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# Man arrested carrying loaded gun into courthouse

## DA calls for increased courthouse security after man found armed in probation office; County Judge says no need

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A man on probation for evading arrest was taken into custody Wednesday morning after authorities discovered a loaded, stolen handgun in his possession in the

probation office of the Gray County Courthouse.

No one was injured, but the incident has provoked discussion about the state of security at the Gray County Courthouse. Christopher Turlington, 18, of Pampa

was charged with possession of a weap-



on in a prohibited area and theft of a firearm following the incident. He remained in custody at the Gray County Jail Wednesday evening in lieu of \$15,000 bond.

The weapon was discovered about 11

a.m., during a search by a Gray County deputy. The search was conducted after a dispatcher noticed Turlington on security cameras in the courthouse elevator, where he appeared to be putting something in his pants.

Once Turlington reached the probation office, the handgun, a loaded .22-caliber North American Arms revolver, was discovered. At the time, Turlington was on probation for a charge of evading arrest or detention.

Gray County Attorney Josh Seabourn said it is not a probation violation to be in possession of a firearm. However, it is against the law to bring a firearm into a courthouse or near a polling location, he added.

According to deputies, Turlington claimed he forgot that the weapon was on his person at the time. A spokesman *GUN* cont. on page 3

# City sponsors major golf championship on Saturday

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Hidden Hills Golf Course will host the Pampa City Championship on Saturday with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

The tournament is open to all residents of Gray County and each player must have a verifiable USGA handicap, according to a statement issued by Hidden Hills Golf Professional David



Staff photo by **Gayden Hays** 

Cary Rushing, chief deputy with the Gray County Sheriff's Office, discusses the dangers of drugs with members of the community at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday night.

#### Teichmann.

However, if no handicap can be established, the player will have the option to play in the Championship Flight, according to Teichmann's statement.

The tournament will consist of three divisions and will be separated into flights determined by handicap.

Men's, Ladies,' and Seniors' divisions will each crown their own champion.

The format for the tournament will be 18 holes medal play, with an entree fee of \$45 dollars per player. Each paid entree will receive free tee prizes.

Anyone with any questions who wishes to sign up is asked to call the Hidden Hills Golf Shop at 806-669-5866.

# Drought relief expected as La Niña becomes El Niño

■ Weather authorities expect El Niño to offer the Panhandle higher than average precipitation in contrast to La Niña's dryer than normal conditions.

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While parts of Gray County are either in a moderate or severe drought according to this week's report from the U.S. Drought Monitor, meteorologists expect increased precipitation and cooler temperatures as we transition from a La Niña pattern into El Niño.

Both La Niña and El Niño, which are created by ocean

temperatures, affect weather patterns, with La Niña creating dryer than normal conditions, and El Niño causing higher than average precipitation.

Last year, Texas endured the most severe one-year drought in reported history, with dry, hot conditions during the summer. According to the National Weather Service, during May through July of 2011, Pampa's temperature hit 100 degrees or above on 29 days, with about 3.2 inches of precipitation during that period.

This summer appears to be cooling off slightly, with

16 100-degree days, although precipitation looks similar to last year, with about three inches for the May through July period to date.

Meteorologist-in-Charge at Amarillo's NWS office, José Garcia, expects El Niño to offer the Panhandle some relief.

"Last year, we were under La Niña, which basically allows for hot, dry conditions," he said. "It's why last summer, we were setting temperature records and had such dry conditions. This year, we're transitioning towards closer to normal."

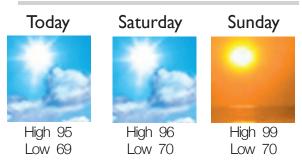
After the transition into El Niño, Garcia predicts an increased amount of precipitation from November through January.

"Normally during El Niño, we see above normal precipitation, which means we have a better chance of snowfall and more winter storms," he said.

El Niño and La Niña can last from eight to 16 months, according to Garcia.



## **PAMPA FORECAST**



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Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

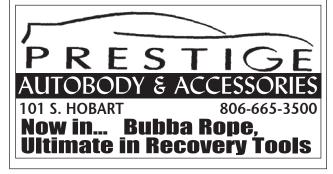
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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# National Oilwell Varco 2Q profit

HOUSTON (AP) — National Oilwell Varco Inc. said Thursday that second-quarter net income jumped by 26 percent on stronger orders throughout its global business.

The Houston company provides a variety of equipment and services to the petroleum industry. During the April-June period, the company reported earnings of \$605 million, or \$1.42 per share, compared with \$481 million, or \$1.13 per share, a year earlier.

#### Excluding special charges, the company said it earned \$1.46 per share in the period.

Analysts, who typically exclude special charges, expected earnings of \$1.40 per share on revenue of \$4.48 billion, according to FactSet.

National Oilwell said that profits grew across its global business. They were up 57.8 percent for its petroleum services group, 10.4 percent for rig technology, and they more than doubled for the company's distribution and transmission business. The backlog of equipment orders rose by 46 percent in the period to \$11.28 billion compared with a year earlier.

"Most markets we serve have remained buoyant, despite lower commodity prices, and we therefore expect solid results for the second half of the year," Chairman and CEO Pete Miller said.

Shares rose by \$5.98, or 8.9 percent, to \$73.31 in trading Thursday.

## Obituaries James M. "Jim" Hall, 89

James M. "Jim" Hall, 89, died July 25, 2012 in Amarillo. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 2012, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial is at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hall was born February 26, 1923 in Naravisa, New Mexico. He graduated from Perryton High School and was especially proud to be on the Perryton Rangers football team, class of 1942. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II and the Korean Conflict as a Lieutenant Commander. He enjoyed his careers as a farmer and an engineer with Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, retiring after 33 years of service. He married his high school sweetheart, Twila Mae Manning on December 19, 1975 in Purcell, Oklahoma. After he retired, they traveled extensively. Jim enjoyed camping, round and square dancing and spending time with his

# Fortherecord

## Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, July 26 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 21 traffic-related incidents.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported 19 CITY animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department

Wednesday, July 25

vehicle occurred at the 800 block of West Wilks, the 1400 block of East BrownNorth Russell.

