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## How are we doing?

McLellan, Wiseman to keynote state of city/county event

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Tickets are now on sale for the annual State of the City/County Address, an event where county and city leaders provide a recap of the year and insight to what they think is in store for the area.

"We host this every year because we want the community to have a chance to stay informed of what is happening locally in the city and the county, to offer a chance to visit and speak with elected officials about their concerns and also give people an opportunity to just get involved and support their community," said Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director.

Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan and Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman are both scheduled to speak at the event which is Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

ValVerde hopes the luncheon can be a starting point for people in the community to not only learn about issues affecting Big Spring and Howard County but also a chance for people to find ways to get involved, build relationships, help to resolve problems and create solutions.

"Let's work together to

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File Photo/Lyndel Moody

Randy Montgomery, center right, was the 2014 winner of the first bale of cotton contest held by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The cotton was ginned at the Big Spring Gin. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is holding the 2015 contest to signify the importance agriculture holds in this area.

## CoC holding 1st bale of cotton contest

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The contest is on for the first bale of cotton ginned in Howard County.

The annual contest is held by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to help celebrate the contributions area farmers provide not only locally but to the health of the nation by producing food and fiber.

"Farmers play a big part in our community," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber of Commerce executive director. "I admire our farmers. When I first stepped into this job and took the Big Spring Leadership class, I learn a lot of

what farmers have to go through. They depend on mother nature to see them through. They deal with droughts and they have to deal when we are heavily blessed by rains, sometimes not at the best time for a cotton farmer."

The producer of the First Bale of Cotton will be honored in a ceremony to be held in front of the Howard County Courthouse and will receive a cash prize, certificate and public recognition.

In order to qualify, the cotton must be produced in the current crop year; must be produced and ginned in Howard County and must have a net weight of at least 450 pounds.

For a complete list of the 2015 rules contact the Chamber at 432-263-7641 or come by 215 W. Third. The contest is sponsored by Lone Star State Bank, South Plains Implement, State National Bank and Wells Fargo Bank.

Texas produces more cotton than any other state in the United States, according to the National Cotton Council. According to the United State Department of Agriculture, the U.S. cotton industry accounts for more than \$25 billion in products and services annually.

Lyndel Moody can be contacted at 263-7331, ext. 234, or at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.



## Certificate of thanks

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Jordan Partee, left, a representative of the Dora Roberts Foundation, receives a resolution of appreciation Monday from Howard College Board of Trustees President John Freeman for a recent donation of \$100,000 to the college's baseball program.



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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- CHRISTOPHER MONTEZ VIERA, 28, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and driving while license invalid.
- RODNEY MARTINEZ SR., 39, of 2604 Barksdale Dr. was arrested on two warrants from other agencies.
- SYLVIA MARTINEZ, 50, of 407 Sunset was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- SARAH PADRON, 34, of 2801 San Antonio St., San Angelo, was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated – open container.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 700 block of W. 8th St.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of W. Interstate 20.
- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of S. Gregg St., the 400 block of S. Birdwell Lane and the 2300 block of Wasson Rd.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2400 block of S. Gregg St. and the 2000 block of S. Gregg St.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 9000 block of Longshore Dr.

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.
- CODY MATTHEW GAMMAGE, 34, was booked

by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention and possession of a controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

- CHRISTELLA MARIE GARCIA, 27, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- UBALDO ANOTONIO GONZALEZ, 35, was booked by the GCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance, more than 2 grams but less than 400 grams, and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- RODNEY SEPULBEDA MARTINEZ SR., 39, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of parent contributing to non-attendance.
- SYLVIA HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ, 50, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- SARAH PADRON, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated – open alcoholic container.
- LESLIE YVETTE SANTILLAN, 38, was booked by the GCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance, more than 2 grams but less than 400 grams, and possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- CHRISTOPHER MONTEZ VIERA, 28, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for violate promise to appear – capias and driving while license invalid – capias.
- JOHN RAYMON WILKERSON, 28, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for tampering/fabricating physical evidence and possession of marijuana.

## 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.

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

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.

- 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.

- 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.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

- 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.

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8

p.m.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 6:06 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- 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.

## Obituaries

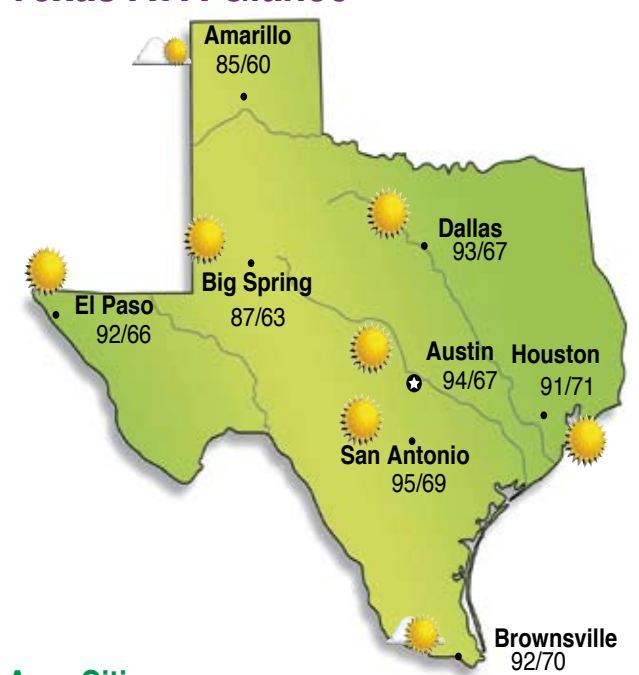
### Johnnie Hobbs Jr.

Johnnie A. Hobbs Jr., 89, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015, in a local nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 10/1	Fri 10/2	Sat 10/3	Sun 10/4	Mon 10/5
 <b>87/63</b> A mainly sunny sky. High 87F. Winds light and variable.	 <b>90/64</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	 <b>91/66</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	 <b>92/60</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	 <b>82/59</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:32 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:30 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:29 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:28 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:26 PM

### Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	66	sunny	Kingsville	96	70	mst sunny
Amarillo	85	60	pt sunny	Livingston	88	66	mst sunny
Austin	94	67	sunny	Longview	90	62	mst sunny
Beaumont	87	66	mst sunny	Lubbock	87	62	sunny
Brownsville	92	70	mst sunny	Lufkin	90	64	mst sunny
Brownwood	91	63	sunny	Midland	90	67	sunny
Corpus Christi	94	73	sunny	Raymondville	94	70	mst sunny
Corsicana	92	66	sunny	Rosenberg	90	69	sunny
Dallas	93	67	sunny	San Antonio	95	69	sunny
Del Rio	96	70	sunny	San Marcos	94	67	sunny
El Paso	92	66	sunny	Sulphur Springs	90	62	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	90	66	sunny	Sweetwater	89	65	sunny
Gainesville	90	63	sunny	Tyler	92	65	sunny
Greenville	89	62	sunny	Weatherford	92	64	sunny
Houston	91	71	sunny	Wichita Falls	90	63	pt sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	64	t-storm	Minneapolis	64	43	sunny
Boston	71	51	rain	New York	75	55	t-storm
Chicago	62	50	pt sunny	Phoenix	103	75	sunny
Dallas	93	67	sunny	San Francisco	67	57	cloudy
Denver	81	53	pt sunny	Seattle	74	51	sunny
Houston	91	71	sunny	St. Louis	73	50	mst sunny
Los Angeles	87	68	sunny	Washington, DC	76	60	cloudy
Miami	92	75	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



# Making Coke at home? Keurig introduces the 'Kold' machine

BY CANDICE CHOI

AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Making a glass of Coke at home will soon be possible, if you don't mind paying more than \$300 for a machine that sits on your kitchen countertop. Plus an extra dollar or so per drink.

Keurig Green Mountain says it will start selling a machine Tuesday that makes single servings of cold beverages including Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper and flavored seltzer waters.

The machine is similar in concept to Keurig's brewers, which let people make cups of coffee and tea by inserting a pod into the machine and pressing a button.

Coca-Cola is betting big on Keurig Kold, too; the world's biggest soda maker owns a 16.8 percent stake in Keurig Green Mountain.

Still, it's not yet clear who will buy the Keurig Kold, which is the size of a very large crockpot. Keurig says the suggested retail price for the machine is \$369.99, but that prices could be as low as \$299 depending on promotions.

Each pod will cost between \$1.12 and \$1.25 and make an 8-ounce serving. That means it's not really a way to save money, since people can buy 2-liter bottles and 6-pack cans of soda for less, on a per-serving basis.

Instead, Keurig CEO Brian Kelley said Kold is a way for people to have a variety of drinks at their disposal, without having

cans and bottles take up space in their homes.

