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Major Rolan Chambless, left, takes a moment to speak with Capt. Cam Henderson, division youth secretary for Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, before the dedication ceremony Thursday afternoon.

Alon, others lauded for role in youth club

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Staff Writer

Ask not what your community can do for you, but what you can do for your community. Alon USA showed what it can do by presenting a \$200,000 check during Thursday's dedication ceremony for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. "When there is a need in this community, the Big Spring Refinery is going to step up and do what we can to meet it," said Jimmy Crosby, vice president of refining. "That's what we're doing with the Boys and Girls Club and the Salvation Army with our pledge of \$200,000 to support the new facility and its programs for years to come." Alon first became involved with

the Salvation Army by becoming a sponsor for the Angel Tree program last year. Eventually, Crosby said Alon was approached by the Salvation Army to become part of the Boys and Girls Club project.



"We couldn't pass up an opportunity to help the children in Big Spring. We recognize the importance of having a safe place for our youth and watching them grow and learn," Crosby said. "This is

a building that represents the endless and limitless opportunities of these young people. We are proud to have our name on the wall in the Alon Big Spring Refinery gymnasium. It is a very exciting opportunity and has been a great joy for us working with them on this project." According to Major Terry Israel, the new facility is the result of people in the community and Salvation Army deciding that words were not enough and action must be taken. "The Salvation Army advisory board said the mission and ministry of Salvation Army should not be compromised because of the financial downturn; we must proceed with this project because

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Take steps to prevent West Nile

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Staff Writer

Cases of West Nile virus continue to be discovered across Texas, including the Permian Basin region. Recently, four cases were reported in Andrews and four in Midland/Ector County, with numbers continuing to change daily. However, those numbers are small in comparison to the number of cases being seen throughout the state. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, there have been 586 cases reported in Texas this year.



Woody

Out of those cases, there have been 21 fatalities. No cases have been reported in Howard County. "The health department keeps us updated on the newest cases and none have been reported at this time," said Yvette Woody, MSN/Ed, RN Risk Manager/Quality Coordinator/IC at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Clean-up, dance among weekend activities here

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Staff Writer

A time for work and a time for play — Saturday will provide both. Starting at 8:30 a.m., members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful and those wanting to volunteer will meet at Dora Roberts Community Center to clean up Comanche Trail Lake. H.E.B. will be providing donuts for those helping during the clean-up. "This is a great way for people to show pride in their community. It's a place everyone goes, whether it be for fishing, to feed the ducks or just to enjoy the park, and we want to keep it clean for everyone to enjoy," KBSB Secretary Teresa Darden said.



Darden

Each year, Love Our Lake takes place in conjunction with the Comanche Warrior Triathlon. With each triathlon there is an influx of about 100 people into the community. "This is one of the ways we can get ready to put our best foot forward for those people when they arrive," Darden said. For more information, call 432-263-2616. Once the work is done, Saturday night there will be a chance to play at the Amigos del Barrio fundraiser concert. Little Joe and La Familia will be performing at the Howard County Fairbarn with music set to begin at 8 p.m. Little Joe will take the stage from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tickets to the concert are \$25 and money raised will go toward funding scholarships

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Gunman kills 1, wounds 8 today at Empire State Building

NEW YORK (AP) — Two law enforcement officials in New York City say a recently fired store worker shot a former colleague to death and then randomly opened fired on others near the Empire State Building. The officials say eight other people were struck by bullets but those injuries are not believed to be life threatening. The officials say the gunman previously worked at a store inside the

landmark skyscraper. The shooting happened at about 9 a.m. Friday at 34th Street and Fifth Avenue. The law enforcement officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the matter. Federal officials say the shooting isn't related to terrorism, and a guard at the landmark said it didn't involve the parts of the building where tourists gather to visit the skyscraper.



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Obituaries

Randell Eston Hollis

Randell Eston Hollis, 41, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of Prairie View Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 21, 1970, in Big Spring, Texas. Randell graduated as salutatorian from Borden County High School in 1988. He was a licensed electrician and taught at the Vocational Tech Program at the Federal Prison, then teaching at Howard College for the last five years. He loved to hunt and fish.

He was a member of Prairie View Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Eston and Faye Hollis of San Angelo; his sister, Tanya Pfluger and husband Reid of San Angelo; his nephew, Zachary Pfluger; and his nieces, Allyson and Trisha Pfluger.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Claude and Mae Carpenter and Earl and Lucille Hollis.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, Midland Office, 3001 N. Big Spring St., Suite 104, Midland, Texas 79705.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Jonnie Spruill

Jonnie Spruill, 87, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, at Kristi Lee Manor Nursing Home in Colorado City. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, in the Chapel at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Chaplain Walter McCall of Compass Hospice officiating.

She was born Dec. 18, 1924, in Big Spring, Texas, to Bernice and John Digby. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County.

She married Marshall James Spruill on Sept. 25, 1954, in Hobbs, N.M. Mr. and Mrs. Spruill owned grocery stores in Big Spring for a number of years. He preceded her in death Feb. 11, 1990. She later worked at the Big Spring State Hospital, until retiring. She was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Marsha Douglas of Big Spring; one son, Robert Spruill of Stamford; two grandchildren; one brother, Doyle Digby; and four sisters, Peggy Wilson of Big Spring, Mary Ellerd of Carlsbad, N.M., Virginia Digby of Riverside, Calif., and Betty Grace Ozment of Shreveport, La.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Danny Spruill on Oct. 7, 2010; and three brothers.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- KYLER RAY CANNADY, 22, of Lubbock, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for theft.
- TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 30, of 2600 Langley, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DARRIN JAY CROOKS, 53, of 4200 Bilger, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency and charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- BOBBY JOE HUTCHESON, 29, of 1322 Harding, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.
- JERRY RAY MANN II, 32, of 400 Culp in Coahoma, was arrested Friday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and assault – family violence.
- THEFT was reported in the 100 block of Hooser Road.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 300 block of N.W. Third Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla.

Sheriff

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

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

• JAVIER MONTOYA, 63, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – open container.

• BOBBY JOE HUTCHESON, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• LEE ALLEN SPURGIN, 34, was arrested Thursday on a motion to revoke probation for

unlawfully carrying a weapon on alcohol premises and a Midland County warrant for driving while intoxicated – bond forfeiture.

• KYLER RAY CANNADY, 22, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a capias warrant for theft.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and U.S. Highway 87. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Madison. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of W. 13th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• The Howard County Texas Tech Alumni Association host a barbecue and social get-together at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Hampton Inn, 805 W. Interstate 20. The event is open to all current and prospective association members. For more information, contact Craig Ferguson at 213-3837.

• The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

• Northside Community Center will be offering after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.






• The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.

• An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet

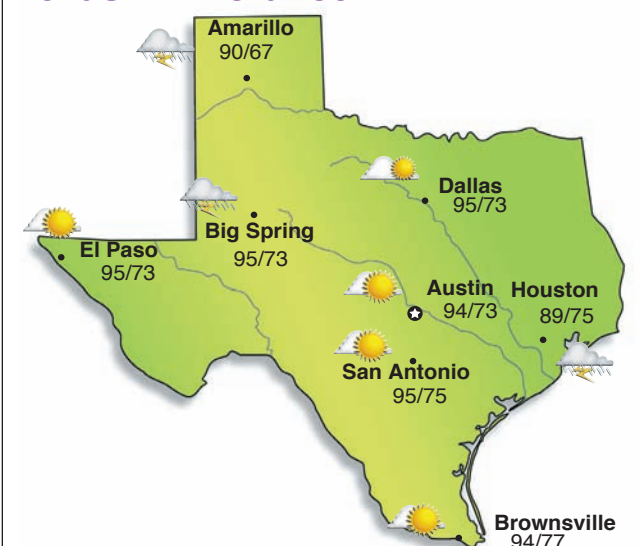
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 8/26	Mon 8/27	Tue 8/28	Wed 8/29	Thu 8/30
				
95/73 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	92/73 A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	92/71 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	97/72 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	99/72 Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM

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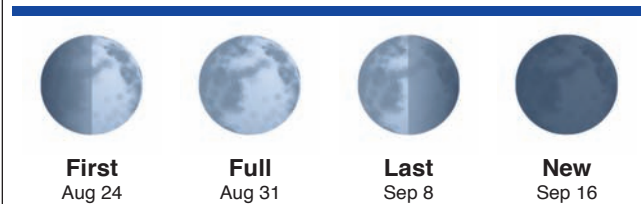
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	73	pt sunny	Kingsville	98	76	mst sunny
Amarillo	90	67	t-storm	Livingston	90	71	t-storm
Austin	94	73	mst sunny	Longview	91	72	t-storm
Beaumont	86	73	t-storm	Lubbock	93	70	t-storm
Brownsville	94	77	mst sunny	Lufkin	92	73	t-storm
Brownwood	97	72	windy	Midland	97	75	t-storm
Corpus Christi	95	79	mst sunny	Raymondville	98	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	93	71	pt sunny	Rosenberg	90	74	t-storm
Dallas	95	73	pt sunny	San Antonio	95	75	mst sunny
Del Rio	100	79	pt sunny	San Marcos	95	73	mst sunny
El Paso	95	73	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	92	72	t-storm
Fort Stockton	94	73	pt sunny	Sweetwater	95	72	t-storm
Gainesville	93	72	t-storm	Tyler	92	73	t-storm
Greenville	93	70	pt sunny	Weatherford	94	72	pt sunny
Houston	89	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	96	72	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	65	mst sunny	Minneapolis	78	65	t-storm
Boston	80	63	cloudy	New York	80	69	cloudy
Chicago	91	71	mst sunny	Phoenix	96	79	sunny
Dallas	95	73	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	52	mst sunny
Denver	82	57	sunny	Seattle	75	56	sunny
Houston	89	75	t-storm	St. Louis	95	75	mst sunny
Los Angeles	78	62	pt sunny	Washington, DC	83	69	pt sunny
Miami	89	80	t-storm				

Moon Phases



Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• 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 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 30
Healthy Woman presents: "Girls Night Out Triple Treat"
Merle Norman, Serenity Spa and Uptown Salon & Day Spa
For more info contact
Kim Howell at 268-4842
or **Anita Cline at 268-4721**

Aug. 31
Scenic Mountain Moonlight Rave Run
Big Spring State Park
Walkers are welcome Run/Walk begins at 11:55pm. For more info contact
Ron Alton at CELL-806-241-5741
OFFICE-432-263-4931

Sept. 8
Comanche Warrior Triathlon
Dora Roberts Community Center
For more info contact the
CVB at 432-263-8235

Sept. 15
19th Annual Don McKinney Memorial Float Fly
Comanche Trail Park
For more info contact
Robert Walker at 432-935-0464
or email
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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Troy Hogue, fallen DPS Trooper and native of Big Spring, who provided several years of service to the community and lost his life in the line of duty. As well as all those who worked to have the new law enforcement center named in honor of Hogue.