A suspicious person was of Dogwood. reported at the 1000 block

of East Frederic. An accident occurred at Hobart.

A domestic disturbance Deer. occurred at the 500 block of North Roberta.

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was reported.

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A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block

A hit and run occurred at Somerville and Hobart.

Thursday, July 26 Domestic disturbances occurred at the 700 block

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of East 27th.

Violations of city ordinances occurred at the a prohibited place. 300 block of North Doyle and the 1100 block of East

Suspicious persons were reported at the intersection A domestic disturbance of Browning and Warrand and the 500 block of North

> Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, July 26 at 7 a.m. Wednesday, July 25

Christopher Leon Turlington, 18, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft

of a firearm and weapons in Gabriel Martin Boyles,

35, was arrested by deputies on a bond to surrender.

Garcia continues to rip Lockheed Martin as politicians continually target the F-35

greatly missed.

family. He was a gentle and fun loving man, and will be Survivors include his wife: Twila Hall of the home; a daughter: Deborah Hall of Cheyenne, Wyoming; 2 stepdaughters: Drenda Weinrich of Harlingen and Kathy Chancellor and husband Jerry of Shawnee, Oklahoma; 2 granddaughters: Jami Veenstra and husband Steve of Choctaw, Oklahoma, and Bethany Blue of Oklahoma

City, Oklahoma; a grandson: Casey Kehr and wife Sue of Bertrand, Nebraska; 4 great-grandsons: Hayden Blue-Hicks and Harrison Blue-Hicks, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Jaden Veenstra of Choctaw, Oklahoma, and J. C. Kehr of Bertrand, Nebraska, 1 great-granddaughter: Cassandra Bruha of Bertrand, Nebraska; many cousins, nieces and nephews; special relatives and friends: Mary Hummer and Martha Hall, both of Amarillo, and Earl and Loretta Bridwell of Pampa, and many others. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers, 1 sister, and

first wife: Zelotta Marie. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley. com.

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Marc Veasey, his opponent in the

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July 31 Democratic primary runoff, has criticized Garcia and calls himself a major supporter of the project and Lockheed, which employs about 14,000 people at its Fort Worth plant.

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## Bids sought for Pantex wind farm

AMARILLO (AP) — Bids are being sought to run a wind farm meant to help power the Pantex nuclear weapons plant in the Texas Panhandle.

Pantex officials said Thursday that the site will include five turbines on 1,500 acres of government land.

The privately run wind farm near Pantex, about 17 miles northeast of Amarillo, would be the first at a National Nuclear Security Administration facility.

An energy savings contract allowed agencies to initiate projects without up-front capital costs from the government.

Pantex assistant manager Johnnie Guelker (GUL'-ker) says the contract will probably include a \$25 million investment by the winning bidder. The wind-generated power will be supplemented by energy from a regular power-providing company.

Bids are due Sept. 6.

Pantex is the nation's nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facility.

## Texas marijuana nursery raided

WOODVILLE (AP) - East Texas deputies have uncovered what they describe as a huge marijuana farm consisting of up to an estimated 10,000 plants, some nearly 8 feet tall.

Tyler County Sheriff David Hennigan tells KFDM-TV of Beaumont that his deputies and other law enforcement agencies began removing the plants late Thursday morning.

Hennigan says the farm was the largest of its type ever found in Tyler County.

The farm was found deep in the sparsely populated Piney Woods east of Hillister, about 90 miles northeast of Houston. Hennigan says at least two people have been arrested, but investigators suspect as many as seven people tended the crop from nearby camp sites.

## DEA seizes synthetic dope packs

EL PASO (AP) - Federal agents say more than 300,000 packets of synthetic marijuana, known as "spice" have been seized and 10 persons arrested in Texas as part of a countrywide sweep on processors and distributors of synthetic drugs.

Joseph Arabit heads the El Paso sector of the Drug Enforcement Administration. He says 49 search warrants were executed and 5,600 packs of synthetic marijuana were seized in El Paso. In Houston and South Texas, 47 search warrants were served and more than 300,000 packets and about \$1 million seized.

Spice is an herbal product sprayed with a synthetic compound that mimics marijuana's effects. Arabit says product packaging and names suggest they were marketed to minors.

The DEA says 90 people nationwide were arrested and more than 5 million packets seized in 109 cities.

## Health company accused of fraud

HOUSTON (AP) - Federal authorities allege the owners of a mental health care company and some group care homes in Houston bilked Medicare out of \$97 million.

The charges are part of superseding indictment unsealed Thursday that charges eight people with a variety of counts, including conspiracy to commit health fraud.

Authorities say those indicted billed for services that were not medically necessary or amounted to patients watching movies, coloring and playing games. Three of the defendants were originally indicted in December. Those indicted are to appear in the next few days in Houston federal court. The indictment alleges the owners of the mental health care company, Spectrum Care P.A., as well as those running some group care homes falsely certified that patients qualified for medical services and billed Medicare for their treatment.

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for the Sheriff's Office declined a reporter's request for a jailhouse interview with Turlington. The incident prompted 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer to express concern about the state of courthouse security and her hope that the security will be increased. She said employees in her office, which is also on the fourth floor, were concerned after learning about the arrest. The District Attorney's office currently has both security cameras and a panic button, as does most of the building.

What we really need is metal detectors into every entrance into the courthouse and a full-time security officer who's here to monitor what's going on," she said. "I think people want to feel comfortable coming in and out of a public building, knowing that they're going to be secure as much as they possibly can, and prevent something like that happening."

Linda Woelfle, a community supervisor officer who met with Turlington Wednesday morning before his arrest, said she couldn't believe that someone would bring a firearm into the office, but doesn't often think about her building's security.

"I'm glad there are cameras, and I think they are

## Dewhurst continues to rack up endorsements

AUSTIN (AP) — As tea party superstars smelling an upset close ranks around conservative insurgent candidate Ted Cruz, Republican traditional favorite David Dewhurst is leaning on his party's old guard.

The Texas lieutenant governor is hoping to regain the air of inevitability that once made him look like a slam-dunk in the race for U.S. Senate.

