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## Improvement plans focus of BSISD public hearings Thursday

**BY LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

A public hearing to discuss how Big Spring ISD will be improving academics in three elementary schools and the district as a whole is on tap when trustees meet Thursday.

"At the public hearing, the following Targeted Improvement Plans (TIP) will

be shared," said George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD community relations coordinator. "If you would like to preview these plans ahead of time, paper copies may be obtained at the district office at 708 East 11th Place."

The targeted plans to be discussed are for the district as a whole, Goliad Elementary, Marcy Elementary and Washington Elementary.

In August, Big Spring ISD received a "met standards" rating from the Texas Education Agency, the first time in several years the district as a whole has been found not to be a low-performing academic school system.

However, the district continues to remain in accredited-warned status although district officials believe TEA will lift that designation when

it reviews the school district accreditation in March 2016.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school boardroom, 707 11th Place.

In other business, trustees are expected to consider approval of:

- Targeted Improvement Plans for the district, Goliad, Marcy and Washington elementary.

- The Howard County Appraisal District budget.

- Class size waivers applications to TEA. This will allow some schools to exceed the TEA class-size limit.

- Changes in some local board policies.

- Textbook adoption for the 2015-2016 school year.

- Changing annualized salary.

- Personnel matters.

## Keeping the cold away



HERALD Photo/Julie Bass

TXU Energy presented the North Side Community Center with a donation of \$20,000 and blankets to help local residents stay warm through the winter months ahead. Shown from left are Lacy Sperry, Virginia Natividad, Diana Martinez and Kim Campbell.

## TXU donates money, blankets to NCC

**By JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

Hope and help are available for those struggling to pay electric bills this coming winter.

Tuesday morning, TXU Energy donated money and bags of blankets to Northside Community Center to help area residents keep the chill away

this winter.

As a partner in the TXU Energy aid program, Northside Community Center received \$20,000 from TXU, its employees, customers and other donors to help TXU customers in financial crisis. TXU also provided blankets and winter energy conservation tips to share with any Big Spring family in need.

Community leaders and representatives of the two organizations spoke with center visitors to provide additional information about community assistance and energy conservation.

Kim Campbell, TXU senior manager of community affairs, and Lacy Sperry, manager of community affairs presented the check to Diana

## We got a convoy

*Bankhead Highway procession passing through Thursday*

**BY LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

On Thursday, decommissioned military vehicles will be processing down Third Street, but don't worry, the government is not invading Big Spring just yet.

On Thursday, the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Bankhead Highway convoy will be rambling in on its way to the Hangar 25 Air Museum for a stop.

"The convoy will be passing through with as many as 65 privately owned Historic Military Vehicles (HMs), the convoy will include motorcycles, jeeps and large cargo trucks ranging in age from the WWI era to those just released from armed forces inventories," said Hayley Lewis, Big Spring Convention and Bureau tourism director. "The Military Vehicle Preservation Association will be conducting a 95th Anniversary Convoy that will retrace the original 1920 Transcontinental Motor Convoy route along the historical Bankhead Highway."

The Bankhead Highway was the first intercontinental, all weather highway built at the turn of the last century. The movement that birthed the Bankhead Highway would transform the country's transportation system. According to Dan L. Smith, author of "Texas Highway No. 1," a book about the old highway, the

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## Quintet to perform at college

**BY LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

The Madera Wind Quintet will be the second feature artist for the Howard College Music Department 2015-2016 concert series.

"The group is a woodwind quintet featuring flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, and French horn," said Ethan Wills, Howard College assistant professor in music. "The Madera Quintet has had numerous tours, CDs, and appearances at clinics and conventions in the past few years. They are stopping at Howard College as part of a CD release tour including Texas A&M, Tarleton State, and the University

of North Texas."

The Quintet will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Hall Center for the Arts located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

According to the group's Facebook page, the Quintet was established in the fall of 2008 by students and alumni of the University of North Texas. Based in Denton, Tex-

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## Obituaries

### Mary Ann Earnest



Mary Ann Earnest, 67, of Temple, Texas passed away on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Oct. 17, 2015, at Ave. T Church of Christ in Temple, Texas.

Mary was born Jan. 17, 1948, in Big Spring, Texas to Ordis Walker and Cleo Thomas Walker. She married Jimmy Earnest Oct. 30, 1976, in Sand Springs.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Earnest of Temple; daughters Michelle Bookout and her husband Dwight of Frisco and Shana Boyle and her husband Mark of College Station; six grandchildren, Elise Bookout, Gavin Bookout, Kendyl Boyle, Kale Boyle, Grady Boyle and Skylar Boyle; brother, Tommy Walker of Big Spring; as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family asks that memorials be made to World Bible School, PO Box 2169, Cedar Park, TX 78630.

Words of comfort may be left for the family at [www.crawfordbowerstemple.org](http://www.crawfordbowerstemple.org)

*Paid obituary*

## Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **EDDIE JOE ALVARADO JR.**, 19, of 301 N.W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. was arrested on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor, no driver's license, failed to yield right of way at stop intersection and theft, less than \$50.

- **ALEXANDRA MARIE YANEZ**, 21, of 107 N.E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **SHAWN CARR II**, 34, of 3006 Cherokee was arrested on a warrant for terrorist threat to family/household.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane Ave.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 700 block of E. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg St.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2500 block of S. Gregg St.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- **EDDIE JOE ALVARADO JR.**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on

warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor, theft, no driver's license and fail to yield right of way at a stop intersection.

- **SHAWN CARR II**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for terrorist threat to family/household member that causes fear.

- **MARCELLA SANCHEZ HERERA**, 38, was booked by the GCSO on a charge of fail to identify – fugitive from justice.

- **GRADY KIRKLAND SMITH**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and violate promise to appear.

- **ALEXANDRA MARIE YANEZ**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation.

## Take Note

- The Howard County

Republican Club will meet at noon Oct. 12 in the Cactus Room of the Howard College Student Union Building, preceded by a Dutch lunch at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Teresa Beckmeyer with the Texas Republican Party, discussing the seven constitutional amendments which will be on the November ballot.

- Applications for the annual Man and Woman of the Year are now being taken at the Chamber of Commerce.

Criteria for selection is as follows:

- The nominator must be a Chamber member but the nominee does not have to be.

- Nominations must be in writing and should be based on a record of accomplishments rather than a single contribution or an achievement although it will not be ruled out if that contribution is of sufficient importance. The committee will base its choice on information provided in the written nomination and not on personal knowledge of the nominee.

- Nominators must submit their name, address and phone number on the form for contact purposes of the committee.

- Nominees can not currently hold a political office.

Nominations must be submitted by Dec. 1.

To return an application, send the form addressed to Man and Woman of the Year Nomination; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce; 215 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. or P.O. Box 1391; Big Spring, Texas 79721. For more information, contact the Chamber at 432-

263-7641.

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

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

- An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seri-

ously injured in an accident.

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

- 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. 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.

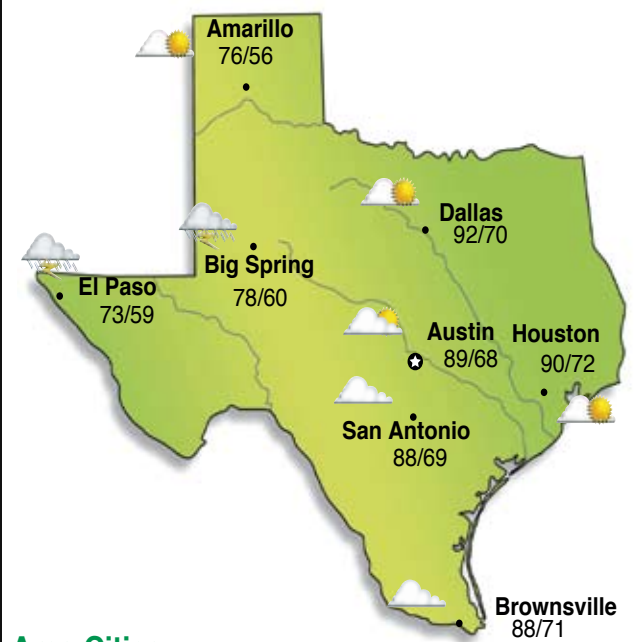
- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- 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 ½ Main St.

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 10/8	Fri 10/9	Sat 10/10	Sun 10/11	Mon 10/12
<b>78/60</b>	<b>74/58</b>	<b>79/60</b>	<b>87/63</b>	<b>88/58</b>
Cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day. High 78F.	Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	A few clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:44 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:46 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:47 AM
<b>Sunset:</b> 7:21 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 7:20 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 7:19 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 7:18 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 7:17 PM

### Texas At A Glance



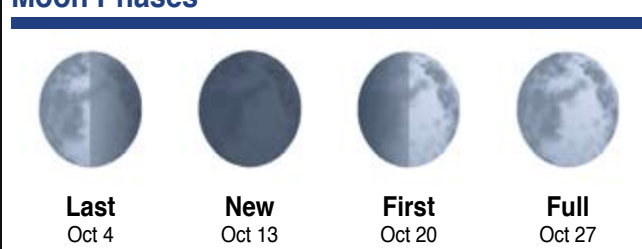
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	64	cloudy	Kingsville	88	71	t-storm
Amarillo	76	56	pt sunny	Livingston	89	67	pt sunny
Austin	89	68	cloudy	Longview	91	66	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	67	pt sunny	Lubbock	77	58	t-storm
Brownsville	88	71	cloudy	Lufkin	91	66	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	63	cloudy	Midland	79	62	t-storm
Corpus Christi	87	73	cloudy	Raymondville	88	72	cloudy
Corsicana	91	69	pt sunny	Rosenberg	89	70	cloudy
Dallas	92	70	pt sunny	San Antonio	88	69	cloudy
Del Rio	84	68	t-storm	San Marcos	91	68	cloudy
El Paso	73	59	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	91	66	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	78	60	t-storm	Sweetwater	83	63	t-storm
Gainesville	90	64	pt sunny	Tyler	92	68	pt sunny
Greenville	92	66	pt sunny	Weatherford	93	65	pt sunny
Houston	90	72	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	89	63	pt sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	58	mst sunny	Minneapolis	65	45	cloudy
Boston	61	49	sunny	New York	67	59	pt sunny
Chicago	76	55	t-storm	Phoenix	83	62	pt sunny
Dallas	92	70	pt sunny	San Francisco	70	56	pt sunny
Denver	74	47	mst sunny	Seattle	62	55	rain
Houston	90	72	pt sunny	St. Louis	85	62	mst sunny
Los Angeles	83	65	sunny	Washington, DC	76	60	mst sunny
Miami	86	76	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



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## NEW LISTINGS!!