- All who supported the United Way Kick-off through donations, purchase of tickets and decorating. To all the board members for working out to ensure another successful event.

- Those who have donated to the Salvation Army back to school supply drive and allowed families with school children in need to have school supplies as they return to a new school year.

- Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and Big Spring Fire Department for their hard work and continued protection of the residents of Big Spring.

- HEB for raising funds for the local Relay For Life and Felix Hernandez, department manager, for being a good sport and kissing a pig as part of the fundraiser.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

A conversation with You, Lord, can lead to valuable information if we tune into Your word.

Amen

Defining legitimate rape

Rep. Todd Akin is staying in the Missouri Senate race, notwithstanding the calls of many fellow Republicans that he step aside after flaunting his ignorance about anatomy and his lack of empathy for the victims of rape so publicly over the weekend.

"We're created by God for some special purpose," Akin told Mike Huckabee, explaining his decision to stay in the race.

On the same day, the Republican Platform Committee, meeting in advance of the convention, adopted what critics are calling the "Akin Plank," which would prohibit abortion even in the cases of rape and incest.

A hundred years ago, a judge famously opined that it was "well nigh impossible" for a truly unwilling victim to be raped.

I can tell you from experience that's wrong.

And then along comes Akin, telling a local anchor that victims — at least legitimate ones — can't get pregnant when they are raped.

"If it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down." He has admitted that he was wrong about that. But it's not the only thing he's wrong about.



SUSAN ESTRICH

There is no such thing as "legitimate rape."

Children and adults get raped — by relatives, by so-called friends, by acquaintances, by strangers, and by angry and estranged spouses.

When I was raped, more than 30 years ago, people kept asking me whether I'd really been raped.

I wrote a book explaining that forced sex at the hands of a man you know can be just as terrifying as forced sex at the hands of a stranger and that the cruelty of such a betrayal can inflict an injury just as great as the one suffered by women who are raped by strangers.

As I put it 26 years ago, to be forced to have sex without consent is "real rape."

If anybody had told me then that I would still have to be making this point in 2012 — much less in response to a major party candidate for Senate — I would not have believed it.

After so many years in which women — and men — have been fighting to reform not only the laws prohibiting rape, but also attitudes such as Akin's, what has gone wrong?

Rape is hard to prove.

There are rarely witnesses. A frightened woman may rightly decide that resistance is futile and dangerous, leaving DNA evidence, but no scars and bruises to support her claim that she did not consent.

I just cried.

But there also has been a

backlash, spurred by the age-old belief that women will lie about rape, use it as a weapon against men who scorn them. Yet in all this time, there has not been one serious study establishing that the victims of rape are any more likely to make false claims than victims of other crimes.

Yes, it happens, which is why police and prosecutors investigate before they prosecute.

But it also happens that people lie about how their house burned down, who started the fight and whether they were acting in self-defense.

If you have ever lived through the process of criminal prosecution of a rape charge, or witnessed a friend or loved one who has, you know how brutal it is, not withstanding all the efforts to reform the system.

The much bigger problem with rape is not how many women report unfounded claims, but how many women are afraid to report at all — because of fear of repercussions from the perpetrator and because of fear of the punishment the system will inflict, especially with men like Akin sitting on the jury, much less in the Congress.

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Dreaming while taking risks

When thousands of young people come out of the undocumented-immigrants' closet and reveal all their well-kept secrets to the federal government in the next few weeks, are they taking a risk for relying on a temporary reprieve from President Barack Obama?

When Obama's two-year "deferred action" expires, what happens if we have a new president?

After all, when Obama announced his new policy two months ago, he warned that, "This is not amnesty. This is not immunity. This is not a path to citizenship. It's not a permanent fix."

In fact, it is a bold and controversial policy change designed to bypass the obstructionist Republican Congress and to make the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act at least a partial reality.

It doesn't give them a path to citizenship, but it allows "dreamers" to avoid deportation if they were brought here before they turned 16 and are younger than 30.

They must have been in the country for at least five years, have no criminal record, graduated from U.S. high school and enrolled in college courses or served in the military.

Yet, since it is only a change in policy, instead of law, can their dream become a nightmare?

Those are the questions that will keep nagging some 1.7 million young immigrant dreamers who are expected to take advantage of Obama's offer — and thus hang their own future on the president's re-election.

Is this an election year ploy to win Latino votes? Or is it a sign that at least the Democratic political establishment is finally recognizing our electoral power and becoming more responsive to our needs?

Of course, it's both!

They may not be eligible to vote, but there are 1.7 million young people out there who sud-

denly have a huge stake in these presidential and congressional elections. And there are millions of Latino voters who sympathize with their cause.

If Obama were re-elected, even if he couldn't get Congress to pass the DREAM Act and make these changes permanent, surely he would extend his temporary executive order for at least a couple more years.

But if Romney were elected, after having vowed to veto the DREAM Act and after selecting a running mate who voted against it in the House of Representatives, would he rescind Obama's executive order?

And if there were a more conservative Congress, how many more anti-immigrant laws would they ask President Romney to sign?

Two years from now, when many of these young people will be legally employed — paying taxes and fueling our economy — would Romney dare kick them to the curb to follow the draconian agenda of the immigrant bashers to whom he has pandered so much this year?

Would these young people then lose their work permits? Would they again be subject to deportation? And wouldn't they be more exposed to federal authorities?

We simply don't know.

If there is one thing that is admirable about Romney, it has to be his ability to remain in contention while being so vague on most issues.

How can so many people be willing to vote for him when we know so little about what he intends to do?

When he has a history of standing on both sides of so many issues, how do we know which Romney to believe?

We know he doesn't like Obama's policies, but we don't know his solutions!

Yet, he goes around basically telling us that we should trust him because he knows what to do.

And nowhere is this condescending attitude more visible than in the Romney campaign for Latinos.

Unfortunately, when they address the Latino community, Romney and his surrogates speak to us as if we were stu-

pid, constantly claiming that Romney will have his own "long-term" immigration reform plan, as if those two words were enough to inspire Latino confidence in their candidate.

Of course, you would think that if they had such a plan — and they believed it would be appealing to Latinos — they would explain it in detail.

But they don't.

Even reacting to Obama's "deferred action" executive order, Romney was artfully uncommitted.

"An executive order is, of course, just a short-term matter," Romney said. "It can be reversed by subsequent presidents."

But you didn't expect him to tell us what he would do, right? If Romney took a clear position on something, he wouldn't be himself!

When Latino Republican surrogates speak to their community about Romney, unsuccessfully hiding their squirming faces, you see them struggling to say as little as possible, because they clearly have so little to say about what their candidate would do for their community.

All they tell us is that their immigration solution would be "long term," and given the many recent GOP hate-mongering attitudes, they could be promising to administer long-term agony for undocumented immigrants.

And for Latinos who could be racially profiled, perhaps they plan long-term harassment in "show me your papers" states.

We simply don't know.

Are they talking about long-term compassion and inclusion or punishment and discrimination?

And isn't it amazing that a presidential candidate can be so vague and superficial that we even have to ask these questions?

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► Church News

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The chancel choir practices at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

Pam Morgan is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Liturgist for August is Jennifer Patterson.

The lectionary is I Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69. The choir will offer the anthem "Be Thou My Vision" arranged by Hal Hopson and "With Songs of Rejoicing" by J. S. Bach for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The noisy offering, which is used to feed the hungry, will be collected during the service.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website at www.fpcbs.org.

First Baptist Church

Saturday at 6 p.m. the men of the church are going to meet in the Family Life Center for a tailgate party. Men's ministry will be discussed.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. Children and youth will be promoting this Sunday. Our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, will continue his "Red Letter" sermon series at 10:50 a.m. Deacons will meet in the chapel at 5 p.m. The movie "Courageous" is being shown at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Our full fall Wednesday evening activities begin Wednesday. Activities include music and mission classes for the children, Bible study for youth and adults and adult choir will resume rehearsal time at 7 p.m. in the choir room.

Awana training session is Wednesday, Sept. 5. in the dining room at 5:45 p.m. A make-up session will be Saturday, Sept. 8, at 10 a.m. in the dining room.

It is time to begin gathering articles for our "Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes that will be collected in early November. Go to www.operationchristmaschild.org for ideas for your box.

The Mary Hill Davis offering for state missions will be collected in September. To be a part of an ongoing prayer ministry, contact Lisa Dunnam.