Dewhurst racked up another key endorsement on Thursday, appearing at a running-shoe shop in Austin with Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, who said the state has \$6.1 billion saved in its rainy day fund because Dewhurst kept state lawmakers from raiding it.

"David Dewhurst, in the Senate, held the line in keeping that money set aside for the future,<sup>3</sup> Combs said.

Cruz and Dewhurst square off Tuesday in a runoff election, with the winner considered the overwhelming favorite

to prevail in November's general election.

Dewhurst has overseen the state Senate since 2003 from the powerful lieutenant governor's post. He has been endorsed by Gov. Rick Perry and most of the Texas GOP establishment in the race for the Republican nomination to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

He beat Cruz by 10 percentage points in the May 29 state primary but fell short of an outright majority in a field featuring nine Republican senate hopefuls.

Combs' nod came as state Sen. Dan Patrick, a Houston Republican, also endorsed Dewhurst. Patrick is a tea party favorite himself and has clashed frequently with the lieutenant governor, but he also got into a high-profile yelling match with Cruz during a recent radio interview. The race has become one of the nation's most-watched seen as a test of the tea party's grassroots prowsufficient right now," she said.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet noted that although it was "very possible" that Turlington could have shot someone, the county can't justify the cost of adding metal detectors and security personnel to monitor them.

"It's not that I don't see a need for it," he said. "I don't know that we can afford it at this point. We've done the best we can without actually having a metal detector at each door and having a deputy monitoring each door.

During high-profile court cases, county officials lock two doors and

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Republicans in Texas who

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statewide office here since

But this time the chal-

lenge is coming from

the far-right, and coming

hard. Cruz was in Dallas

on Thursday for a major

tea party rally featuring U.S. Sens. Rand Paul of

Kentucky and Mike Lee

of Utah, as well as radio

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have one entrance with a security checkpoint, with deputies monitoring that, he added.

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"Other than that, I don't know that we can do anything else," Peet said.

Switzer, on the other hand, believes the priority of saving lives trumps the cost.

"I know that money's tight, but we also owe an obligation to the members of our community to try to keep them safe," she said.

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## Man accused of infant murder

DALLAS (AP) - An 18-year-old man is accused of capital murder after police say an infant left in his care was found dead and beaten.

Dallas police say Alexdener Roberson was left alone Friday with his live-in girlfriend's 1-year-old son, Trey Jenkins. During that time, Roberson allegedly told police Trey was cranky and became unresponsive when he tried to change the infant's diaper.

Authorities took Trey to a local children's hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy showed Trey died of blunt force injuries to the chest and abdomen. Police believe Trey likely didn't survive more than a few minutes after the injuries.

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# Viewpoints

# **Today in History**

Today is Friday, July 27, the 209th day of 2012. There are 157 days left in the year.

#### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On July 27, 1942, during World War II, the First Battle of El Alamein in Egypt ended in a draw as Allied forces stalled the progress of Axis invaders. (The Allies went on to win a clear victory over the Axis in the Second Battle of El Alamein later that year.)

#### On this date:

In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1861, Union Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan took command of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe (a previous cable in 1858 burned out after only a few weeks' use).

In 1909, during the first official test of the U.S. Army's first airplane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myer, Va., for one hour and 12 minutes.

In 1921, Canadian researcher Frederick Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, succeeded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto.

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

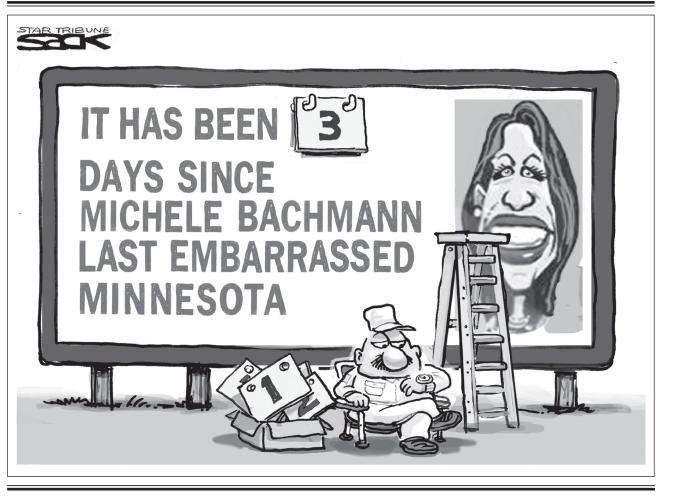
In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon, charging he had personally engaged in a course of conduct designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1981, 6-year-old Adam Walsh was abducted from a department store in Hollywood, Fla., and was later murdered. (His father, John Walsh, became a well-known crime victims' advocate.) Movie director William Wyler ("Ben-Hur") died in Los Angeles at age 79.

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing.)



# Chuck Norris mulls Aurora shooting

Who wasn't shocked and disheartened by yet another tragic mass shooting, this time in Aurora, Colo.?

Like millions of Americans, my wife, Gena, and I send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the victims of this murderous spree and their families.

We, too, commend the heroes who gave their lives to save others. Truly, every victim of this reprehensible executioner is in some way heroic, for the victims were injured or died in the midst of a culture war in which even our theaters and schools have become battlegrounds.

Moreover, we salute and support the Colorado peace officers, emergency medical and relief personnel, bomb squads, counselors, crises management workers, etc. -all of whom care for violent crime victims and rally to reduce the increasing tides of illegal conduct and misguided behavior, just as their colleagues across our country do.