HERALD Photo/Julie Bass  
**The Xiled Motorcylce Club barbecue fundraiser and auction fed many people and entertained the masses this past weekend. The group was able to raise \$16,650 dollars for the Forshee family, whose infant son is still in the hospital with heart problems since his birth in May.**



# A digital way to read

Howard County Library to offer e-books in near future, officials say

By JULIE BASS

Staff Writer  
Change is in the air for the Howard County Library.

Hollis McCright, director of the library, says that E-books are going to be available in a few months.

The library will purchase the books and patrons can check them out as they would any other item from the library.

The library will be part of the West Texas Digi-

tal Consortium and will purchase some books that will have unlimited downloads available, while some titles will be limited.

"Some of the books we are looking at can only be downloaded a certain number of times before we no longer have that title anymore. It might be 30 checkouts and, poof, it is gone," said McCright. "It will be checked out for three weeks and can be renewed twice."

The library will be adding E-books titles that will include fiction, biographies, best sellers and maybe even some classics.

"We will be handing out instructions for compatible devices to make it easier," said McCright.

Through the E-book check out, the books may be downloaded to phones, book readers, tablets and any device with a book program on it.

The Howard County Library is busy doing its research and getting set up for the program, but do not expect to have the service available until February of next year.

"This is a small library and we can't keep up with all of the fads. We didn't go from audio tape to play-a-ways, we skipped over those and went to books on cd. E books is our next move and we are looking forward to it," she said.

## MUSIC

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as, Madera performs a variety of quintet literature, including standards of the genre as well as new works.

Members of the group are Jorge Cruz Jr. on bassoon, Amy Thiemann on flute; Jason Paschall on oboe; Angela Winter on horn; and Rachel Yoder on clarinet.

Tickets are \$5 at the door, free for all Howard College students, or a Season Ticket for \$50 for the general public and \$40 for HC employees are still available. The

evening's performance sponsored exclusively by the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring.

"We are so excited to have this amazing group visit Big Spring," Willis added.

More about the group can be found at their website: [www.maderawindquintet.com/](http://www.maderawindquintet.com/). They are also on Facebook as 'Madera Wind Quintet' and Twitter @maderawinds.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com).

## CONVOY

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Bankhead Highway ran through Big Spring entering through what is now known as Midway Road through Third and then out through Fourth Street.

"The military convoy will be driving down Third Street and the public is encouraged to come out and show their support for the convoy

with American flags before the convoy stops for their morning break at the Hangar 25 Air Museum at 10 a.m.," Lewis said. "Residents are invited to the Hangar 25 Air Museum to view the vehicles and see the convoy before they continue along with the rest of their trip."

According to information provided by Lewis, in 1920 the US Army conducted a motor convoy of various military vehicles across the

country on the newly formed Bankhead Highway. The Army was determined to further their understanding of the practicality of motorized transport and its place in the US Army.

The 1920 route began at the White House, in Washington, DC, and ended at Balboa Park, in San Diego, Calif. — some 3,300 miles and 116 days later.

Follow the Convoy on line with Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MVPAConvoy](http://www.facebook.com/MVPAConvoy).

Amateur (HAM) Radio operators can follow the Convoy at [www.CONVOYONTHEAIR.org](http://www.CONVOYONTHEAIR.org).

For more information, contact Lewis at 432-263-8235 or Debbie Wegman at 432-264-2516.

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### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Eulalia R. Viera, 89, of Big Spring, died Sunday. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park

## TXU

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Martinez, director of the Northside Community Center and Virginia Natividad, administration assistant.

The press release states that the NCC is a longtime partner in TXU Energy Aid, the largest bill-payment assistance program among competitive electricity providers in the country. TXU Energy serves the retail electricity needs of more Texans than any other provider.

Some of the energy saving tips provided during the presentation are:

- Heating and cooling tips include keeping HVAC systems tuned,

sealing homes with better insulation, using ceiling fans to push cool air during the summer and warm air back down during the winter, using space heater and window units for the most used part of the house and minimal use of the HVAC.

- Water heating tips include using less water but replacing older shower heads with newer more conservative shower heads and turning the water heater to 120 degrees instead of 140 degrees so less energy is used to heat the water.

- Use natural light instead of overhead lights, use lamps to light a centralized area instead of ceiling lights and use CFL (compact fluo-

rescent lights) or LED (light-emitting diodes) to reduce energy used by lighting.

- Appliances can use a lot of extra energy, so make sure that you know what you want out of the fridge/freezer before opening the door, clean the coils on the refrigerator and set the temperature between 37 degrees and 40 degrees. Consider washing all clothes in cold or warm water instead of hot to keep from heating extra water during laundry washing and utilize dryer's moisture sensor to keep from over drying clothes.

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# Opinion

## Why do we ignore warning signs?

Sometimes I honestly wonder what's wrong with people's thinking mechanisms. Why does someone have a compulsion to touch a door if it has a "Wet Paint" sign on it? What's the mental stimuli for people having an overwhelming desire to do something they've been told not to do?



EDDY PRINCE

Why do people ignore warning signs? I watched the video footage yesterday of a man in a pickup who ignored multiple warning signs and drove straight into a flooded intersection in South Carolina. He floated away and had to be rescued. There's something in our psychological DNA wiring that screams for independence and control, many times at the expense of safety or common sense.

Warning signs and labels are everywhere. Many factors are conspiring to fill the world with more injunctions against our desired behavior. Daily life is increasing in complexity while technology continually invents more powerful machines, drugs and chemicals. Moreover, the cost of injury and insurance as well as accompanying litigation is spiraling upward rapidly. As a result, failures of warning compliance cause costly social and economic impact.

Unfortunately, warnings often fail to change people's behavior. Either the warning goes unnoticed, or, as increasingly happens, the warning is seen but ignored. People who see a warning must decide whether or not to comply. However, "warning viewers" (people for whom the warning is intended) are not blanks slates but rather start with a mental model containing three components.

First, the viewer has general knowledge about the world and how it works. Second, he/she has a set of beliefs and expectations based on experience with the same or similar environment, product or technology. Lastly, the viewer enters the situation with a goal and strategy for achieving that goal. The goal can be specific ("I want to arrive at my destination as soon as possible") or more diffuse ("I want to feel good about myself"). Understanding what the viewer "brings to the table" is critical for creating effective warnings.

One of the ironies of warnings is that the more experienced and

skilled the viewer, the stronger the familiarization effect and the more likely that the warning will be ignored. For example, diving team members are the most likely people to ignore "no diving" signs.

Studies have found similar results across a wide variety of products, including, automobiles, computers, power tools and other consumer devices. Not only are such people likely to less likely to heed warnings, they are less likely to even notice them - familiarization also reduces warning conspicuity and salience.

A tragic example of this principle was in the headlines just this week. When the cargo ship El Faro left Jacksonville for its regular run to Puerto Rico, its owners considered a tropical storm named Joaquin drifting near the Bahamas nothing that the rugged 790-foot vessel and its experienced 33-member crew couldn't handle.

The forecast changed as soon as the massive ship set sail but its course — the shortest, straightest shot across the Atlantic to offload containers — never did.

In the face of increasingly ominous warnings about Hurricane Joaquin from the National Hurricane Center, tracking data shows that the El Faro steered almost directly into the strengthening eye of a major hurricane, a decision that appears to have contributed to one of the worst cargo-ship accidents off the U.S. coast in decades.

On Monday, the U.S. Coast Guard confirmed the worst fears of families awaiting word in the ship's homeport of Jacksonville: The massive ship, missing since a last communication Thursday, sank. Its hull spewed so much Styrofoam packing debris from within its bowels that a Coast Guard officer said the waters off the Bahamas resembled a golf course driving range dotted with balls.

One corpse was found Sunday night, as well as an empty and badly damaged 43-seat lifeboat. There were unidentifiable human remains inside a "survival suit," which helps crew members float and avoid hypothermia.

While much remained unclear, some commercial shipping experts said federal investigators, who will produce the final report on the El Faro's fate, will almost certainly focus on the call to risk navigating through a hurricane rather than the captain or company deciding to take the safer, but longer route down along the

more protected Florida coast. Somebody made the fatal call to ignore all the warnings and take a chance and many lives were lost.

A number of factors, including complacency and apathy, can be blamed for citizens' failure to heed disaster warnings, according to recent research from the University at Buffalo School of Management. The researchers found that past personal experience in "riding out" storms can lead people to feel complacent when receiving emergency warnings. On the other hand, previous warnings that proved to be false can result in apathetic responses when another warning occurs. Post-disaster surveys also showed that many people lacked awareness about how serious the situation was when warnings happened.

The problem may be simple to understand but difficult to resolve. For instance, why do people ignore public warnings and advertisements on the dangers of bad habits like smoking, drinking alcohol, overeating and stressing out even though they know that they contribute to bad health?