Our clothing ministry has received a lot of donations lately. If you would be willing to help sort through these clothes, call Tianna at the church, 267-8223.

Youth, look in the newsletter about the sessions for "True Love Waits." Fall Bible study is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Forsan Baptist Church

Wednesday at 6 p.m. we are conducting an in-depth study of the Book of Revelation. We will be studying Revelation on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. We will be handing out maps and timelines as the study progresses through the coming months.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school is at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Youth activities will resume Wednesday with a "Back to School Bash" at 5:30 p.m. at the church. We will provide a meal and drinks as we celebrate the beginning of another year. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time.

Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Coahoma First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church of Coahoma is located at 401 N. Main.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and worship service is at 11 a.m. with Pastor Sammy Espinosa leading the service.

Youth group meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday for students sixth through 12th grade.

Donations for school supplies can be left in the box in the foyer. There is also a list CISD sent us concerning the supplies needed. Thanks to those who donated.

Administrative council met Sunday afternoon and the various committees presented their reports to the council.

A prayer of blessing will be Sunday

for returning school personnel and students.

Sunday, Sept. 16 there will be a Celebrate You and Me service during morning worship, followed by a fellowship dinner and at 2 p.m. Chrystal River will present a concert. More information will be given as time approaches.

The church office number is 432-394-4432. If you are unable to reach someone in the office, call 432-270-1602. Email address is coahomaumc@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Holy Eucharist service begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

The Daily Grind with God — Cofee Hour meets 10 a.m. Wednesday in the parish hall.

A class training of St. Mary's Challice/Lay Ministers will be 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church for anyone interested in serving Sundays in this area.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

CCC's annual weekend event will start Saturday from 2-4 p.m. as we meet at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park, for our Back-to-School picnic.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Michael Willard will continue on the series entitled "Be Encouraged!" The last two Sundays we have been discussing "The Power of Encouraging Future Leaders," taken from 2 Timothy 2:3 and Deut. 3:28. We record CD's on Sunday, so if you'd like a free copy of any service, don't hesitate to ask our broadcasting department. We will continue on the same title, taken from 1 Timothy 6:20-21.

Join us as we pray for our leaders within the school districts of Howard County and discuss the different types of leadership that can be used effectively to encourage our future generation. Starting on Sept. 5 and each Wednesday evening consecutively, from 6-7 p.m. we will be offering "Overcomers (R&R) Recovery and Restoration" classes. For more information on these classes, contact us at the number listed below. I

September 9 will be the start of our four-week new member classes.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings for infant to 18 months; Tiny Tots for those 19 months through kindergarten; Covenant Kids for those first through sixth grade; Chosen Generation for those seventh through 12th grade. Covenant U is a college ministry for ages 18-24 years. We also have men's and women's ministries as well as marriage enrichment.

We meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or more information, contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check us out on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

First United Methodist Church

Kick-Off Sunday will begin with Pastor Bill preaching at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship. His sermon will be "Renewing Your Passion" with scripture references from Timothy 1:1-14. Wear your favorite team's colors and plan to stay for the Tail-Gate dinner in Garrett Hall following the late service. Teachers and students bring your backpacks for a special blessing.

Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m. Sunday evening our EPIC youth program launches it's fall schedule at 5:30 p.m. in the Partee Building with a return appearance of the musical group "FADE."

Wednesday noon Bible study meets in Garrett Hall with Pastor Bill continuing the in-depth study of The Gospel of Mark. Cowboy's will be catering the meal at 11:50 a.m.

Wednesday evening the Real Life program will begin. Meal serving at 5:30 p.m. Meal tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children with the cost of an entire family a maximum of \$20.

Never chase two rabbits at the exact same time

I usually don't solicit advice from ancient Chinese philosophers.

However, I recently stumbled upon a proverb that can't be refuted. A teacher named Confucius said, "A man who chases two rabbits catches neither."

How could anyone argue with such wisdom? It takes total commitment and a lot of energy to chase and capture a single rabbit. Chasing two rabbits at the same time would be impossible unless the two agreed to a tandem race in which one would concede if the other got caught.

While I have known for a long time that I have a rabbit-chasing problem, I have been reluctant to admit that I hop from one flop-eared hunt to another, usually exhausted and having an empty cage at the end of the day.

In my efforts to deceive myself into believing that I am capable of multitasking, I often rush down a rabbit trail only to discover that some other trail seems more worthy of pursuit. The time that I waste switching trails and changing rabbits can never be regained. However, I continue to juggle chases and reach for rabbits

that are always beyond my grasp in hopes that someday, I will capture all of my prey.

In view of my own failed efforts to corner more than one rabbit at a time, I have to agree with the philosopher that it is impossible to catch two rabbits that are not going the same direction. One of them, if not both, is bound to get away.

In spite of his practical admonition about chasing only one rabbit at a time, Confucius is not the only wise man to warn us about the dangers of multiple pursuits. Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth" (Matthew 6:24 NASB).

In the Christian life, we often find ourselves chasing multiple rabbits. While our intentions are good, we sometimes lose our focus and can't decide which rabbit to pursue. Perhaps the key to success is to let God prioritize our rabbits and ask Him each day which one

He would have us chase that day. After all, he who chases two rabbits catches neither.

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BONNIE WHEAT

Following

the meal will be children's activities and choir. Adult programs include Disciple One, led by Pastor Bill, a new Beth Moore Bible study for women led by Pam Steel and Financial University led by Scott McKenzie. EPIC Youth will also meet following the meal.

The fall schedule for Children's Day Out is about to begin with more than 40 children registered. We are in need of at least one additional teacher. This is a Monday and Wednesday commitment, 8:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. It's not necessary for applicants to be certified teacher, but must love children and the Lord. Applications are available in the church office.

The local chapter of United Methodist Women, which includes FUMC as well as North Birdwell Lane Methodist Church and Coahoma First Methodist, is planning the conference wide meeting for Sept. 21 and 22.

Remember this is the year for Lord's Acre, scheduled for Oct. 13. There will be a bake sale, kid's corner, silent auction, lunch followed by the Talents and Treasures live auction. Activities will be scheduled for young children during live auction.

We ask our congregation and the

community to pray for our children and teachers as they begin this very important school year. Our school supply box is still in the sanctuary narthex.

First United Methodist Church is located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry Streets. Our telephone number is 267-6394. our website is www.fumcbs.org.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Our pastor is Lannon Martin. We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. The church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with breakfast treats following and Sunday school around 10:15 a.m.

Vacation Bible School concludes Sunday and is held in conjunction with Sunday school. The key theme for this week is "Joy for the Journey."

Dolline Budke will present the readings Sunday. The readings for this week reference being "made clean by Jesus."

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The homeless preacher

Today's article is actually not written by me, but borrowed from a man by the name of Westley Hazel.

Here is what he said in this great article.:

I was right in the middle of making a powerful point about our God who provides for our every need when I saw him. I locked eyes with a man who had obeyed the Gospel a few months before. He had been worshipping with us as faithfully as any other member of the church.

There was only one thing a little different about this man; he was homeless and had no car. He didn't have a refrigerator filled with food for the weak. There I was preaching about our God who provides for our every need if we seek first His Kingdom. To say the least, I was a little distracted for the rest of the lesson as I struggled with this in my mind. What could this homeless man possibly be thinking as I preached that lesson?

As the final amen was said, I noticed he was working his way through the crowd making a beeline for me. What would he say? Was he upset? Would he rebuke me concerning my naivety?

I had to fight the urge to dismiss myself out one of the side doors. Finally, we stood face-to-face, and what he had to say humbled me. He began to talk about how powerful and true the lesson had been. He went on to praise the faithfulness of God in his life in a way that would unfortunately sound strange coming from most of our lips.

He spoke of how blessed he was to be able to sleep at the local shelter where there was a bed on which to

lie. He praised God for providing him with warm meals every day and giving him clothes on his back. This man was able to see what we so many times are blind to in our society; the blessings of God.

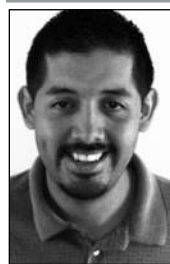
When I went to worship that night, I had left my modest home in a worn-out minivan thinking about how few restaurants there were to choose from after services. After coming face-to-face with this homeless brother, I returned home with a new perspective of my possessions. I returned to my mansion, riding in my climate-controlled luxury vehicle to a feast fit for a king. All of these blessings have been given to me by the grace of my God.

It is only the blindness of my own greed that keeps me from seeing that. God promises us if we will seek first His Kingdom, that He will take care of our every need (Matthew 6:25-33).

He will make sure we have clothes on our back, food to eat, and shelter over our heads. We serve a God who wants to care for us and who will care for us if we will only trust Him.

Jesus asked in Matthew 7:11, "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in Heaven give what is good to those who ask Him?" Praise God for his overwhelming graciousness.

Kenneth Garcia is the gospel preacher for the Birdwell Lane church of Christ. These articles are meant to cover practical topics that will enlighten and encourage each and every one of us in our daily lives. TheLordschild33@yahoo.com is his email address and please put in caps "questions for Kenny" when writing to him in the subject line. Contact Kenneth Garcia directly.



KENNETH GARCIA

Reflections

Lessons from Nuremberg

For the past three months my wife and I have been serving an English speaking church in Nuremberg, Germany.

We have found a beautiful city, beautiful people and a welcoming country. We have made life-long friends from around the world, most of them young adults just starting their careers. They come from such places as Cameroon, India, China, England, Ireland, Austria, Brazil, Poland, Ukraine, U.S. and, of course, Germany. Nuremberg has become a cosmopolitan crossroads.