Among the other drinks the machine can make are "craft" sodas made by Keurig, and later this year, cocktail mixers.

"It's a premium — it's about choice and convenience," Kelley said.

The idea of making sodas and other drinks at home isn't new. SodaStream International also sells a carbonation machine that makes seltzer and other flavored drinks. But its machine differs from the Keurig Kold.

With SodaStream, people fill a bottle with water and press down on a button to carbonate the liquid. They can add as much carbonation and flavoring as they want.

A complaint among some users is that the carbonation comes from a CO2 canister, which needs to be replaced every several weeks or so, depending on how often it's used.

The Keurig Kold, by contrast, is more controlled. People fill the machine's water tank, then insert a pod to create a specific drink, such as Coke.

The pods have two chambers — one with the carbonation, and one with the syrup or flavor. The machine makes the drink in about 90 seconds or

less, chilling the water in the process.

In addition to its high price, Phil Terpolilli at Wedbush Securities thinks a barrier to Kold's popularity will be that soda is already so widely available.

"The consumer can already can go into a fridge and crack open a Diet Coke," Terpolilli said.

Still, Keurig thinks its Kold machine could eventually be bigger than its coffee brewers, which it says are in about 17 percent of U.S. households.

In addition to going on sale on its website Tuesday, the company says the Kold will be available starting in October at select retailers in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and New York.

Those who don't want another machine taking up space on their countertop might want to wait a few years; Keurig says it's working on a machine that could make both hot and cold drinks.

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**Take note**

Coahoma Lions Club will host a Trade Days event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7, 2015, at the old gin lot in Coahoma. The event will feature arts and crafts, food, antiques, collectibles, clothing, jewelry and other gift or garage sale items. Vendor lots are available for \$15 (10-foot-square) or \$25 (10-by-20-foot). For more information, contact Tammy or Lisa at Coahoma City Hall, 432-394-4287.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Nov. 2-3; Nov. 30-Dec. 1. Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left. Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• 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 or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howardcollege.edu.

• 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.

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

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

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

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

• 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.

• 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.

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**State news in brief**

**Ex-Border Patrol agent found guilty in shooting in El Paso**

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A former U.S. Border Patrol agent has been found guilty in the shooting of his estranged wife's boyfriend in El Paso.

Forty-one-year-old Alberto Montelongo was convicted Tuesday of one count of attempted capital murder and one count of continuous family violence. The sentencing phase of his trial is scheduled to begin Wednesday. He faces up to 99 years in prison.

Authorities say that in February, Montelongo went to his wife's home and got into an altercation with her and her boyfriend, Jesus Rodriguez. Prosecutors say Montelongo shot Rodriguez in the head and struggled with his wife over a knife, resulting in several cuts to her hands. Rodriguez survived.

Authorities say Montelongo took this wife and Rodriguez hostage and a standoff with El Paso law enforcement lasted for several hours before he was arrested.

**Texas county denies excessive-force claims in man's death**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Authorities in Texas are denying allegations that sheriff's deputies used excessive force when they fatally shot a man who appeared in a video of the incident to have his hands raised.

In court filings, Bexar County categorically denied the allegations of excessive use of force made by the family of 41-year-old Gilbert Flores in a federal civil rights lawsuit. The lawsuit filed earlier this month against the county, sheriff's office and two deputies involved seeks unspecified compensation for damages.

A partially obscured video shows Flores raised his arms before the deputies fatally shot him. Investigators say a second video shows Flores holding a knife.

The lawsuit also asks a judge to order the sheriff's office to keep the second video in its original form.

That video hasn't been released, officials said.

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make a difference in our town, our county," she said.

The event will be held during the noon hour with the serving line opening at 11:45 a.m. ValVerde said the ad-

dress will last about an hour.

"We want everyone in the community to attend if possible," she said. "We've tried to keep the lunch to just an hour because we know people have so little time and this way that can attend without having to take time away from their work."

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce at 215 W. Third during normal business hours. For more information, call the Chamber at call 263-7641.

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

Amen

# Gullibility about violence

Even though it is oftentimes the theme of humorous applications, gullibility is dangerous, pure and simple. Outside the context of the aforementioned jokester's use of said subject, there is absolutely nothing funny about someone being taken in by a lie or being deceived because they are prone to swallow something "hook, line and sinker".

The mind that is susceptible to deception is fertile ground and there are unscrupulous advertisers, politicians, salespeople and even religious zealots ready and able to take advantage of the potential harvest.

For years I have, at the expense of being mocked for my strong opinions, been an outspoken advocate for parents guarding their children's minds against certain potentially damaging influences, most specifically movies and video games.

It's gullibility in a most dangerous form to believe a young formative mind, or any mind for that matter, can be saturated with graphic violence, murder and other high definition scenes of unthinkable brutality and not be affected.

Extensive research has documented the negative effects of desensitization and to ignore the facts is a dangerous display of gullibility. Multiple reliable studies have shown that violent video game exposure increases aggressive thoughts, angry feelings, physiological arousal, aggressive behaviors, and decreases helpful behaviors.

Participants in one study reported their media habits and then played one of eight violent video games for 20 min. Then the participants watched a 10-min videotape containing scenes of real-life violence while heart rate and galvanic skin response were monitored. Participants who previously played a violent video game had lower HR and GSR while viewing filmed real violence, demonstrating a physiological desensitization to violence. Imagine the effect of hundreds of hours of participation.

Parents are gullible when they allow their children to play violent video games, and/or watch violent movies, thinking it will have no negative effect on their

psyche. It's impossible for the human mind to absorb and process scenes of violence, abuse, or any number of negative actions and not be affected.

I know many people are quick to dismiss the effect of violent video games as a factor in criminal behavior, but new evidence from Iowa State University researchers demonstrates a link between video games and youth violence and delinquency.

In 2013, Matt DeLisi, a professor of sociology, said the research shows a strong connection for a history of violence and psychopathic traits among juvenile offenders.

"When critics say, 'Well, it's probably not video games, it's probably how antisocial they are,' we can address that directly because we controlled a lot of things that we know matter," DeLisi said. "Even if you account for the child's sex, age, race, the age they were first referred to juvenile court — which is a very powerful effect — and a bunch of other media effects, like screen time and exposure. Even with all of that, the video game measure still mattered."

Among teen and preteen gamers, the names of violent video games travel fast and it's easy to just accept them because they are perceived as simply "video games." If you can read the game descriptions below and honestly believe minds are not being affected by participation, I fear you may be living in a dangerous fantasy world. Some of these are older and outdated now and even more graphic games are available to our youth.

Saints Row the Third (2011): This story about rival gangs revels in actions both depraved and violent. The game encourages players to go out and do bad things to innocents. They can take chainsaws to enemies, resulting in tons of blood and chunky flesh. They can drive into people with vehicles and use weapons including pistols, shotguns, grenades, rockets and swords to destroy both enemies and innocent civilians. Players can also kill police. The game also boasts sexual imagery, drugs and profanity.

Call of Duty Black Ops II(2012): This gritty, extremely violent military first-person shooter involves constant killing using realistic weapons, with blood and gore pouring across the screen during more intense scenes. Cinematic sequences can be even more dramatic and graphic,

with soldiers and civilians alike dying in horrible ways, including graphic melee kills, people burning to death, civilians killed in crossfire, torture and a shipping container filled with rotting corpses. In one scene, the player steps into the shoes of a villain and goes on a murderous rampage against soldiers, the screen turning red with blood rage as he takes damage. The game also has frequent profanity, some sexual themes and drug use.

Darkness 2 (2012): In this extremely violent game, players take on the role of a heartless mafia boss who kills hundreds of people and beasts throughout the game. Players can rip out hearts, remove spines and decapitate people and creatures. Blood and gore are seen often, sometimes with dramatic finishing moves, and enemies scream in pain. The game also shows sexual acts performed and has drug references, and players can hear very strong profanity.

Hitman: Absolution (2012): Players become a cold-blooded assassin in this extremely violent game that features tons of blood and lots of gore. As a hit man, you use a number of different guns, knives and explosives (and your bare hands) to snuff out targets. The online "Contracts" mode encourages gamers to create and share their own custom assassination challenges. The game also has drug use, profanity and partial nudity.

Grand Theft Auto V (2014): Players take on the role of three criminals, each with his own personal issues, and violence is a mainstay of in-game missions. With a wide array of weaponry, players kill hundreds of characters, including civilians, police officers, and gang members. Profanity is strong and frequent, and sexual content is graphic and very mature, with some women depicted as strippers or prostitutes. Drinking and drug use is prolific as well.