In two of the recent case studies that asked the people to rate the danger of various types of risks including lifestyle habits, it was clear that they understood what types of behavior are the riskiest, but that knowledge wasn't enough to motivate them to change their ways, said Dr. Cindy Jardine, an assistant professor of rural sociology at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada.

"The results showed that in fact, people have a very realistic understanding of the various risks in their lives. We as risk communicators—scientists, academics, and government agencies have to get beyond the thought of 'If they only understood the facts, they'd change.' They do understand the facts, but we need to look at other factors we haven't been looking at before."

Lifestyle habits like cigarette smoking, stress and sun-tanning continually rank as life-threatening destructive actions in nationwide studies, yet people many times fail to change until it's too late.

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

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## DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

## Shoot first; ask questions later

After America learned of the latest mass shooting at an Oregon community college, President Barack Obama delivered remarks in which he lamented the loss of good, innocent people and then added: "Somehow this has become routine. ... We've become numb to this." By the next day, Obama had a remedy: "Be a single-issue voter."

If you want to stop mass shootings, Obama argued, don't vote for candidates who oppose federal background checks and "gun safety laws."

Nine adults who should be alive today are not, while the 26-year-old shooter got what he wanted — to leave this earth in what he perceived as a blaze of glory. It is revolting to think how easy it is for some unhappy loser to leave a swath of destruction. The problem with guns is simple: Any idiot can kill others with them.

Obama and other Democrats such as Sen. Dianne Feinstein would have you believe that they have an easy answer to this problem. Obama talked up

proposed background checks as a remedy when he should have known the checks would have made no difference; the Oregon shooter had no criminal record, no restraining order against him, no involuntary commitment to a mental institution. The New York Times reported that the shooter brought five handguns and a rifle with him to Umpqua Community College — but left seven firearms at home. A Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokeswoman said the shooter and his family had 14 firearms in total — all purchased legally.

Feinstein sent out a statement: "After each shooting, I've been hopeful that Congress would act to close the gun show loophole, mandate universal background checks and remove high-capacity magazines and military-style assault weapons from our streets."

Last week, National Review's Charles C.W. Cooke asked the hosts and other guests on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" which specific proposals they believe could prevent another Roseburg. "This is not a competition to see who is the most vexed," Cooke maintained, adding it is — or at least it is supposed to be — a public policy debate. Cooke was wrong; it is a contest about which side looks angrier.

Co-host Mika Brzezinski jumped all over Cooke for not wanting to do more. Mark Halperin, co-managing editor of Bloomberg Politics, said, "We need passion to solve this, not talk about complexity and talk about how the other side's ideas aren't any good." They offered no concrete ideas.

In the gun debate, you often see people who would never buy a gun saying they support reasonable rules such as background checks, when what they really want to do is stop others from owning guns. The shooter's father on CNN said he wants Congress to pass "gun control" laws. He also said, "I'm a great believer: You don't buy guns. Don't buy guns." That's the sort of talk that prompts gun enthusiasts to buy more guns before Washington bans them.

So the question I would ask is: Is the idea to pass a law that makes supporters feel good, or is it to prevent violence against innocents? Or is it about turning people into single-issue voters?

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DEBRA SAUNDERS



# Check this out: What's at the library

As the weather cools down, it is time to curl up with a good book. "A Necessary End" (F BRO H) by Holly Brown is the story of Adrienne and Gabe, who desperately want to be parents, although Adrienne is the one



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who the "most wants to." I think it is the mothering "lust gene" that women have when everyone around them can have children and she cannot. Her husband, Gabe, is ambivalent about fatherhood. But she knows that once he holds their baby, he'll come around. He's just feeling a little threatened, that's all. At 19, Leah bears a remarkable resemblance to the young woman Adrienne once was. This is why Adrienne knows the baby Leah is carrying is meant to be hers. But Leah's got ideas of her own: Her baby's going to get a life in Califor-

nia; why shouldn't she? All she wants is to live in Adrienne's house for a year after the baby's born, and get a fresh start. It seems like a small price for Adrienne to pay to get their baby. And with Gabe suddenly on board, what could possibly go wrong?

After that one, you need a Fern Michaels Sisterhood Book. In #24, "Eyes Only" (F MIC F), years ago, Gretchen Spyder, daughter of the island's namesake, gave her twin babies up for legal adoption. Now Gretchen and her father are trying to get them back. The twins' adoptive parents are a loving but poor couple, completely outgunned by the Spyderys' wealth.

Their only hope lies with Myra Rutledge and her formidable Sisterhood, who are as ready as ever to fight the good fight. But nestled among the lavish mansions and immaculate landscaping of Spyder Island is a sinister enemy. And in a case that's far more twisted than it first appeared, the ingenuity, courage, and friendship of the Sisterhood

will be tested as never before.

Patrick Dearen digs deeply into the lore and legend of the West and produces books that appeal to both scholars and general readers. As a novelist, he draws on this reservoir of knowledge and crafts stories of people interacting with a harsh and yet beautiful land. In "The Big Drift" (F DEA P), for two men, one black, one white, the great cattle drift of 1884-1885 will be a search for personal redemption. Will Brite, a cowboy working the Middle Concho region of Texas, becomes tangled in barbed wire and trapped under his horse during a deadly blizzard.

Zeke Boles, a former slave with a dark past, becomes his unlikely savior when he come out of the snow and frees him. Their lives become inextricably entwined during the most brutal roundup of their lives. Don't forget to check the New Book Binder for updated list of Westerns.

Here are five thrillers by some of my favorite authors. First off is Heather Graham's "The Silenced" (F GRA H) from her Krewe of Hunters series. Lara, a congressman's media assistant, suddenly quits her job — and disappears on the way to her Washington, DC, apartment. Novice FBI agent Meg Murray, a childhood friend of Lara's, gets a message from her that same night, a message that says she's disillusioned and "going home" to Richmond, VA. Meg discovers that she never got there.

And bodies fitting Lara's description are showing up in nearby river. Can she be the victim of a serial killer? Meg is assigned to work with special agent Matt Bosworth, a hard-nosed pro in the FBI's unit of paranormal investigators — the Krewe of Hunters. That's enough to tempt you.

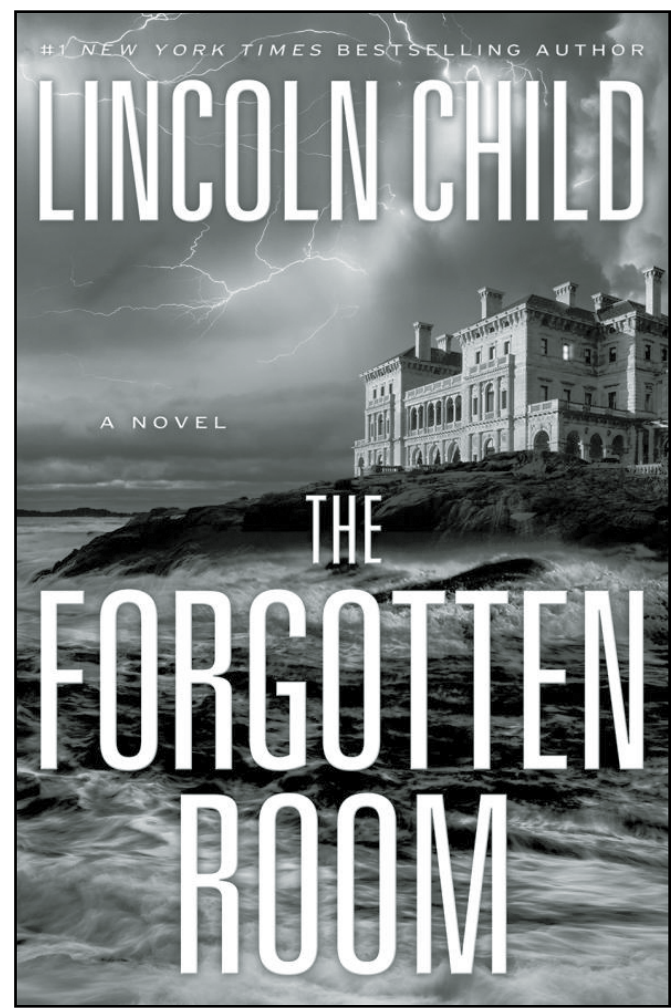
Brad Taylor's Pike

Logan series is sizzling with today's headlines. In "The Insider Threat" (F TAY B), the threat that ISIS will strike in the US is unthinkable. But it is planned. Only Pike Logan and the Taskforce stand in the way of an attack no one anticipates, a grand deception that will wreak unthinkable chaos and reverberate throughout the Western world.

While Lincoln Child's "The Forgotten Room" (F CHI L) is not a political thriller, a thriller it is. Professor Jeremy Logan is an "enigmologist." He is a person who specializes in solving problems of the strange or seemingly supernatural variety. He has received an urgent summons from the director of Lux, one of the oldest and most respected think tanks in America.

An unexplainable tragedy has taken place in the sprawling compound located on the coastline of Newport, R.I. One of Lux's most distinguished doctors violently attacked his assistant before meeting with a gruesome self-inflicted end. Lux looks to Jeremy Logan to investigate. Logan quickly makes a surprising discovery. In a long-dormant wing of the estate, he uncovers an ingeniously hidden secret room, unknown and untouched for decades. The room is essentially a time capsule, filled with eerie machinery and obscure references to a top-secret experiment known as "Project S." I leave you to discover the rest.

"Cold Frame" (F DEU P) by P.T. Deuterman has Metro detective Av Smith tasked with investigating the murder of a senior bureaucrat. Smith and his fellow detectives are soon besieged for a hornet's nest of intrigue and deception. Little does



he know that he has fallen afoul of a "Kill List" formulated by a secret cadre of government and civilians who targets overseas threats to America for termination. Interesting, no?