Of course, Nuremberg hasn't always been that way. While here, I have often reflected on that dark period when Hitler led this nation and the world to the brink of the abyss. During those days, Nuremberg played a pivotal role, the site where the Nuremberg laws were passed in 1935 that launched the deadly persecution of the Jews. Nuremberg was the site of the annual Nazi rallies where up to a million people assembled to worship Hitler and cheer his programs of prejudice. And, of course, it was here that the Nuremberg trials were conducted in 1945 to hold the Nazi leaders accountable to International law.

My father's brother was among the occupying forces that entered Nuremberg on April 15, 1945. His memories of this place and the atrocities of that time are far removed from the Nuremberg that has grown up in its place.

But his sacrifices, and those of millions others, are largely responsible for creating the freedom, justice and peace that have taken root and flourished more than half a century later.

The Nazi rally grounds have been turned into parks where couples stroll beneath shade trees and families play with their children beside a tranquil lake.

Near by, the Document Center (Doku Zentrum) "documents" what happened in the Second World War, an attempt to understand how a nation could be led to commit the atrocities unleashed by Hitler's regime. It is a sobering place that looms over the peaceful park that surrounds it. Last week we attended an open-air concert by the Nuremberg Symphonic Orchestra in the same place where thousands once hailed Hitler and cheered his speeches.

Sixty-five thousand people gathered in clusters with family and friends to picnic on blankets while they listened to classical music.

Nuremberg, the largest city in Franconia and gateway to Bavaria, is impressive as an idyllic and tranquil place. But always, underneath the surface, there lurks the memory of the Second World War and the questions it raises.

Nuremberg is a constant reminder of our potential for good and evil, our infinite capacity for the divine and the demonic. The evil that lurks within the human heart, that raised its head in Nuremberg more than half a

century ago, continues to raise its head among us today. We witnessed that evil recently in a movie theater in Colorado, a year ago in Arizona outside a local Safeway where Gabriella Giffords was attacked, in Syria where hundreds are daily gunned down in the streets, in Iraq and Afghanistan where terrorist bombings continue, and countless other places too numerous to list.

Nuremberg is a reminder that each of us, every people and nation of every generation, need Jesus as our Savior to deliver us from our own worst passions.

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► Religious briefs

Donald Trump to speak at Liberty University

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — "The Donald" is coming to Liberty University.

Media outlets report that the school announced Wednesday that billionaire real estate mogul and TV personality Donald Trump would speak at Liberty's convocation on Sept. 24.

Liberty holds convocation three times a week, giving students the chance to hear from religious figures, politicians and others while worshipping together at the Christian school founded by the late Jerry Falwell. The school says the weekly meetings are the largest gatherings of Christian students in North America.

Trump entertained the idea of running for president, but instead endorsed Republican candidate Mitt Romney.

Other notable convocation speakers this fall are actor Kirk Cameron, Veggie Tales producer and author Phil Vischer, Auntie Annie's pretzels founder Anne Beiler and Southern Baptist Convention President Fred Luter.

a \$2.3 million deficit for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

A letter to the diocesan staff from the Rev. Ronald Lengwin, the vicar general, said \$1 million has already been saved by 15 employees who have retired, resigned or been reassigned. Still, more of the diocese's 180 clergy and lay employees may have to be laid off.

Lengwin wouldn't specify other possible cuts, because they are under review by the diocesan finance council. "Unfortunately, a significant deficit remains," Lengwin said. Workers won't get annual bonuses and the diocese "will still face the necessity of additional staff reductions," he said.

The diocese is facing financial trouble partly because revenues from parishes has been flat while costs have increased. The diocesan budget for 2011-2012 was \$23.2 million, but income for the coming year is projected to be just \$21 million.

The six-county diocese has 635,000 parishioners, down from 815,000 in 1993, but the diocese is cutting expenses because it's committed to not running a deficit. The last time that happened was in 1989.

"We tell the parishes that they need to live within their means, and we need to do the same," Lengwin said.

The diocese is funded by a share of the collections from its parishes. The budget is largely for administrative staff, including central church offices and higher levels of administration.

Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh cutting staff to avoid deficit

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh is preparing to lay off workers to avoid

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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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By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the jack of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

WEST
♠ 6 5 2
♥ A 8
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 10 9 8 7

EAST
♠ A J 10 3
♥ K J 5 4
♦ A K 5 2
♣ K

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Spades, and North leads the queen of clubs. How would you play the hand?

WEST
♠ A J 10 9 8 4 2
♥ K 8
♦ K 7
♣ A 3

EAST
♠ 5 3
♥ A J 10
♦ A J 8 6 4
♣ K 8 7

1. You start with eight sure tricks and many different ways to try to acquire a ninth. But to nail down the contract beyond the shadow of a doubt, win the opening diamond lead in dummy, play the king of clubs and overtake it with the ace!

Continue with the ten of clubs, forcing out the jack or queen. Regardless of who wins the trick or what is returned, you are in complete command. Sooner or later you force out the other missing club honor, thereby assuring yourself of three club tricks and the contract.

If you try any other method of play, you might succeed, but you might also fail. The only way to guarantee three notrump is by overtaking the king of clubs with the ace.

2. Obviously, the only problem is to avoid losing two trump tricks, since you have no losers in the three other suits. To give yourself the best chance, you should take the first club with dummy's king and lead a trump toward your hand.

If South produces the queen or king of trumps at trick two, your worries are over. You win with the ace, return the jack of trumps and shortly thereafter chalk up the slam. But what do you do if South follows with a low trump at trick two?

The correct percentage play — the play that will win in the long run — is the jack, planning to finesse again later if the jack loses to the queen or king. Despite anything you might have heard or thought to the contrary, the planned second finesse is far better than going up with the ace on the second round of trumps if South follows low again.

The suggested line of play is not guaranteed to succeed; it is merely the best way to play the given suit combination and offers about a 75 percent probability of losing only one trick in the suit.

Tomorrow: Card-reading.
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News in brief

Breivik deemed sane, sentenced to prison for bomb and gun attacks he calls anti-Muslim crusade

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A Norwegian court sentenced Anders Behring Breivik to prison on Friday, denying prosecutors the insanity ruling they hoped would show that his massacre of 77 people was the work of a madman, not part of an anti-Muslim crusade.

Breivik smiled with apparent satisfaction when Judge Wenche Elisabeth Arntzen read the ruling, declaring him sane enough to be held criminally responsible and sentencing him to “preventive detention,” which means it is unlikely he will ever be released.

The sentence brings a form of closure to Norway, which was shaken to its core by the bomb and gun attacks on July 22, 2011, because Breivik’s lawyers said before the ruling that he would not appeal any ruling that did not declare him insane.

Prosecutors had argued Breivik was crazy as he plotted his attacks to draw attention to a rambling “manifesto” that blamed Muslim immigration for the disintegration of European society.

Breivik argued that authorities were trying to cast him as sick to cast doubt on his political views, and said during the trial that being sent to an insane asylum would be the worst thing that could happen to him.

Romney highlights role of offshore tax havens in helping ensure big business is ‘doing fine’

HOPKINS, Minn. (AP) — Creating a potential headache for his campaign, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney said big businesses in the U.S. were “doing fine” in part because they get advantages from offshore tax havens.

His comments echoed similar assertions about the state of big business by President Barack Obama which Romney has criticized. They’re also a reminder that the GOP candidate has kept some of his personal fortune in low tax foreign accounts.

“Big business is doing fine in many places,” Romney said during a campaign fundraiser Thursday. “They get the loans they need, they can deal with all the regulation. They know how to find ways to get through the tax code, save money by putting various things in the places where there are low tax havens around the world for their businesses.”

Romney’s assertions resembled Obama’s declaration earlier this summer that the “private sector is doing fine.” Romney and other Republicans pounced on the president’s comments and cast them as an indication that he was out of touch with the nation’s economic struggles.

Romney didn’t mention Thursday that he has kept some of his personal money in offshore tax havens, including accounts in Switzerland and the Cayman Islands.

AP Exclusive: Romney campaign uses secretive, high-tech data mining to find wealthy donors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mitt Romney’s success in raising hundreds of millions of dollars in the costliest presidential race ever can be traced in part to a secretive data-mining project that sifts through Americans’ personal information — including their purchasing history and church attendance — to identify new and likely, wealthy donors, The Associated Press has learned.

For the data-mining project, the Republican candidate has quietly employed since at least June a little-known but successful analytics firm that previously performed marketing work for a colleague

tied to Bain & Co., the management-consulting firm that Romney once led.

The head of Buxton Co. of Fort Worth, Texas, chief executive Tom Buxton, confirmed to the AP his company’s efforts to help Romney identify rich and previously untapped Republican donors across the country.

The Romney campaign declined to discuss on the record its work with Buxton or the project’s overall success.

There are no records of payments to Buxton from Romney’s campaign, the Republican National Committee or a joint fundraising committee. Under federal law, companies cannot use corporate money or resources, such as proprietary data analysis, for in-kind contributions to campaigns.

Ill. police: Teen held 2 years escapes captors; man and his mother in custody, child recovered

WASHINGTON PARK, Ill. (AP) — A teen girl reported missing more than two years ago told police she escaped a home in southwestern Illinois where she had been held captive and repeatedly sexually assaulted.

Authorities in Washington Park, a village next to East St. Louis, raided the house Thursday afternoon and took into custody a 24-year-old man and his mother. They also recovered the teen’s young child, which the girl said was the result of rape by her captor.

Washington Park Police Chief David Clark said they believe the man’s mother aided the crimes. Police would not identify either of them by name because they had not been charged as of early Friday.

About two dozen members of a SWAT team wearing helmets and body armor swarmed the home with assault rifles drawn. They recovered the child and arrested a man and his mother.

