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The Big Spring Symphony and Chorale performs at a previous Pops in the Park. This year's event will be held July 3 in the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater.

## Pops in the Park prep in full swing

*Donations needed, officials say*

By **JULIE BASS**  
 Staff Writer

Here is a tongue twister : Preparations for Pops in the Park are in progress.

The annual Pops in the Park is scheduled for Friday, July 3. People are bustling around, getting everything together for one of the busiest and biggest community get-togethers of the year.



of the show, a vendor or contribute in some way to attend the meetings and get involved. The next meeting will be held at noon Tuesday, June 9, at the Chamber of Commerce office.

As for this year's show, Seales said the committee is planning one of the biggest events in its history.

This year the event will kick off at 6 p.m. with a pre-show by Donny

Kelly Seales, Pops in the Park committee chairman, invites anyone interested in being a part

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## Trustees to consider I-27 resolution

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School district will welcome back a familiar face to the board, honor the memory of a long-time employee and consider joining with other area entities in supporting a resolution to promote a feasibility study on a second interstate roadway through Big Spring when they meet Thursday evening.

Now the May 9 election is



Padilla

over, trustees will take care of some in-house duties, which includes the swearing-in of Maria V. Padilla as the District 2 representative, and Tony Kennedy, who will serve another term in the District 4 seat.

Her new duties should be fairly familiar to Padilla, who served several years as a trustee. She replaces Pat

Deanda, who opted not to run again. Following the canvassing of the May 9 election, the board is expected to hold officer elections.

In other business, trustees will consider renaming the Athletic Training Center training room to the Jim Campbell Training Room. A 17-year employee for the district, Campbell, an athletic trainer, passed away on Christmas Eve.

Also, trustees are expected to join Howard County commis-

sioners and city of Big Spring council members in signing a resolution of support of extending Interstate 27 south from Lubbock through Big Spring and on to San Angelo. If this occurs, Big Spring will be one of a handful of cities in Texas that has intersecting interstates. These entities are requesting a feasibility study be conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation on this issue.

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**Click it or Ticket**  
*Law enforcement on lookout for seat belt offenders*  
**Special to the Herald**

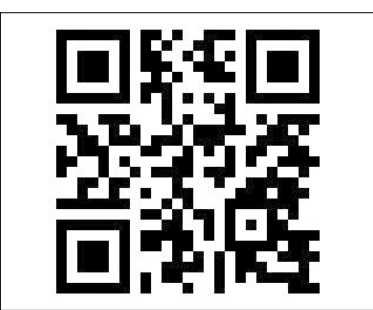
The Texas Department of Transportation launched its annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign Monday, a two-week enforcement period to remind all vehicle occupants that non-compliance with statewide seat belt and child safety seat laws can result in fines up to \$250.

"We greatly appreciate the stepped-up efforts of our law enforcement partners during 'Click It or Ticket,' because we know seat belts save lives," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "I can't imagine why anyone would risk getting pulled over and ticketed, let alone killed or injured. It only takes a few seconds to make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up. Do it for yourself and your loved ones, or else risk being fined or even losing a loved one."

The campaign will continue through May 31.

Texas law requires drivers and all passengers, including those in the back seat, to wear a seat belt or risk a ticket, fines and court costs up to \$200 each, according to a TxDOT news release. Children younger than 8 years old must be in a child safety seat or booster

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## Tornado causes significant damage in Mineral Wells

*No fatalities reported as storm system batters North Texas area Tuesday night*

**The Associated Press**

**RUNAWAY BAY, Texas** — Tornadoes roared across North Texas, creating widespread damage but leaving no immediate reports of injuries.

What storm spotters reported as at least one tornado inflicted heavy damage late Tuesday night to houses and apartment buildings in the Runaway Bay and Booneville areas, about 50 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

One or perhaps two tornadoes struck the old North Texas resort town of Mineral Wells earlier Tuesday evening 45 miles west of Fort Worth, causing widespread damage. Emergency officials appealed

*Palo Pinto County Emergency Management Director Chad Jordan said ... the worst damage was downtown, where a metal roof was torn from a county building and hurled against a vacant bank building.*

for the public to avoid downtown Mineral Wells to facilitate cleanup work.

Palo Pinto County Emergency Management Director Chad Jordan said moderate

damage was widespread in Mineral Wells, with the worst apparently downtown where a metal roof was torn from a county building and hurled against a vacant bank building.

Another tornado was reported after noon Tuesday in the Brazos Valley city of Giddings. Spencer Schneider, the city's emergency manager, said a tornado struck part of the city shortly after noon Tuesday, damaging outbuildings and causing some roof damage to a Ramada Inn.

Schneider said debris was blown through a window of one of the hotel's upper-story rooms, striking a male guest in the head. He was sent to a San Marcos hospital.

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## Obituaries

## Arthur Dulane Leonard



Arthur Dulane Leonard, 85, of Stanton, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, May 18, 2015. Memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, 2015, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Arthur was born April 29, 1930, to Maurine (Watterson) and Arthur Leonard in Coleman, Texas. He married Bobbie White on July 12, 1954, in Lovington, N.M. She preceded him in death on Oct. 23,

2009. He had been a resident of Big Spring and How-

ard County for most of his life before relocating to Stanton. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He worked as a horse trainer and also a pumper.

Arthur is survived by one daughter, Terri Corbell and husband, Mitch Mitchell, of Stanton; one son, Jerry Leonard of Odessa; one brother, Bobby Leonard of Odessa; three grandchildren, Cacee Corbell, Cash Corbell and Clayton Leonard; and one great-grandchild, Rilee Corbell.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Freddie Leonard.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Nellene Ray McCrary



Nellene Ray McCrary, 94, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 18, 2015, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 21, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Craig Holstedt officiating. Interment will follow at Mt Olive Memorial Park.

Nellene was born April 24, 1921, in Celina to James Frank and Mae Isabell McCrary.

She retired as a pipeline clerk at Fina Refinery. Nellene is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, James, Elvis, Grady and William; and three sisters, Elizabeth Gast, Louise Hamilton and Mary McCrary.

The family suggest that memorials be made to the American Heart Association P.O. Box 841125, Dallas, Texas 75284-1125.

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)

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JAY FRANK OLIVAS, 24, of 2001 N. Salem Road was arrested on warrants for theft, more than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500 and for another agency.

- ABEL LOZANO TORRES, 26, of 204 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to identify giving false/fictitious information.

- ANDY DEMOND PIPER, 28, of 809 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested on a warrant for assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

- NINFA KAY GRAHAM, 53, of 901 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces; and on warrants for no driver's license-when unlicensed (two counts); theft, less than \$50; failure to appear (two counts), and no inspection certificate.

- MANUEL JUNIOR MATA, 28, of 700 N. Moss Lake Road was arrested on warrants for failed to maintain financial responsibility and expired registration.

- JONATHAN ALFRED GARCIA TORRES, 22, of 14200 Ridge Point Road was arrested on warrants for failed to control speed and failure to appear.

- ALEJANDRO JOSE GUZMAN, 20, of 1700 Goliad was arrested on a warrant for another agency.

- WELDON MICHAEL GIBBS, 36, of 7805 North Service Road was arrested on a warrant for theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

- THEFT was reported in the

900 block of Willia St. and the 500 block S. Birdwell Lane.

- BURGLARY IN PROGRESS was reported in the 1400 block of Johnson St.

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 2500 block of Ent Drive.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area of 10<sup>th</sup> St. and Goliad.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium Avenue.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- WELDON MICHAEL GIBBS, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

- NINFA KAY GRAHAM, 53, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and on warrants for no driver's license, when unlicensed (two counts); theft; failure to appear (two counts); and no valid inspection certification.

- ALEJANDRO JOSE GUZMAN, 19, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for theft, less than \$50; and assault

- MANUEL JUNIOR MATA, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of fail to maintain financial responsibility, display expired registration.

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rant for failed to comply with sex off reg and theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

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The Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Main St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Goliad. No transport.

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

- FIRE CALL was reported in the 200 block of Third. False alarm, no action taken.

- FIRE CALL was reported in the 1000 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place. False alarm, no action taken.

- FIRE CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Lancaster. False alarm, no action taken.

## Take Note

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

- American Legion Post No. 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry this Saturday. Plates are \$12 each, with serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and delivery available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 263-2084.

- The time period to transfer into the Forsan ISD system as a student for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Students entering grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade must have their transfer application to the school by May 29. Students in grades sixth through 12 have until July 30. Guidelines, time-lines and applications are available at each Forsan ISD campus.

- The Big Spring Art Association area wide art show will be held May 23-30. Entries will be accepted Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. Judging will be at 2:30 p.m. Categories are 1. oil/acrylics; 2. pastels; 3. photography; 4. mixed media; 4. watercolor; 6. 3D/sculpture, pot-

tery, jewelry, stained glass; and 7. graphics and charcoal. All work must be original and completed within the past two years. No copy work will be accepted.

Entry fees are \$10 per item for BSAA members; \$15 per item for non-members; and \$10 per item for students. Cash prize and ribbons will be awarded.

For more information, contact Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; [kay197smith@aol.com](mailto:kay197smith@aol.com) or Ruby Bruns, 432-664-1942, [rubbybruns@yahoo.com](mailto:rubbybruns@yahoo.com).

- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the West Texas Livestock and Range Conference from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the Broughton Agriculture Complex on the Howard College campus in Big Spring, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — one laws and regulations and two general — will be offered.

Individual preregistration is \$20 if received at the AgriLife Extension office in Glasscock County by May 15 and \$25 thereafter. The fee includes the noon meal.

For more information, contact

Rebel Royall, AgriLife Extension agent in Glasscock County, at 432-354-2381, [r-royall@tamu.edu](mailto:r-royall@tamu.edu), or the AgriLife Extension office in any of the participating counties.