I certainly don't present myself as an authority on this controversial subject, but I have been exposed to enough of the residual effects of endless hours of mind pollution to believe it's a valid argument nonetheless.

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

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# I'm going to miss the speaker

I am going to miss John Boehner as speaker of the House. The GOP looks like the fun party with its ring-a-ding leader and his dash of Dean Martin. Boehner even sauntered into his resignation news conference Friday while crooning, "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay. My oh my, what a wonderful day." The speaker chose not to cling to power but to walk away without compromising his supporters.

"Why do I want to make my members, Republican members, walk the plank?" Boehner explained on "Face the Nation" Sunday. The son of a barkeep wants to avoid a government shutdown — also known as another government shutdown. He knew his effort to thwart a kamikaze mission could invite his party's "knuckle draggers," as he calls them, to challenge his leadership.

Republicans who stood by Boehner then might face a primary challenge.

Boehner knew his perch was precarious; he likened being speaker to trying to keep 218 frogs in a wheelbarrow. So rather than fight, Boehner, 65, shrugged. His is not so much an

*I am going to miss the speaker who got rid of earmarks — pet pork-barrel spending — out of conviction, even though it made it harder for him to impose discipline among his ranks.*



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Ayn Randian Atlas shrug as it is what Politico's Glenn Thrush called an "I'm just playing the cards I've been dealt," nicotine-induced zen" shrug.

I am going to miss the era of smoke-filled rooms and chain-smoking power brokers.

Boehner's likely replacement — Kevin McCarthy, 50, of Bakersfield, Calif. — has a West Coast sensibility. McCarthy leads his fellow R's on early-morning mountain bike rides when the House is in session.

(I learned on "Face the Nation" that Boehner does yoga, but not, I presume, while caucusing.)

I am going to miss those basset hound eyes that shed endless sentimental tears.

I am going to miss that orangy mug. It takes a tough man to tinge his skin the same tint as Arnold Schwarzenegger's hair. I am going to miss references

to Boehner's patronage at Trattoria Alberto and Pete's Diner. There's something endearingly old-school about a pol who frequents businesses known by an owner's first name.

I think President Barack Obama will miss Boehner more than I. The softy speaker, after all, fell for Obama's ruse about wanting to reach across the aisle to cut a grand bargain.

I am going to miss the speaker who got rid of earmarks — pet pork-barrel spending — out of conviction, even though it made it harder for him to impose discipline among his ranks.

I am going to miss the barkeep's son who didn't believe in fighting for the sake of fighting.

He didn't go for destructive stunts like the 2013 government shutdown championed by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas. After that house of cards collapsed, he hoped tea party members would see that shuttering the government is a losing tactic. As he said Sunday, "have the courage to do what you can do. It's easy to have the courage to do what you can't do."

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# Check this out: What's at the library

Sarah Hepola is an alcoholic. She had her first taste at 7 years old from beer left over in her parent's refrigerator and fell in love with alcohol. In "Blackout: Remembering the Things I Drank to Forget" (362.292 HEP S), she writes that alcohol was "the gasoline of all adventure".



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She spent her evenings at cocktail parties and dark bars where she proudly stayed until last call.

But there was a price: She often blacked out, waking up with a blank space in her memory.

The next morning became detective work on her life, trying to find out what she had done, where she had gone, how she had gotten home. Professionally, she flourished, but personally her spirit was being drained by alcohol. How would she survive?

"The Spiral Notebook:

The Aurora Theater Shooter and the epidemic of Mass Violence Committed by American Youth" (364.152 SIN S) by Stephen and Joyce Singular and their forensic reporting has produced a comprehensive look at the Aurora shooting.

They are also looking at the 20-somethings themselves. "The Spiral Notebook" is filled with the voices of the Millennials, a group dogged by big pharma, anti-depressants and ADHD drugs, plus the enter-

You will enter a world of breathtaking danger and beauty in this remarkable story by veteran Jason Ramos. Ramos will offer an inside look at the life of those who parachute into the most rugged and remote area to fight fires.

Oh, dear. It is just before lunch and here is Joanne Fluke's newest mystery, "Doublefudge Brownie Mystery" (M FLU J), and of course it is a Hannah Swensen mystery with recipes! Hannah is nervous about the upcoming trial for her involvement in a tragic accident.

She wants to clear her name, but it gets even worse when the judge who is presiding over the trial is found bludgeoned to death with his own gavel and Hannah is the prime suspect!

Now, she has to clear her name and find the killer.

While not a new book, having been published in 2014, Colleen McCullough's "Bittersweet" (F McC C) is timeless in nature.

The four Latimer sisters (two sets of twins) are as close as can be. Yet, each of these vivacious young women has her own dream — Edda wants to be a doctor, Grace wants to marry, Tufts wants never to marry and Kitty wishes to be known for something other than her beauty.

They are famous throughout New South

Wales for their beauty, wit, and ambition, but as they step into womanhood at the beginning of the 20th century, life holds limited prospects for them. Together, they decide to enroll in a training program for nurses—a new option for women of their time.

As the Latimer sisters become immersed in hospital life and the demands of their training, each must make weighty decisions about love, career and what she values most. The results are sometimes happy, sometimes heartbreaking, but always bittersweet.

Harry Turtledove is a master of alternate history. In "Bombs Away" (SF TUR H) the Cold War has turned hot. The book begins with President Harry Truman in desperate consultation with General Douglas MacArthur, whose control of the ground war in Korea has slipped disastrously away.

MacArthur recognizes a stark reality: The U.S. military has been cut to the bone after victory over the Nazis, while China and the USSR have built up their forces. The only way to stop the Communist surge into the Korean Peninsula and save thousands of American lives is through a nuclear attack.

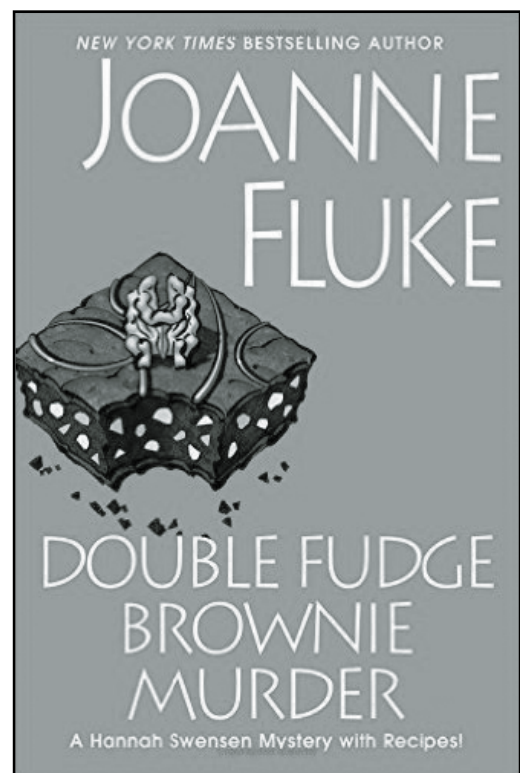
MacArthur advocates a strike on Chinese targets in Manchuria.

In actual history, Truman rejected his general's advice; here, he does not. The miscalculation turns into a disaster when Truman fails to foresee Russia's reaction. Almost instantly, Stalin strikes

U.S. allies in Europe and Great Britain. As the shock waves settle, the two superpowers are caught in a horrifying face-off. Will they attack each other directly with nuclear weapons? What countries will be caught in between?

"Flutters From the Heart: The Journey Within" (811 SLA S) is a book of poetry from Silvia Slaten, a retired Texas librarian. Her path has been a 360-degree circle in Texas. She currently resides in West Texas oil country and tends her family flock full-time. It is from her rich experiences she writes her poetry.

I especially liked "Mother's Kitchen," even as I changed the dishes to those that my mother made, though



the chocolate sheet cake (without cinnamon) is universal. "Saving Me" and "Two Lone Birds" have been copied to keep.

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## Odds and ends

### Dog sends owner's pickup into lake

ELLSWORTH, Maine (AP) — Police say a dog alone in a pickup had to be rescued after it caused the truck to go into a lake in Maine.

Ellsworth Police say a man was walking the dog near Branch Lake on Saturday afternoon in Ellsworth.

He put the dog into the truck after an encounter with another dog, officials said.

While the man spoke to the other dog's owner, the Yorkshire terrier managed to bump the Chevrolet Silverado into gear, causing it to roll about 75 feet into the lake, and bounce off a rock before sinking in roughly 10 feet of water.

Police say a family friend immediately swam into the lake and saved the trapped dog. A towing company was called in to remove the truck.

No humans or dogs were injured.

### Monkey has fun on the loose in Orlando suburb

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — A monkey that escaped its owner's home in an Orlando, Florida, suburb chewed on its neighbors' mail, pulled molding off a police car and rocked back and forth on a street sign.