Just one more: "Signal" (LEE P) by Patrick Lee is the second book in the Sam Dyson series ("Runner" is the first and we do have it). Sam Dyson lives quietly in a small coastal town in southern California, buying and fixing up old houses. It's good physical work that he's come to love. But his peaceful life is shattered when he gets a phone call from an old friend in trouble. That phone call pulls Dryden into the middle of a situation that's as violent as it is baffling.

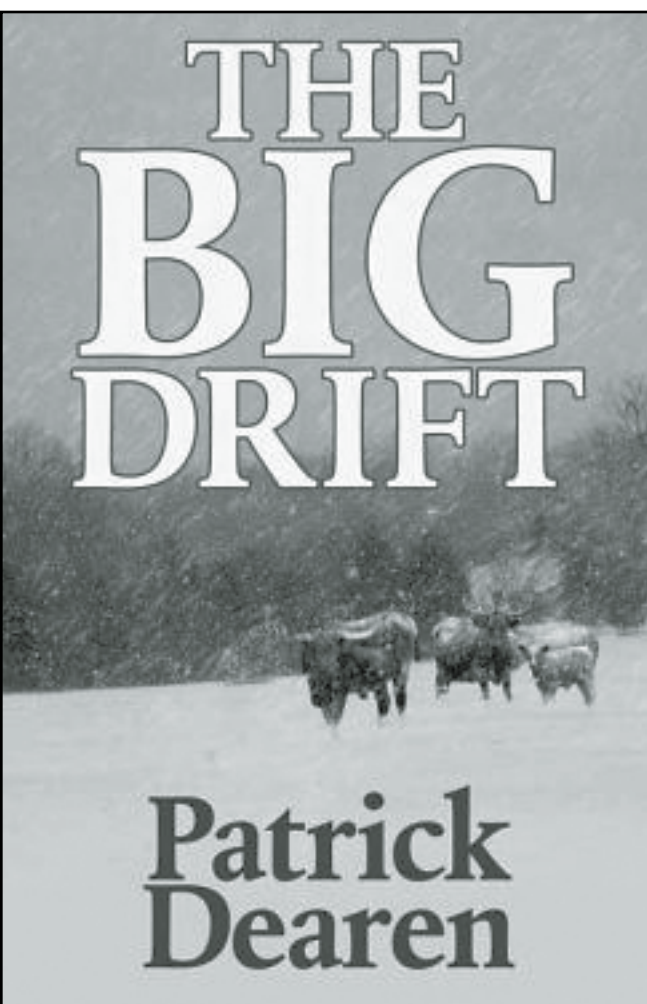
For FBI agent Marnie Calvert, it all begins at a secluded trailer in the Mojave Desert—the scene of a horrifying crime, but also of an impossible and mysterious act of heroism. At least, it should have been impossible. Determined to learn the truth, what Calvert dis-

covers leads her to Sam Dryden—an ex-Special Forces operative whose ordinary life has suddenly become anything but. That's enough to tempt you to check out both "Runner" and "Signal".

We also have "Grey" (F JAM E) by E.L. James, "The Dressmaker" (F ALC K) by Kate Alcott and "Walking on Water" (F EVA R) by Richards Paul Evans.

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## News in brief

### AP investigation: Nuclear smugglers sought extremist buyers

CHISINAU, Moldova (AP) — In the backwaters of Eastern Europe, authorities working with the FBI have interrupted four attempts in the past five years by gangs with suspected Russian connections that sought to sell radioactive material to Middle Eastern extremists, The Associated Press has learned. The latest known case came in February this year, when a smuggler offered a huge cache of deadly cesium — enough to contaminate several city blocks — and specifically sought a buyer from the Islamic State group.

Criminal organizations, some with ties to the Russian KGB's successor agency, are driving a thriving black market in nuclear materials in the tiny and impoverished Eastern European country of Moldova, investigators say. The successful busts, however, were undercut by striking shortcomings: Kingpins got away, and those arrested evaded long prison sentences, sometimes quickly returning to nuclear smuggling, AP found.

Moldovan police and judicial authorities shared investigative case files with the AP in an effort to spotlight how dangerous the nuclear black market has become. They say the breakdown in cooperation between Russia and the West means that it has become much harder to know whether smugglers are finding ways to move parts of Russia's vast store of radioactive materials — an unknown quantity of which has leached into the black market.

"We can expect more of these cases," said Constantin Malic, a Moldovan police officer who investigated all four cases. "As long as the smugglers think they can make big money without getting caught, they will keep doing it."

In wiretaps, videotaped arrests, photographs of bomb-grade material, documents and interviews, AP found a troubling vulnerability in the anti-smuggling strategy. From the first known Moldovan case in 2010 to the most recent one in February, a pattern has emerged: Authorities pounce on suspects in the early stages of a deal, giving the ringleaders a chance to escape with their nuclear contraband — an indication that the threat from the nuclear black market in the Balkans is far from under control.

### Round 2: Downstream South Carolina towns brace for flooding

GEORGETOWN, S.C. (AP) — Along South Carolina's coast, residents were preparing for a second round of flooding as rivers swollen from days of devastating rains make their way toward the Atlantic.

And in the Columbia area, where some have started to return home to assess damage and clean up, the threat of more flooding still hadn't lifted. About 1,000 residents near the compromised Beaver Dam were told to evacuate Wednesday morning. Crews were filling a sinkhole with rocks in hopes that would stabilize the dam.

In coastal Georgetown, one of America's oldest cities, Scott Youngblood

was putting more sandbags Tuesday by the door of the Augustus & Carolina furniture store on Front Street, the popular tourist attraction that runs along the Sampit River.

Each day since last weekend's storm — which sent more than a foot of water washing down the street — water at high tide has lapped against those sandbags. Residents are concerned there may be more flooding on the Black and Waccamaw rivers — two waterways cited as worrisome by Gov. Nikki Haley. Both drain into Georgetown County.

The Waccamaw was expected to crest at 5 feet above flood stage in Conway, in Horry County, on Thursday. The Black crested Tuesday upstream at Kingstree at about 10 feet above flood stage, breaking a record, town officials said.

### As Clinton campaigns, complications with her old boss arise

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama seemed to call Hillary Rodham Clinton's idea of a no-fly zone in Syria "half-baked." Clinton described the president's immigration strategy as "harsh and aggressive." And as Obama tries to rally Democrats around the chief economic proposal of his second term, the party's presidential front-runner stayed conspicuously silent.

As Clinton looks for ways to distinguish her ideas from those of her former boss, the relationship between the man in the White House and the woman who hopes to replace him has grown increasingly complicated.

No issue presents more potential for friction than trade.

For months, Clinton has resisted weighing in on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the sweeping trade deal that has divided the Democratic base. The completion of the negotiations this week means she'll soon be forced to choose between one of the top legacy items of her former boss or labor unions, environmentalists and other liberal constituencies that oppose the deal.

Clinton promises to "definitely have a position soon."

### Mother-son bond over guns links Oregon, Connecticut slayings

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The deadly shooting last week at an Oregon community college has an eerie parallel with the massacre at Searcy Hook Elementary School that killed 20 pupils and six adult staff members in 2012.

Like Adam Lanza, the gunman in the Connecticut massacre, Christopher Harper-Mercer was living a mostly solitary life with a mom who shared his fascination with firearms.

Both stories illustrate the struggles parents face caring for a deeply troubled child, struggles that can inadvertently lead to a volatile outcome made easier by ready access to weaponry.

"When you begin to bring guns into the home environment where you have that dangerous cocktail of behavior, that's pretty unbelievable," said Mary Ellen O'Toole, a former FBI profiler who directs George Mason University's forensic science pro-

gram.

Harper-Mercer bears similarities to other school shooters: a young male focused on mass lethality and carrying out the killings in a military-like mission destined to end in the killer's own death, O'Toole said.

### Did US strike on Afghan clinic exceed combat authority?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deadly U.S. attack on a hospital in Afghanistan, which U.S. officials have called a "mistake," leaves open the possibility that the decision to open fire exceeded the authority under which American forces have operated since their combat mission ended nearly a year ago, officials say.

U.S. officials have declined to discuss most circumstances of the attack in Kunduz that killed 22 civilians, since American and Afghan investigations are underway.

Gen. John F. Campbell, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, told a Senate committee on Tuesday that he is requiring that every U.S. service member in Afghanistan be retrained on the circumstances in which U.S. firepower can be used.

"To prevent any future incidences of this nature, I've directed the entire force to undergo in-depth training in order to review all of our operational authorities and rules of engagement," he said.

Campbell did not elaborate, but his statement pointed to the possibility that the U.S. attack mission was undertaken in error, even if the target had not been a hospital and there had been no civilian casualties.

### Thousands of drug inmates approved for early prison release

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drug criminals once described by prosecutors as unrepentant repeat offenders are among those poised to benefit from new sentencing guidelines that are shrinking punishments for thousands of federal prisoners, according to an Associated Press review of court records.

Many defendants cleared for early release starting this fall fit a more sympathetic profile: small-time dealers targeted by a draconian approach to drug enforcement. But an AP analysis of roughly 100 court cases also identified defendants who carried semi-automatic weapons, had past convictions for crimes including robbery and assault, moved cocaine shipments across states and

participated in international heroin smuggling.

One inmate whose punishment was cut was described in 2012 as a "calamity waiting to happen." Another was caught with crack and guns while awaiting sentencing in a separate drug case.

