toward the king.

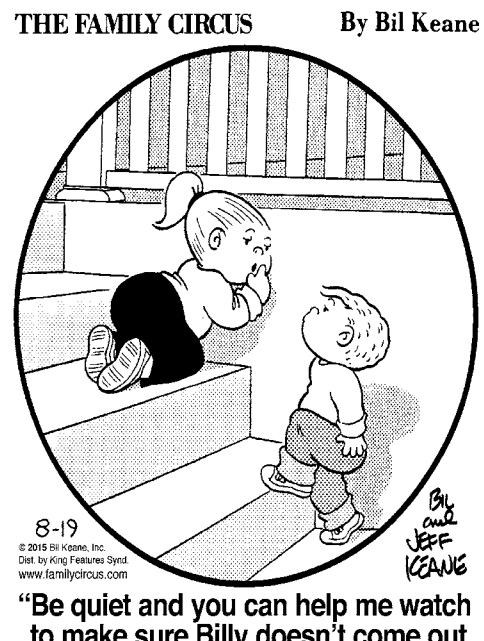
Tomorrow: Countdown to 13 tricks.  
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5:PM	News	Hotel	Two Men	News	Tele	News	With Schol-ars	PBS News-Hour	CHiPs	Cops Rel.	Seinfeld	Castle (DVS)	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	Football Raiders	Law & Order: SVU	Duck D.	Airplane Repo
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9:PM	Celebrity Wife Swap	Creo/los Hombres	Mod Fam	Criminal Minds	El Señor de los	Last Comic Standing		Mystery-Search	Laverne	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Castle (DVS)				(06) Suits	Duck D.	Vegas Rat
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12:AM	Nightline	Contacto Deportivo	How I Met How I Met	James Corden	El Señor de los	Seth Meyers	Upd	(Off Air)	Commun	Commun	Conan	CSI: NY	SportsCenter	NFL Live	UEFA Champions League Soccer	(12:06) Mr. Robot	Duck Dy-nasty	Airplane Repo
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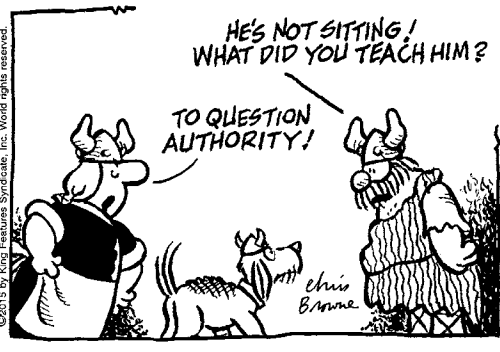
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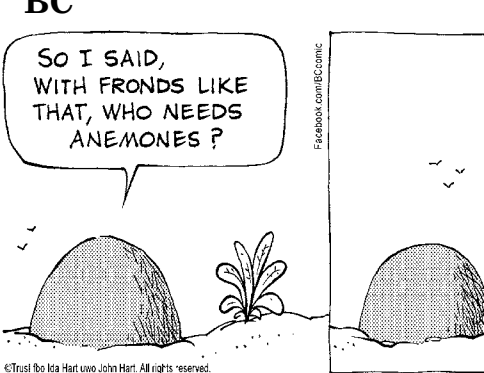
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, August 19, the 231st day of 2015. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 19, 1955, torrential rains caused by Hurricane Diane resulted in severe flooding in the northeastern U.S., claiming some 200 lives.

On this date:

In A.D. 14, Caesar Augustus, Rome's first emperor, died at age 76 after a reign lasting four decades; he was succeeded by his stepson Tiberius.

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Maryland, with the objective of capturing Washington D.C.

In 1918, "Yip! Yip! Yaphank," a musical revue by Irving Berlin featuring Army recruits from Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York, opened on Broadway.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1936, the first of a series of show trials orchestrated by Soviet leader Josef Stalin began in Moscow as 16 defendants faced charges of conspiring against the government (all were convicted and executed).