Zeek was eventually caught when his owner returned home a short time later.

Sanford police officers responded to the neighborhood Monday morning after a neighbor called to report that a monkey was eating mail out of a mailbox.

Zeek jumped on the officers' squad car and pulled some molding off

the roof.

The monkey also drank from a water bottle the officers offered as a distraction.

Sanford police officers took video of Zeek and posted it on the agency's Facebook page. "Zeek had a little fun with our patrol car," the officers posted in one video.

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## News in brief

### Amid new Taliban gains, US military favors keeping troops in Afghanistan beyond 2016

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a potential major shift in policy, U.S. military commanders want to keep at least a few thousand American troops in Afghanistan beyond 2016, citing a fragile security situation highlighted by the Taliban's capture of the northern city of Kunduz this week as well as recent militant inroads in the south.

Keeping any substantial number of troops in Afghanistan beyond next year would mark a sharp departure from President Barack Obama's existing plan, which would leave only an embassy-based security cooperation presence of about 1,000 military personnel by the end of next year. Obama has made it a centerpiece of his second-term foreign policy message that he would end the U.S. war in Afghanistan and get American troops out by the time he left office in January 2017.

About 9,800 U.S. troops are in Afghanistan. But the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Army Gen. John F. Campbell, has given the administration several options for gradually reducing that number over the next 15-months. The options all call for keeping a higher-than-planned troop presence based on his judgment of what it would take to sustain the Afghan army and minimize the chances of losing more ground gained over more than a decade of costly U.S. combat.

The timing of a new decision on U.S. troop levels is unclear. Campbell is scheduled to testify to Congress next week on the security situation, including the effectiveness of Afghan security forces after a tough summer of fighting.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military said it conducted two more airstrikes overnight on Taliban positions around Kunduz. A U.S. Army spokesman, Col. Brian Tribus, said coalition advisers were at the scene Wednesday,

"in the Kunduz area advising Afghan security forces."

### US launches more airstrikes to back Afghan troop efforts to retake city captured by Taliban

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. airstrikes hit Taliban positions overnight around a key northern city seized by insurgents this week as Afghan troops massed on the ground Wednesday ahead of what is likely to be a protracted battle to retake Kunduz.

Also overnight, fierce fighting was underway for control of Kunduz's airport, a few kilometers (miles) outside the city, before the Taliban retreated under fire, several residents said.

U.S. Army spokesman, Col. Brian Tribus, said there were two new airstrikes and that U.S. and NATO coalition advisers were at the scene "in the Kunduz area, advising Afghan security forces."

Among NATO experts backing Afghan troops were coalition's special forces advisers, he said.

The Taliban on Monday blitzed into Kunduz and took this city of 300,000 people — the first major urban area they captured since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion ousted their extremist regime.

### Only woman on Georgia's death row is executed; first woman executed in the state in 70 years

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) — The only woman on Georgia's death row was executed early Wednesday, making her the first woman put to death by the state in seven decades.

Kelly Renee Gissendaner was pronounced dead by injection of pentobarbital at 12:21 a.m. at the state prison in Jackson. She was convicted of murder in the February 1997 slaying of her husband after she conspired with her lover, who stabbed Douglas

Gissendaner to death.

Kelly Gissendaner, 47, sobbed as she said she loved her children and apologized to Douglas Gissendaner's family, saying she hopes they can find some peace and happiness. She also addressed her lawyer, Susan Casey, who was among the witnesses.

"I just want to say God bless you all and I love you, Susan. You let my kids know I went out singing 'Amazing Grace,'" Gissendaner said.

### Money, tourists and fear: China micromanages Tibet, tries to woo it away from Dalai Lama

LHASA, China (AP) — Ji Yunpeng misses hotpot dinners with his wife and daughter back in Beijing and fights insomnia caused by the high altitude in the Tibetan capital by playing computer games, and, occasionally, studying Tibetan Buddhism.

"It's just out of pure intellectual curiosity," he said, aware that genuine religious interest would be a breach of discipline in China's nominally atheist Communist Party.

Ji is in Lhasa on a three-year loan from the Beijing municipal government to oversee the school curriculum in Tibetan classrooms. In return, he gets a double salary and a short-cut up the party ladder. Nearly 6,500 civil servants like him have been dispatched to manage hefty budgets and shape Tibet's modernization.

They are the human face of top-down development that has poured

more than \$100 billion dollars into the region since 1952. Critics say that Beijing's obsession with social stability also has led to widespread human rights abuses. But as incomes finally begin to increase across the Tibetan countryside, Chinese authorities are hopeful they can dispel international criticism over their rule in Tibet while winning the hearts of Tibetans.

### Uber trial starts in France with 2 European executives charged over outlawed low-cost service

PARIS (AP) — Two European Uber executives are facing the possibility of prison in a French trial hinging on the ride-hailing service's lowest-cost service.

While that service has already been banned in France, the trial that started Wednesday reflects larger tensions in Europe about how to regulate new technologies that offer consumers greater options but threaten traditional industries.

The trial comes a week after France's top constitutional authority upheld a 2014 law banning the low-cost UberPop service, which allowed any driver without a professional license to drive passengers around for a fee. Uber's standard app-based service, which involves registered drivers, remains legal in France.

Uber France chief Thibaud Simphal and its general manager for Western Europe, Pierre-Dimitri Gore-Coty, face up to two years in prison.



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## Who Are the Indigenous People of Palestine?

**The Jewish people have lived in Palestine continuously for more than 3,000 years—far longer than any ethnic group. Why do Arabs deny this history?**

*Many Arabs and anti-Israel activists claim Palestinians are the true indigenous people of the Holy Land, comparing their plight to that of Native Americans. Yet the ethnogenesis of the Jewish people—Hebrew language, Torah, Jewish religion, culture and self-identity—began in Palestine more than 1,800 years before Arabs arrived.*

### What are the facts?

Palestinian Deputy of Jerusalem Affairs Salwa Habib recently asserted that the "Palestinian people has been present in Jerusalem for thousands of years . . . centuries before the Jewish religion." Such attempts to delegitimize Israel's connection to the Holy Land disregard abundant archaeological, historical and genealogical evidence that confirms a continuous Jewish presence in Palestine dating

back to the Hebrews' return from Egypt, circa 1200 BCE. By contrast, Arabs first arrived in Palestine around 640 CE, first became a dominant population there in the twelfth century and first called themselves Palestinians only in 1964.

The U.N. defines an indigenous people as having a) continuously occupied ancestral lands, b) common ancestry with original occupants, c) a distinct common culture, d) a distinct language, e) a religion that emphasizes spiritual ties to the land, and f) a genetic connection to a specific people.

**Are Palestinian Arabs indigenous?** Comparisons of Palestinians to indigenous Native Americans fall short, as do claims that Palestinians are indigenous to the Holy Land. Unlike American Native People, Palestinian Arabs were not the aboriginal nor ever the sole inhabitants of this land. In addition, the population of Native Americans after white conquest was decimated by massacre and disease, while the Palestinian population has thrived and expanded dramatically over the past century. Finally, Native Americans were never offered a state of their own, whereas Palestinian Arabs have been offered a state many times, starting in 1947, but have refused these offers in favor of futile attempts for nearly 70 years to expel the Jews.

Arabs began to dominate the Holy Land when they arrived as Muslim conquerors in 1187 CE, especially during Mamluk rule, from 1260-1516 CE. However, just as white colonists in the Americas cannot call themselves indigenous people simply because they lived in an area for

centuries, neither can Palestinian Arabs. As for other criteria of indigeneity, Palestinians speak Arabic, which is not a language specific to Palestine, nor had they identified as Palestinians before Egypt's President Nasser so dubbed them in 1964. In reality, there is no ethnic difference between Palestinian Arabs, Syrians and Jordanians. Likewise, Palestinians have no culture peculiar to Palestine, nor do they have strong religious ties to it. The

The Jews' return to Palestine reflects an indigenous people's self-determination to create a state on the site of its ancestral kingdom.

Koran, for example, never mentions Jerusalem, which has been the capital of the Holy Land for several thousand years. Finally, despite claims by some Palestinians of a relationship to Canaanites, there is no genealogical or genetic evidence connecting Arabs to extinct Biblical peoples.