Supporters of lighter drug sentences say there's no evidence that lengthier sentences protect public safety, and there's bipartisan determination to cut spending on a bloated federal prison system. Nonetheless, the broad spectrum of defendants granted early release, including some who prosecutors just a few years ago branded community dangers and raised dire warnings about, underscores the complex — occasionally risky — decisions confronting the government as it updates a drug sentencing structure many see as overly harsh and expensive.

"I'm a career prosecutor. I'm a law-and-order girl, and I believe that you need to send dangerous people to prison for a very long time," said Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates.

### Scientists win Nobel chemistry award for work on DNA repair

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Three scientists from Sweden, the U.S. and Turkey won the Nobel Prize in chemistry on Wednesday for showing how cells repair damaged DNA, work that's inspired the development of new cancer treatments.

Swedish scientist Tomas Lindahl, American Paul Modrich and U.S.-Turkish national Aziz Sancar shared the 8 million Swedish kronor (about \$960,000) award for research done in the 1970s and '80s.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said their work on DNA repair had provided "fundamental knowledge" about how cells function and shed light on the mechanisms behind both cancer and aging.

Lindahl, 77, is an emeritus group leader at Francis Crick Institute and Emeritus director of Cancer Research UK at Clare Hall Laboratory in Britain.

Modrich, born in 1946, is an investigator at Howard Hughes Medical Institute and professor at Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, North Carolina.

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The Howard College board of trustees held a groundbreaking Monday, Oct. 5, for the SWCID Village on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus, adjacent to the career and technical trades building. SWCID Village is a student housing project completely funded by private donations and will be constructed specifically for deaf and hard of hearing students.

## Support groups

**MONDAY**  
**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 Atti-

tudes 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.



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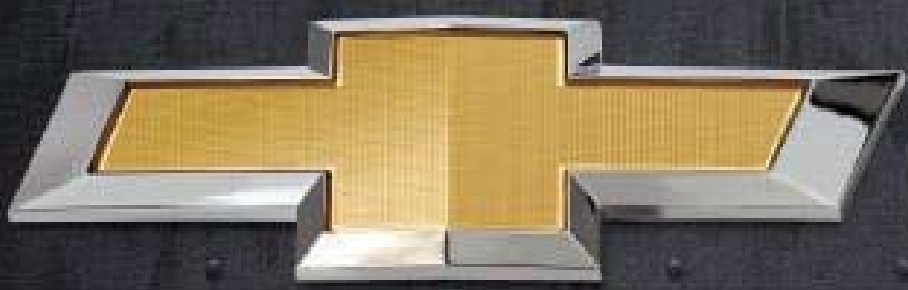
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## News in brief

### Texas executes inmate for killing man in \$8 robbery

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A convicted killer in Texas was executed Tuesday for fatally shooting another man in a robbery that yielded just \$8.

No late appeals were filed for Juan Martin Garcia, who was lethally injected for the September 1998 killing and robbery of Hugo Solano in Houston. Solano, a Christian missionary from Guadalajara, Mexico, had moved his family to the city just weeks earlier so his children could be educated in the U.S.

Garcia, 35, apologized to Solano's relatives in Spanish in the moments before the execution. Solano's wife and daughter sobbed and told the inmate they loved him.

"The harm that I did to your dad and husband — I hope this brings you closure," he said from the death chamber gurney, his voice breaking. "I never wanted to hurt any of you all."

He told his sister and several friends in English that he loved them. "No matter what, remember my promise," Garcia said. "No matter what, I will always be with you."

As the dose of pentobarbital began, he winced, raised his head and then shook it. He gurgled once and snored once before his movement stopped. He was pronounced dead 12 minutes later, at 6:26 p.m. CDT.

Solano's wife, Ana, and her daughter raised their arms in an apparent prayer inside a death chamber witness room. Afterward, Ana Solano said she wished the execution had not taken place and that she accepted Garcia's apology because it came "from his heart."

### Ron Paul to testify at trial of 2012 campaign aides

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Three top officials with Ron Paul's 2012 presidential campaign claim political motivations are behind charges alleging they violated federal financial disclosure laws by secretly paying an influential Iowa politician for his endorsement.

Paul, a former Republican congressman from Texas, will be called as a prosecution witness at the trial, set for next Tuesday in Des Moines. He is expected to testify he didn't know of the payments from the campaign and never would have approved, according to court documents.

Federal prosecutors say the three men broke several federal campaign laws when they concealed payments to former Iowa Sen. Kent Sorenson after he jumped from the Michele Bachmann campaign to the Paul campaign a few days before the Jan. 3, 2012, Iowa caucuses. They're also accused of lying to cover up the payments.

The men argue in court documents that they are another example of the federal government going after tea party-backed conservatives.

"The government has an agenda here, and it is not simply to prosecute criminal activity, it is to make new law off the backs of political operatives it holds in disfavor," an attorney for one of the men wrote in a court filing seeking dismissal of the charges.

Sorensen, 43, entered a plea deal with the government in August to obstruction of justice and causing a campaign to falsely report expenditures. He awaits sentencing. Prosecutors plan to call him as a cooperating witness.

### Man accused of helping in Texas attack wants evidence tossed

PHOENIX (AP) — An Arizona man charged with helping plan an attack on a Prophet Muhammad cartoon contest in Texas has asked a judge to throw out evidence from his interview with investigators two days after the attack.

A lawyer for Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem said the May 5 interview at an FBI office wasn't recorded because of a technical issue. The lawyer also raised questions about whether his client voluntarily spoke with investigators and was advised about his right to remain silent.

Authorities say the 43-year-old Abdul Kareem provided the guns that Nadir Soofi and Elton Simpson used in the May 3 shooting in Garland, Texas. The two were killed a police shootout after they opened fire outside the contest at a conference center, injuring a security guard.

Abdul Kareem also hosted the two gunmen in his home beginning in January, authorities said. He has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy, making false statements to investigators and other charges.

Abdul Kareem's attorney, Daniel Maynard, said in court papers last week that the interview provided the basis for the false statements charge. The false statements that Abdul Kareem is accused of making include saying that he didn't have advance knowledge of the attack.

### Texas Department of Transportation director to step down

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The director of the Texas Department of Transportation has announced he'll step down at the end of the year.

Joe Weber made the announcement Tuesday. The former three-star Marine general was chosen only last year to run the agency.

According to a statement released by TxDOT, Weber in his announcement to the agency's 11,000 employees called his past 18 months "a true highlight in my life." The agency is primarily responsible for maintaining and expanding the 80,000-mile state highway system.

The 65-year-old didn't say in the statement why he was leaving the \$299,000-a-year job.

Weber, a 1972 Texas A&M graduate, had served as Texas A&M University's vice president for student affairs before being selected in April 2014 to lead TxDOT.

### Wylie man gets 25 years in prison in sexual abuse of girl

WYLIE, Texas (AP) — A 23-year-old Wylie man accused of pretending to be a high school student has been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

The *Dallas Morning News* reports Donavin Jennings was sentenced Tuesday. He had been found guilty of continuous sexual abuse of a girl and indecency with a child. Prosecutors say Jennings claimed to be 15 when he began dating a 12-year-old girl, but was actually 20.

Authorities say when the girl enrolled at Wylie High School, Jennings pretended to be a 16-year-old student there and would walk the hallways with a backpack, ride the school bus and spend time with students.

Jennings was arrested Jan. 16, 2014 at the school after high school officials received a tip about an inappropriate relationship.

### Ex-Dallas school superintendent returns to post

DALLAS (AP) — A former superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District has returned to the post.

The school board voted Tuesday to rehire Michael Hinojosa to succeed Mike Miles, who resigned after three years in the job.

The school board had named Hinojosa as the lone finalist for the post on Sept. 15 but had to wait 21 days as required by law before confirming the appointment.

Hinojosa had resigned as Dallas school superintendent in 2011 to take a similar position with the Cobb County, Ga., schools in the Atlanta suburbs. He resigned that job in February 2014 to return to Dallas as an education consultant.

### Judge recognizes 1st common-law same-sex marriage in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A judge has become the first to officially recognize a common-law same-sex marriage in Texas.

Travis County Probate Judge Guy Herman has signed a judgment acknowledging that the eight-year relationship between Stella Powell and Sonealy Phrasavath met the legal requirements of marriage without a license. The *Austin American-Statesman* reported that Herman signed the ruling Monday in Austin but distributed it on Tuesday.

The ruling ended Phrasavath's effort to have official recognition of her relationship with Powell, who died last year. Powell's siblings had asserted in a probate suit that Powell died single and couldn't marry another woman under Texas law.

### Texas plans to gradually increase STAAR passing standards

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas is finally phasing in higher standards to pass its standardized tests — but will do so more gradually than initially planned.

Students began taking State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR tests, in 2012.

But they proved so challenging that the state froze passing standards for the past four academic years, rather than having them get tougher over time.

Education Commissioner Michael Williams announced Tuesday he was lifting the freeze, meaning passing standards will rise beginning this school year.

But he also proposed having passing standards increase only small amounts every academic year until 2021-2022. STAAR was originally designed to feature larger jumps in standards every few years, until 2021-2022.

### Bootleg silicone injections nets woman 16 months in prison

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — A South Texas woman has been sentenced to almost 1½ years in federal prison for injecting customers' buttocks with bootleg liquid silicone she had brought in from Mexico.

A federal judge in McAllen sentenced Maribel Quintero on Tuesday to 16 months in prison and ordered to

pay \$15,760 in restitution after she pleaded guilty to violating the Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act.

### United co-pilot passes out, diverting flight to New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A United Airlines flight carrying nearly 200 people from Houston to San Francisco had to divert to Albuquerque, New Mexico, after the co-pilot passed out Tuesday.

Air-traffic controllers got word shortly after 8 a.m. that the plane would be landing after the first officer, who is second in command, had a medical episode, Albuquerque airport spokesman Dan Jiron said. The plane landed without incident around 8:20 a.m.