As Americans, we are all concerned with figuring out what we can do about the increase in violent crime. Marisa Randazzo, a psychologist who contributed to an extensive study of school shootings for the Secret Service, said, "The intensity and frequency of the attacks have increased since the events at Columbine." So how can we continue to help reduce and prevent violent crime in our communities? First, as with most societies' ills, the key to curbing crime is not more government expansion and spending. Nor is the answer dissolving our Second Amendment rights; countries with super-strict gun ownership laws have equally violent crimes and also proved that taking guns from good guys doesn't prohibit bad guys from obtaining them. Our Founding Fathers had a far better solution than more government and taking away guns from law-abiding citizens. Though our founders initiated our government, they didn't expect it or the law of the land to establish and maintain civility. As proud as they were of their newfound republic, they would turn to and trust in God and "We the People" to usher in life, liberty, happiness, decency, respect, morality, honesty and restraint, to name a few. George Washington warned us in his Farewell Address about a time in America's future in which we might be tempted to discard the pillars of civility: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim



Chuck Norris

should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought

the tribute of

patriotism who

to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked: Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice? And let us with caution indulge

(Though our found-ers initiated our govern-ment, they didn't expect it or the law of the land to establish and maintain civility. As proud as they were of their newfound republic, they would turn to and trust in God and "We the People" to usher in life, liberty, happiness, decency, respect, morality, honesty and restraint, to name a few.

er than expect our politicians in Washington to come up with the answers. We must be equally willing to reach out to those lost souls who feel marginalized and disenfranchised by the world around them. We also must reconsider the power of our own models on our families and realize that our children likely will model our treatment of others.

Beyond enhancing these internal and inherent qualities, we need to come together as individuals, families, community groups, schools, churches and local law enforcement to strategize and communicate, educate community residents about victims' rights, enhance public awareness about what we all can do to increase our survival in the midst of fatal crimes, make plans to offer victims assistance (via intervention, food closets, temporary shelter, mental health counseling, legal help and other emergency services), track violent offenders, further crack down on family violence violations, ensure additional necessary securities and network through the Internet with other help agencies. I might play a tough guy who protects victims from bad guys onscreen, but in real life I'm also an advocate for those who are at risk, particularly through our KickStart Kids foundation. Gena and I consider KickStart Kids our lives' mission. KickStart Kids means building strong moral character in our youth through the martial arts. Its purpose is to help raise self-esteem and instill discipline and respect, which so many children are lacking today. Two other warriors who are raising the bar of societal and youth decency are our dear friends Darrell and Sandy Scott, who spearheaded Rachel's Challenge in memory of their beautiful and kind daughter, Rachel, who was murdered at Columbine High School in 1999. Rachel said, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same." KickStart Kids and Rachel's Challenge recently partnered to further help American youth and families. Lastly, regarding the victims of the Aurora shooting, let us remember this promise in the Bible: "What others mean for harm, God will turn around and use for the good." The Bible also says that 'God is near to the brokenhearted." May God's nearness be a comfort to the Colorado victims and their families.

Ten years ago: A Ukrainian fighter jet crashed during an air show in Lviv, killing 77 people. John Ruiz retained the WBA heavyweight title in Las Vegas after his opponent, Kirk Johnson, was disqualified for hitting low blows.

Five years ago: The House sent President George W. Bush legislation to intensify anti-terror efforts in the U.S., carrying out major recommendations of the independent 9/11 Commission. Former Qwest Communications chief Joe Nacchio was sentenced to six years in prison for illegally selling \$52 million in stock while not telling investors that his telecommunications company faced serious financial risks. Two Phoenix news helicopters collided and crashed while covering a police chase on live television, killing four people on board.

One year ago: A Russian space official (Vitaly Davydov) said that once the mammoth International Space Station was no longer needed, it would be sent into the Pacific Ocean, probably in 2015. Julio Lugo scored from third base on a blown umpire's call at the plate, giving the Atlanta Braves a postmidnight 4-3 win in 19 innings over the Pittsburgh Pirates. Ervin Santana pitched the first solo no-hitter for the Angels in nearly 27 years, striking out 10 and leading Los Angeles over Cleveland 3-1.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 90. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 81. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 73. Actor John Pleshette is 70. Singer Bobbie Gentry is 68. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 64. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 64. Singer Maureen McGovern is 63. Actress Janet Eilber is 61. Rock musician Tris Imboden (Chicago) is 61. Actress Roxanne Hart is 58. Country musician Duncan Cameron is 56. Comedian-actresswriter Carol Leifer is 56. Comedian Bill Engvall is 55. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 50. Country singer Stacy Dean Campbell is 45. Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 45. Actor Julian McMahon is 44. Comedian Maya Rudolph is 40. Rock musician Abe Cunningham is 39. Singer-songwriter Pete Yorn is 38. MLB player Alex Rodriguez is 37. Actor Seamus Dever is 36. Actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers is 35. Actor Blair Redford is 29. Singer Cheyenne Kimball is 22.

Thought for Today: "We usually know what we can do, but temptation shows us who we are." -Thomas a Kempis, German theologian (1380-1471).

#### - Chuck Norris

the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Curbing violent crime is still more about what we do than it is about what government does. The answer is still more about nature's law within us than it is about man's law outside of us.

We must return to being a nation in which mutual respect is king -in which I am my brother's keeper and we agree to disagree agreeably. It's time to renew our commitment to the basic premise of humanity: Do unto others as you would have them do to you, and love your neighbor as you love yourself.

In today's world, each American also must be vigilant against crime. We must have zero tolerance for our volatility to violence. We must come together as community leaders to brainstorm solutions rath-

Chuck Norris is the star of syndicated CBS television series Walker, Texas Ranger.

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## GOP

Dick Armey - chairman of the grassroots group FreedomWorks.

Meanwhile, the Tea Party Express parked a bus doubling as a "mobile phone bank" in the Dallas suburb of Irving to get out the vote for Cruz.

Another major Cruz bash Friday in Houston was expected to feature former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin. She had previously recorded a phone message to voters for Cruz but had not traveled to Texas on his behalf.

Cruz, the former state solicitor general, strikes a fiery, populist tone. The tea party also has targeted Dewhurst because, while he has overseen some of the most conservative legislatures in Texas history, he has also occasionally compromised with Democrats to approve key legislation.

Dewhurst also has a halting, at times uneasy speaking style. But he says he never reached out to national tea party leaders because he's been too focused on Texas issues.

"I'm comfortable that there are more Dewhurst voters in Texas than Cruz voters," Dewhurst said Thursday. "The challenge to both of us is turnout."

A court battle over redistricting maps pushed the Texas primary from Super Tuesday to May 29, which means the runoff is coming when many Texans may be on vacation. About 1.4 million people voted in the primary, but fewer than 1 million are likely to return for a second round of balloting.