**Are Jews indigenous to Palestine?** The ancient Jewish connection to Palestine is confirmed in the Jewish Bible, the Christian Gospels and the Koran, as well as by countless Jewish antiquities and copious scholarly research. Genetic studies show that today's Jews—whether the Diaspora cast them to Europe, North America, Africa or other parts of the Middle East—are related genealogically to Jews of Biblical times. Jews also have a distinct language, culture and religion that are linked inextricably to Palestine. Indeed, for thousands of years Jewish liturgy has expressed the yearning of Jews to return to the land of Israel: "Next year in Jerusalem" is uttered by every observant Jew at Passover, and Jerusalem itself is a major character in the Torah, cited more than 600 times. Finally, of course, like Native Americans, Jews were dispossessed of their ancestral lands—by the Romans, Christian Crusaders, Muslims, Babylonians and Ottomans. Surely just because Jews were deprived of their aboriginal lands doesn't mean they have no claim to them. Rather than colonialism, of which Israel is accused by anti-Zionists, the Jews' return to Palestine actually reflects an indigenous people's self-determination to create a state on the site of its ancestral kingdom.

*There's no doubt that Jews are the legitimate indigenous people of Palestine. That's not, however, to deny Palestinian hopes for a sovereign state. In fact, Israel has many times offered to support such a state, if only Palestinians would abandon their jihad against Israel's legitimacy and accept the right of the Jewish people to their own state.*

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## Rangers hang on to take win vs. Tigers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Drew Stubbs kept Rangers after game-ending catch, taking a few more steps before scaling halfway up the center field wall. He was then getting a big hug for Texas Rangers closer Shawn Tolleson and plenty of high-fives.

Stubbs, who had entered the game only an inning before, ran down Ian Kinsler's drive in the right-center gap with two runners on base and the AL West-leading Texas Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 7-6 to snap a three-game skid Tuesday night.

"I was a little unsure off the bat if I was going to be able to track it down," said Stubbs, who went up the wall in front of the Rangers bullpen. "To end it on a play like that, adrenaline more than momentum."

Manager Jeff Banister, his cap falling off his head, watched anxiously when the ball was hit. He patted pitching coach Mike Maddux on the back after Stubbs made the catch.

"You hang on every single pitch," Banister said. "To see the ball go up in the air, and see Stubbs tracking it down, there's a little emotion going on inside all of us, and really for him to run that down the way he did, yeah we're going to release some emotion there. We might have released some emotion if he didn't catch it, too."

Texas has a two-game division lead over the Los Angeles Angels, who beat Oakland 8-1 later Tues-

day night to take over second place from Houston. The Astros are 2 1-2 games back after losing 6-4 at Seattle.

Adrian Beltre had three hits and drove in two runs, including Shin-Soo Choo when they had consecutive doubles in the fourth to break a 6-all tie. Choo also had a two-run homer in the first.

Despite a shaky start to the game, Cole Hamels won his sixth consecutive decision. The left-hander retired 10 of the last 11 batters he faced and struck out eight in six innings.

"I don't think it's one of the best starts you want to have, especially in this situation," Hamels said. "But definitely being able to get bailed out by the team, every one of those guys in the lineup came through ... It definitely made the type of performance that I had, a little better and a little easier to move past."

Hamels is 6-1 in 11 starts since getting traded from Philadelphia at the end of July, and the Rangers have won his last nine starts after losing the first two. The lefty surpassed 200 innings for the seventh time in his career and 200 strikeouts for the fourth time.

Tolleson, the closer in only his third appearance in 14 days, got his 34th save in 36 chances after giving up two hits.

J.D. Martinez became the first Tigers outfielder since 2008 to reach 100 RBIs with a two-run homer.



Big Spring's Addie Jimenez spikes the ball during the Lady Steers' district volleyball match with Lubbock Estacado Tuesday night. Big Spring won the match in straight sets.

## Brown suspended by NCAA

DALLAS (AP) — Every stop in college for Larry Brown has meant more wins. A national title at Kansas. A runner-up finish at UCLA.

There has also been NCAA scrutiny, and now SMU has been banned from postseason play next season and Brown was suspended for nine games after the NCAA issued a scathing report Tuesday that placed the blame on the veteran coach for multiple infractions tied to academic fraud — including lying to NCAA investigators.

It is the investigation 10th major infractions case for SMU, the only school ever given the so-called death penalty that shut the football program down for two seasons in the late 1980s.

Brown insisted that he never lied, and instead quickly corrected a statement after being "blindsided" by a question during an interview with investigators.

"When I found out about what happened, I told the parties involved to do the right thing," Brown told reporters. "In hindsight, I wish I would have done more. So when the question was proposed to me, I was kind of surprised."

Noting that NCAA rules dictate that the head coach is responsible for the entire program, Brown said he accepted that responsibility, but did "not accept the appropriateness of the punishment."

In its 60-page report, the NCAA repeatedly suggested that Brown deliberately ignored warning signs and did nothing when he had the chance, choosing instead to make "choices against his better judgment when it came to compliance issues" at SMU.

"These choices included not reporting possible violations in his program, initially lying to the enforcement staff during the investigation and providing no specific guidance to his staff on rules compliance," the NCAA said, adding that Brown waited more than a month to report it after learning of misconduct in 2014.

While quoting Brown in its re-

port saying, "I don't know why I lied," the NCAA said the coach acknowledged "his failed judgment" during a hearing on the case.

The school said it was studying the report and had 15 days to decide whether to appeal penalties levied against Brown's team and the men's golf program, including scholarship and recruiting reductions.

SMU President Gerald Turner and athletic director Rick Hart lauded the school's compliance program as one of the strongest in the nation.

"As this particular case certainly underlines, however, individuals, if they chose to violate rules, can choose to do so," Turner said. "We as an institution have to accept responsibility for all violations, whether or not they're done by ignorance or done by intention."

Turner said he was disturbed by the penalties against student-athletes who had "no involvement whatsoever with any of the issues that resulted in violations."

That would include the basketball team, which last season went to the NCAA Tournament for the first since 1993, not having a chance to repeat.

Or NCAA champion golfer Bryson DeChambeau from being able to defend his title as a senior next spring. This summer, he became only the fifth player ever to win the U.S. Amateur and NCAA individual titles in the same year.

The basketball team could have some or all of its 2013-14 season vacated, a season in which it went 27-10 and lost in the NIT championship game.

Brown, the only coach to win both NCAA and NBA titles, is also subject to a show-cause order over the next two years.

SMU acknowledged the NCAA investigation in January, days after assistant coach Ulric Maligi, who recruited star Keith Frazier out of Kimball High in Dallas, took an indefinite leave of absence for personal reasons. Maligi is no longer on staff.

While no names were revealed

in its report, the NCAA said a former assistant men's basketball coach encouraged an athlete to enroll in an online course to meet NCAA initial eligibility standards and be admitted to the university. The NCAA also said a former men's basketball administrative assistant hired by Brown then completed the coursework; she then provided false information to NCAA investigators and attempted to influence the player to provide false information.

Frazier missed the second half of last season because of academic probation, but Turner emphasized that was for his grades during the fall semester and not related in any way to the NCAA investigation. Hart and Brown said Frazier is in good standing academically and eligible to play as a junior this season.

Turner said Brown has his "full support going forward." And the 75-year-old coach said he had no thoughts of resigning or leaving the program.

Brown led Kansas to the 1988 national championship with Danny Manning leading the way before returning to the NBA as San Antonio's coach. But the Jayhawks were banned from postseason play the next season and placed on probation for recruiting violations during Brown's tenure.

UCLA was 42-17 in Brown's two seasons, but the Bruins' runner-up finish in the 1980 NCAA Tournament was later vacated by the NCAA after two players were determined to be ineligible.

"Based on SMU's past history, I don't think they would have ever considered hiring me if they didn't have complete faith in me in running the type of program they could be proud of," Brown said. "I have nothing to be ashamed of in any of those cases. I'm proud of the things we achieved and I'm proud of the program we ran, I'm proud of the kids that played for me."

Brown said he feels exactly the same way about SMU, "except for the fact I'm really disappointed in what happened to our kids, they had nothing to do with it."

## Astros fall to 3rd with loss to Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — If the Houston Astros intend to close out the season with their first playoff berth in a decade, manager A.J. Hinch said his team first needs "to find a way to close out games."

The Astros, involved in two postseason races, collapsed with two outs in the eighth inning Tuesday night as Shawn O'Malley hit two-run, bases-loaded single that gave the Seattle Mariners a 6-4 comeback victory.

The loss dropped the Astros among the leaders in the American League wild-card chase displaced by the Los Angeles Angels, an 8-1 winner over Oakland on Tuesday.

The New York Yankees, who lost to Boston 10-4, maintains the top wild-card spot with the Angels now second. Houston slips a half-game behind Los Angeles.

As for the AL West race, division-leading Texas beat Detroit 7-6, and has a two-game lead over the Angels and 2 1-2 over the Astros.

"The last four runs they scored were all with two outs," Hinch said.