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

- SOS — Save Our Symphony. The Big Spring Symphony Association needs funds to help pay off debts occurred in this past symphony season. Contributions can be made to the Big Spring Symphony, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or can be directly deposited to the symphony's account at Western Bank, 607 S. Scurry St. For more information, contact Symphony President Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.

## Elodia Gutierrez

Elodia Gutierrez, 71, of Coahoma, died Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

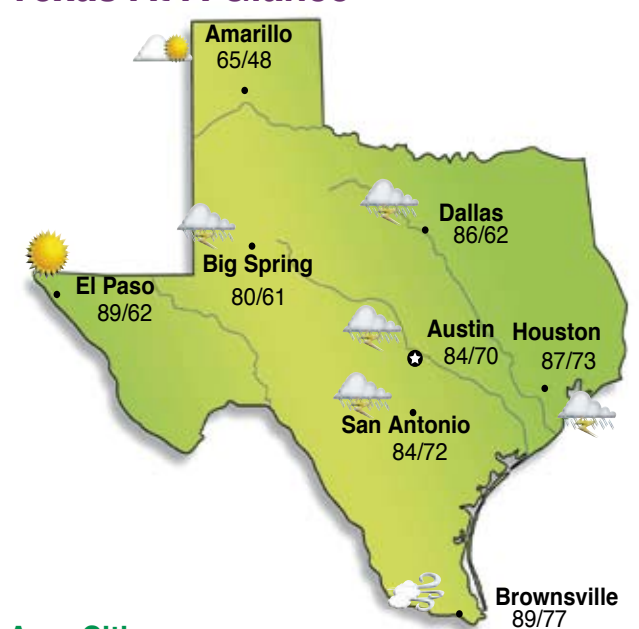
## Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 5/21	Fri 5/22	Sat 5/23	Sun 5/24	Mon 5/25
<b>80/61</b> Scattered showers and thunderstorms. A few storms may be severe.	<b>65/59</b> Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>83/67</b> Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>85/65</b> Windy, a few thunderstorms possible. Potential for severe thunderstorms.	<b>85/61</b> Morning showers and thunderstorms.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:40 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:44 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:43 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:42 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:43 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:43 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	77	61	t-storm	Kingsville	88	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	65	48	pt sunny	Livingston	87	71	t-storm
Austin	84	70	t-storm	Longview	85	66	t-storm
Beaumont	85	71	t-storm	Lubbock	70	53	cloudy
Brownsville	89	77	windy	Lufkin	89	72	t-storm
Brownwood	83	62	cloudy	Midland	81	61	t-storm
Corpus Christi	85	77	mst sunny	Raymondville	91	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	83	67	cloudy	Rosenberg	87	72	pt sunny
Dallas	86	62	t-storm	San Antonio	84	72	t-storm
Del Rio	85	73	cloudy	San Marcos	84	71	t-storm
El Paso	89	62	sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	63	t-storm
Fort Stockton	89	64	pt sunny	Sweetwater	72	58	t-storm
Gainesville	78	57	t-storm	Tyler	86	68	t-storm
Greenville	82	60	t-storm	Weatherford	82	60	t-storm
Houston	87	73	t-storm	Wichita Falls	74	56	t-storm

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	67	mst sunny	Minneapolis	64	44	cloudy
Boston	67	48	mst sunny	New York	70	53	pt sunny
Chicago	48	42	cloudy	Phoenix	87	61	pt sunny
Dallas	86	62	t-storm	San Francisco	60	54	cloudy
Denver	55	42	t-storm	Seattle	75	56	mst sunny
Houston	87	73	t-storm	St. Louis	56	46	rain
Los Angeles	68	56	pt sunny	Washington, DC	77	60	mst sunny
Miami	90	76	mst sunny				

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Thu 5/21	Fri 5/22	Sat 5/23	Sun 5/24	Mon 5/25
6	4	7	9	10
High	Moderate	High	Very High	Very High

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# Support groups

- 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.

# Wife: Some arrested are innocent

WACO, Texas (AP) — Bullets ricocheted around the parking lot of Twin Peaks, the Waco restaurant where a motorcycle gang shootout left nine dead, just minutes after Theron Rhoten pulled in on his vintage Harley chopper for a regional motorcycle club meeting, according to Rhoten's wife.

Katie Rhoten told The Associated Press that her husband ran for cover and was later arrested, along with antique motorcycle enthusiast friends and other "nonviolent, noncriminal people." Authorities swept up around 170 bikers who had descended on the restaurant for what one club member described as a gathering to discuss laws protecting motorcycle riders.

"He's good to his family," she said. "He doesn't drink; he doesn't do drugs; he doesn't party. He's just got a passion for motorcycles."

McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara and Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton declined to comment

Tuesday on allegations that innocent bikers were arrested. Police have said the gathering of five biker groups was to resolve a dispute over turf.

Katie Rhoten said her husband, a mechanic from Austin, called her from jail and said that he and two other members of Vise Grip Club ducked and ran for cover.

Police said the melee started with a parking dispute and someone running over a gang member's foot, and that an uninvited biker group also appeared. Preliminary autopsy results indicated that all of the dead were shot, some in the head, neck or chest. Police have acknowledged firing on armed bikers, but it is not clear how many of the dead were shot by gang members and how many were shot by officers.

The arrested bikers have all been charged with engaging in organized crime and each is being held on \$1 million bonds. It is unclear how

long they will remain in custody.

"Unless they try to make some other arrangement to move them through it more quickly, it could be weeks and possibly months" before the jailed bikers have bond-reduction hearings, said William Smith, an attorney who has met with several of the inmates.

It's also unclear whether the McLennan County district attorney will require outside help to prosecute all those arrested Sunday.

The eight members of Theron Rhoten's group, the Vise Grip Club, specialize in building and riding vintage and antique motorcycles, particularly pre-1970 Harley Davidson big twin choppers, according to spokesman Brian Buscemi.

Buscemi disputed the police claim that the meeting was to resolve a turf war, saying groups had planned to discuss laws protecting motorcycle riders at the meeting, which he said has been going on bi-monthly for 18 years.

"Yes, there was a problem at this scene, and it was absolutely horrific, but there just also happened to be a significant amount of people there who had nothing to do with it," Buscemi said.

Jimmy Graves, who described himself as an ambassador for the gang known as the Bandidos, said his group had no intention of engaging in a scuffle.

But he acknowledged that differences with other groups, such as the Cossacks, have been "simmering and brewing."

The U.S. Justice Department said in a report on outlaw motorcycle gangs that the Bandidos "constitute a growing criminal threat." The report said the group is involved in transporting and distributing cocaine.

# BSISD

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The meeting convenes at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School

boardroom, 707 11<sup>th</sup> Place.

Also on the agenda:

- Discuss the HOPE Foundation.
- Consider approval of an agreement for audit

services.

- Consider a budget amendment for expenditures over \$50,000.
- Consider textbook recommendations.
- Consider personnel

and financial matters.

- Hear a report on kindergarten acceleration procedures.

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Harold Neagle, 84, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 P.M. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arthur Dulane Leonard, 84, died Monday. Memorial service will be at 3:30 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Elodia Gutierrez, 71, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

# POPS

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Green and the GREEN-gos. The Big Spring Symphony will take the stage and perform during the flag ceremony and the Commemorative Air Force flyover.

There will be an intermission while a video honoring military personnel in our

community is shown. After intermission, the symphony will perform patriotic tunes to a choreographed fireworks show.

"We are expecting around 25 vendors and they will be set up before the pre-show starts," said Seales.

All this fun costs money, however, and Seales said the committee is in need of donations.

"Right now, we need to raise about \$40,000, so fundraising is our main priority. We are hoping to find a sponsor that will want to brand the event, but so far no one has stepped forward," said Seales.

For more information about the event, please call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641; to make a donation, send checks pay-

able to Pops in the Park to P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 263-7331, ext. 232, or email life@bigspringherald.com

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seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Fines issued to drivers for unrestrained children in their vehicle can be as high as \$250 plus court costs.

Wearing a seat belt helps keep occupants from being ejected in a crash and increases the