Cruz has gotten millions of dollars from national conservative groups, including the Washington-based Club for Growth. Dewhurst, who has a personal fortune topping \$200 million as the owner of an energy business, has lent his campaign more than \$10 million. Both sides have flooded the airwaves statewide, with Dewhurst attacking Cruz as beholden to his out-of-state benefactors and Cruz branding the lieutenant governor as a twofaced moderate.

Cruz has vowed to win the runoff, saying his supporters are motivated enough to turn out no matter what.

"We're seeing very strong enthusiasm among our base. Not only voters, but volunteers who are blockwalking, phone-banking and pouring their blood, sweat and tears into this campaign," said James Bernsen, a spokesman for the Cruz campaign.

Dewhurst is countering by campaigning with Perry the day before the election, visiting a San Antonio veterans center before heading to a joint fundraiser in Dallas.

But the lieutenant governor is also quietly mobilizing his own supporters. He's using networks of volunteers organized by groups across the state that have endorsed him, including the Texas Association of Business and

# Dear Abby...

#### By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a son with Jerry has been patient, loving and two good friends. They are at my house often and are really good boys. I enjoy them, and I'm glad my son is friendly with them.

The problem is their mothers. Both these women are receptive to playdate invites, but when I see them in social situations, they say very little to me and almost act as if they don't know me. Even when they pick up their kids, talking to them is awkward, and they give the impression they're always in a hurry

I think if your kids spend five hours at my house and I have fed "Joanne," is 42 and lives at home them, I deserve a little face time at with me. She's attractive, friendly,

considerate of me and my kids. What do you think I should do? -DOESN'T WANT TO HURT HER

**DEAR DOESN'T: Your moth**er-in-law will ALWAYS grieve the loss of her son. The question is, is she willing to risk becoming distanced from you and the grandchildren? Talk to her about your relationship with Jerry and explain that you still would like to be a part of her life, but that it will require her to accept the new man in YOURS.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, the very least. I find their behavior well-liked and has a good job. She

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the Texas Farm Bureau, which is especially strong in rural areas - where Dewhurst largely beat Cruz handily during the primary.





rude and would love to say some- pays all her own bills. thing. I'm just not sure how. What ETIQUETTE

DEAR PLAYDATE ETIQUETTE: I think you are expecting too much of these women. Because your son is friendly with theirs does not guarantee that the friendship must extend to the parents. If the only thing you have in common with them is the fact that their you WANT me to leave?" boys spend time with your son, then it may not be so much a matter of what you "deserve" but what they are comfortable with. If you want to be compensated for the snacks, then say so, but don't expect them to be paid for with friendship ... 'cause it ain't gonna happen.

DEAR ABBY: I have been widowed for four years and have had the good fortune to meet someone special. I'll call him Jerry. My mother-in-law, whom I am very close to, is still grieving the loss of her son. She says it is hard for her to see Jerry and me together.

Does this mean I can't invite him to any family events? We are at the point in our relationship where I think it would be unkind to make him feel like he is not welcome.

The problem is, she seems stuck do you suggest? - PLAYDATE in her life. She hasn't dated in years and appears content to just go to work and come home.

Whenever I try to encourage her to get out more, she says, "It is what it is." She's not shy. She's outgoing, so I don't understand. I'd love for her to be independent and have her own apartment. Sometimes she'll turn it around and ask, "Do

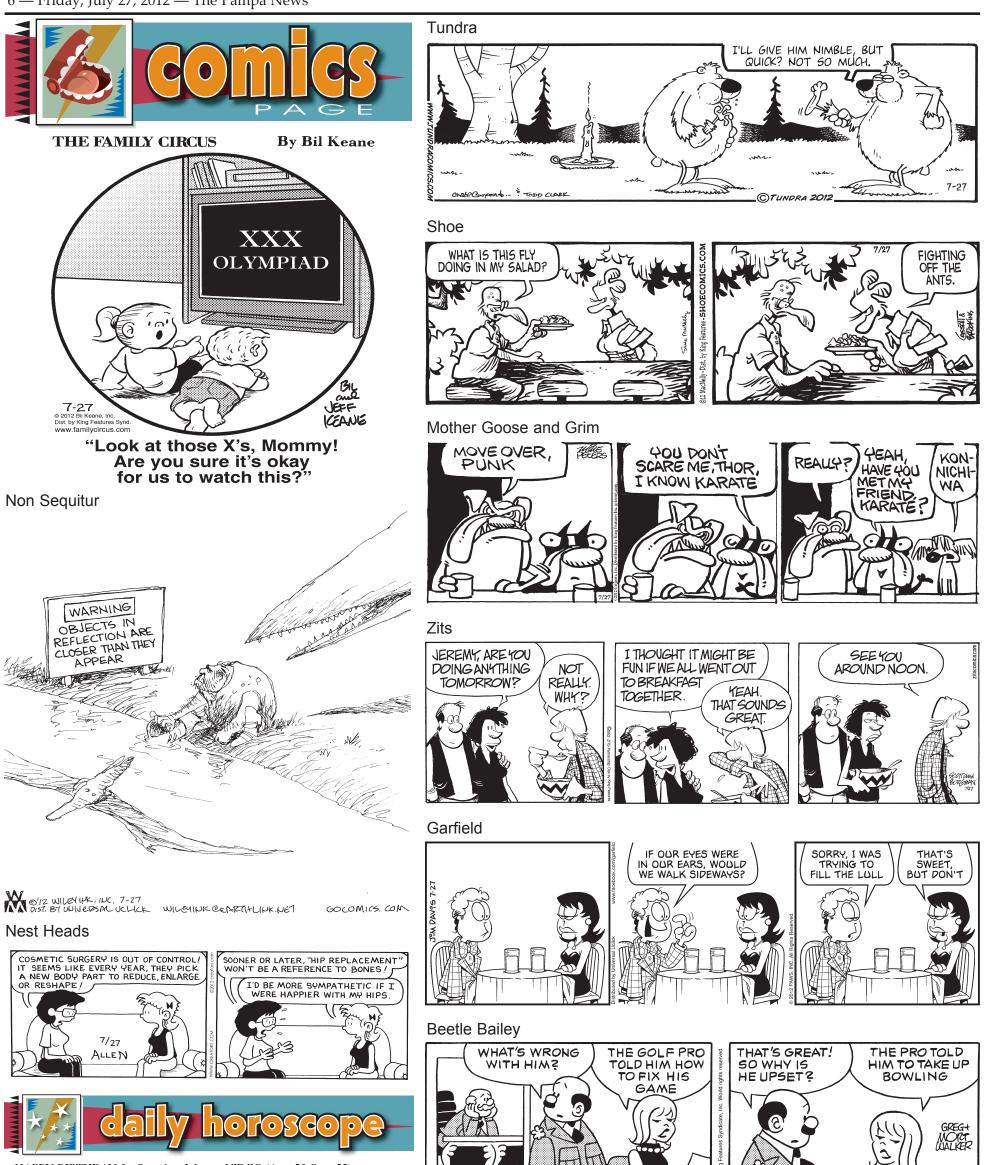
Joanne doesn't seem to understand that I'm concerned only for her future. She has no siblings, and I worry that when I'm gone she'll be alone. I want her to get out more, meet someone and eventually fall in love. How do I get through to her without nagging? - ONLY WANTS THE BEST FOR HER