In the sixth, the Astros led 4-2 but Robinson Cano hit his milestone 20th home run, a two-run, two-out shot off Mike Fiers that tied the game.

"We're just not getting it done," Fiers said. "We had the game right there, with the lead. I just needed one more out to get out of the inning and keep the momentum going. Cano jumped me on the first pitch, put on a good swing, hit it out.

"You don't want to throw a fastball down and in to Robinson Cano," he added. "I was trying to go away."

Cano is the eighth second baseman to hit 20 or more homers in at least six seasons. He joins Jeff Kent (12), Dan Uggla (7), Craig Biggio (7), Joe Gordon (7), Rogers Hornsby (7), Bret Boone (6) and Ryne Sandberg (6).

It also extended Cano's hitting streak to 12 games, the longest current streak in the AL.

"Not a surprise to me," Mariners manager Lloyd McClendon said. "I said all along that Robby would hit to the back of his baseball card and he has. ... And he's not done yet."

The victory broke the Mariners' six-game losing streak.

Tom Wilhelmson (2-2) earned the victory with 1 2-3 innings of relief. Oliver Perez (2-4) took the loss.

Seth Smith started the winning rally with a two-out single to right off Perez. Mark Trumbo then singled off Pat Neshek and Franklin Gutierrez walked. O'Malley then lined a 2-2 pitch from Neshek over second base.

"That (Smith) was a one-arm single off Perez. He was fortunate there," Hinch said. "Against Neshek, they just found holes. A couple soft, bloop hits. When we do it, we call it good hitting. When it's against you, it's frustrating."

George Springer had three hits for the Astros and Marwin Gonzalez hit his 12th home run.

"We have to play the whole schedule," said Hinch,

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



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Sun-Mercury Conjunction

There's exciting potential today for weaving magical, mutually helpful connections. An alignment of the sun and Mercury in Libra suggests we take communication to the next level. Why settle for superficial information when you can peer into a person's soul? Imagining that this is possible is the portal that will lead some to make it so.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). So, you don't have all the money in the world -- but what if you did? It's not only fun to think of fantastic ways to live larger than your budget, but it's also the start of your next creative journey.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The confidence that comes from favorable attention is fleeting. Externally based, it relies on uncontrollable circumstances. You'll earn true and unshakable confidence

by doing the work you set out to do.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're self-directed. The proof is in your current location. You wouldn't have gotten there had you not pushed through with extraordinary will even when you couldn't see the way.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You don't even know the meaning of the word "downtime" right now. You may even find yourself getting irritated at those with the luxury of leisure. Hang in there. Your break is coming.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Some of the people you don't think of as competitors have secretly cast themselves in the role. How will you know? Well, for starters, those who aren't threatened by your gifts will encourage you to demonstrate them.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Once you get behind a cause, you'll do everything in your power to raise awareness, money and enthusiasm for it. That's why you wisely do what's necessary to figure out which

cause is worthy of you.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This is the kind of day when you want to get lost, but you can't seem to find "nowhere" on your GPS. Somewhere in the rub between the logical world and your fantasy life, you'll find beauty.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You were born with psychic X-ray vision. People need to wear lead vests around you if they don't want you to see right through them. This is an excellent day to work that talent.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Strange little glitches in the beginning of a relationship should not be looked at as isolated cases, no matter how attractive the other person may be. A pattern is being established.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What if you loved everyone at first sight? That's a stretch. But you at least make an effort to find something to like about people right off the bat, and that's your popularity secret

today.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you're still not meeting your marks, maybe it's not you. Maybe it's the goal. Maybe it's just not juicy enough to motivate, seduce and persuade you through the low points. Dream juicier.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your goal must be interesting enough to persuade and seduce you even when you've lost energy, momentum and funding. It must be able to pull you through the lows. Keep dreaming until you hit on something really juicy.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 30). The muses call to you this year. With the artistic inspiration pumping, you could take up painting, dance, design ... or have the ultimate artistic breakthrough while reinventing that glorious work in progress: you. November brings family additions. Good reviews turn into revenue sources in February. Capricorn and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 14, 29, 5 and 17.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My mentor and professional hero has fallen in love with me. I feel very nourished by our developing relationship, but also apprehensive. Is there danger in this mixing of roles, or am I apprehensive because I am a Capricorn responding to social standards (he's older, he's my mentor, and he's in an ill-defined marriage)?"

With your innate understanding of "right" and "wrong," Capricorn, you're admirably -- and inescapably -- ethical. In other words, I'm concerned that if this relationship advances into territory that feels unsafe or immoral to you, you could wind up feeling transgressed. Many Capricorn women are romantic suckers for power and authority, a.k.a. the boss. (He doesn't have to be your boss, either, just in charge of people and pretty good at it.) Yet power is your allure, too, and what is power but an ability to influence others? Before sexual chemistry usurps your chance to be power-

ful, why not tell him, in a straightforward fashion, what feels right and wrong for you? By honoring your integrity, you'll summon his. And for you there's nothing sexier than a powerful and righteous man.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Breakout "Dance Moms" star Maddie Ziegler is officially a teenager today and well on her way to the Hollywood A-list. Whether the gig is to play the dancing alter ego of Sia or a cute kid in a jeans commercial for Target, this lithe Libra brings all the loveliness and artistry her Venus-ruled sign is known for. Also notable: Ziegler has four luminaries in Virgo, the sign of hard work and perfectionists.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I am a mother of two daughters in their 20s. Both have been emotionally, socially and financially supported by my husband and me throughout their lives. Both have advanced degrees and are now entering the work place.

What should be a happy time in my life is just the opposite. The older one told us she does not believe in God and is seriously dating a man of a different faith. My husband and I feel the rejection of religion isn't based on deep philosophical reasons, but rather is a convenient excuse to date whomever she chooses.

We have sought counseling with our rabbi to help our daughter care more about her faith. But now my husband has drawn a line in the sand, saying if she marries outside the religion, he will have nothing to do with her. My younger daughter sides with her no matter what, and that you will do your best to accept whomever she chooses to marry. It will take effort (and a few tears) on your part to do so, but it can be done.

**Dear Torn:** The Old Testament response is that if your daughter marries outside the faith, she is considered "dead" to you. And we know some parents would follow that. But we doubt this is what you want, and if your

husband's ultimatum is an effort to get his daughter to return to the fold, he has to be prepared for a negative outcome.

Please have a heartfelt talk with your daughter. Explain how hurtful this is, intentional or not. Tell her that people often change their minds about the depth of their religious feeling as they get older or once they have children. Point out that raising children with a partner of another faith can cause all kinds of issues down the road and she should consider that carefully before making any permanent decisions. But we know you still want to have a relationship with her, so tell her that you love her no matter what, and that you will do your best to accept whomever she chooses to marry. It will take effort (and a few tears) on your part to do so, but it can be done.

**Dear Annie:** This is an attempt to reach out to "Conflicted," the man who said he once coerced a woman into having sex, and has suffered quiet remorse for the past 30 years.

I could be that woman, and I want him to know that all I really want is an apology and confir-

mation that he has learned a lesson from what was a shame-filled encounter for both of us. His letter of remorse was a surprising comfort. I would like to think he has seen a counselor and contributed to organizations that help victims who have not been able to get past such experiences.

But I disagree that he should confess to his wife. If he's been a trustworthy, faithful husband all these years, confessing this pre-marriage behavior may very well destroy the trust she's had in him and leave her wondering what other lies their marriage is built on. -- Appreciate His Admission of Wrong-

doing  
**Dear Appreciate:** You could be right, but such secrets can be slowly destructive to a marriage. We think he should be able to confide in a loving partner who can help him deal with it, especially if talking to a counselor would bring criminal charges.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Opportunity Knocks But Once

East dealer.  
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**NORTH**  
♠ 5  
♥ K 8 4  
♦ Q 9 7 2  
♣ K 10 9 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ K J 8 2  
♥ J 10 5 2  
♦ 8 4  
♣ 7 6 4

**EAST**  
♠ A Q 10 9 7 3  
♥ A Q 7  
♦ 6  
♣ J 8 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 6 4  
♥ 9 6 3  
♦ A K J 10 5 3  
♣ A Q

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1 ♠ 2 ♦ 2 ♠ 3 ♦  
4 ♠ 5 ♦ Pass Pass  
Dble

Opening lead — two of spades.  
Anyone who writes a book or a column on bridge has to be careful of what he says, because his words will sometimes come back to haunt him. He may set forth any number of sound general rules — and be right about them — knowing full well that, on occasion, a particular rule might best be forgotten.

This is, of course, as it should be, since the word "general" implies, by definition, that there are times when a general principle should be temporarily abandoned.