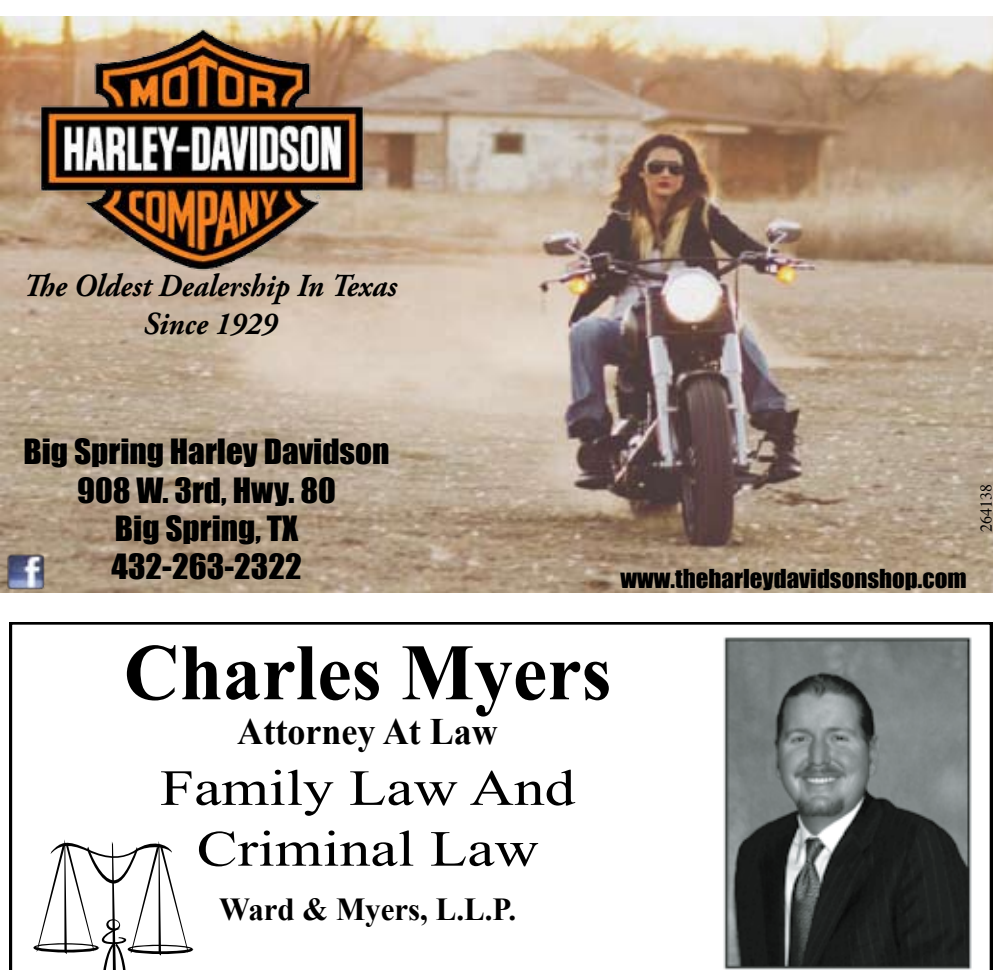
chances of surviving by 45 percent, according to the TxDOT. In pickup trucks, that number jumps to 60 percent, as those vehicles are twice as likely as cars to roll over in a crash.

Last year, 2,587 vehicle crashes occurred in Texas in which unrestrained vehicle occupants sustained fatal or serious injuries, the news release states.

Of the more than 3,500 motorists killed in traffic crashes in Texas last year, 44 percent were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

To learn more about "Click It or Ticket," visit texasclickitorticket.com.

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations at gene.powell@txdot.gov or (432) 498-4746.



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

Amen

# Life's lessons afoot

*A simple truth we all know is it's harder to walk uphill or against the wind — but the rewards are greater.*



EDDY PRINCE

After a few years of being lax about it, Leah and I have revived our commitment to doing some serious walking for our health. Several of our friends have been motivational, walking with us and for that we are appreciative. This renewed desire to do as much as possible to maintain the good health we are blessed with has been very beneficial in several ways. Interestingly, it hasn't only been in the physical realm.

As we have been walking the last few weeks I have come to realize several fascinating aspects of this particular form of exercise that have taught me some propitious things which I have translated into life lessons. Whether you walk the mountain, the park, or the track like we do or not, we're all ambulating the road of life and what I have gleaned from the miles I have logged in my new gel-insoled walking shoes recently has provided some wisdom and perspective perhaps worthy of sharing.

For instance, I have learned it is very important to look where you walk. On the track, if you are constantly looking down it becomes a very boring and tedious journey. Since the track is a safe and smooth surface very little danger is anticipated there. Yet, if you're walking the park or the mountain it may be a matter of life and death if you don't watch your steps. Each situation is different and, as in daily life, where you are looking can be of immeasurable importance. If we let our eyes stray our steps may falter and it may cost us dearly.

Secondly, I have learned, as with any form of exercise, it takes discipline to be faithful to the task. It isn't always easy or convenient to do it, but once the commitment is made following through is vitally important to success. If you are to realize the benefits of exercise, being inconsistent can detour the desired end results. In life, if you are going to be successful you will be required to be disciplined. Going to school or work, making the right choices, treating others

right, and doing your best will always require commitment. Throughout life I have learned the door of success in anything swings on the dual hinges of discipline and commitment.

Next, I have been reminded that proper physical and mental preparation is important. My muscles aren't as young and flexible as they once were and stretching is vital to a positive and relatively trouble free walking experience.

In addition to having the right mindset, I have learned how important it is to have the right supplies and equipment. I mentioned my new shoes, and what an incredible difference they have made. Since I'm not being paid to endorse the brand, I won't mention it. But the gel insoles are amazing and I can walk much longer in comfort than when I was tying up those oldies. Oh, and I won't make the mistake again of not having enough good water to take along. On life's expedition, being prepared for whatever we may face and having the right supplies and equipment can make all the difference in the world.

A simple truth we all know is it's harder to walk uphill or against the wind — but the rewards are greater. Some of the inclines we walk are pretty legitimate and my right hamstring knows how to communicate with the rest of my aching body. And I need not address the West Texas wind we are all so familiar with. Either of these factors can be game changers when walking but what a great principle to embrace. As in life, the harder the battle the sweeter the victory. Even though they may be more challenging and painful, use the uphill climbs and the wind in your face to grow stronger. Scottish author, Samuel Smiles, said, "The battle of life is, in most cases, fought uphill; and to win it without a struggle were perhaps to win it without

honor. If there were no difficulties there would be no success; if there were nothing to struggle for, there would be nothing to be achieved."

It's also more fun if you don't have to walk alone. I love walking with my wife because it gives us a quiet time and place to share thoughts and ideas and enjoy the beautiful outdoors together as we improve our health. Sure, there are times we all need to have alone time, but walking with a partner can make the journey much easier. Solomon said, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

Walking consistently has also reminded me of the satisfaction received from finishing something I began. Anybody can start, but it's crossing the finish line that really matters and I get more excited about crossing that line the closer I get to it. I don't know about you, but when I've been on a long trip I don't have any desire to slow down when I get close to home.

Finally, I have learned that after the walk is completed successfully, a well-deserved rest is a tremendous reward. Comfortable or not, to shed those shoes and sit down with a big glass of iced tea is a pretty special feeling. Margaret Thatcher said, "Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's a day you've had everything to do and you've done it." Peace comes from doing your best and completing the task.

The end of the walk will come for us all someday and to know we've done it well will be worth everything. But until then, being committed to give it all we've got and finish the course, one step at a time with our eyes fixed on the finish line, is a worthy and honorable goal.

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

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# Not smart to make the NSA go dark

*It's a conceit among NSA critics that voters would be outraged if they only knew what the government is doing. But I think the American people know what intelligence officials are doing and why*



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., isn't worried that, absent a Senate vote, key provisions of the Patriot Act are slated to sunset May 31. The GOP presidential hopeful told "Meet the Press" Sunday that a federal appeals court found the data-gathering authorized under the Patriot Act's Section 215 is unconstitutional, "so really, it ought to stop." He continued: "I don't want to replace it with another system. I really think that we could get along with the Constitution just fine."

Paul spoke to the same effect during a recent trip to San Francisco. He even has threatened a filibuster, if needed, to make the Patriot Act's data collection program go dark.

That's just crazy talk. In his book, "The Great War of Our Time," former CIA Deputy Director Michael Morell addresses the "skyrocketing rise in the threat of small-scale attacks" abetted by emerging al-Qaida-inspired groups that are gaining a foothold in foreign lands. (Think al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2001.) One need look no further than the armed attackers stopped at the contest in which people were drawing Muhammad in Garland, Texas, to see that the approach is working. This is absolutely the worst time to allow any mischief to undermine U.S. intelligence.

Yet in the wake of National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden's 2013 disclosure of mountains of classified data, the public clearly is ready to take down intelligence a notch. I support what the intelligence community has been trying to do but was appalled to learn that there are 1.4 million Americans with "top secret" security clearance.

The NSA didn't exactly look intelligent when it had to sit back and watch one of its own disgorge sensitive national security practices. Spying is one pursuit that never should be too big to fail.

That baggage prompted the House to pass the USA FREEDOM Act, which would end NSA bulk collection of phone records but allow the government to subpoena data from private telecom companies, by a 338-88 vote. It was a smart compromise.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has opposed the

House bill because he wants the Senate to pass a "clean" reauthorization bill without reforms. But with the House bill's strong passage, the federal appeals court ruling and timing — the Senate is set to go on Memorial Day recess next week — he has to let go. So McConnell has proposed a 60-day extension because, spokesman Don Stewart explained, after the administration briefed the Senate, "many senators were disturbed with the administration's inability to answer basic yet critical questions about the alternate bulk data system the USA FREEDOM Act would try to set up at some point in the future."

On Monday, Paul conceded that his filibuster probably wouldn't succeed. Paul also said he would vote against the USA FREEDOM Act because it does not go far enough. But the bill promises to curb NSA overreach while allowing officials to follow leads and "connect the dots." Paul argued, "I can force them to debate it so the public at large can know what they're doing." It's a conceit among NSA critics that voters would be outraged if they only knew what the government is doing. But I think the American people know what intelligence officials are doing and why.

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# Check this out: What's at the library

I am going for a personal best — 17 fiction reviews into one column — so here goes.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jane Smiley is back with "Some Luck" (F SMI J). On their farm in Denby, Iowa, Rosanna and Walter Langdon abide by time-honored values they pass on to their five wildly different children.

Each chapter spans a year, beginning in 1920 and on into the 1950s. Smiley's book takes us on a cycle of births and deaths, passions and betrayals, about characters we become to know and love. It is the first in a trilogy of books that will span a century of life in America.

To war-time France: "Mademoiselle Chanel" (F GOR C) by C.W. Gortner will take Gabrielle Chanel from rural poverty, where Gabrielle and her sisters are sent to a convent orphanage after their mother's death. There, the nuns nurture her sewing skills, a talent that will propel 'Coco' far beyond the orphanage.

Transformed, by day a seamstress and by night a chanteuse in a night club, a wealthy businessman becomes enchanted with her and will take her to Paris, where her life will explode.

Coco Chanel will become a couturier, but when the Nazis come during the war, her choices will haunt her for the rest of her life.