One officer carried the child from the home, shielding the toddler with a sheet. The child was then taken away in an ambulance.

Prosecutors say Colo. theater shooting suspect was angry over poor academic performance

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — James Holmes was a promising neuroscience doctoral candidate, but by the end of the program’s first year, he had fallen out of favor with professors and failed a key exam, prosecutors said.

Details of his behavior before he became a suspect in a suburban Denver theater shooting were not released. But it raised enough concerns for campus police to run a background check on Holmes, although University of Colorado spokeswoman Jacque Montgomery declined to elaborate on the reason Thursday.

Prosecutors went before a judge Thursday to seek the school’s records on Holmes, including his application, grades and course schedules, and anything concerning his termination or withdrawal from the school in June. He had failed an oral board exam on June 7, then withdrew from the school three days later.

Holmes faces charges in a July 20 shooting during the new Batman movie that left 12 dead and 58 others wounded.

Adm. McRaven threatens legal action against troops telling secrets, after raid book announced

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special operations chief Adm. Bill McRaven is warning he will take legal ac-

tion against anyone under his command if they’re found guilty of exposing sensitive information that could cause fellow forces harm.

In an email Thursday to special operations forces and obtained by The Associated Press, McRaven threatens to pursue “every option available to hold members accountable, including criminal prosecution.”

The warning comes a day after a retired Navy commando revealed he’s publishing a first-hand account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden. Pentagon officials say they have not been given a chance to review the book.

McRaven also took former special operators to task for “using their ‘celebrity’ status to advance their personal or professional agendas.”

Tropical Storm Isaac heads for Hispaniola, but less likely to strike as a hurricane

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Tropical Storm Isaac strengthened slightly as it spun toward the Dominican Republic and Haiti, but seemed unlikely to gain enough steam early Friday to strike the island of Hispaniola as a hurricane.

The storm’s failure to gain the kind of strength in the Caribbean that forecasters initially projected made it more likely that Isaac won’t become a hurricane until it enters the Gulf of Mexico, said Eric Blake, a forecaster with U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

“We think it could become a hurricane on Monday,” Blake said late Thursday. “It would be somewhere over the Gulf of Mexico.”

The latest five-day forecast showed the storm’s path shifting to the west, possibly making landfall near the Alabama-Mississippi border, Blake said. But he said it was “too early to know” the exact course and stressed that Florida’s Gulf Coast, including Tampa, the site of next week’s Republican National Convention, was still in the forecast cone.

The storm dumped heavy rain Thursday across eastern and southern Puerto Rico and whipped up waves as high as 10 feet (3 meters) in the Caribbean as it churned across the region.

South Korean court rules Samsung didn’t copy Apple’s iPhone design, but both infringed patents

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea’s Samsung won a home court ruling in its global smartphone battle against Apple on Friday when Seoul judges said the company didn’t copy the look and feel of the U.S. company’s iPhone, and that Apple infringed on Samsung’s wireless technology.

However, in a split decision on patents, the panel also said Samsung violated Apple technology behind the bounce-back feature when scrolling on touch screens, and ordered both sides to pay limited damages.

The Seoul Central District Court ruling called for a partial ban on sales of products, including Apple’s iPads and smartphones from both companies, though the verdict did not affect any latest-generation smartphone.

The ruling affects only the South Korean market, and is part of a larger, epic struggle over patents and innovation unfolding in nine countries. The biggest stakes are in the U.S., where Apple is suing Samsung for \$2.5 billion over allegations it has created illegal knockoffs of iPhones and iPads.

The Seoul ruling was a rare victory for Samsung in its arguments that Apple has infringed on its wireless technology patents, which previously have been shot down by courts in Europe.

Dad hopeful son, reporting in Syria, turns up safe

DALLAS (AP) — The father of an American journalist working in volatile regions of Syria said his son hasn’t been in contact with his editors or his family in Texas in more than a week, but he’s hopeful his son will turn up safe.

Austin Tice, a former Marine, has reported for The Washington Post, McClatchy Newspapers and other media outlets from the Middle Eastern country, where he recently spent time with rebel fighters. He was expected back in the U.S. in mid-August.

“It’s not uncommon for various journalists moving in and about Syria to be out of communication. We’re very hopeful that that is what is happening,” his father, Marc Tice, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his home in Houston late Thursday.

The Washington Post reported that the 31-year-old Tice spent time with rebel fighters in the north after entering Syria from Turkey in May. He then traveled to Damascus, where he was one of

the few Western journalists reporting from the capital.

His father said he knows nothing more of the situation beyond what is being reported by the media outlets, but he believes his son’s military training will help him. He said his last contact with his son was on Aug. 12.

“It was an ordinary email exchange. There wasn’t anything unusual or concerning about the exchange. But we all know the level of risk he faces,” he said. “He was conscious of the risk and willing

to take that risk.”

Austin Tice was living in Washington before heading overseas, and had been attending law school at Georgetown University between deployments and his latest reporting trip, his father said.

Washington Post and McClatchy executives said they were deeply concerned about Tice and hailed his reporting. Both organizations said they were working with the U.S. State Department and other news outlets to find him.

“We’re focused intensively

on trying to ascertain his whereabouts and ensure his safe return,” Post executive editor Marcus Brauchli said in a statement. Anders Gyllenhaal, McClatchy vice president for news, added: “Journalists like Austin from all over the world risk their lives every day to cover the news.”

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said the agency was working to get more information on Tice’s welfare and whereabouts thanks to the help of the Czech Embassy.



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Pest Prevention Basics

What you need to know to keep pests out of your home



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FAMILY FEATURES

Nobody likes a pest, especially the creepy, crawly kind. But they exist, and, unfortunately, too many of us make it easy for pests to take up residence right alongside the family.

To help you remember the most effective way to deal with pests, use this acronym — INSPECT. It stands for:

Investigate. Take a serious, strategic approach to discovering potential pest problems in and around your home.

Study. After identifying potential problems, study the potential cause or consequence of these problems.

Prepare. Plan how to most effectively solve your problem. Changing habits to include covering your dryer vent, and only eating in the kitchen can help prevent pests from taking up residence.

Eliminate. Eliminate pest entryways into your home by caulking cracks and trimming trees and shrubs.

Clean. Maintaining your home and lawn are essential for discouraging pests from calling your home theirs. Eliminate opportunities for pests to find food, water, and nesting and hiding places.

Treat. To protect your home and family, properly treat pest problems with the appropriate pesticide product to effectively manage the problem.



Room by Room

While pests can be in any part of your home, here are some of the more common rooms you'll find them in, and what you can do to keep them out.

Bedroom

Common Pests: Bed bugs, dust mites

Bed bugs can live anywhere in any home. They tend to concentrate in mattresses, box springs and bed frames, but they can also be in curtains, inside furniture drawers, and in cracks in the wallpaper. They can even hitch a ride on clothing or in a backpack and be carried to and from school.

Bed bugs can live for a year or more without feeding, and can withstand temperatures that range from nearly freezing to almost 113°F. Managing a bed bug infestation is difficult and requires professional help, which can include close inspection and monitoring, and possibly removal of all infested materials.

Tips:

- Check mattresses, headboards and box springs for signs of bed bug droppings, eggs or live nymphs.
- Regularly inspect backpacks for signs of bed bugs.
- If you suspect a bed bug infestation, contact a licensed pest management professional for an immediate inspection.

Dust mites thrive in warm, humid conditions. They are found in mattresses, furniture, toys, curtains, carpets and rugs. They can trigger asthma, cause dermatitis, and transmit disease.

Tips:

- Cover mattresses and pillows with dust-proof, zippered covers tested and rated for dust mites.
- Frequently change bed linens. Wash bedding and stuffed animals once a week.
- Vacuum areas frequently.
- Ask a pest management professional for help treating for dust mites.

Bathroom

Common Pests: Spiders, silverfish

Spiders like to lurk in corners, cabinets and drawers, as well as clothing and behind curtains. If you have a persistent spider problem, it's most likely that you also have other pests that are serving as a steady food source for spiders.

Tips:

- Remove webs with a broom or vacuum. Destroy any egg sacs you find. Check around windows, in corners or other out of the way spots.
- Check for leaking water lines under the sink and in the shower/tub area.
- Clean faucets and shower heads.
- Supplement cleaning with proper insecticide treatment. Treat around baseboards, in cracks and crevices and other likely hiding places.

Silverfish like to chew on anything with starch or polysaccharides — paper, photos, hair, wallpaper, carpet, clothing and even dandruff.

Tips:

- Eliminate sources of water. Fix leaky faucets, and don't let water stand in the tub or sink.
- Replace or repair moldy or wet wood in the bathroom.
- Reduce humidity in the bathroom by running a fan or opening a window while you shower.

Kitchen

Common pests: Ants, roaches, rodents

Insects and rodents look for food anywhere they can find it — cabinets, pantries, floorboards, areas where pet food is stored. These pests contaminate food and carry disease.

Tips:

- Maintain clean, clutter-free spaces.
- Wipe up spills and pick up crumbs immediately.
- Keep stove vents and drip pans clean.
- Store food in air-tight and pest-proof containers, or in the refrigerator or freezer.
- Don't leave your pet's food and water dishes out overnight.
- Check for water leaks under the sink and refrigerator.
- Keep trash and recycling areas clean, and rinse out food containers and beverage cans before disposing of them.
- Baits, sprays and traps are effective ways to manage kitchen pests.

To learn more about preventing pest problems in your home, visit www.debugthemys.com.