Take this case where South is in five diamonds doubled and West leads the two of spades. East takes the ace and returns a trump. South has no difficulty from here on, since his heart losers eventually are discarded on dummy's clubs and he finishes with an overtrick.

Of course, if West had led the king of spades and shifted to the jack of hearts, East-West would have been plus 500 instead of minus 950 — a difference hardly to be sneezed at.

But ask West why he led the deuce instead of the king, and he might tell you that the two was the right lead and that he could prove it by citing a hundred different books on the play of the cards.

In a sense he would be right, because the books generally advise the lead of a low card from three or more cards including an honor, rather than the highest card. However, there is such a thing as common sense.

West should lead the king in this case because he wants to retain the lead in order to decide what to do next, after he has seen the dummy. If he leads the two, he is not likely ever to be on lead again.

Tomorrow: Eliminating the impediments.  
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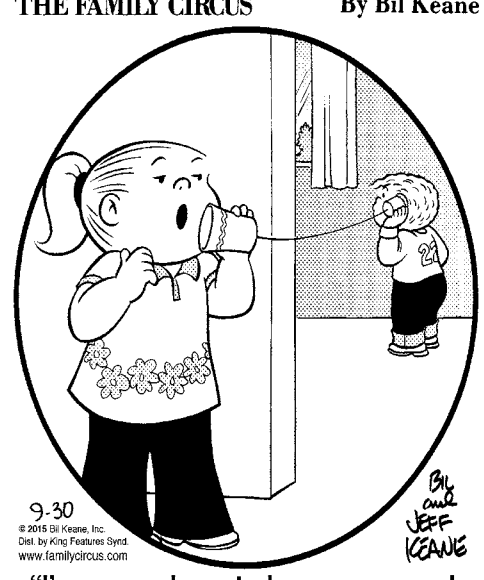
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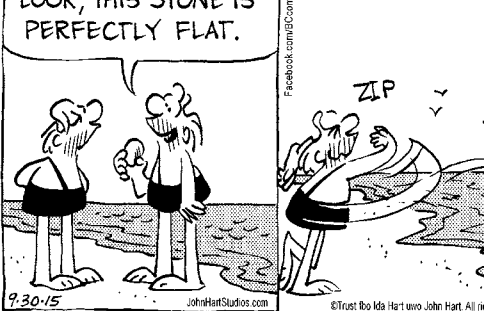
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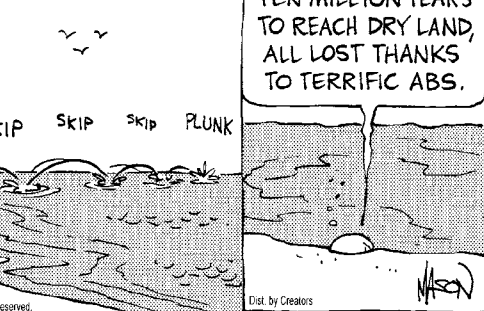
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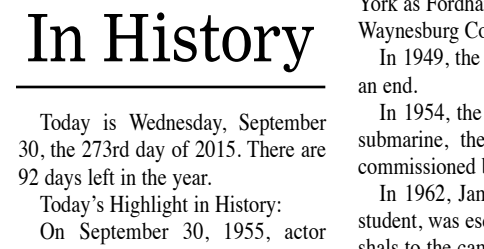
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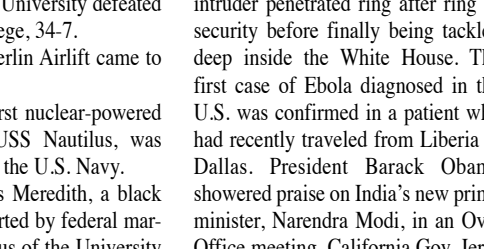
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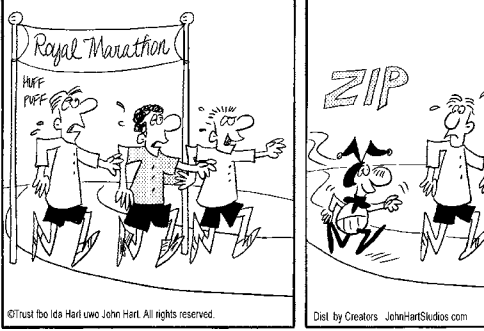
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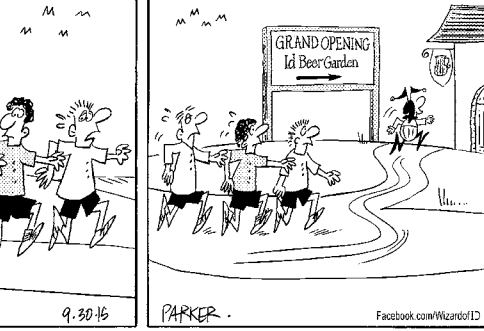
**THE OTHER COAST**



**BEETLE BAILEY**



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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Train for a bout
  - 5 Luckless fellow
  - 10 Chuck wagon fare
  - 14 Furthermore
  - 15 Tire pattern
  - 16 City near Lake Tahoe
  - 17 Hockey score
  - 18 Made a beeline for
  - 19 Range above tenor
  - 20 What many have to wait for at home
  - 23 Boxer Tyson
  - 24 Irritates
  - 25 Without warning
  - 29 Northwestern capital
  - 31 Online journal
  - 32 Humdinger
  - 34 Genetic material
  - 37 What many commuters have to wait for
  - 41 Live and breathe
  - 42 Subordinate staffers
  - 43 "\_\_\_ life grand?"
  - 44 Brownie scouts, e.g.
  - 46 Busybodies
  - 48 Workshop gripper
  - 50 Genesis man
  - 52 What many have to wait for before flying
  - 59 Make over
  - 60 "Yep"
  - 61 Birth of a notion
- DOWN**
- 62 Improves, as cheese
  - 63 Standing tall
  - 64 Youngster in a stable delivery
  - 65 Camper's shelter
  - 66 Sand hills
  - 67 Other than that
  - 8 Husband or wife
  - 9 Scent
  - 10 Vineyard vista
  - 11 Not tight, as some jeans
  - 12 Disconnect
  - 13 Rude people
  - 21 Little scamp
  - 22 Musical set in Buenos Aires
  - 25 Cadabra
  - 26 Fuzzy image
  - 27 Area outside the White House
  - 28 "That's terrible!"
  - 29 Cave creatures
  - 30 "... \_\_\_ flag was still there"
  - 32 Starts to blossom
  - 33 Poetic "before"
  - 35 Ship of 1492
  - 36 Performs a part
  - 38 Top-hatted Marx brother
  - 39 Lubricant
  - 40 Room cooler
  - 45 Customs levy
  - 46 America's Cup vessels
  - 47 Australian bird
  - 48 Gemologist's measure
  - 49 Loyal subject
  - 50 Wan
  - 51 Low poker card
  - 53 Regretted
  - 54 Drive-\_\_\_ window
  - 55 Overrun (with)
  - 56 Reverted figure
  - 57 Herbal brews
  - 58 New Haven school

**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, September 30, the 273rd day of 2015. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 30, 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, California.

On this date:

In 1399, England's King Richard II was deposed by Parliament; he was succeeded by his cousin, Henry of Bolingbroke, who was crowned as King Henry IV.

In 1777, the Continental Congress fled to flee in the face of advancing British forces, having moved to York, Pennsylvania.

In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1846, Boston dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracted an ulcerated tooth from merchant Eben Frost.

In 1915, the D.H. Lawrence novel "The Rainbow" was published in London by Methuen & Co.

In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain said, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1939, the first college football game to be televised was shown on experimental station W2XBS in New York as Fordham University defeated Waynesburg College, 34-7.

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was commissioned by the U.S. Navy.

In 1962, James Meredith, a black student, was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day; Meredith's presence sparked rioting that claimed two lives. The National Farm Workers Association, founded by Cesar Chavez and a forerunner of the United Farm Workers, held its first meeting in Fresno, California.

In 1988, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev retired President Andrei A. Gromyko from the Politburo and fired other old-guard leaders in a Kremlin shake-up.

In 1997, France's Roman Catholic Church apologized for its silence during the systematic persecution and deportation of Jews by the pro-Nazi Vichy regime.

Ten years ago: Six Mexicans were killed in a string of robberies targeting Hispanic immigrants at trailer parks in and around Tifton, Georgia. (Stacey Bernard Sims and Jamie Underwood received long prison sentences for the killings.)

One year ago: Under withering criticism from Congress, Secret Service Director Julia Pierson admitted failures in her agency's critical mission of protecting the president but repeatedly sidestepped key questions about how a knife-carrying intruder penetrated ring after ring of security before finally being tackled deep inside the White House.