The co-pilot regained consciousness and was able to walk off the plane to be transported to a local hospital, Jiron said. He had no details about the co-pilot's condition or what may have caused the episode.

An airline spokeswoman said 177 passengers and 10 crew members were aboard the plane. United did not release any details about the co-pilot.

### Man kills boss, then self at Houston grocery store warehouse

HOUSTON (AP) — Police say an employee at a Houston grocery store shot and killed his supervisor in the warehouse attached to the rear of the store before killing himself.

Police on Tuesday identified the gunman as Thanh Duong and his victim as 35-year-old Hoang Vuong of Houston. Both were pronounced dead at the scene of Monday's shooting at the Hong Kong Food Market at the Hong Kong City Mall, which features two floors of businesses, most of which cater to members of Houston's Asian community.

Houston police say they don't yet know the motive for the shooting.

Francisco Martinez told the *Houston Chronicle* he had just backed his 18-wheeler truck up to the dock to deliver groceries when he heard screaming. He then saw people gathered around the fatally shot supervisor.

### 78-year-old woman dies after house fire in Texarkana

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — A 78-year-old woman has died after a fire consumed her home in Texarkana.

Lisa Thompson, a spokeswoman for the city of Texarkana, Texas, tells the *Texarkana Gazette* that firefighters were able to pull Linda Roberson from her burning home on Monday but she later died from her injuries at the hospital.

The house was engulfed when a passing motorist called 911.

The victim's husband was in the house but was able to get out on his own. Thompson says that he was in the garage area of the house doing laundry when the fire started.

### Officer fatally shoots domestic suspect

HURST, Texas (AP) — Police in the North Texas town of Hurst say an officer responding to a domestic disturbance call fatally shot a man after chasing him into a backyard and seeing a gun.

Assistant Police Chief Steve Niekamp tells the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* that officers called to an apartment complex Monday found that the subject of the complaint had left.

Niekamp says police then began searching the neighborhood. The man ran into a backyard, an officer followed.

Niekamp says the officer reported that the man had a handgun. Niekamp says he doesn't yet know if the man pointed the gun at the officer.

After the man was shot, he was taken to a hospital, where he died. The Tarrant County medical examiner's office identified him as 51-year-old James Dunaway of Hurst.



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# Lady Steers dig out of 0-2 hole, beat Snyder

By Taylor Ellis  
Sports Editor

After digging themselves an 0-2 hole, Big Spring continued to fight in front of a packed Steers Gym. The Lady Steers won three sets in a row to improve their district record to 3-1.

**FIRST SET**  
Big Spring committed a flurry of mental errors early on, helping Snyder establish a 21-10 lead. Big Spring continued to fight though, as was the theme of the night, clawing all the way back to 21-23. A service error gave Snyder set point, which they converted on their first attempt.

**SECOND SET**  
While the mental mistakes subsided, Big Spring struggled to keep the ball in bounds. Big Spring battled from behind to make it 10-13, but Snyder closed out the set on a 12-7 run.

**THIRD SET**  
Down to their last lives, Big Spring stayed on pace with Snyder early

on. Three straight blocks by Big Spring gave them the lead and they never gave it up. Snyder narrowed the deficit to one on several occasions, but Big Spring held on for a 25-22 victory.

**FOURTH SET**  
As both the Big Spring and Snyder fans began to turn up the volume of their support, Big Spring quickly quieted the Snyder contingency.

The Lady Steers opened up with a 9-0 run. Snyder did cut the lead to four at 22-18, but Big Spring closed out the set 25-19 thanks to a powerful front line.

**FIFTH SET**  
Down 5-6, the Lady Steers scored six straight. Big Spring won the final set 15-10, exercising some demons from Saturday's five-set loss to Leveland.

"I started screaming I want to see a little bit of character on the floor



Photo by Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

The Lady Steers jump for joy as they win the 5th set 15-10 over district foe Snyder, after losing the first two sets. Big Spring now has a 3-1 record in district play.

and they weren't going to let it happen to them again," head coach Lynn Osborne said.

Katie Wash was a dynamic member of the comeback totaling 23 assists, 12 kills, 15 digs

and 3 blocks. The Lady Steers faced a tough Snyder, but their confidence

was unwavering as they have faced many tall teams in preseason.

# Astros blank Yanks in wild-card game

NEW YORK — Dallas Keuchel and the Houston Astros defied expectations all season long. Facing his biggest test yet, the bearded ace beat the odds and the Yankees once again.

Pitching on three days' rest for the first time in his career, Keuchel baffled New York for six innings of three-hit ball. Colby Rasmus and Carlos Gomez homered, and the Astros won 3-0 on Tuesday night in the American League wild-card game.

The orange-clad Astros, who secured their spot in this winner-take-all game on the last day of the regular season, advanced to the AL Division Series. They will face the defending AL champion Royals, starting Thursday in Kansas City.

"To come to Yankee Stadium and play that well was truly remarkable," said Keuchel, the AL's only 20-game winner.

Aggressive from the start in their initial playoff appearance as an American League swept by the White Sox in the 2005 World Series — the Astros came out swinging against Masahiro Tanaka in front of a revved-up Yankee Stadium crowd.

Rasmus sent Tanaka's first pitch of the second inning soaring into deep right field. Gomez, who only had five plate appearances after missing nearly two weeks with a strained chest muscle in mid-September, connected on the

first offering of the fourth. "That really settled me down, and that's who we are," Keuchel said. "We hit a lot of home runs, pitch well and play defense."

Jose Altuve had an RBI single off All-Star reliever Dellin Betances in the seventh.

Reliever Tony Sipp walked one, and Will Harris and Luke Gregerson were each perfect for an inning to finish the three-hitter. The boos from the 50,113 stunned fans grew with each out as Gregerson closed for a save.

It was a Houston celebration a few years in the making. The Astros had averaged 104 losses in their previous four seasons.

"Now we get to go to Kansas City. It's going to be some grind-it-out baseball," Rasmus said. "We have to come in there the way we came in tonight. It's going to be fun."

In a matchup of two teams that surprised many by building big division leads before wasting them late, the upstart Astros, just two years removed from a 111-loss season, looked the more comfortable team in the October limelight.

They clowned around during pregame introductions, then stayed loose the whole game.

"Just didn't get it done," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

Fans taunted the 27-year-old Keuchel the moment he walked to the outfield for warmups. Then he toyed with the Yankees, striking out Brett Gardner looking.

"I felt like I had never been on the mound before with the

adrenaline I had," Keuchel said.

The AL Cy Young Award contender held the Yankees scoreless for 16 innings in two regular-season starts. On this much bigger stage, the lefty was just as confounding, dropping his slider and two-seam fastball seemingly wherever he wanted in strik-

ing out seven.

When he gave up two singles in the sixth — bringing the crowd to its feet with Alex Rodriguez stepping into the batter's box — manager A.J. Hinch took a walk to the breaht. Keuchel responded by getting A-Rod to fly out lazily to center field for his final out.



AP photo

From left, Houston Astros catcher Jason Castro, relief pitcher Luke Gregerson (44), third baseman Luis Valbuena, and infielder Marwin Gonzalez, celebrate the Astros 3-0 shutout of the New York Yankees in the American League wild card baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015.

## Scoreboard

### TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

**American League**  
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Promoted Chris Antonetti to president of baseball operations, Mike Chernoff to general manager and Derek Falvey to assistant general manager.

**National League**  
MIAMI MARLINS — Promoted Jeff McAvoy to vice president/player personnel, Brian Chattin to assistant general manager and David Keller to director-pro scouting. Agreed to terms with OF Ichiro Suzuki on a one-year contract.

**BASKETBALL**  
National Basketball Association  
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Signed F Sampson Carter.

**FOOTBALL**  
National Football League  
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed S Charles Godfrey and TE Tony Moeaki. Released TE Mickey Shuler. Placed WR Devin Hester

on injured reserve-return.  
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed RB Dan Herron. Placed TE MarQueis Gray on injured reserve. Signed WR Walter Powell to the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Placed C Will Montgomery on injured reserve. Signed T Nick Becton from the practice squad. Signed S Sherrod Martin. Signed DT Brandon Dunn and C Barrett Jones to the practice squad. Waived P Spencer Lanning and LB John Timu. Placed WR Jalen Saunders on the practice squad/injured list. Terminated the practice squad contract of DT Terry Williams.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DL Ray Drew and DB Ty Zimmerman to the practice squad. Released DL Dylan Wynn and OL Garth Gerhart from the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed DT Bruce Gaston to the practice squad.  
MINNESOTA VIKINGS —

Traded LB Gerald Hodges to San Francisco for C Nick Easton and a 2016 sixth-round draft pick.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed K Connor Barth. Signed WR Dontee Dye and DE Howard Jones from the practice squad. Placed DE T.J. Fatinikun on injured reserve. Released T Martin Wallace from the practice squad. Signed T Reid Fragel and DE Josh Shirley to the practice squad.

**Canadian Football League**  
EDMONTON ESQUIMOS — Signed RB Zach Mackey to the practice roster.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DL Jamarus McFarland, WR Desmond Lawrence, RG-KR Jeff Scott, DL Roy Philon and DL Leon Mackey.

**HOCKEY**  
National Hockey League  
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled D Ville Pokka from Rockford (AHL). Assigned D Viktor Svedberg to Rockford. Placed D Michal Rozsival on long-term

injured reserve.  
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Signed F Reak Skille to a one-year contract. Reassigned F Dennis Everberg to San Antonio (AHL).