DEAR ONLY WANTS THE BEST: Your daughter has many positive attributes. Has it occurred to you that she may be perfectly happy with her life as it is and not looking for the kind of life you would like her to have? Worrying about her won't do either of you any good. Let the future work itself out. There's an old proverb with much truth in it: "Man plans; God laughs."



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 28,2012:

This year you seem to make the right decisions. The flow between your creativity and intelligence strengthens and guides you. Spontaneity often works. Many of you might pursue taking a workshop or two. If you are single, you might go through quite a few potential sweeties this year. When a friendship appears with the romance, you probably have made the right choice. If you are attached, you might want to plan a special trip together. SAGITTARIUS encourages wildness!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  Keep reaching out for someone who is at a distance or quite offbeat. You need the refreshing change of someone who thinks differently and comes from an unusual background. A discussion might be more important than you realize. Tonight: Music, good company and great food work well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  You simply cannot continue to say "no" to that special person in your life. Give up your stubborn ways and really enjoy this person. Sometimes you inadvertently put up barriers. Right now, don't. Let the child within you out to play. Tonight: An old-fashioned date.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Though you have a strong sense of what you would like to do, compromise seems to be blowing in the wind, as you also want to hook up with several friends. Mix different groups of pals and interests together. Everyone will have a ball! Tonight: Try to go along with someone's wishes.

#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Even if you have no plans, you can be spontaneous. It is always good for the Moon Child to exercise and work through ever-building stress. Why not opt for a picnic and a mini-hike, or go to a flea market where you can stretch your legs? Tonight: Keep fun in the equation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  Allow greater give-and-take between you and a loved one. Relate directly and with your normal optimism, but understand that this person might experience life differently. Still, the sense of closeness that is fostered no matter what you do adds strength to both your lives. Tonight: Allow a little more wildness in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$  People keep asking for your opinions, thoughts and feedback. It is OK to stage a mini-revolution in order to free yourself up. Conversations will flourish where you want to engage. A family member lets you know how much he or she appreciates you. Tonight: Enjoy yourself. You don't have to go far.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$  You can only rob Peter to pay Paul so many times. You might need to trim your budget just a little. In fact, a conversation impresses on you the importance of nonmaterial gifts and expressions of caring. Tonight: Be with favorite people. Everyone can go Dutch, too!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

 $\star\star\star\star$  Take a hint from Libra in reference to money and values. Be aware of how much you give in nearly every situation you are in. You have many more assets than you realize and often use those innate talents. Once more, reveal your energy and generous spirit. Tonight: Go a little wild.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  Your attitude is contagious. You handle surprises, intense conversations and an overly assertive person all with grace. Be willing to revise your concept of yourself, as you are changing so much, so quickly. Tonight: You have quite the entourage anywhere you go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

 $\star \star \star$  Take a deep breath before reacting to a misplaced judgment. Unfortunately, you might have to make some adjustments to your schedule in the next few days because of what you thought. Let go, and allow more communication between you and others. Tonight: A quiet dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  The near-perfect day for you always involves friends in some fashion. Communication becomes easier with someone you see on a daily basis. Invite several friends to join you at a celebration. A good time will be had by all. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$  You take the lead with plans, whether you are the host or hostess, or simply are gathering friends for a fun competition. Try not to take a distorted comment too personally. It will serve you to let go and not give it power. Tonight: Where there is music.



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Blondie

# Jazz up the garage and create more storage

Dear Pat: I am recently divorced. Now with my husband gone, I can finally clean up the garage and get things arranged properly. What suggestions do you have to free up space and jazz it up a bit? -- Lynne M.

Dear Lynne: Cleaning and jazzing up the garage area is becoming a very popular home-improvement project. With the attached garage door typically opening up to the kitchen or family room, the garage is often considered an extension of these rooms. If you do the job properly, it can become an activity area for your children.

Your budget will determine how many improvements you can make. If you have several thousand dollars to invest in this garage makeover, consider hiring a professional contractor. She can analyze everything you need to store and the activities you wish to perform there, and then develop a remodeling plan for you.

When doing the design and work yourself, the first improvement most people make is to try to get commonly used items off of the floor. These may include garden tools, lawn chairs, children's toys and bikes, pet foods, fertilizers, etc.

Dark brown pegboard was the standard for many years. It still works well, but it cannot hold heavy items without bulging and it certainly is not attractive. Also, it is often difficult to get the hooks into the holes or to readjust them as your needs change.

A better option for lightweight items is installing wire grids on the wall. Matching plastic hooks are designed to easily snap into the wire grid. These range in price from about \$3 to \$6 per square foot and are very easily to install on the wall. If the existing wall surface is in good condition, these grids look quite nice.

For about double the cost, solid slotted walls made of PVC are available. These panels attach securely to the garage wall and can support a substantial amount of weight. They are rustproof and will completely hide a garage wall that is in bad condition. You will have to use special hooks and hardware that are designed to fit into the slots.