The first case of Ebola diagnosed in the U.S. was confirmed in a patient who had recently traveled from Liberia to Dallas. President Barack Obama showered praise on India's new prime minister, Narendra Modi, in an Oval Office meeting. California Gov. Jerry Brown signed the nation's first state-wide ban on single-use plastic bags at grocery and convenience stores. Geraldine "Jerrie" Mock, 88, an Ohio homemaker who'd made aviation history by becoming the first female to fly solo around the world in 1964, died in Quincy, Florida.

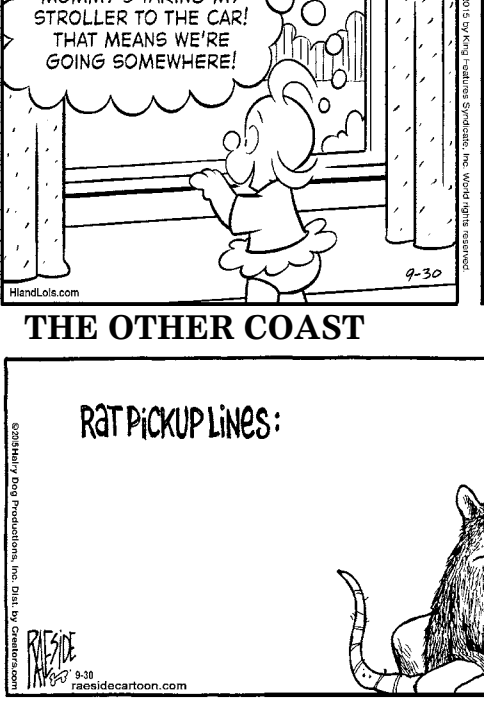
Thought for Today:  
"The idea is to die young as late as possible."  
Ashley Montagu, Anglo-American anthropologist (1905-1999).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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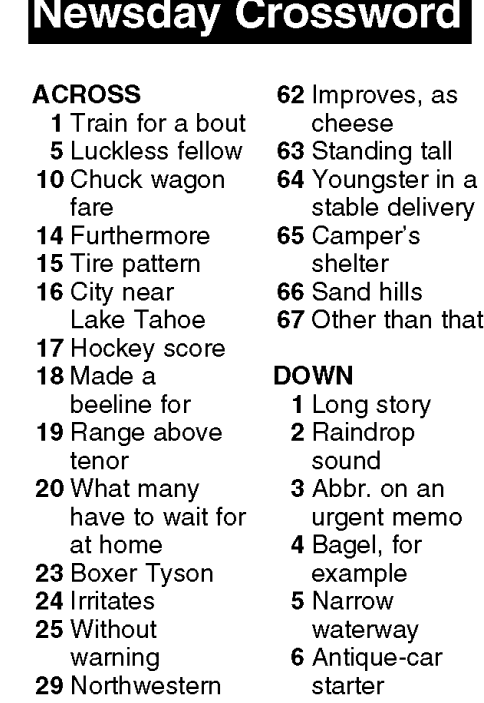
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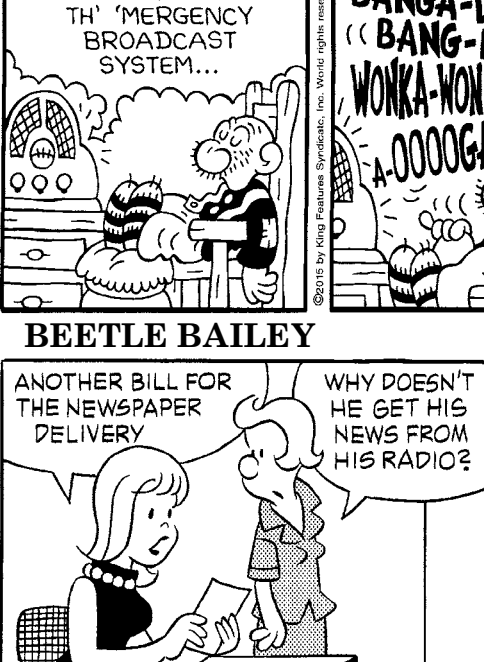
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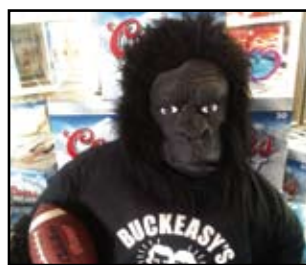
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3. Garden City
4. Sands
5. Borden County
6. Grady
7. Dolphins
8. Giants
9. Cowboys
10. Packers



**Buckeasys**

1. Big Spring
2. Forsan
3. Garden City
4. Sands
5. Borden County
6. Grady
7. Dolphins
8. Giants
9. Cowboys
10. 49ers



**Sonic Drive In**

1. Big Spring
2. Forsan
3. Garden City
4. Sands
5. Borden County
6. Grady
7. Dolphins
8. Bills
9. Cowboys
10. Packers



**Walmart**

1. Big Spring
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3. Garden City
4. Sands
5. Borden County
6. Grady
7. Jets
8. Giants
9. Cowboys
10. Packers

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### Pigskin Picks Entry Form

Team \_\_\_\_\_

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. _____</li> <li>2. _____</li> <li>3. _____</li> <li>4. _____</li> <li>5. _____</li> <li>6. _____</li> <li>7. _____</li> <li>8. _____</li> <li>9. _____</li> <li>10. _____</li> </ol>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____</p> <p>Tie Breaker - Circle the winner and note total points scored <b>Texas Tech vs. Baylor</b></p> <p>Score: _____ + _____ = _____</p>
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# South Dakota tribe to open marijuana resort

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — The Santee Sioux tribe has already proven its business acumen, running a successful casino, a 120-room hotel and a 240-head buffalo ranch on the plains of South Dakota.

But those enterprises have not been immune to competition and the lingering effects of the Great Recession, so the small tribe of 400 is undertaking a new venture — opening the nation's first marijuana resort on its reservation. The experiment could offer a new money-making model for tribes nationwide seeking economic opportunities beyond casinos.

Santee Sioux leaders plan to grow their own pot and sell it in a smoking lounge that includes a nightclub, arcade games, bar and food service, and eventually, slot machines and an outdoor music venue.

The project, according to the tribe, could generate up to \$2 million a month in profit, and work is already underway on the growing facility. The first joints are expected to go on sale Dec. 31 at a New Year's Eve party.

The legalization of marijuana on the Santee Sioux land came in June, months after the

Justice Department outlined a new policy that allows Indian tribes to grow and sell marijuana under the same conditions as some states.

Many tribes are hesitant to jump into the pot business. And not everyone in Flandreau, about 45 miles north of Sioux Falls, believes in the project. But the profit potential has attracted the interest of many other tribes, just as the debut of slot machines and table games almost 27 years ago.

Flandreau's indoor marijuana farm is set against a backdrop of soybean fields. If not for a security booth outside, the building could pass as an industrial warehouse.

Inside, men are working to grow more than 30 different strains of the finicky plant, including those with names like "Gorilla Glue," "Shot Glass" and "Big Blue Cheese."

Pot is prone to mildew and mold, picky about temperature and pH level and intolerant to tap water. So the Santee Sioux have hired Denver-based consulting firm Monarch America to teach them the basics.

Tribal leaders from across the country and South Dakota legislators

will tour the Flandreau facility in mid-October.

"This is not a fly-by-night operation," said Jonathan Hunt, Monarch's vice president and chief grower. Tribal leaders "want to show the state how clean, how efficient, how proficient, safe and secure this is as an operation. We are not looking to do anything shady."

Elsewhere, crews have begun transforming a bowling alley into the resort.

A marijuana resort open to the public has never been tried in the U.S.

Even in states such as Colorado and Washington, where pot is fully legal, consumption in public places is generally forbidden, although pro-pot activists are seeking to loosen those restrictions. Colorado tolerates a handful of private marijuana clubs.

Unlike the vast reservations in western South Dakota, where poverty is widespread, the little-known Flandreau Santee Sioux Reservation is on 5,000 acres of gently rolling land along the Big Sioux River. Trailer homes are scarce and houses have well-trimmed lawns.

The Santee Sioux hope to use pot in the same

way that many tribes rely on casinos — to make money for community services and to provide a monthly income to tribal members.

The existing enterprises support family homes, a senior living community, a clinic and a community center offering afterschool programs.

Reider hopes marijuana profits can fund more housing, an addiction treatment center and an overhaul of the clinic. Some members want a

24/7 day care center for casino workers.

The prosperity that marijuana could bring to Indian Country comes

with huge caveats. The drug remains illegal under federal law, and only Congress can change its status.

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