Did you enjoy "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" by Deborah Moggach? Here is "Heartbreak Hotel" F MOG D) by the same author.

Retired actor and ladies' man Buffy leaves London and buys a rundown bed and breakfast in Wales and needs to fill the rooms fast. He devises a "Courses for Divorces" for people to heal from their relationships. This is an escapist romance so don't look for meaning.

Here are a couple of thrillers from two excellent authors.

Erica Spindler has written "The First Wife," (F SPI E) but

Bailey Browne is the second wife who was swept off her feet by tall, dark and handsome Logan Abbott. Her

dreams of happily-ever-afters are disturbed by tragic family history on the Louisiana horse farm that Logan takes her to; amid rumors of missing women, when another goes missing, all signs point to her husband.

Stephen Coonts is entirely different. In "Pirate Alley" (F COO S), a cruise ship in the waters of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden is taken over by Somali pirates; the initial rescue fails and the decks run red with blood.

Now, a \$200 million ransom is demanded with seven days to pay or all will be slaughtered. Jake Grafton is selected to negotiate, while his right-hand man Tony Carmellini and a crack team of Navy SEALs are on hand to rescue and foil the Al Qaeda plot.

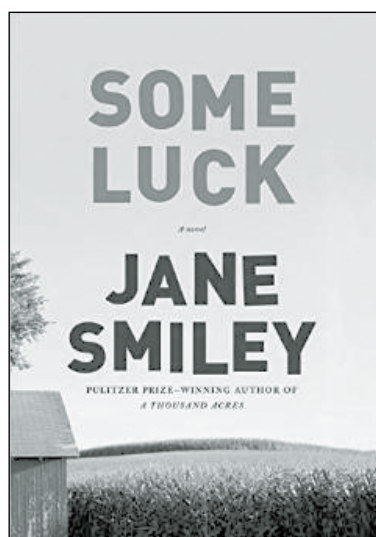
A new book from Jan Karon and the crew from Mitford, "Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good" (F KAR J), is sure to please everyone.

Father Tim and Cynthia are home and he is not quite sure what to do and many of those in Mitford are of the same mind.

"Blue Stars" (F TED E) by Emily Gray Tedrowe is a finely nuanced portrait of military life. Ellen Silverman teaches English literature and has three children, including her ward, Michael.

Lacey Reed Diaz is a personal trainer with a 12-year-old and Eddie, her husband, who in the in the Reserves. But when Michael enlists and Eddie is deployed, Ellen and Lacey are joined as they struggle to adapt.

When both men are injured and sent to Walter Reed, that is when the bond strengthens and the mutual experiences becomes the Superglue that will bind them together.



When the young William Wyeth leaves St. Louis for a fur-trapping expedition, he nearly loses his life and quickly discovers the depth of

loyalty among the men who must depend on one another to survive. And on a wildly risky expedition into Crow territory, Wyeth finds himself unwittingly at the center of a deadly boundary dispute among Native American tribes, the British government, and American trapping brigades. A classic adventure told with great suspense and literary flair, "Into the Savage Country" (F BUR S) by Shannon Burke illuminates the ways in which extreme circumstances expose the truth about the natures of individual men and the surprising mechanics of their bravery, loyalty, and friendship.

It is reminiscent of Jack London's writings of the far North.

Here's a sweet book that starts with a fan letter from an English woman to successful American author Jackson Cooper. It quickly becomes a friendship as details of their lives unfold for one another. Cooper is unsatisfied with his life, even

though he has a rotating group of young women in his love life. Eve, who had a distant relationship with her mother, now struggles with her daughter who is about to be married. Each offers wise counsel behind the somewhat anonymous and distance of letters/email, and they begin to confront their own problems and plan a celebratory meeting in Paris. Will it happen? Find out in "That Part Was True" (F MCK D) by Deborah McKinley.

The final titles are "A Dangerous Place" (F WIN J), a Maisie Dobbs novel by Jacqueline Winspear; "The Story Keeper" (F WIN K) by Lisa Wingate, a story of a Melungeon

girl of the Appalachian Mountains; Sue Miller's newest, "The World Below" (F MIL S); "Dorothy Parker Drank Here" (F MEI E) by Ellen Meister, sort of ghost story starring Dorothy Parker at the Algonquin Hotel; and finally, "The Secrets of Midwives" (F HEP S) by Sally Hepworth, which may attract those of you who watch the "Midwives" series on PBS, although the book doesn't appear to be much like the show.

Oops, I forgot these two: Olen Steinhauer's: "All the Old Knives" (F STE O) and "Shark Skin Suite" (F DOR T) by Tim Dorsey which is a crazy book. It takes place on Key West during a festival in which

clothing (or the amount of) is optional.

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# Technology breaks the silence for Fort Worth students

By YAMIL BERARD

Fort Worth  
Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas — Travis Pilcher, 20, didn't talk for most of his life.

He was a mystery to his teachers, who couldn't find a way to help the severely autistic young man. By the time he was a teenager, his parents, Michael and Shannia Pilcher of Fort Worth, were exhausted from dealing with his mood swings and aggressive behavior.

"When he couldn't get his point across, he became so frustrated that he would explode," Shannia Pilcher told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Three years ago, Travis was chosen to be the guinea pig in a Fort Worth school district effort to equip nonverbal special education students with iPads. Within months, he was swiping symbols on the

screen that converted text to speech. He would mimic the sounds he heard from the iPad to talk to his parents.

For the first time, Travis was communicating.

The tall, slender young man who had been known for pitching fits became a calm, adoring son who shares kisses with his mother.

"It was a 180-degree change," Michael Pilcher said. "He's not aggressive anymore."

Travis is one of about 50 students with autism, Down Syndrome and other challenges who are using iPads to communicate inside and outside the classroom at Boulevard Heights Alternative School, said Debbie Manning, a speech language pathologist at the school.

Children who barely had social skills are using iPads to break their silence, she said.

"We have students . we've never heard utter a sound,

they're beginning to vocalize and make word approximations," Manning said. "It's been more than a miracle."

The school has depended on 20 iPads — roughly two per classroom — since the program was launched, speech language therapist Kellie Cullen said. Another 10 iPads also are being used at the transitional center for special education students on University Drive.

Because of the success at drawing out reluctant speech learners, the Fort Worth school board last month approved the purchase of more than 130 additional iPads, which will be distributed throughout special education classrooms at regular campuses in the school district.

"Most of our students, especially students with autism, have good motor skills, vision and hearing skills, so they can utilize an iPad," Cullen

said. "It's been a total game changer for us. We're talking about a shift in the culture here."

Dozens of other special education students across the district have also benefited from the devices. Valerie Godines, a 21-year-old student who has Down syndrome, got an iPad just two months ago, her mother, Maria Godines, said.

"She's communicating more," Maria Godines said. "There are still things I don't understand, but with the iPad, she tells us what she wants and what she needs."

Enrique Cuellar, a 19-year-old with Down syndrome who is nonverbal, participates in a transitional school-to-work program on University Drive. He has also been using an iPad to communicate, his mother said.

On a recent Monday morning, he was among students demonstrating how they

swipe icons and communicate with their parents. Enrique chose icons that described what he wanted to eat (enchiladas), where he wanted to go (school) and where he wanted to spend the night (with his dad). The devices have thousands of words covering everything from food to feelings.

Roman King, a 13-year-old with autism, learned to speak using the iPad, said his mother, Jessica Clemente.

She prodded him with questions: "What is your name? What do you like to eat?" And he answered crisply, right away.

Enrique's mother, Danielle Sanchez, said this is just the start. She wants to see special needs kids introduced to the iPad starting in elementary school, "so that by high school, we're going to be wishing they couldn't talk as much."

## Odds and ends

### Dubuque worker rescues 10 ducklings from storm drain

DUBUQUE, Iowa (AP) — A reunited family of ducks waddled away soon after a city sewer worker rescued 10 ducklings from a Dubuque storm drain.

The Dubuque Telegraph Herald says several people called 911 to report seeing a distressed duck around 11:30 a.m. Monday just a few blocks west of the Mississippi River. A police officer sent to the scene determined that the ducklings had fallen into the drain, apparently while trying to cross East 15th Street.

### It's not an ostrich: Emu causes highway traffic jam

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Drivers may have mistaken it for an ostrich, but an emu was at the heart of a highway traffic jam in metro Atlanta.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that authorities in Douglas County received calls

about a big bird running around Interstate 20 early Tuesday morning.

Douglas County sheriff's Lt. Glenn Daniel says the emu had gotten loose from a private owner.

Several deputies corralled and captured the flightless bird. Daniel says it appeared to be scared but was not injured.

### Bags of cocaine, worth \$175K, wash up on Galveston beach

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A beachgoer in Southeast Texas has found about \$175,000 worth of cocaine in

unmarked bags that washed ashore.

Galveston police said Monday that the more than 30 bags do not contain any information on the source of the drugs.

Police say a man reported finding the bags Sunday morning on the shore just south of Galveston Island State Park.




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**The Middle East is in chaos: Islamists are waging bloody jihad—and winning—and Palestinian society is collapsing. Is now the time for a Palestinian state?**

*While the Middle East is being overrun by Islamic terror groups, and Palestinian political factions are verging on civil war, some world leaders now propose forced peace talks with Israel, guaranteeing the Palestinians a state. Can we really afford a Palestinian state ripe for takeover by terrorists?*

### What are the facts?

**Bloodthirsty violence wreaked by Islamic terror groups** in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Yemen, Libya and Tunisia has created epic instability in the Middle East. This regional jihad is being waged by the Islamic State, al Qaeda affiliates, al Nusra Front, Hizbollah, Hamas, Houthi rebels and, most prominently, Iran.