In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50-percent casualties.

In 1964, The Beatles opened their first full-fledged U.S. tour as they performed at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

In 1974, U.S. Ambassador Rodger P. Davies was fatally wounded by a bullet that penetrated the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots.

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency return to the Riyadh airport.

In 1991, Soviet hard-liners made the stunning announcement that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had been removed from power. (The coup attempt collapsed two days later.)

Ten years ago: A Texas jury found pharmaceutical giant Merck and Co. liable for the

death of a man who'd taken the once-popular painkiller Vioxx, awarding his widow \$253.4 million in damages. (Texas caps on punitive damages reduced that figure to about \$26 million; a Texas court overturned the verdict in May 2008, but the widow has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear her case.) Attackers firing Katyusha rockets narrowly missed a U.S. amphibious assault ship docked at the Red Sea resort of Aqaba, but killed a Jordanian soldier. Britain's former Northern Ireland chief, Mo Mowlam, died in Canterbury, England; she was 55.

Thought for Today: "Cheer up! The worst is yet to come!"

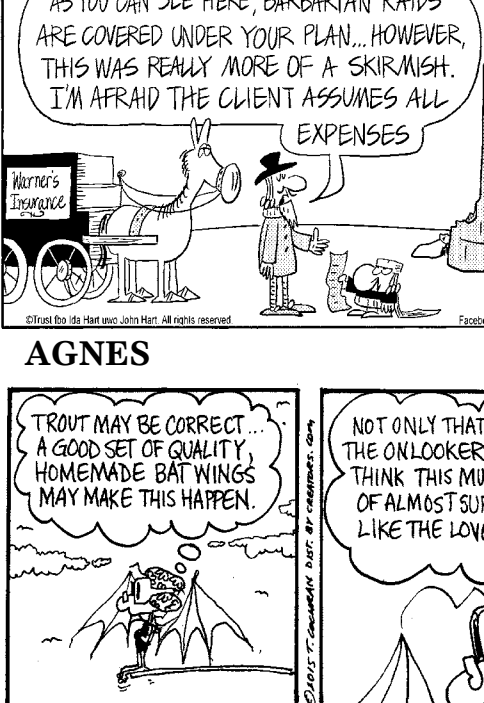
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
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  - 10 Put aside for later
  - 14 On one's own
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  - 22 Spend foolishly
  - 23 Surf's sound
  - 25 Conestoga wagon traveler
  - 27 Make equal
  - 30 Young fellows
  - 31 Cobbler's inventory
  - 32 Pie-cooling spot
  - 33 Dog in Garfield
  - 37 Interpret improperly
  - 40 Aide: Abbr.
  - 41 Coop dwellers
  - 42 Ship's load
  - 43 Club receipts
  - 44 Has a bit of
  - 45 Bring charges against
  - 49 Be patient
  - 50 General at Gettysburg
  - 51 Repair
  - 52 Equestrian's grip
  - 56 Make supernatural changes
  - 60 Wicked
  - 61 Zebra's hair
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- 11 Treat poorly
  - 12 Sporty Chevy, for short
  - 13 Erstwhile anesthetic
  - 18 Bloke
  - 19 Ark groupings
  - 24 Forcibly remove
  - 25 Coconut trees
  - 26 Unproductive
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  - 28 Pledges
  - 29 Yale students
  - 30 Property claims
  - 32 Luster
  - 33 Hot at the casino
  - 34 Malicious gossip
  - 35 Bus Stop playwright
  - 36 Big heads
  - 38 Hoodlum
  - 39 Antioxidant berry
  - 43 Count calories
  - 44 Bus alternative
  - 45 Traffic-light color
  - 46 Star of Superman
  - 47 Arrested
  - 48 Knock for a loop
  - 49 Sommelier's stock
  - 51 Pay for
  - 53 Cleveland's water
  - 54 Spot of land in the sea
  - 55 Cozy home
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  - 58 Cannes' water
  - 59 German cars, for short