Pests at School

Common pests: Bed bugs, cockroaches, spiders and yellow jackets

Tips:

- Clean out your child's backpack and other bags every day to avoid transporting pests to and from school.
- Encourage your kids to learn to identify potentially harmful pests like stinging insects so they know when to tell an adult and how to avoid being stung.
- Talk to your school about monitoring for pests like cockroaches, which are known allergens and can trigger asthma attacks.
- Keep an eye out for pests like flies or mice that can spread diseases or contaminate food in the cafeteria.

School can be a playground for pests. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that schools use integrated pest management (IPM) to deal with pest problems. School IPM programs use common sense strategies that reduce sources of food, water and shelter for pests. They also use pesticides judiciously and carefully when necessary to eliminate and manage potentially harmful pest infestations.

Learn more about IPM at www.debugthemys.com.



HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

An unidentified Stanton player carries the ball during a scrimmage Thursday against Tahoka. The Buffaloes, under Coach John Peterson have made the playoffs three out of the last four years and hope to make another postseason run this season.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Football

- Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado, Matador County, (Scrimmage), 7 p.m.
- Reagan County at Forsan (Scrimmage), 7 p.m.
- Garden City at Highland (Scrimmage), 6 p.m.
- Sands at Westbrook (Scrimmage), 6 p.m.

Volleyball

- Big Spring at Granbury Tournament (Varsity only), through Saturday.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

Hamilton picks up 5 RBI, Texas trounces Twins

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ron Washington was in a grateful mood after his 500th win as manager of the Texas Rangers.

Josh Hamilton had five RBIs and Mitch Moreland doubled in the go-ahead run during a six-run eighth inning that carried Texas to a 10-6 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Thursday night.

"I think you have to give a lot of credit to the organization, the players, the coaches and everyone," said Washington, in his sixth season as a manager — all with the Rangers. "We got there fast. I didn't get there alone."

"I just hope I can be here and win 500 more."

Adrian Beltre had three hits, including his fourth homer in two days, and scored the tie-

breaking run on Moreland's drive to left-center.

Minnesota starter Scott Diamond was ejected in the third by plate umpire Wally Bell after throwing a pitch behind Hamilton's head. Twins manager Ron Gardenhire also was tossed after immediately protesting Bell's decision.

"Anytime in an umpire's judgment they go in the head area, we have to take care of business. I felt at the time that he had to be ejected for it," Bell said.

Rangers starter Roy Oswalt had hit slugger Joe Mauer in the back in the preceding half-inning.

"I'm not going to get into that," Gardenhire said. "Everybody saw that, so I don't have to

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Armstrong facing loss of 7 Tour de France titles

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Never a one to back away from a fight, Lance Armstrong is finally giving in and the cost of quitting is steep: His seven Tour de France titles could be gone as soon as Friday.

The superstar cyclist, whose stirring victories after his comeback from cancer helped him transcend sports, chose not to pursue arbitration in the drug case brought against him by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. That was his last option in his bitter fight with USADA and his decision set the stage for the titles to be stripped and his name to be all but wiped from the record books of the sport he once ruled.

Travis Tygart, USADA's chief executive, left no doubt that was the next step. He said Armstrong would lose the titles as

soon as Friday and be hit with a lifetime ban, even though he is retired and turning 41 next month.

Tygart said the UCI, the sport's governing body, was "bound to recognize our decision and impose it" as a signer of the World Anti-Doping Code.

"They have no choice but to strip the titles under the code," he said.

On Friday, the International Cycling Union said not so fast. The UCI, which had backed Armstrong's legal challenge to USADA's authority, cited the same World Anti-Doping Code in saying that it wanted the USADA to explain why Armstrong should lose his titles.

The UCI said the code requires this in cases "where no hearing occurs."

Armstrong clearly knew his legacy would be blem-

ished by his decision. He said he has grown tired of defending himself in a seemingly never-ending fight against charges that he doped while piling up more Tour victories than anyone ever. He has consistently pointed to the hundreds of drug tests that he passed as proof of his innocence during his extraordinary run of Tour titles from 1999 to 2005.

"There comes a point in every man's life when he has to say, 'Enough is enough.' For me, that time is now," Armstrong said Thursday night, hours before the deadline to enter arbitration. He called the USADA investigation an "unconstitutional witch hunt."

"I have been dealing with claims that I cheated and had an unfair advantage in winning my seven Tours since 1999," he said.

"The toll this has taken on my family and my work for our foundation and on me leads me to where I am today — finished with this nonsense."

USADA treated Armstrong's decision as an admission of guilt, hanging the label of drug cheat on an athlete who was a hero to thousands for overcoming life-threatening testicular cancer and for his foundation's support for cancer research. Armstrong could lose other awards, event titles and cash earnings, and the International Olympic Committee might look at the bronze medal he won in the 2000 Games.

"It is a sad day for all of us who love sport and athletes," Tygart said. "It's a heart-breaking example of win-at-all-costs

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Cowboys return home after California stint

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are finally home, and out of training camp mode.

Even with two preseason games left in five days at Cowboys Stadium, where the team had a two-hour workout without pads Thursday, coach Jason Garrett said the team is making the transition to the regular season.

"We're a different team now than we were 3½ weeks ago when we started out there in Oxnard (Calif.)," Garrett said. "The training camp is behind us now. ... (Players) have to kind of shift gears, get back in the mode of being back in Dallas and get the right mindset to prepare themselves the right way."

The Cowboys (No. 15 in the AP Pro32) spent all that time in California for training camp, two

preseason games and two days of practices with the San Diego Chargers. There is now less than two weeks before their Sept. 5 regular season opener at the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

"We've just got to keep the momentum going," linebacker Sean Lee said.

Quarterback Tony Romo and the rest of the healthy starters are expected to get their most extensive playing time of the preseason in Saturday night's game against St. Louis.

The preseason finale is against Miami on Wednesday night, a week before the season opener.

Among the starters who didn't practice Thursday and won't play Saturday are the top three pass-catchers, Pro Bowl

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Cards sweep ailing Astros

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Houston Astros scored a few runs for interim manager Tony DeFrancesco and chased St. Louis starter Jake Westbrook after five innings.

Too bad their starter, rookie lefty Dallas Keuchel, didn't record an out in the fourth.

David Freese's three-run homer snapped the Cardinals' seven-game longball drought and St. Louis punished Keuchel and four relievers for 17 hits in a 13-5 victory to complete to complete a three-game sweep.

"Mistakes are going to be made by young pitchers and young players," DeFrancesco said. "We know what we've got in the clubhouse and all we can do is stay positive as a coaching staff."

DeFrancesco is trying his best to keep things upbeat. He had the obligatory tip of the hat comment after each loss to the Cardinals, hastening to manager they're the World Se-

ries champions, and that his youngsters are trying.

"They compete and they kept grinding out at-bats," DeFrancesco said. "The good side for us, we scored five runs."

Freese and Matt Holliday each had four RBIs and Allen Craig had three hits and three RBIs.

The Cardinals shrugged aside a 4-0, fourth-inning deficit and sent Houston to its seventh straight loss.

The Astros are 0-4 while getting outscored 32-8 since DeFrancesco replaced Brad Mills as leader of the stripped-down roster. Houston has won just seven of its last 50 overall.

Ben Francisco had three hits for the Astros, who were swept for the third time this month and 12th overall.

"It good to score some runs, but we still lost," Francisco said. "So everybody's not happy. We've got to come out there tomorrow and do it again."

Cowboys' TE Witten making good progress

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten is making good progress recovering from a spleen injury, and is scheduled to see another doctor next week.

Coach Jason Garrett says doctors have monitored the Pro Bowl tight end's tests and blood work since he sustained

a lacerated spleen after taking a hard hit in the preseason opener Aug. 13. The coach says everything has come back positive and that "everything is going fairly well."

Garrett says the Cowboys will have a better idea about moving forward with Witten after he sees the doctor Tuesday.

Central Texas high school football player suffers stroke

BRENHAM, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas high school football player is hospitalized in intensive care after suffering a stroke.

Senior Brenham defensive back and receiver Justin Davis is recovering from surgeries to ease pressure from brain swelling. Brenham athletic director and football coach Glen West said Davis is in crit-

ical condition.

West said Davis had reported feeling ill about a half-hour after practice Wednesday. His condition quickly worsened, however, and he was taken to a Brenham hospital before going to Bryan 35 miles away. West said the diagnosis was a stroke caused by a blood clot in his carotid artery, a rarity in a young person.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The sun and Mars both offer a complementary position to Neptune, planet of dreams and imaginings, indicating that the time for mental exploration is now. What does your inner world look like? Pull down your eyelids and peer inward with the spectacles of your spirit. If the landscape is underdeveloped, dare to build.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Put something great on the schedule for next week instead of doing it now. If you forestall your reward, you'll have the added pleasure of thinking about how wonderful it will be to finally indulge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Discretion is important to you. You will have the confidence to learn something new once you are reasonably sure that your errors will not be pointed out for all to see.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). For those who have access to a library or the Internet, education is free. Having the will and motivation to study is a rare gift, though, a gift that you possess and will make the most of.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your imitation of someone is not deliberate and may not even be conscious. But suddenly you'll notice that you have lifted a manner of expression, and you'll decide what it means.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you could give your past self a good talking to, what would you say? Once you answer that question, accept a visit from your future self, and listen to all the wisdom this being has to impart.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your job appears to be very similar to the job you were doing yesterday. To prevent boredom, inject some creativity into it. If you don't attempt some kind of spice or twist, this job is hardly worth doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You said what needed to be said, but no one was