Indeed, the jihadis are capturing more Middle East territory daily. The Islamic State continues to seize ground in Syria and Iraq and threatens next to attack Israel's neighbor Jordan. The Houthis today control three major cities in Yemen, and al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is making gains in other parts of the country. The greatest threat, however, comes from Iran, which through its terrorist proxies now exerts effective control over four Arab capitals: Baghdad, Iraq; Damascus, Syria; Beirut, Lebanon; and Sana'a, Yemen.

This leaves Israel, the Middle East's only democracy and bastion of Western freedoms, almost encircled by forces of radical Islam—Hizbollah and Iran on its doorstep to the north in Lebanon and Syria; the Islamic State in Syria and Egypt's Sinai Peninsula; and Hamas to the south in Gaza. Iran, of course, threatens weekly to annihilate the Jewish state—and it is steadily, secretly building the nuclear capability to back its bluster.

Adding to this regional volatility, the Palestinians' two main political parties, Fatah in the West Bank and the Islamic terror group Hamas in Gaza, are locked in internecine strife. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's government has no control over Gaza's 1.9 million Arabs. The internal Palestinian conflict has become so bitter that President Abbas recently called on Arab nations to launch military attacks against Hamas.

But Palestinians' problems run far deeper. Their economy is in shambles: Without nearly \$1 billion annually in

international aid, including \$400 million from the U.S., it would collapse. Palestinian civil society in the West Bank is notoriously rife with corruption. Political order is also crumbling: No Palestinian elections have been held since 2006. The 80-year-old Abbas is serving his tenth year of a five-year term, and his Fatah party has no provisions for a successor. What's more, security in the West Bank is critically dependent on support from Israeli Defense Forces. Without it, experts predict a takeover by Hamas, which did the same in Gaza in 2006. A Hamas coup would leave Israel a tiny island engulfed in a sea of Islamist terror.

Why don't the Palestinians already have a state? The Arabs were offered a state next to Israel by the United Nations in 1948, but turned it down. After Israel's defeat of three invading Arab armies in 1967, the Jewish state offered to negotiate land for peace, but again the Arabs refused. As recently as 2001 and 2008, under the auspices of the United States, Israel offered the Palestinians up to 95 percent of the West Bank and Gaza, plus a capital in East Jerusalem, but again the Arabs walked away from statehood and have for more than 60 years stubbornly refused to recognize the Jewish state.

Today the situation in the Middle East has changed dramatically in two ways. First, Israel and moderate Arab nations are threatened as never before by radical Islamists obsessed with conquest. Second, Palestinian institutions have reached new lows of dependence and disorganization, nearing total collapse. Iran-supported Hamas is well armed and could seize control of the West Bank at any time.

While some world leaders have proposed a deadline for completion of peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, leading to a Palestinian state within a few years, this idea does not account for today's horrific new reality in the Middle East. Indeed, a Palestinian state that is forced upon Israel and the rest of the world would most certainly turn into a nightmare.

*While Israel, the United States and other nations have worked in good faith to create a Palestinian state, the Palestinians themselves have consistently rejected requirements that would ensure Israel's security and survival. Today, explosive threats from radical Islamist terror groups in the Middle East, especially Iran, as well as the disintegration of social, economic and political order among the Palestinians, make a Palestinian state unrealistic. Rather, world leaders need to focus on stabilizing the region—especially Palestinian society—and put Palestinian statehood temporarily on hold.*

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# News in brief

## Indonesia, Malaysia to help boat people as more migrants come ashore

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia (AP) — In a potential breakthrough in Southeast Asia's humanitarian crisis, Indonesia and Malaysia offered Wednesday to provide temporary shelter to thousands of migrants stranded at sea after weeks of saying they weren't welcome.

But they appealed for international help, saying the crisis was a global, not a regional, problem.

"Indonesia and Malaysia agreed to continue to provide humanitarian assistance to those 7,000 irregular migrants at sea," Malaysian Foreign Minister Anifah Aman said after a three-way meeting with counterparts from Indonesia and Thailand. The two countries "also agreed to provide them temporary shelter provided that the resettlement and repatriation process will be done in one year by the international community."

"This is not an ASEAN problem," Anifah said, referring to the 10-nation grouping of Southeast Asian countries. "This is a problem for the international community. We are talking about a humanitarian crisis."

Thailand would not offer shelter but would provide humanitarian assistance, he said. Thailand has previously said it cannot afford to take any more migrants since it is already overburdened by tens of thousands of refugees from Myanmar.

## Israeli prime minister overrules defense minister, cancels proposed West Bank bus segregation

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister has overruled his defense minister and called off a proposed plan to segregate Palestinians from Israelis on West Bank buses.

An official in the prime minister's office said Benjamin Netanyahu called Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon Wednesday to tell him he found the proposal "unacceptable" and the two decided to freeze the plan.

Earlier on Wednesday, Yaalon launched the three-month pilot program following repeated complaints from Jewish settlers who ride the buses and say the Palestinian workers constitute a security threat and frequently engage in sexual harassment of female Jewish riders.

Thousands of Palestinians enter Israel for work each day from the West Bank and often ride alongside Jewish settlers.

Opposition leader Isaac Herzog attacked the decision, saying it marked a "stain on the face of the country."

## Wife of biker inmate held in Waco after deadly brawl says some are innocent

WACO, Texas (AP) — Bullets ricocheted around the parking lot of Twin Peaks, the Waco restaurant where a motorcycle gang shootout left nine dead, minutes after Theron Rhoten pulled in on his vintage Harley chopper for a regional motorcycle club meeting, according to Rhoten's wife.

Katie Rhoten told The Associated Press that her husband, a mechanic from Austin, called her from jail and said that he and two other members of a motorcycle club called Vise Grip ducked and ran for cover amid the violence that also left 18 injured.

The three were arrested along with about 170 others at the scene and are each being held on \$1 million bonds.

Officers took into custody all sorts of "nonviolent, noncriminal people," Katie Rhoten said.

"He's good to his family," she said. "He doesn't drink; he doesn't do drugs; he doesn't party. He's just got a passion for motorcycles."

## Civil rights activists see differences between responses to violence in Waco and Baltimore

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prevailing images of protests in Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, over police killings of black men were of police in riot gear, handcuffed protesters, tear gas and mass arrests. The main images of a fatal gun battle between armed bikers and police in Waco, Texas, also showed mass arrests — carried out by nonchalant-looking officers sitting around calm bikers on cell phones.

The firefight in Waco is raising questions about perceptions and portrayals of crime in America, considering the vehement reaction that the earlier protests got from police, politicians and some members of the public.

Media critics, columnists and civil rights activists are complaining that there appears to be little societal concern about the gunplay at a restaurant in Texas, whereas politicians — including President Barack Obama — described violent looters in Baltimore as "thugs," and the media devoted hours of television and radio airtime to dissecting social ills that affect the black community.

On Twitter, (hash)wacothugs and (hash)whiteonwhitecrime were trending, with columnists around the nation debating the differences. "So the mainstream media refuses to talk

The shootout at a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco left nine people dead and 18 injured. About 170 bikers have been charged with engaging in organized crime, with bond at \$1 million for each suspect. Mugshots show an array of suspects: white, Hispanic, a white woman and a man who looked black.

## House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi confronting competing pressures, balancing act on trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — As House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi delivered the signature achievement of President Barack Obama's first term: his health care bill. Now Obama's top second-term goal, a major trade deal, hangs in the balance on Capitol Hill and Pelosi is again on the spot.

But this time, the California Democrat, now minority leader, finds herself out of step with her party's president — caught between his ambitions and the overwhelming opposition of her Democratic caucus to a free-trade deal many fear could harm American workers.

And it remains to be seen whether the 75-year-old Pelosi, in her 15th term and perhaps approaching the end of her congressional career, will help Obama get his trade bill over the finish line — or side with the labor unions and liberal constituencies who oppose the legislation, even though its failure would constitute a humiliating defeat for Obama.

"I really want a path to 'yes,' desperately," Pelosi told The Associated Press in an interview in her office. "I would hope that we could come together on something that we're in agreement on, but this is a vote that people will very much be voting their districts and there's a lot of, shall we say, opinion on this in people's dis-

tricts."

Democratic lawmakers point out that there's little political upside for Democrats to grant Obama "fast track" authority to negotiate trade deals that Congress can approve or reject but not amend. The bill, which would pave the way for a landmark trade pact with Pacific Rim nations, is fiercely opposed by core Democratic constituencies, and strongly backed by business groups that overwhelmingly support Republicans and would be unlikely to reward a Democrat for a trade vote.

## As more jails turn to video visits for inmates, advocates worry about end to in-person visits

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — Four-year-old William Cole saw his father's face and reached out to touch it during a jail visit. But he could only feel a video screen.

The facility in Fort Bend County, southwest of Houston, is among a growing number of jails and prison systems across the U.S. in which video visitation has replaced the more familiar in-person visits, where people are in the same room but separated by thick glass.

William's mother found it jarring to have to communicate with her husband through pixels rather than face to face. In video visitation, inmates and their visitors are not in the same room but see each other on computer or television screens.

"This was a very big shock for me," said Edna Cole, 24, as her son talked with his dad from one of 34 screens in the jail's visitation area.

"I'm used to actually being able to see them in person, and here I can't do that."

Officials who run the facilities say video visits have improved security and increased visitation hours.

However, prisoners' rights advocates worry the trend is to eliminate free in-person visits for a system they say is full of technical glitches and could eventually require families to pay a fee.

## Clinton sticks to early campaign strategy, despite criticism

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa (AP) — During two days of campaigning this week in Iowa, Hillary

Rodham Clinton didn't make a formal speech. She answered questions from reporters, but only for five minutes. Pressed by a moderator at her own event to say where she stood on a trade pact that's dividing her party, she steered clear.