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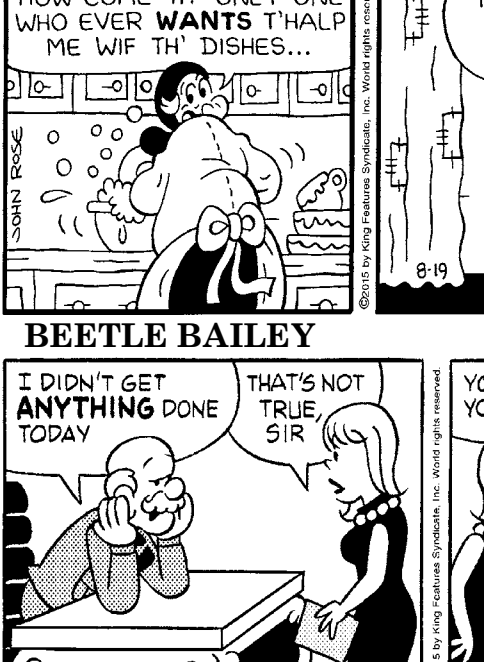
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# BSHS aces return to action...



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Kieran Atherton returning a shot in Big Spring's first game of the season against Greenwood.

## Sports Calendar

### THURSDAY

Big Spring Volleyball- Grandbury Tournament  
Coahoma Football- Scrimmage for Varsity and JV at 5 p.m.

### FRIDAY

Big Spring Volleyball- Grandbury Tournament  
Big Spring Football- scrimmages for Freshman, JV and Varsity at 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

### Saturday

Spring Volleyball- Grandbury Tournament  
Coahoma Volleyball- Midland Classic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m

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# Cowboys, Rams end practice early after fights break out

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The Cowboys and St. Louis Rams cut short the second of two joint practices at training camp Tuesday after several fights broke out, including one where Dallas receiver Dez Bryant was punched in the face.

The workout at the Cowboys' camp facility ended about 30 minutes earlier than expected after the skirmishes on the field where the St. Louis offense and Dallas defense were scrimmaging.

It was the second time in less than two weeks that a joint practice had to be cut short because of fights. On Aug. 8, Houston and Washington ended the mixed portion of a practice after several fights on both fields.

"I hate it. At the end of the day we know why it happens," said Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones, who is on the NFL's competition committee. "I can't

imagine that we can't continue to have joint practices and get this right just like we do a lot of things. But we're going to have to continue to emphasize that stuff is not what we want."

Most of the St. Louis defensive players left a drill on the other field when the first fight broke out. The second fight ended with several players in a pile on a fence where fans could reach out and touch them, although no fans appeared to get involved.

The third fight between the Cowboys and Rams included the punch on Bryant and ended the practice, although the Cowboys ran a few more plays with their own players while the Rams huddled with coach Jeff Fisher before walking to their buses.

It wasn't clear who threw the punch on Bryant. Dallas cornerback Tyler Patmon, who fought with Bryant earlier in camp, had several red marks on his face.

St. Louis linebacker James Laurinaitis said he was trying to make a defensive call when he noticed several teammates had left his field and run toward the first fight.

"There's a fine line between defending yourself, so to speak, versus instigating it," Laurinaitis said. "You want to defend your teammates, but you never want it to turn into that. I'm just glad nobody got hurt."

Patmon, who threw the first punch in his fight with Bryant on the fourth day of Cowboys camp, said he wasn't thinking about the fact that he joined the fray without a helmet.

"All you're thinking about is having your teammate's back," Patmon said. "And that's all that matters."

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett, who meets with reporters before the afternoon workout most days at camp, declined to comment after practice. He was asked about

fighting earlier when the topic was whether the Cowboys had shown enough intensity in the first joint practice Monday.

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