listening. So say it again. Often people need to hear the same message seven times or more before they understand its call to action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Embrace your parental influences instead of trying to run from them. Even if what your parents gave you was negligible or negative, you'll be more powerful if you can accept that and build from there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes you fall into relationships so automatically that you completely forget that you can pick your friends. Try it anew today. You're a different person, and it just may turn out better for you this time around.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your scene could use some new color. Notice what your eye is attracted to, and investigate. This metaphor can be applied to each of your senses to sparkle up your immediate environs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You were given a handful of elements to use in your formation of a project. You mold them into something that's all yours and utterly different from that from which they came.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's something to be gained from an identity crisis, and you're the proof. If you momentarily forget who you are, the answer is closer to your childhood idea of yourself than it is to anything after.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 24). Many will follow your lead this year, and luckily for them, you'll lead with an exuberant celebration of life. You'll pursue education in September and wind up with sharp skills. October brings a new influence, and a lucrative project follows. Love and its many forms will be your favorite pastime in December and throughout 2013. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 12, 32 and 18.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** You'll be extremely selective in your choice

of what to do and with whom to do it, leaving nothing to chance. **TAURUS:** You'll be in a position to manage someone's expectations. When this person is very happy with what you present, you'll know you did it beautifully. **GEMINI:** You may get some last-minute resistance to your ideas, but this is merely an invitation to be more convincing. **CANCER:** You'll have to unlearn your old ways if you're to be newly enticing. **LEO:** Your smile tells everyone that the game is on. **VIRGO:** What you do to develop your sense of humor counts for more than you think. Hang out with those who make you laugh. **LIBRA:** You'll enjoy the time you spend with someone who can hold up the other end of the conversation. **SCORPIO:** You'll help another feel confident. **SAGITTARIUS:** Dare to stand out in a colorful way. **CAPRICORN:** The party is where you stand. **AQUARIUS:** A good decision is one that holds up over time. You'll make such a choice in the next 48 hours. **PISCES:** Collect a few good ideas so you'll have more to choose from as you create your world with someone special.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:

The outgoing Sagittarius moon is a stark contrast to Virgo's more introverted solar cloak. People of these signs realize immediately the benefit they offer to one another. Virgo feels entitled to abandon formality when bold Sagittarius throws just the off-handed gesture needed to stir things up. Their fire-and-earth bond takes off this weekend like California wildfire.

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~ Dear Margo ~

Staying Married Is Not for Everyone

Dear Margo: As a mother, I'm sure you can empathize. My daughter married a four-door, gold-plated cheater. I frankly do not know why he bothered to get married — or why my daughter wanted him. Maybe she thought being married would make him less of an alley cat.

They "celebrated" their 15th anniversary last month. While my daughter does not complain, she has made no secret of the fact that she is mulling over giving this guy the gate.

Their children are now teenagers, and so, by my lights, a divorce would not be the end of the world. (My daughter does not work because the skunk makes a nice living.) If I am flat-out asked for my opinion, what would you advise me to say? — *Distressed Mother*

Dear Dis: Having been around since ice covered the earth (well, almost), I have formed a definite opinion about these kinds of men, and that opinion is best expressed by the late Arizona Congressman Mo Udall, who quipped, "That condition can only be cured with embalming fluid."

I also believe in being truthful when asked for an opinion. Should your daughter open the door to this discussion, the honest and constructive thing to say is that these situations don't get better, they get worse, and she would have your blessings and moral support were she to change her life and return to a single state.

The decision, of course, must be hers — and like some other things in life, it would be more advantageous if made sooner rather than later. Good luck. — *Margo, beneficially*

Can a Skunk Lose His Stripe?

Dear Margo: My husband and I met and fell head over heels for each other. "I love you" were exchanged quickly. A couple of months into our relationship, I saw that he had posted some inappropriate and suggestive comments on a "friend's" Facebook page.

I asked him about it, and he said he was trying to "boost her self-esteem," apologized and

"Mommy" from the beginning. I refer to his bio mom by her first name. However, when we are at family gatherings, she insists on calling herself "Mommy." She gets in his face and says, "Who am I? What's my name?" And then he looks at me, totally confused.

My cousin and her family are struggling with the fact that I am the only mommy he knows. I will tell him the truth when I feel he is mature enough. But shouldn't they have more respect for me and not confuse him? — *Mommy that Matters*

Dear Mommy: Whether or not they respect you, they should respect the child and not

took the comments down. A couple of months later, he lied about the circumstances under which he had lunch with his ex-wife. (They supposedly ran into each other, but I found out it was requested by him.) I called him on it and said I didn't appreciate being lied to.

We moved on and got engaged, and I then saw an extremely explicit Facebook chat with his son's ex-girlfriend. You can imagine the age difference and my disgust. I nearly broke off the engagement, but I yielded to his assurances that nothing like that would ever happen again.

Fast-forward: We've been married for two years. We've had some fairly sizable arguments over his need for attention and approval from other women.

I don't actually believe he has cheated on me physically, but I recently found out he lied to me again about taking women to lunch while traveling for business.

I've had enough; I have a hard time believing anything he says. Now he wants to go to counseling and says I need to keep the "commitment" to our marriage.

I say that I'm out of "chances" and do not want to waste more time with empty promises and assurances. I feel like we would just be delaying the inevitable.

He's definitely pushing my guilt buttons, and he knows my propensity to do what I "should" do in the eyes of others. — *Heading for the Door*

Dear Head: First of all, "the eyes of others" fit in nowhere in a decision about a marriage, because others are in no position to know what is going on or how it feels.

Second, are you waiting for a building to fall on your head? This man is a serial liar whose promises mean nothing. And what you call "his need for attention and approval from other women" is the kiss of death — for him. I agree with you about not wasting any more time. If you do, you could very well wake up as a middle-aged woman with a rotten marriage and a husband who has lots of "likes" on Facebook. — *Margo, supportively*

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do things that will confuse and disturb him. Still, you cannot control what these relatives do, so we recommend you inform your son about his origins in an appropriate manner as soon as possible. He needs to understand that this woman is his biological mother, but she was unable to take care of him and you wanted him very much, and you both love him deeply. Talk to your pediatrician about the best way to handle this, and perhaps get a referral to a family therapist.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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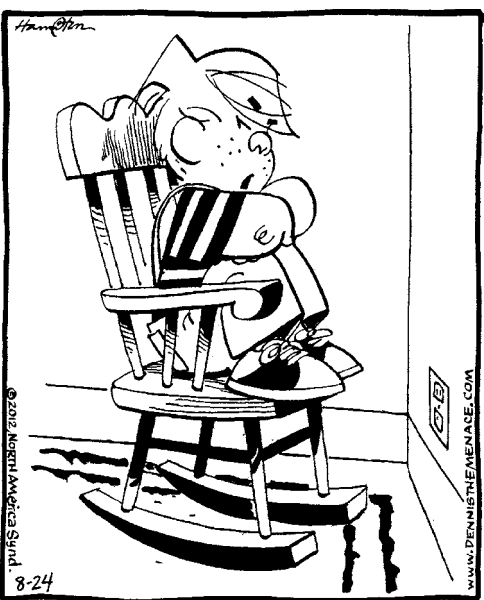
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Notice is hereby given that a REGULAR meeting of the Howard County Commissioner's Court will be held on the 10th day of September, 2012, at 10:10 o'clock A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom, third floor, Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main St., Big Spring, Texas at which time the following subjects will be discussed.

PUBLIC HEARING- re: SB1685, District Clerk Technology Fund and County Clerk Technology Fund
Dated this 8th day August, 2012
Mark Barr
County Judge, Howard County
ATTEST: Colleen Barton
District Clerk, Howard County
Donna Wright
County Clerk, Howard County
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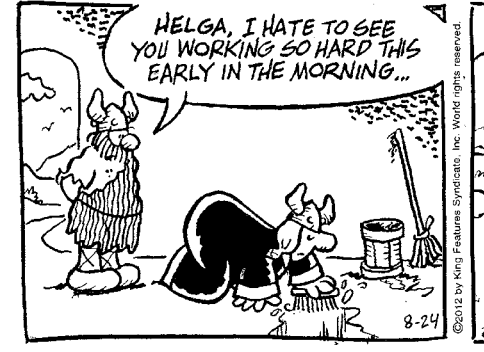
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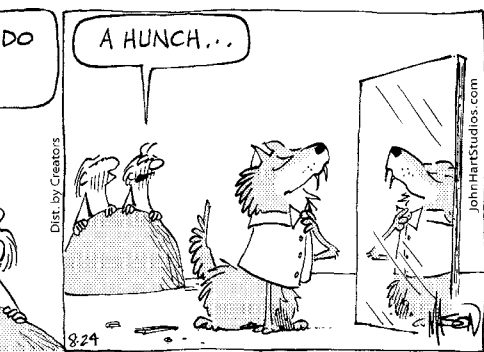
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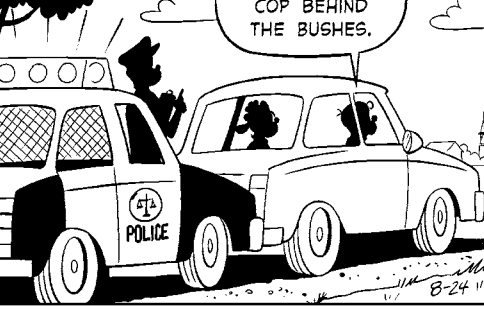
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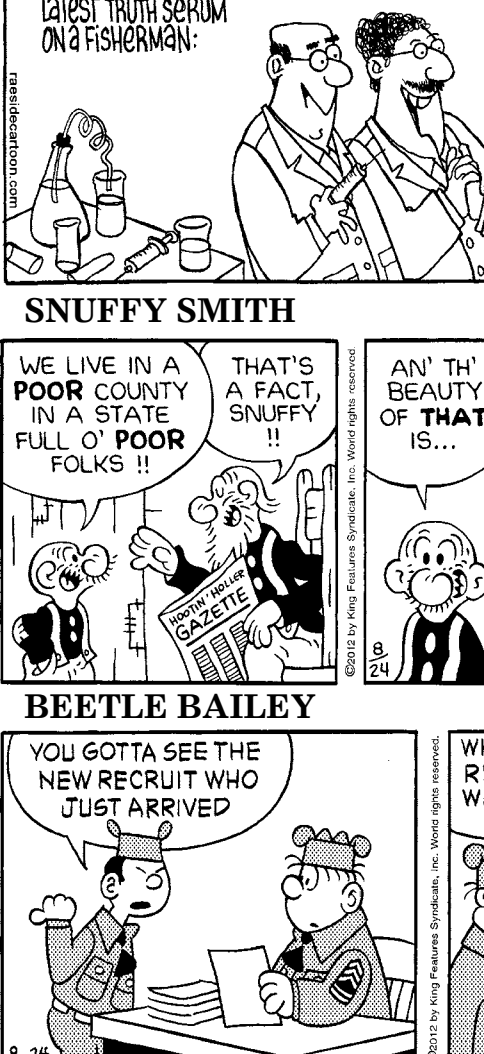
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 24, the 237th day of 2012. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing \$30 billion in damage; 43 U.S. deaths were blamed on the storm.