It was the kind of trip that infuriates her Republican critics, yet gives them fodder to keep up their argument she's a candidate dodging tough issues and avoiding taking positions that could haunt her politically. That's started to worry some Democrats, who are publicly prodding Clinton to wade deeper into the political fray and pick a side on the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade deal.

Clinton and her team are unmoved. They're sticking to their plans for a low-key start to her second presidential campaign, displaying an early level of discipline that was lacking when Clinton sought the White House in 2008 and struggled with campaign infighting over strategy.

It's an approach they've crafted to show voters Clinton isn't taking the Democratic nomination for granted. Yet by not taking a stand on issues of the day and dismissing some of the traditional trappings of presidential campaigns, some political operatives say Clinton risks appearing as if she's doing just that.

"There is a demand if you are a candidate to signify a lack of entitlement by submitting yourself to questions from the news media on a regular basis," said David Axelrod, a longtime adviser to President Barack Obama. "There is risk to that, but it is a risk that comes along with the task of running for president."

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# Tannehill looking to improve, win title with Miami

By STEVE GORTEN

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — When Ryan Tannehill agreed to a four-year extension with the Miami Dolphins last week, the quarterback's agent told him that at some point, "you might regret this deal."

It's not that Pat Dye Jr. isn't pleased with his client's six-year, \$96 million extension, which includes \$45 million guaranteed and \$77.7 million of "new money." He's just convinced the Dolphins got great

value with the deal that lasts through 2020.

Dye believes Tannehill's worth will be considerably higher by the end of this contract.

"It's always a dream to sign a big contract, but the main dream is winning a championship and holding that trophy up with your teammates," said Tannehill, who was flanked by Hickey and coach Joe Philbin on Tuesday as he talked about the deal.

The ink is barely dry on the deal, but Dye told Dolphins

general manager Dennis Hickey, "We're going to be knocking on your door in three or four years" to renegotiate.

Tannehill believes he's a championship-caliber quarterback.

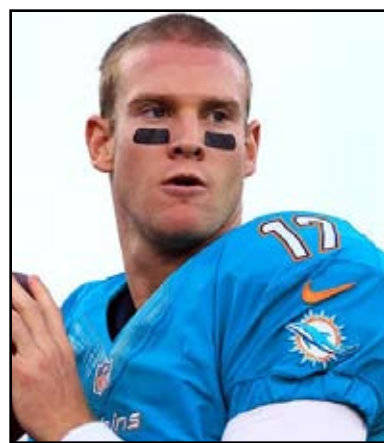
"That's why I'm here, is to win championships," Tannehill said. "If I wasn't that, if these guys didn't believe in me, then I wouldn't be sitting in this chair."

"I don't measure myself up against (Dan Marino), but at the same time, I'd love to have a career that stands up to his,

and ultimately, I want to win championships."

Dye said Dolphins owner Stephen Ross met with Tannehill before the NFL Combine for lunch, during which Ross told him, "You're our guy and we're going to do this deal."

Still, Dye said he wasn't optimistic three weeks ago that a deal would get done. That changed last Monday, when the Dolphins improved their offer. The contract was finalized a week later.



Ryan Tannehill ... 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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Courtesy photo

The Forsan High School Lady Buffaloes will resume their postseason march on Thursday when they open a best-of-3 regional semifinal playoff series with Archer City. Games are slated from Thursday and Saturday at Lubbock Cooper High School.

## Forsan to face Archer City in 2A regional semifinals

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Forsan High School Lady Buffaloes will try and move one step closer to Austin and the Class 2A softball tournament on Thursday evening in Woodrow — south of Lubbock.

The Lady Buffaloes, the District 6-2A champion, will face off with the Archer City Lady Wildcats in the regional semifinals. The two will be playing a best-of-3 series.

Forsan, fresh off a 9-4 win over Follett in front of a large crowd at Lady Cardinals Field in Hermleigh in the regional quarterfinals, is scheduled to

open the regional semifinal round at 6 p.m. on the Lubbock Cooper High School field. Game 2 of the series will be played Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. A third game, if necessary, will be played about 30 minutes after the conclusion of the second game.

Forsan heads into the contest as one of the state's hottest teams. The Lady Buffaloes have won 14 straight games and roll into the regional semifinals sporting a 25-9 record.

Archer City also comes into the series with an impressive record. The Lady Wildcats are 25-9 following their win

over Haskell on Saturday. After dropping Game 1 of their series with Haskell, the Lady Wildcats rallied to post wins of 2-1 and 7-4 in the next two games to take the series by a 2-1 margin.

The winner of the Forsan-Archer City matchup will advance to play either Ralls of Hawley in the regional finals. Ralls (22-2) and Hawley (25-2) are scheduled to play a best-of-3 series on this weekend in Hermleigh. Game 1 will be at 8 p.m. on Thursday, while Game 2 will be at 5 p.m. on Friday. A third game, if needed, will be played at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

## Rockets lose Howard to injury, Game 1 to Warriors, 110-106

By ANTONIO GONZALEZ

AP Basketball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Down big at home, the Golden State Warriors went small.

It turned out to make a huge difference.

Stephen Curry hit two free throws in the final seconds to finish with 34 points, and the Warriors rallied from a 16-point deficit in the second quarter to beat the Houston Rockets 110-106 on Tuesday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

With the Rockets seemingly ready to rout the home team, the Warriors used a smaller lineup featuring 6-foot-7 Draymond Green at center and closed the first half on a 21-4 run. Shaun Livingston scored 14 of his 18 points in the quarter, helping Golden State go ahead 58-55 at halftime.

The Warriors held off James Harden and Houston in the fourth quarter again behind their undersized lineup, which worked especially well after Rockets center Dwight Howard departed with a left knee injury.

"It really stretches people out," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said of his lineup full of shooters. "Houston does the same thing. It was an interesting chess match, because

they like to go small and we like to go small."

Harden, the MVP-up-to-Curry in the MVP voting, nearly brought the Rockets back without Howard in the fourth. Harden finished with 28 points, 11 rebounds, nine assists and four steals, but his late push fell short.

"You can't give a really good shooting team easy layups and confidence," said Harden, who shot 11 of 20 from the field. "That's what we did in the second quarter."

Game 2 is Thursday night in Oakland, and it's unclear if Howard can play. Howard doesn't think the injury will sideline him for the series.

"Hopefully Dwight is healthy and we can play big," Rockets coach Kevin McHale said. "We didn't have that option with Dwight out."

Harden, serenaded with chants of "Over-rated!" from Warriors fans, mixed in a series of step-back jumpers and driving layups to help Houston even the score at 95-all midway through the fourth.

But the Warriors shut down Houston for long stretches, and Curry kept hitting shots to match Harden's brilliance. Curry connected on a 3-point shot and converted a layup

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## Ortiz leads Red Sox by Rangers

BOSTON (AP) — David Ortiz and Mike Napoli each homered and drove in two runs, Wade Miley pitched seven strong innings and the Boston Red Sox beat the Texas Rangers 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Boston got a scare when Leonys Martin led off the ninth with a pinch-hit homer off Koji Uehara, ending the closer's streak of eight straight hitless appearances. Uehara, however, held on for his 10th save in 11 opportunities.

After going 5-5 on their road trip, the Red Sox got off to a strong start on their six-game homestand with one run and four hits in the first inning while Miley (3-4) held the Rangers scoreless through the fifth.

Boston took a 1-0 lead in the first against Yovani Gallardo (3-6) when

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## NFL to make PAT kicks longer distance

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The NFL is moving back extra-point kicks and allowing defenses to score on conversion turnovers.

The owners on Tuesday approved the competition committee's proposal to snap the ball from the 15-yard line on PATs to make them more challenging. In recent seasons, kickers made more than 99 percent of the kicks with the ball snapped from the 2.

"There was strong sentiment coming out of our meetings in March that something had to be done with our extra point," said Texans general manager Rick Smith, a member of the competition committee that

proposed this specific rule change. "From a kicking perspective the try was over 99 percent (successful), so we tried to add skill to the play."

"It was also a ceremonial play."

The accepted proposal places the 2-point conversion at the 2, and allows the defense to return a turnover to the other end zone for the two points, similar to the college rule. The defense can also score two points by returning a botched kick.

The change was approved only for 2015, then will be reviewed. But Smith predicts it will become permanent. "This isn't an experiment," Smith added. "This is a rule change. We expect this to be a part of the game."

## Kraft: Patriots won't appeal team's fine, draft penalties

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Now that Patriots owner Robert Kraft is not appealing his team's punishments in the deflated footballs scandal, only his quarterback's challenge remains.

Moments after Kraft said Tuesday he won't oppose the \$1 million fine and loss of two draft choices the NFL penalized the team for its role in using underinflated footballs in the AFC championship game, the players' union reasserted that Tom Brady's appeal will go forward.

Brady, the MVP of February's Super Bowl and one of the league's biggest stars, has been suspended for the first four games of the 2015 season by the NFL. So while Kraft sought to end the "dialogue and

rhetoric," it's certain "Deflategate" won't disappear anytime soon.

At the owners' meetings, Kraft said he was putting the league before his franchise because "at no time should the agenda of one team outweigh the collective good of the 32."

The Patriots will lose a first-round draft pick next year and a fourth-rounder in 2017. "When the discipline came out, I felt it was way over the top," Kraft said, adding that if he had made his decision last week, "I think maybe it might have been a different one."

But after further consideration, he cited "believing in the strength of the (NFL) partnership and the 32 teams" for dropping any appeal plans. Kraft also recognized the powers given to

Commissioner Roger Goodell.

"Although I might disagree in what is decided, I do have respect for the commissioner, and believe he is doing what he perceives to be in the best interest of the 32," Kraft added.

