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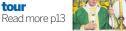
Your morning update on what's making news today







WORLD: Pope ends his US tour







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Smoking is well and truly on the decline according to sales data from the tobacco

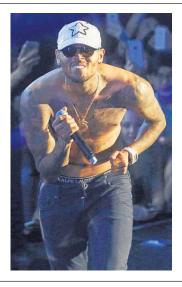
industry, supplied to the Ministry of Health. The number of cigarettes sold has dropped an average of 6.3 per cent per year since 2010. Massey University's Associate Professor Marewa Glover says the overall average drop of 23 per cent is down to the cost of smoking. "Tobacco tax increases are really key. When we



didn't have them, we plateaued off and then in 2010 when the taxes were put in place again, from then on we've seen this drop."

There are enough wife-beaters in New Zealand without US

rapper Chris Brown (pictured) coming here, former justice minister Judith Collins says. Tickets for Brown's Auckland show went on sale yesterday but it's unclear whether he'll be allowed into the country. The star was convicted in 2009 of assaulting his then-girlfriend Rihanna. Unless he's granted a special exemption as a performer, he won't be given a visa. "My personal view is that we have enough wifebeaters in this country and we don't need any more," Ms Collins said.



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Justin Rieber fans have pleaded with the pop star to quit smoking after he was spotted with a cigarette while skateboarding in Melbourne. "Please don't smoke Justin. I'm (sic) just worry about how this affect ur voice and ur health...Please don't... stop!" Bieber fan Cameron tweeted. The photo of Bieber smoking comes as the singer attempts to repair his image following his arrest for drink driving. Bieber performed for fans in Melbourne yesterday at a rooftop radio gig to promote his new single What Do You Mean? before flying to Sydney for the X Factor.



More sex could be the secret to a healthy prostate, New Zealand

researchers have found. A new report. Prostate HealthSex, Lies and Misconceptions, released by Christchurch-based natural health researcher Warren Matthews, says men as young as 40 need to adopt a natural preventative approach, which includes more sex, to improve prostate health. This month marks Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and men are being urged to "man up and give prostate cancer the finger" by submitting to prostate exams as part of the Blue September campaign. One in 13 men will develop prostate cancer before the age of 75.

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Scott Morrison says he's giving Tony Abbott "space", following the former prime minister's

dumping. The now-treasurer maintains he warned Mr Abbott's office about the risk of a leadership spill, just days before it took place and Malcolm Turnbull took over. But that hasn't stopped Mr Abbott from lashing out at Mr Morrison and saying head "mislead people". "These things are very emotional



events," Mr Morrison said. "I'll give Tony his space; I've got an import-

ant job to get on with. I wish only the best to him and Margie for their future and the decisions they're having to make."

The National
Transportation
Safety Board says
a duck boat
involved in a fatal
Seattle crash didn't have an axle
repair that was recommended for
the amphibious vehicle in 2013.
NTSB member Earl Weener said
investigators only recently
learned that Ride the Ducks
International issued a warning
about potential axle failure and

recommended a specific repair. But Weener says the boat involved in the Seattle crash didn't have the fix. Weener says it's unclear if the company that owns the vehicle — Ride the Ducks of Seattle — was aware of the warning. Ride the Ducks International refurbished the duck boat in 2005. The crash last week between that vehicle and a charter bus left four international students dead.

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spotted a shark moments after a 7-year-old girl was bitten aters in

Swimmers

in shallow waters in Queensland. The girl was airlifted to Cairns Hospital on Saturday after being bitten on the leg in waters off Russell Island. Paramedics say she had a laceration to her leg and a shark was seen.