Cabinets and shelving are the next items to consider. Shelving is much less expensive than cabinets, and it gives you instant access to frequently used items. Although goodquality shelving can be acceptable, it does not look as clean as cabinets with doors.



You will find a huge range of quality and prices in cabinetry for the garage. Always select ones that are raised up a couple of inches from the concrete floor. This will allow you to hose out the garage occasionally to keep the floor clean. Also, during warm, humid weather, moisture will condense on a concrete garage floor and make everything damp. Powder-coated steel cabinets are some of the most durable.

Properly cleaning and finishing the garage floor can make the greatest improvement in its appearance

#### and function. The simplest-to-install and one of the least expensive options is roll vinyl flooring. It comes in 12-foot-wide rolls and can handle the weight of a car.

Another option is interlocking 1-foot-square plastic tiles. These are strong and colorful, allowing you to create interesting patterns. They are easy to replace if some get damaged. The most expensive, but best, option is a professionally installed epoxy coating. It has many layers and is very durable.

Send your questions to Here's How, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

## HOMES Do-it-Yourself Garage Shelving

When choosing a shelving unit, you should have a clear plan of budget, size and the use of the shelving. Choose a design that makes the most of the wasted vertical space on the walls and allows you to organize the clutter.



#### Wire grid

Grid wall panels are made of strong, thick steel wire, usually with three square openings. The design makes it easy to configure and then reconfigure your garage walls to suit your individual needs. Mounts flush to the wall for greater space savings and additional strength.

#### **7** Wall mounted

The simplest shelves can be achieved by just screwing brackets into studs and mounting a wooden board on top. Wall-mounted shelving can be fixed into studs at functional points around your garage at multiple levels, creating tiered stacking space.

#### **2** Slotted panels

Slotted walls or slatwall panels have routed grooves to allow for placement of hooks, brackets and displays. Panels are easily attached to wood studs, which gives the panel plenty of strength to hold heavy objects.

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## Lackland controversy continues

SAN ANTONIO AP— The number of instructors at a Texas Air Force base under investigation in a widening sex scandal has increased from 12 to 15 and the number of alleged victims has also gone up by seven to 38, officials said Thursday.

Officials declined to identify the three new instructors at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio under investigation or comment on the nature of the allegations against them because no charges have been filed against the three, said Brent Boller, a spokesman for Joint Base San Antonio, which operates Lackland.

The increase in the number of instructors and alleged victims was first reported by the San Antonio-Express News. The numbers could continue to grow.

"There may be others as we continue the investigation," Boller said.

Last week, a military jury sentenced one former instructor, Staff Sgt. Luis Walker, to 20 years in prison after he was convicted of rape and sexual assault. The counts against Walker were the most severe in the investigation.

Lackland is where all Air Force recruits go through basic training. It has about 500 instructors for about 35,000 airmen who graduate every year. While one in five recruits are female, most instructors are male.

Six of the 15 instructors being investigated have been charged, with Walker and another instructor, Staff Sgt. Peter Vega-Maldonado, already having been courtmartialed. Vega-Maldonado admitted in June to having sex with a female trainee and he was given 90 days of confinement as part of a plea deal.

Courts-martial have been set for four trainers, with Tech. Sgt. Christopher Smith going to trial Tuesday at Lackland, Boller said.

Smith is accused of trying to develop an intimate relationship with a trainee, making sexual advances toward her, having illicit social encounters with a second woman and obstructing justice. He faces up to a year in jail and dismissal from the Air Force if convicted, Boller said.

Three other trainers will go to trial in September and October.

A two-star general, Maj. Gen. Margaret H. Woodward, has launched a separate, independent probe. Nearly 80 members of Congress have called for a hearing.

The House Armed Services Committee announced this week that it would hold a closed-door briefing next week on the ongoing investigation.

The sexual misconduct at the base apparently began in 2009, but the first woman didn't come forward until last year. The first allegations were levied against Walker.

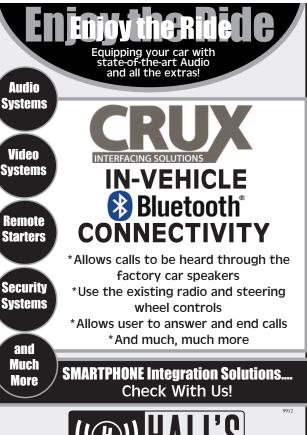
The Air Force has permanently removed Walker and 35 other instructors for a variety of reasons that include misconduct, failure to meet standards and medical issues.











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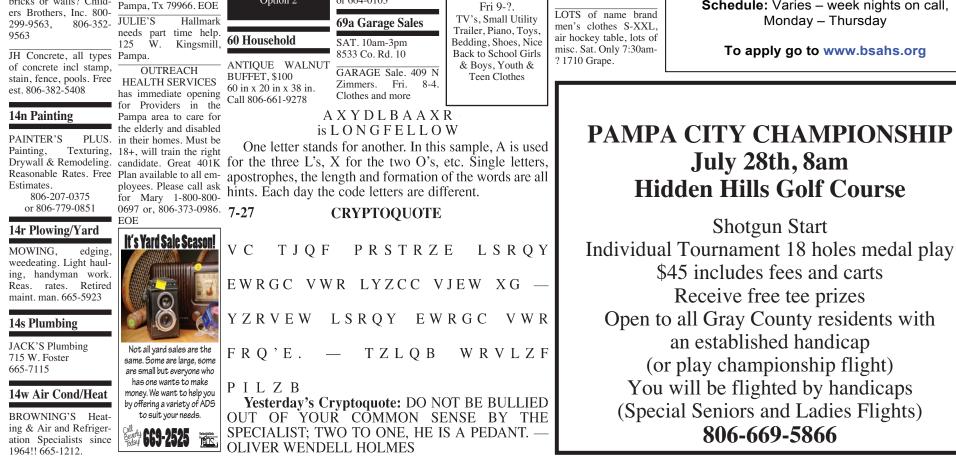
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# Sports

# Cowboys number one draft pick Claiborne arrives

IRVING (AP) — Morris Claiborne was wide awake in bed at 6 a.m. The first-round draft pick of the Dallas Cowboys couldn't sleep.