Kraft would not take any questions Tuesday about his decision nor about Brady's appeal, which will be heard by Goodell. But he has said he's convinced Brady played no part in deflating the footballs.

Brady's appeal will be heard within the next week. On Tuesday, the union formally requested that Goodell recuse himself from serving as arbitrator, saying he is not impartial and that he is a "central witness in the appeal."

An NFL spokesman said the league would have no comment.



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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**Last Day of the Taurus Sun**



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while sticking the paper together -- thus the term "seal the deal." That's what you need to do today, the last day of the Taurus sun of 2015. Taurus is the sign of finance and appetites of all kinds. This is your day to "get it done."

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Just when you think it can't get better, it does. The same goes for the opposite dynamic. You can count on the universe pushing you another mile in whatever direction you're traveling.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). For today, there's no feeling like the feeling of accomplishment. Knowing that there was a time when you had nothing except the gumption to make something substantial out of it is priceless.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Everyone you know finds this ground unfamiliar. Go forward anyway -- you'll be a trailblazer. Your sophisticated taste eventually will move everyone into the future.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're a humanist. You don't want to make fun of the world; you'd much rather make fun of yourself. That's what makes people laugh the hardest, and today they'll relate to your vulnerability.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Hard to believe, but there are actually some people who find the colloquialism "whatever" to be a curse word. Avoid the expression today, as your people will be even more sensitive than usual.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Here's the recipe for a stellar day: Do something for yourself, do something for a friend, and do your duty. Once those three are covered, you'll be feeling pretty good about the world.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can't do it all in one day, but at least you can list it all so that you won't forget later. Otherwise, the less pressing (but possibly more pleasurable) items might fall through the cracks.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you have is not what you want. That's fine, because you're finding a way to make it work. Do the business at hand, and the business you wish for will come.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Interrupting is immature and disrespectful, and yet many people have this annoying habit. When you get interrupted once, you'll chalk it up to the other person's excitement. Twice, though? Maybe it's time to walk away.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be doing what it takes to be the bigger person and rise above it -- whatever "it" happens to be for you right now. You don't mind trying a little harder than the others, because you have a feeling it will benefit you in the end.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A daring person will inspire you to break a few rules. It's how you become a vivacious renegade. Later, you'll look back on today and note that it was a turning point.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Multi-tasking will be an exercise in silliness. What you do while trying to do something else will be, of course, ineffective. One thing at a time will get it done.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 20). It's your year to make things official. Celebrate the successes you achieve in June. In July, you'll be reaching into new emotional territory. A VIP will come into your life in August. The sale of your possessions or property will bring about a big and welcome change in September. January will bring strong love. Aquarius and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 13, 29, 14 and 50.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** I've been getting more than the usual amount of queries on the topic of past lives lately, especially in regard to relationships. With Venus in Cancer, people are called to experience the spiritual connection of love and consider the eternal aspect of this union. Some report a feeling upon first meeting someone that they have known the person before. There's an instant comfortable rapport and a feeling of intimacy that often goes deeper than personal circumstances would normally dictate. I have interviewed many psychics, mystics and truth seekers about the

concept of past lives. There is a commonly held idea that souls move through time (or the illusory agreement we call time) in groups. We change roles like players in a traveling theater company. In one show, an actor might play the father; in the next, he plays a brother, friend, sister, lover, and the other players switch roles, as well. In each different configuration, we try to work out our karma. Personally, I think that whether or not our soul travels work in such a way, it is crucial that we live this lifetime in the moment and try not to get caught up in the past, whether it was yesterday or 700 years ago.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Happy birthday to the goddess of pop. Cher has sold more than 100 million records and won nearly every award in the entertainment industry, including the Oscar. Born on the cusp, Cher is a self-actualized Taurus with Mercury (communication) in Taurus, as well. Her Mars and Pluto in Leo, the sign of entertainment, indicates one born for the spotlight.

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**sudoku**

ANSWERS

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7	8	5	9	1	2	3	4	6

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**sudoku**

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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			9	1	2	3		

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
**Sylvia**

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A K Q 6  
♥ 5 3  
♦ 6 3 2  
♣ J 10 8 7  
**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 8 7  
♥ 7 4 2  
♦ K 10 8 5  
♣ 9 4  
**EAST**  
♠ 4 2  
♥ 9 6  
♦ J 9  
♣ A K Q 6 5 3 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ J 5 3  
♥ A K Q J 10 8  
♦ A Q 7 4  
♣ —

The bidding:  
East 1♣ South 2♥ West Pass North 3♠  
1♣ 2♥ Pass 3♠  
Opening lead — nine of clubs.  
Most members of the club thought that Sylvia was the worst player they'd ever seen. They not only thought so but, on occasion, vehemently told her so — especially after a particularly shattering experience with or against her.  
Every once in a while, though, either because of the bizarre workings of her mind, or because of a fortuitous indiscretion on her part, Sylvia would perform a veritable miracle, word of which would spread through the club like wildfire.  
This deal occurred early in

Sylvia's career. She was in six hearts and covered West's nine-of-clubs lead with dummy's ten. Sylvia ruffed East's queen, drew trumps, crossed to the queen of spades and led the jack of clubs.  
Sylvia ruffed East's king, played a spade to the king and led the eight of clubs. East covered with the ace, establishing dummy's seven, and Sylvia ruffed with her last trump to produce this position:  
**North**  
♠ A 6  
♥ 6 3  
♦ 7  
**West**  
♠ 10 7  
♦ K 10 8  
**East**  
♠ J 9  
♥ 6 5 3  
**South**  
♠ J  
♥ A Q 7 4

Sylvia now overtook the jack of spades with dummy's ace, cashed the club seven, discarding a diamond, and tried to cash the spade six, on which she discarded a second diamond. (West had cleverly played the 8-9-10 on the three previous spade leads.) West took the six with the seven, momentarily causing Sylvia great anguish.  
However, West then had to return a diamond into the A-Q, giving Sylvia the slam. Later analysis showed that her method of play was the only way to make the contract.

Tomorrow: Out of the darkness.

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7:PM	500 Ques-tions	Amores con Trampa	MasterChef (DVS)	Survivor	Avenida Brasil (SS)	Myst-Laura	Fam. Guy	Upd Dollars	Nature	Griffith Griffith	Airplane Repo: Takeoff		Cops	Tip-Off	Single Ladies		MLS Soccer: Revolution at Sporting	
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9:PM	Celebrity Wife Swap	Que te Perdona	Mod Fam	Survivor	El Señor de los	Chicago PD	Big Bang		Super Sky-scrapers	Cheers	Air Pressure	Movie: In-dependence Day, Jeff Goldblum	Cops		Movie: Beauty Shop, Andie MacDowell	Jessie Dog	30 for 30	Baseball Tonight
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11:PM	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	Contacto Deportivo	How I Met	Letterman	Titulares	Tonight Show	Office	Chevalme	T. Smiley	(Off Air)	Air Pressure		Jail	The Last Ship	Wendy Wil-liams	So Raven	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter
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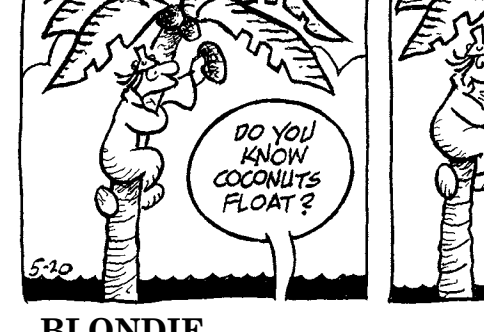
"WHAT KIND OF PRAYER IS... 'OH, LORD, NOT HIM AGAIN'... MR. WILSON?"

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



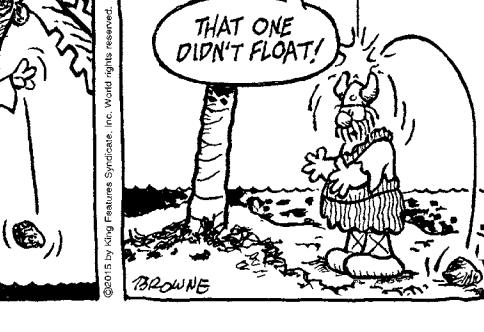
"What if I wash my hands first?"

**HAGAR**



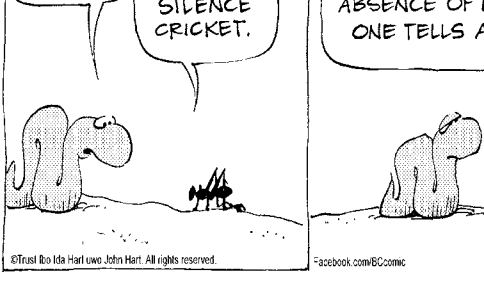
DO YOU KNOW COCONUTS FLOAT?

**BLONDIE**



THAT ONE DIDN'T FLOAT!

**BC**



WHAT ARE YOU? I'M AN AWKWARD SILENCE CRICKET.

**WIZARD OF ID**



I CREATE IRONIC BACKGROUND NOISE TO HIGHLIGHT THE ABSENCE OF LAUGHTER AFTER ONE TELLS A BAD JOKE.

**BLONDIE**



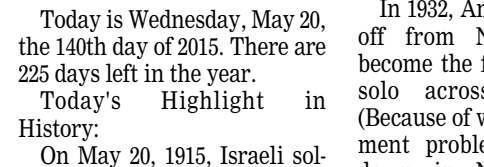
HOW'S THAT SCRATCH-OFF GAME GOING? STILL SCRATCHING AND NOT ONE WINNER YET!!

**BLONDIE**



KEEP TRYING, DAG! HANG IN THERE, BUDDY!