On this date:

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died.

In 1572, the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris.

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to the Capitol and the White House, as well as other buildings.

In 1821, the Treaty of Cordoba was signed, granting independence to Mexico from Spanish rule.

In 1912, Congress passed a measure creating the Alaska Territory. Congress approved legislation establishing Parcel Post delivery by the U.S. Post Office Department, slated to begin on Jan. 1, 1913.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., making her the first woman to fly solo, non-stop, from coast to coast.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

In 1970, an explosives-laden van left by anti-war extremists blew up outside the University of Wisconsin's Sterling Hall in Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for murdering John Lennon.

In 2006, the International Astronomical Union declared that Pluto was no longer a planet, demoting it to the status of a "dwarf planet."

Answer to previous puzzle

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COWBOYS

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receiver Miles Austin (hamstring), Dez Bryant (patellar tendinitis in his right knee) and seventh-time Pro Bowl tight end Jason Witten (lacerated spleen).

Garrett said the team is remaining extra cautious with Austin, who missed six games last season because of problems with both hamstrings. Witten is making good progress from the spleen injury he sustained on a hard hit in the preseason opener Aug. 13.

"The most recent update on Witten is everything is going fairly well with him. Obviously it's a very serious injury," Garrett said. "The doctors have seen all of his tests, his blood work all throughout the process and he's scheduled to see another doctor on Tuesday, and hopefully we can get an OK from that. But this is all normal within the process of what we thought right from the outset. ... Everything has come back positive for him and we're hopeful that he can return sooner rather than later."

Austin, Bryant and Witten stood on the sideline for Thursday's session, which was open to the public.

Witten said he is feeling "a lot better" but that there is still a lot of uncertainty as he heals.

"We'll find out soon enough," Witten said while walking off the field. "I'm sure we'll evaluate next week and see where we're at and go from there."

When Austin started dealing again with hamstring problems a week into camp, the Cowboys said they planned to be careful with their top receiver. Garrett said there has been no setback, and that the focus for the Cowboys is to make sure not to bring him back too early with an opportunity to hurt his hamstring again.

"I think everything has been really positive with him since he had the injury. I think he's gotten better and better," Garrett said. "We're trying to, as a staff and as a medical staff, do the right things by him."

Moss, Owens determined to salvage careers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Randy Moss playfully chased reserve nose tackle Ian Williams toward the locker room after practice and razzed the second-year pro with each step. It was hardly a fair deal, given Moss' stellar speed even at age 35 against the 305-pound Williams.

"I'm not running with you, man," Moss joked amid laughs and smiles from both men.

While Moss is having a blast as he begins anew with the 49ers after a year out of football, former San Francisco star Terrell Owens is doing the same thing in the Pacific Northwest. Still bold and brash, T.O. signs autographs shirtless in Seattle — getting his fresh start at age 38 with the Niners' NFC West rival also following a season away from the NFL.

Both are deter-

mined to once again become the dominating deep threats they were in their primes.

Moss and Owens have a couple of things in common: a shared confidence they can still catch the ball against younger, more athletic NFL defenders, and a defiant attitude aimed at those who want to label them or knock shaky reputations they insist aren't all they've been made out to be.

Owens clearly still has some catching up to do. He missed five chances on passes thrown his way in his debut during a 30-10 win at Denver last Saturday.

He has struggled to find his role or connect with competing Seattle quarterbacks Matt Flynn and rookie Russell Wilson. Owens dropped a potential 46-yard touchdown against the Broncos and hasn't stood out in practice the same

way as Braylon Edwards, the Seahawks' other new veteran wide receiver, who played last year with San Francisco.

Owens, these days showing a spiritual side after a couple of rough years, has had little time to learn Pete Carroll's West Coast offense. Moss, meanwhile, has looked speedy and in sync playing in the 49ers' system since Day 1 wearing his new No. 84 jersey.

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say anything about it.

"I've never seen it happen like that before."

A pair of Twins errors led to five unearned runs in the eighth as the AL West leaders sent 11 batters to the plate to break a 4-all tie. Geovany Soto, Ian Kinsler and Elvis Andrus also had RBIs in the inning.

Moreland entered in the sixth to replace designated hitter Michael Young, who left to witness the birth of his third son.

Beltre is hitting .529 with four home runs, two doubles and six RBIs in his last four games. He homered three times Wednesday night, twice in a nine-run fourth inning, and had five RBIs

during a 12-3 victory over Baltimore.

Jared Burton (1-1) took the loss after giving up six runs on three hits and two walks in two-thirds of an inning.

Mike Adams (3-3) worked a scoreless eighth for the win. Joe Nathan entered in the ninth after Tanner Scheppers gave up two runs with two outs and converted his 22nd consecutive save opportunity and 25th of the season.

Minnesota left 14 runners on base.

Andrus' error on Denard Span's grounder to shortstop let in the first runs the Rangers' bullpen had given up in 18 innings.

Beltre hit a one-out double in the eighth and Nelson Cruz reached on third baseman Trevor

Plouffe's error, setting the stage for Moreland's clutch hit.

David Murphy was intentionally walked to bring up Soto, who hit a grounder that shortstop Pedro Florimon bobbled for an error. Soto was credited with an RBI.

Kinsler drew a bases-loaded walk, Andrus knocked in a run with an infield single and Hamilton added a two-run single.

Oswalt started in place of Yu Darvish, skipped because of tightness in his right quadriceps. The right-hander gave up four runs and seven hits over 5 1-3 innings.

Diamond worked 2 1-3 innings, giving up two runs on three hits and two walks.

The Rangers took a 4-2 lead in the fifth on Beltre's 23rd home run and

Hamilton's RBI single that scored Kinsler.

Oswalt was pulled after giving up successive hits to Matt Carson and Plouffe in the sixth.

Rangers reliever Michael Kirkman, who had retired 10 consecutive batters over his past three appearances, couldn't keep Oswalt's runners from scoring.

Carson came home on Florimon's groundout and Span tied it with a single.

Hamilton's double in the first scored Kinsler and Andrus to give Texas a 2-1 lead. The 2010 AL MVP is hitting .345 with 17 RBIs in the past 16 games.

"Down the stretch, he is our horse," Washington said. "So is Beltre, so is Moreland, so is Murphy. We've got a pretty good team."

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overtaking the fair and safe option. There's no success in cheating to win."

Johan Bruyneel, Armstrong's longtime coach, said the Texan is a victim of a legal process run amok.

"Lance has never withdrawn from a fair fight in his life so his decision today underlines what an unjust process this has been," Bruyneel wrote on his personal website on Friday.

While Tygart said the agency can strip the Tour titles, Armstrong disputed that, insisting his decision is not an admission of guilt but a refusal to enter an arbitration process he believes is unfair.

"USADA cannot assert control of a professional international sport and attempt to strip my

seven Tour de France titles," he said. "I know who won those seven Tours, my teammates know who won those seven Tours, and everyone I competed against knows who won those seven Tours."

Armstrong's comments notwithstanding, USADA has exercised its power to sanction athletes and strip their results regularly.

Its website shows that it has issued 21 sanctions in 2012 so far in sports ranging from cycling to track to boxing to judo, with 17 of the athletes losing their results.

At the headquarters of Tour organizer ASO outside of Paris on Friday, spokesman Fabrice Tiano said Tour director Christian Prudhomme was not immediately available for comment because he was in urgent meetings about the case.

Armstrong walked away from the sport for good in 2011 without being charged following a two-year federal criminal investigation into many of the same accusations he faces from USADA.

The federal probe was closed in February, but USADA announced in June it had evidence Arm-

strong used banned substances and methods — and encouraged their use by teammates. The agency also said it had blood tests from 2009 and 2010 that were "fully consistent" with blood doping.

Included in USADA's evidence were emails written by Armstrong's former U.S. Postal Service teammate Floyd Landis, who was stripped of his 2006 Tour de France title after a positive drug test. Landis' emails to the USA Cycling official detailed allegations of a complex doping program on the team.

USADA also said it had 10 former Armstrong teammates ready to testify against him. Other than suggesting they include Landis and Tyler Hamilton, both of whom have admitted to doping offenses, the agency has refused to say who they are or specifically what they would say.

USADA maintains that Armstrong used banned substances as far back as 1996, including the blood-booster EPO and steroids, as well as blood transfusions.

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