Claiborne had been forced to watch and wait during spring workouts, sidelined because of surgery before the draft to repair ligament damage in his left wrist.

With a \$16.4 million, four-year contract and his wrist finally healthy, Claiborne was finally on the field Wednesday with his new team during a practice for rookies and selected veterans. Training camp begins in Oxnard, Calif., next week.

"It feels good," the 22-year-old All-American cornerback from LSU said about practicing at Valley Ranch. "I was ready to get out here."

Claiborne said that he needed to practice. He fumbled the ball during a hands drill and stood with his hands on his hips to catch his breath between drills. Dallas traded up eight spots in April to get Claiborne, who went No. 6 overall.

"Anytime (you're) coming off months laid back like that you're going to have a little rust in there, but so far so good," Claiborne said. "I'm not perfect by any stretch of the imagination. I know I have some work to do. You can go out and run a thousand laps, and you come back and you're still not going to be in football shape."

The 5-foot-11 cornerback spent most of practice working on the right side, which was his primary field position at LSU. Claiborne sported a brace on his left wrist, which he said he will wear for the entire season. He said he felt no pain during practice.

Claiborne led LSU with six interceptions last season and won the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back. He had 11 interceptions in 26 games the past two seasons. He was also LSU's top kickoff returner, averaging 25 yards per return including a 99-yard touchdown at West Virginia.

Claiborne is expected to start opposite Brandon Carr after team scouts tabbed him as the best cornerback prospect since Deion Sanders, the Hall of Famer who was a key part of the Cowboys' most recent Super Bowl championship in the mid-1990s.

Coach Jason Garrett praised Claiborne's involvement with the team while being unable to practice. He said it was too early to tell how far Claiborne will need to come before the season starts.

"He was very engaged during the spring," Garrett said. "It's hard to estimate how behind he is. He's a rookie trying to play in the NFL and this is his first practice. He'll get a lot of work in a short period of time. He's a smart guy. He understands football. You can see that right away."

Garrett also said he and the Cowboys organization would stand behind Dez Bryant and his family. Bryant, who was arrested last week for allegedly attacking his mother during an argument, will travel with the team to training camp on Saturday.



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Cowboys 2012 season hopes rest on the shoulders of the sixth overall draft pick Morris Claiborne. Cowboys training camp began Monday in San Antonio.

# Sexual assault victim's identity forwards Penn State lawsuit

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—For months, the identity of the boy who was sexually assaulted in the locker room showers by Jerry Sandusky was one of the biggest mysteries of the Penn State scandal. Now, for the first time, a man has come forward to claim he was that boy, and is threatening to sue the university.

The man's lawyers said Thursday they have done an extensive investigation and gathered "overwhelming evidence" on details of the abuse by Sandusky, the former assistant football coach convicted of using his position at Penn State and as head of a youth charity to molest boys over a period of 15 years.

Jurors convicted Sandusky last month of offenses related to so-called Victim 2 largely on the testimony of Mike McQueary, who was a team graduate assistant and described seeing the attack.

"Our client has to live the rest of his life not only dealing with the effects of Sandusky's childhood sexual abuse, but also with the knowledge that many powerful adults, including those at the highest levels of Penn State, put their own interests and the interests of a child predator above their legal obligations to protect him," the lawyers said in a news release. Associated Press generally does not identify victims of sex crimes without their consent.

The university said it was taking the case seriously but would not comment on pend-ing litigation.

University President Rodney Erickson and the board of trustees "have publicly emphasized that their goal is to find solutions that rest on the principle of justice for the victims," a school spokesman said.

The statement from the man's attorneys said Victim 2 suffered "extensive sexual abuse over many years both before and after the 2001 incident Michael McQueary witnessed."

McQueary testified in December at a hearing that he had seen Sandusky and a boy, both naked, in a team shower after hearing skin-on-skin slapping sounds.

"I would have described that it was extremely sexual and I thought that some kind of intercourse was going on," McQueary said.

McQueary, who estimated the boy to be around 10 years old, reported the abuse to school officials, including longtime coach Joe Paterno, but none of them told police. In a recent report conducted by former FBI Director Louis Freeh and commissioned by Penn State, the investigators excoriated Paterno and the other administrators for not attempting to identify Victim 2, saying it showed "a striking lack of empathy."

Trustees fired Paterno, who has since died, because he failed to do more about claims against Sandusky, and the scathing independent review said several top school officials looked the other way because they were afraid of bad publicity. The NCAA has vacated 112 Penn State wins.

In a pair of voicemails recorded last year, released with the statement and posted online by the lawyers, a voice that's purportedly Sandusky's expresses his love and says he wants to express his feelings "up front."

The voicemails are dated Sept. 12 and Sept. 19, less than two months before the

former Penn State coach was arrested on child sex abuse charges. Sandusky was convicted in June of 45 sex abuse counts and awaits sentencing.

The second voicemail asks whether Victim 2 would like to attend Penn State's next game.

The attorneys said Sandusky left "numerous" voicemails for their client that fall.

Sandusky, who acknowledged he showered with boys but denied molesting them, has said very little publicly since he gave interviews in the weeks after his arrest and did not testify at his trial. His wife, Dottie Sandusky, testified that she never saw him doing anything inappropriate with boys he took to their home.

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# Top O' Texas Rodeo and Rodeo Days Celebration August 9, 10 & 11

## Thursday, August 9

5:30 pm – Free BBQ for all ticket holders 7:00 pm – TCRA Top O' Texas Rodeo Special Nightly Events

## Friday, August 10

7:00 pm – TCRA Top O' Texas Rodeo Special Nightly Events 9:00 pm – Dance

### Saturday, August 11

10:30 am - Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade 11 am-4 pm - Activities Downtown **Food Vendors Craft Booths Little Cowboy/Cowgirl Pageant** Games for all ages Music **Diamond Ice Melt (Guessing Game)** 2 pm-6 pm – Activities at Las Pampas Square (Coronado Center) **BBQ Cook-off FREE BBQ Pie Eating Contest Food Vendors Craft Booths** Games for all ages 7:00 pm – TCRA Top O' Texas Rodeo 9:00 pm – Dance



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