EDMONTON OILERS — Signed F Braden Christoffer to a three-year, entry-level contract.  
MINNESOTA WILD — Placed RW Justin Fontaine on injured reserve. Assigned D Mike Reilly to Iowa (AHL). Placed C Jordan Schroeder on waivers.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Claimed F Paul Byron off waivers from Calgary. Assigned G Dustin Tokarski, D Mark Barberio and F Jacob De La Rose to St. John's (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Acquired F Brian O'Neill from Los Angeles for a 2017 conditional seventh-round draft pick. Assigned D Seth Helgeson to Albany (AHL) and F Pavel Zacha to Saranika (OHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Claimed G Jean-Francois Berube

off waivers from Los Angeles.  
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Named Rob DiMaio director of player personnel.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Assigned C Mike Angelidis, G Krister Gudlevskis, RW Jonathan Marchessault and D Luke Witkowski to Syracuse (AHL).  
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Claimed D Frankie Corrado off waivers from Vancouver. Assigned D Scott Harrington to Toronto (AHL).

WINNIPEG JETS — Agreed to terms with F Thomas Raffl on a one-year contract.

**American Hockey League**  
CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Assigned D Justin Agosta to Florida (ECHL). Released F Jared Staal.

**COLLEGE**  
NABC — Elected Harvard's men's basketball coach Tommy Amaker to the board of directors of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

CCNY — Named Jeff Attard, Richard Peay and Tyrone Moultrie women's assistant basketball coaches.

FAYETTEVILLE STATE — Named Raymond Broughton men's volunteer assistant basketball coach.

HIGH POINT — Signed Lyndsey Boswell, women's lacrosse coach, to a four-year contract extension.

INDIANA — Named Derek Elston director of player development.

JACKSON STATE — Fired football coach Harold Jackson. Named Derrick McCall interim football coach.

ST. JOHN'S — Named Mitch Richmond men's basketball special assistant and Greg St. Jean men's assistant basketball coach.  
UCLA — Announced junior LB Myles Jack has dropped out of school and will enter the NFL draft.



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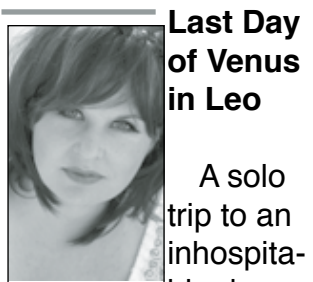
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A solo trip to an inhospitable destination would certainly teach you a lot about self-reliance, but are you really in the mood for that intensity these days? Make it easy on yourself by involving the people around you in your mission. A burst of passionate enthusiasm accompanies this last day of Venus transiting through Leo. Why not share it?

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). They say that showing up is often 80 percent of success. What they fail to mention is that you have to show up over and over and over. Well, that won't be a problem for you! Your mood: consistent.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your time to move forward is coming, but it's not here yet. Some will sabotage themselves by succumbing to distraction. Focus instead. Gather your

strength, watch and wait.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). What's even better than being in a stellar position? Having knowledgeable people close by whom you can call on to help you make the most of it! You'll succeed brilliantly.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Go ahead and take the job no one wants. There will be hidden benefits. For starters, you'll get time away from everyone, and this will lead to an improved perspective.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Should you stay or should you go? Neither choice is wrong. Neither choice is right. This is a matter of how you want to spend your time. Do what makes you comfortable.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As far as responsibility and blame go, if you're willing to take it, there will always be someone willing to pass it to you. Therefore, be very careful and strategic in this matter.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Icarus couldn't find his way

out of the labyrinth on foot, and so his dad made him wings. It worked -- except when he tried to high-five the sun. Today's lesson: Be happy, but don't get too carried away.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As long as the plan is safe and morally sound, it will be important to submit to leadership even though you may not totally agree. Be strategic, and you'll get your chance to lead later.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You do the work whether or not you feel like doing it. Will you remember this next year or three years from now? Maybe not, but you'll still be a different person because of the efforts you made.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Maybe you can't make another person happy, but you can encourage things to go in that direction with your attention to creating a pleasant environment.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When the immediate moment isn't going so

well, it's easy to drift off to a place in the future where things are much, much better. Paint it with your mind so you can inhabit it in full color later.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your contribution means more than you think. Not only are you doing the best you can, but you're doing the best that has been done in recent history for this particular task -- a task that's much harder than it looks.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 7). It's your time to put forth your greatest effort yet. You're strong enough, and you'll be even stronger after this power move. The next 10 weeks shine a light on your family, and there's some karma that comes full circle. Money flows after creativity in December, starting a trend for 2016. A wish comes true in March. Love signs are Aquarius and Capricorn. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 20, 18, 41 and 16.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm addicted to coloring. My husband says

it's a silly hobby for an adult and that I should take up something more serious like knitting or proper painting or needle-point. I'm just not attracted to any of that, but there are all these new coloring books in the bookstores and online now. Tell my husband that it's a legitimate hobby for an adult. I'm a Virgo."

And true to your Mercury roots, you're right on trend, Virgo, as coloring for all ages is seeing a strong popularity surge. The excitement of choosing a color, the calming of filling in the space, the change occurring right before your eyes -- it all adds up to a process as meditative as it is creative. Coloring requires a certain amount of attention, but not a straining amount of mental energy. It brings you back to the moment because there's nowhere else to go once the process has begun. With each drag of color to paper, you join and discover "now." The page is changed

because of you, and you are changed because of the page. If you need something to tell your husband about this hobby with multiple benefits, tell him you are meditating!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Simon Cowell is busy revamping "The X Factor," spinning fantastic promotions for the acts signed to his label, and being top dad. Strong paternal instincts are featured in Cowell's natal chart, with Saturn, the father figure of the heavens, nestled in powerful Capricorn. As for relationships, three planets in harmonious Libra suggests that Cowell is easier to get along with than his public persona suggests.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** This is written in desperation. I have seven children, and my middle son, "Randall," age 57, is in the grip of psychosis. His late father was a schizophrenic who refused treatment and regularly beat me. I lived with him for years, not understanding what I was doing wrong, until I drew up enough courage to ask a psychiatrist for advice. This doctor told me to leave him before he killed me. I did, and struggled raising my children. I was rarely home because I held multiple low-paying jobs, and the kids grew up in deprivation.

Randall began to use cocaine in the late '80s, when people thought it was cool and didn't realize how addictive it was. He got clean in his determination to be a good father to his now-adult son. He and one of his brothers embarked on an independent business venture, and over the years were moderately successful. Unfortunately, in their last venture, the investors stole money and the business went under. They are in court now.

As a result of this upheaval, Randall has begun using meth and is behaving psychotically. His brother has had to

sell his home and his savings are dwindling. He doesn't want to abandon Randall, who is now penniless and cannot support himself or his wife and young child.

How can we help Randall? His insurance has lapsed and no one has the funds to get him back into rehab. My only income is social security, but my late husband was a WWII veteran. Am I eligible for any widow benefits? -- Frantic Mom

**Dear Frantic:** Check the website for the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs ([va.gov](http://va.gov)) to see whether you are eligible for survivor benefits. Then we recommend you contact the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ([samhsa.gov](http://samhsa.gov)) at 1-800-662-HELP for referrals to treatment centers or local state services for those without insurance. But Randall must be willing to go. There are also support groups such as Families Anonymous ([familiesanonymous.org](http://familiesanonymous.org)) for those whose lives have been upended by drug-addicted loved ones. We hope Randall can get the help he needs.

**Dear Annie:** I am responding to "Gary" about appropriate dress for a funeral.

A few weeks ago, my sister-in-law died unexpectedly. She was an incredible person. She came from an Irish family, and there was a huge wake to celebrate her life. There was lots of food and an Irish band and a bagpiper. There was storytelling about the wonderful times we each spent with her. The celebration went on for hours. Her family discouraged wearing somber clothing.

The next day, there was a memorial service that was more traditional. I can honestly say that I do not remember what anyone wore to either. -- Carol

**Dear Carol:** Thank you for reinforcing the idea that attending

the service is more important than what you wear. The clothing one remembers tends to be outrageously inappropriate and calls attention to the wearer. Such outfits should be avoided, because they distract mourners and can cause distress to the family.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long-time editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to [anniesmailbox@creators.com](mailto:anniesmailbox@creators.com), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. You can also find Annie on Facebook at [Facebook.com/AskAnnies](http://Facebook.com/AskAnnies). To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate

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MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY READING



By Steve Becker

A Question of Entries

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♣ 1♦ Pass 1♥  
Dble Pass 2♣ Pass  
4♣ Pass 5♣  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
Entry problems are common in many deals, and their proper management is often crucial to the success or failure of a contract.  
Take this case where South is in five clubs. He takes the diamond lead with the ace and plays the king of clubs. West wins with the ace, cashes the queen of diamonds and continues with the jack.  
South takes care to ruff with the

eight of trumps, not the four, because his only certain entry to dummy is in clubs. He then cashes the queen of clubs and leads the four of clubs to the six.  
Once South is in dummy, he must be very careful about what he does next. He must try to arrange successful finesses in both spades and hearts in the course of this one visit to dummy.  
Obviously, he cannot take the heart finesse first, because he would wind up in the wrong hand even if the finesse succeeded. He therefore takes the spade finesse first.  
But in so doing, he must be sure to lead the queen of spades from dummy, not the nine or ten. If East makes the best defensive play of ducking the queen, South plays his jack under it. South then continues with the ten, playing low if East plays low and leaving himself in position to take a heart finesse next.  
Note that if East covers the queen or ten of spades when they are led, South is able to return to dummy with a spade to attempt the heart finesse. In effect, even though South has only one entry to dummy, he is able to arrange his play so that he can, if necessary, lead three times from there.