**BLONDIE**



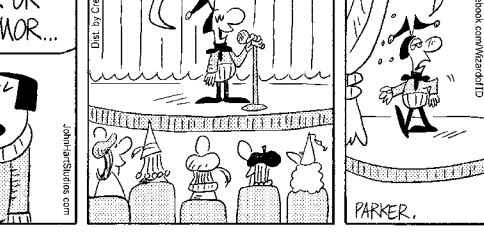
YOU LOOK EXHAUSTED, HONEY! JUST ANOTHER DAY TRYING TO SCRATCH OUT A LIVING

**AGNES**



NOW, BUNG... YOU'LL BE PERFORMING FOR ID'S ELITE TONIGHT... SO YOU'LL HAVE TO ALTER YOUR ACT

**AGNES**



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**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, May 20, the 140th day of 2015. There are 225 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On May 20, 1915, Israeli soldier-statesman Moshe Dayan was born at Deganya Alef Kibbutz.

**On this date:**  
In 1712, the original version of Alexander Pope's satirical mock-heroic poem "The Rape of the Lock" was published anonymously in Lintot's Miscellany.  
In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act, which was intended to encourage settlements west of the Mississippi River by making federal land available for farming.  
In 1902, the United States ended a three-year military presence in Cuba as the Republic of Cuba was established under its first elected president, Tomas Estrada Palma.  
In 1925, the newly built headquarters of the United States Chamber of Commerce was formally dedicated in Washington

**This Date In History**

D.C.

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, New York, aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. (Because of weather and equipment problems, Earhart set down in Northern Ireland instead of her intended destination, France.)

In 1959, nearly 5,000 Japanese-Americans had their U.S. citizenships restored after choosing to renounce them during World War II.

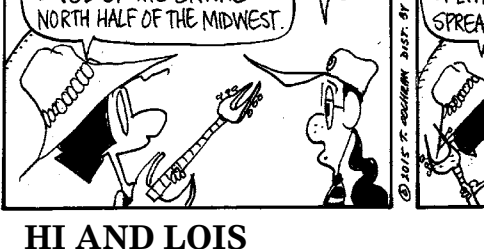
In 1961, a white mob attacked a busload of Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Alabama, prompting the federal government to send in U.S. marshals to restore order.

In 1970, some 100,000 people demonstrated in New York's Wall Street district in support of U.S. policy in Vietnam and Cambodia.

In 1985, Radio Marti, operated by the U.S. government, began broadcasting; Cuba responded by attempting to jam its signal.

In 1995, President Bill Clinton announced that the two-block stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Misbehave
  - 6 Business bigwig
  - 11 Flying mammal
  - 14 Makes preparations
  - 15 Likely (to)
  - 16 Flowery verse
  - 17 Legendary Old West outlaw
  - 19 Detergent container
  - 20 Oration
  - 21 Cereal grain
  - 22 '70s Swedish quartet
  - 23 High-seas greeting
  - 25 Speaks ill of
  - 27 Roller coaster, e.g.
  - 31 Non-credit transaction
  - 32 Very pale
  - 35 Hurricane center
  - 36 Open-handed smacks
  - 39 \_\_\_ de Cologne
  - 40 Give the slip to
  - 43 D or F
  - 46 Directional pointer
  - 49 Lease, as a bus
  - 51 Think positively
  - 52 Hardly available
  - 53 Puma or panther
  - 55 Sculptor's stone
  - 59 Nothing but
  - 60 Bit of barbecued beef
  - 62 Wildlife park
  - 63 Being chilled
- DOWN**
- 1 Police alerts, for short
  - 2 Tie holder
  - 3 Colorful story
  - 4 Turn loose
  - 5 Freudian concerns
  - 6 Speedometer letters
  - 7 Big Nabisco brand
  - 8 Kid's racer
  - 9 Consensus builder
  - 10 Took charge of
  - 11 Type of sports doll
  - 12 Hopi building material
  - 13 LBJ Library's state
  - 18 Poet Dylan
  - 22 Helps out
  - 24 Say loudly
  - 26 By way of
  - 27 Did great on
  - 28 BLT spread
  - 29 Where to buy pre-owned Peugeot
  - 30 Lowest tides
  - 33 Countess' husband
  - 34 Warm in a microwave
  - 37 Opulent
  - 38 Wine center near Napa
  - 41 '90s vice president
  - 42 CPR expert
  - 44 Puts back in the suitcase
  - 45 Lion King beast
  - 47 Nuts in pralines
  - 48 Egypt's official language
  - 49 Fad
  - 50 Crowns of light
  - 54 Division of Mattel
  - 56 "Turn up the heat!"
  - 57 Succotash bean
  - 58 Cyberbidding site
  - 60 Fluffy scarf
  - 61 Place at risk

**JUST TEASING** by Melanie Miller Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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**THE OTHER COAST**



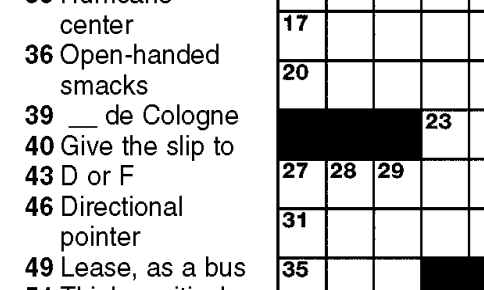
WHAT A FIBBER. I WAS THERE, AND IT WAS MORE LIKE:

**AGNES**



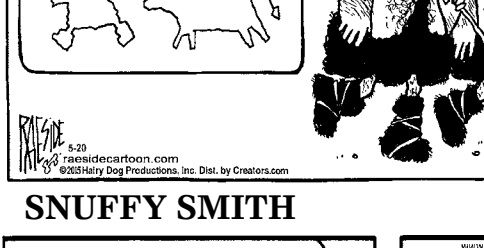
JOHNNY APPEASED RIPPED OFF HER MODUS OPERANDI!

**SNUFFY SMITH**



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SHOULD I CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT? DON'T WORRY

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Titans roll ...

The Skullettes' third baseman holds the ball in the air after touching the base in a game against the Texas Chicks on Monday. The Big Spring Girls Softball Association's 2015 regular season is winding down. Teams in the 7-8 year-old division will play their final games next week before participating in the upcoming championship tournament.

RYAN

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"I didn't know if it was going to happen or not. I still had two years left on the (previous) deal. It wasn't something I was expecting," said Tannehill, whose wife, Lauren, and parents, Tim and Cheryl, also were in attendance on Tuesday. "Once they came to me and wanted to talk, I was super excited to try to get something done."

Tannehill is the first quarterback from the 2012 draft class, which also included Andrew Luck, Robert Griffin III and Russell Wilson, to receive an extension.

The Dolphins QB had career-best numbers in his third NFL season

last year, throwing for 4,045 yards and 27 touchdowns with a passer rating of 92.8.

"I've watched him get better every year," Philbin said. "I think that trend is going to continue."

Said Hickey: "We couldn't be more happy and pleased to have him as our quarterback for the present and for the long-term."

Unlike Luck, Griffin III and Wilson, Tannehill has yet to reach the playoffs. But he said Tuesday the Dolphins "have all the pieces we need to have a special 2015."

Tannehill said he understands "the ultimate factor in judging quarterbacks is winning

games."

He added that despite the added pressure that will come with his new contract, his approach and preparation won't change.

"He believes in himself," Dye said. "I do think he has the make-

up and ingredients to be special. He's had special moments. We've seen it."

Tannehill is a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is one of three Tannehills to play at BSHS, including Tanner and Todyn.

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to put Golden State up 108-97 with 2:01 remaining.

"It's entertaining basketball. We're both supposed to help our team win and do what we can to impact the game," said Curry, whose 2-year-old daughter Riley, playfully interrupted him during his postgame news conference.

The Rockets never relented, though, with Trevor Ariza making a 3-pointer that trimmed the Warriors' lead to 108-106 with 14.6 seconds to play.

Curry twice caught the inbounds pass, and the Rockets were forced to foul him both times. He hit both free throws to seal Golden State's win.

"When we go small, it's not necessarily small. We have guys out there that can guard multiple positions," Livingston said.

Curry added six rebounds and five assists, and Green had 13 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists to boost the Warriors.

Ariza scored 20 points and Josh Smith had 17 points and seven rebounds for the Rockets.

The only setback to Houston's hot start came when Howard briefly left in the first quarter after colliding with Smith. Howard returned after a few minutes, and the Rockets raced out to a 49-33 lead midway through the second quarter.

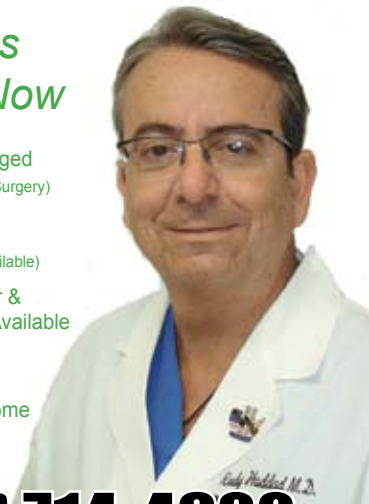
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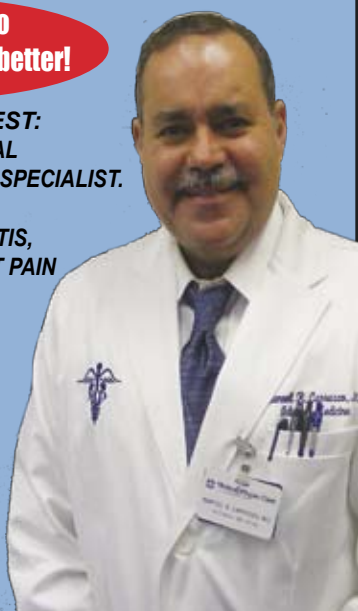
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