Tomorrow: Spectacular but reasonable.  
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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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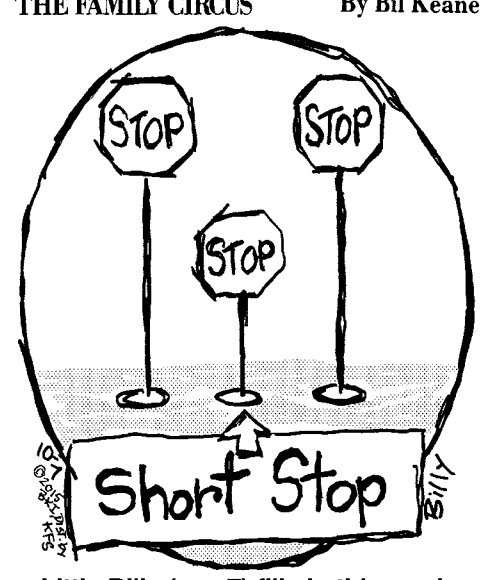
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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane

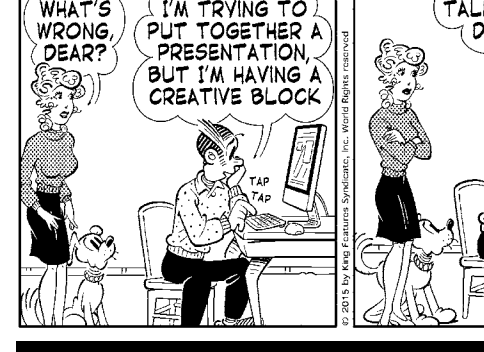


Little Billy (age 7) fills in this week with his own very punny baseball humor.

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**BLONDIE**



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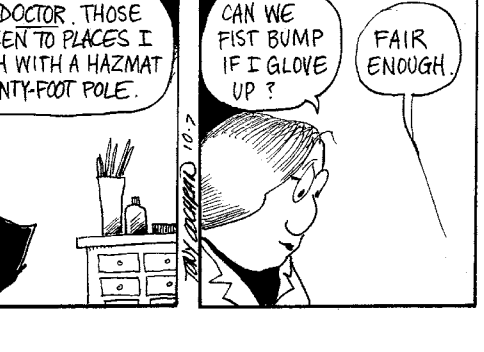
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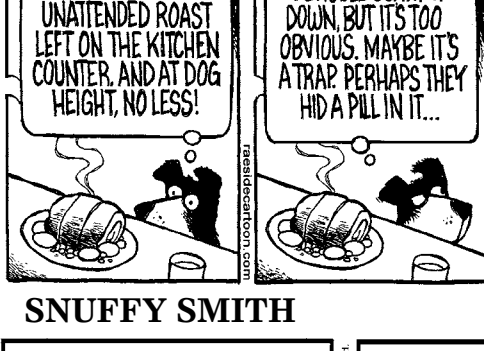
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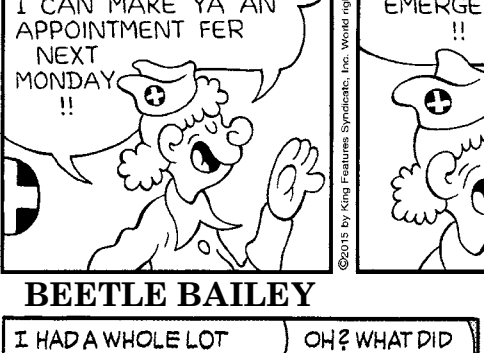
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**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, October 7, the 280th day of 2015. There are 85 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On October 7, 1885, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro (ah-KEE'-leh LOW'-roh) in the Mediterranean. (The hijackers killed Leon Klinghoffer, a Jewish-American tourist, before surrendering on October 9.)

On this date:

In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress convened in New York to draw up colonial grievances against England.

In 1849, author Edgar Allan Poe died in Baltimore at age 40.

In 1858, the fifth debate between Illinois senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Galesburg.

In 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall, one of the main figures of the Teapot Dome scandal, went on trial, charged with accepting a bribe from oil tycoon Edward L. Doheny. (Fall was found guilty and sentenced to a year in prison; he served nine months. Doheny was acquitted at his

own trial of offering the bribe Fall was convicted of taking.)

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his Orchestra recorded Hoagy Carmichael's "Star Dust" (as it was spelled then) for RCA Victor.

In 1949, the Republic of East Germany was formed.

In 1954, Marian Anderson became the first black singer hired by the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent Richard Nixon held their second televised debate, this one in Washington, D.C.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II concluded his week-long tour of the United States with a Mass on the Washington Mall.

In 1989, Hungary's Communist Party renounced Marxism in favor of democratic socialism during a party congress in Budapest.

In 1991, University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill publicly accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of making sexually inappropriate comments when she worked for him; Thomas denied Hill's allegations.

In 2004, President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney conceded that Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction as they tried to shift the Iraq war debate to a new issue, arguing that Saddam

Thought for Today:  
"Being right half the time beats being half-right all the time."  
Malcolm Forbes, American publisher (1919-1990).

Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

**BABY TALK** by Carolyn Stewart Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Remove rind from
  - 5 Snatches away
  - 10 Jump past
  - 14 TV host Trebek
  - 15 Bowling alley button
  - 16 Air freshener scent
  - 17 Julius Caesar costume
  - 18 Cigna competitor
  - 19 Suffix for luncheon
  - 20 Film geared toward women
  - 22 British prep school
  - 23 "\_\_\_ makes waste"
  - 24 Exhilarating
  - 26 Words of a song
  - 30 Get-well program
  - 33 Kid's observation game
  - 36 Whodunit hint
  - 38 Dinnertime prayer
  - 39 Alphabetic trio
  - 40 Halfway to a walk on the diamond
  - 42 Pale
  - 43 Expire, as a subscription
  - 45 Amuse greatly
  - 46 Lose traction
  - 47 Adrien of cosmetics
  - 48 Emotionless
  - 50 Bread ingredient
  - 53 Went out with
  - 57 Revolver inventor
- DOWN**
- 1 Quilt square
  - 2 Honolulu hello
  - 3 TV host Philbin
  - 4 On the nose
  - 5 Tennis great
  - 6 Fishing gear
  - 7 Italian wine region
  - 8 Bus-stop seat
  - 9 Amount bet
  - 10 One driving too fast
  - 11 Wright flight site
  - 12 Vanish — thin air
  - 13 Part of some hammers
  - 21 Vitally important
  - 25 Oscar film directed by Affleck
  - 27 Color TV pioneer
  - 28 Misfortunes
  - 29 Selects carefully
  - 31 Antioxidant berry
  - 32 Show flexibility
  - 33 Spot of land off Spain
  - 34 Marquee name
  - 35 Teen crush
  - 37 State: Fr.
  - 40 Bartók or Lugosi
  - 41 State south of Mont.
  - 44 Builds up anger
  - 46 Strew
  - 49 Swearing-in affirmation
  - 51 Wheeled shoe
  - 52 Needing a break
  - 54 In that direction
  - 55 Hair-raising
  - 56 Use a straw
  - 57 Dress-shirt feature
  - 58 Buckeye State
  - 60 Boring thing
  - 61 Headquarters
  - 62 Sandwich loaves

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# Pigskin Picks Football Contest

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**Rules:** Find this week's games between the merchants' ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win. Clip and fill in the official entry blank on this page with your team choices. The entry with the most correct picks will win \$50. You must be 18 to enter. *No Photo Copies Accepted.* In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will determine the winner. For the tie breaker, the entry with the correct team will win. If both entries have guessed the same team, the second tie breaker will be the one closest to the total points. Decisions of the judges are final. Employees and family of *The Big Spring Herald* are ineligible. All entries must be received at one of the participating merchants by 1 p.m. Friday of the week played. Winners will be announced in the next *Pigskin Contest Page*.



### Pigskin Picks Entry Form

Team \_\_\_\_\_

1. _____	Name: _____
2. _____	Address: _____
3. _____	Phone Number: _____
4. _____	
5. _____	Tie Breaker - Circle the winner and note total points scored
6. _____	<b>Broncos vs. Raiders</b>
7. _____	Score: _____ + _____ = _____
8. _____	
9. _____	
10. _____	

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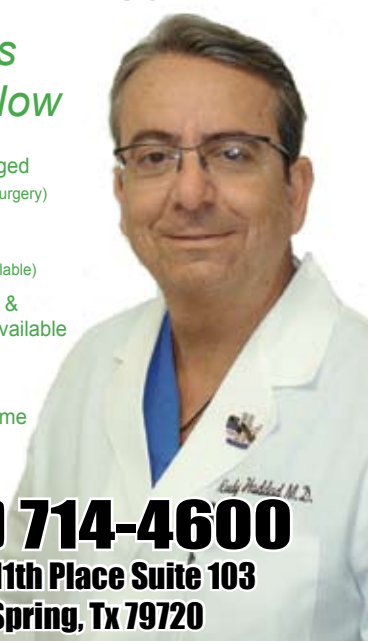
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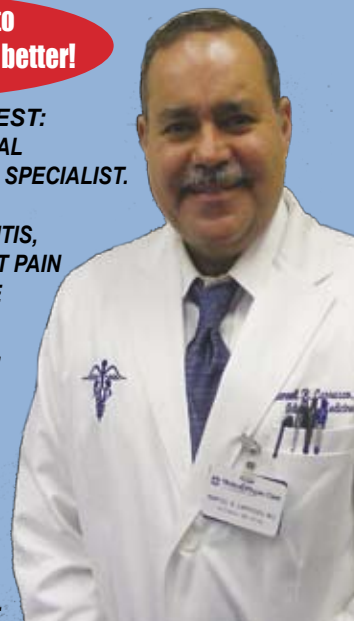
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