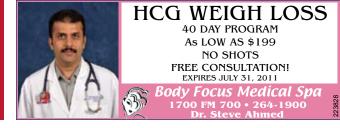


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Investigation wrapping up

Ranger's findings into alleged election code violations could go to DA soon

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials involved in the ongoing investigation into alleged illegal campaign contributions accepted by a trio of Big Spring City Council members say the cases could go to the

district attorney in as little as two weeks.

Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan, along with newly elected District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez and District 3 Councilman Glen Carrigan, are currently under investigation by the Texas Rangers for allegations they each accepted campaign contributions from a pair of corporations, Quad A Inc. and Hydro Dynamics.

"I spoke with the Ranger in charge of the investigation and he said he's currently waiting for grand jury subpoenas to be completed," Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker said. "Those subpoenas, which are used to gather the financial information on the alleged transactions, have to be served to the financial institutions. Once that information is gathered, the

case can be turned over to the district attorney's office. This could happen as soon as two weeks from now."

Information on the campaign transactions accepted by Mayor Duncan was

Abandoned boy's custody to be determined

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

SWEETWATER — A little more than a week ago, 4-year-old Angel Flores was found walking along I-20 near Sweetwater after allegedly being choked and thrown out of a vehicle driven by his father, Carlos Rico. Today, a Nolan County judge will decide who will get custody of the boy.

"The hearing will be real short and uneventful," a Child Protective Services liaison said in a phone interview.

The youngster was found about 6:30 a.m. June 27 by a Sweetwater High School coach and taken to Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital and treated for injuries and removal of cactus spines.

That same afternoon, after word of Flores being found spread through numerous media outlets, Rico turned himself in to Saginaw law enforcement. He has since been transferred to the Nolan County Jail and is being held

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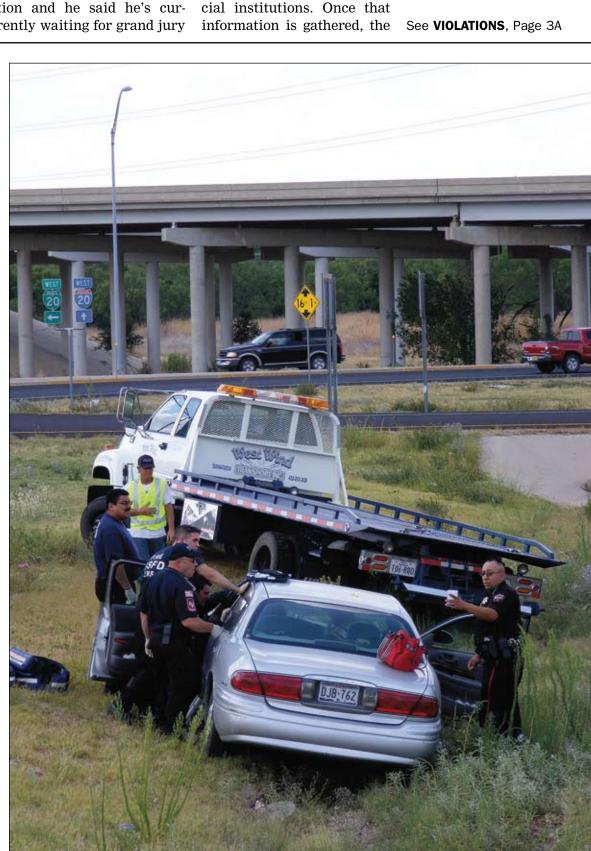
Four-year-old Angel Flores

on a \$500,000 bond on a charge of attempted capital murder. "We understand the father

was enroute from Lubbock back to Saginaw to live with family members due to marital problems and claimed to have had a religious experience and threw the boy out of the car into a pasture," said Sweetwater Police Chief JIM Kelley in an interview with the Sweetwater Reporter. "He said that this was around 3 a.m. on Tuesday morning, so Angel was alone for at least three and a half hours before he was found."

According to CPS, the judge may decide to leave Flores with CPS, return him to parents or place him in the custody of a relative.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Emergency personnel talk to the driver of a vehicle involved in a one-car accident near Quality Inn Wednesday afternoon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.

Forsan ISD to give pay increases By STEVE REAGAN school year. two fiscal years. employees.

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Forsan Inde-

pendent School District officials are dipping into their rainy day fund to help pay for pay raises and employee insurance costs this coming school year.
School trustees recently de-

cided to go ahead with plans for modest pay raises for teachers and other district employees this year, despite drastic cuts in state aid that will hit the district the next FISD will receive approxi-

mately \$1.5 million less in state revenue during the coming biennium, and it was feared that those cuts would cancel out pay raises which FISD has annually given its

employees. However,

However, Superintendent Randy Johnson said attrition, plus a modest dip into the district's reserve fund, will allow officials to hand out pay

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7

Note: The BSPD reported no arrests for the corresponding times.

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In the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.

In the 500 block of W. Eighth Street. In the 1300 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E.

Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

reported having 67 inmates at the time of this

•BLAKE RYANLYLE, 29, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on an order modifying the conditions of community supervision. • GABRIEL NIETO, 34, was arrested Wednesday

by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• MARCUS JOE ANDERSON, 30, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify – giving false informa-

• SHALIMAR MARIE CHANCY, 29, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to identify - giving false information and a bench warrant for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.

• ROBERT SCOTT OCHOA, 31, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault by

• MARIE BUCKNER KAUSS, 51, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• ANSELMO JOEL ONTIVEROS JR., 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

 MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Grace. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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• Sharon Chancy, campus curriculum coordinator at Bauer Elementary School, and her family lost their home and all their possessions to the wildfire that swept South Mountain on the evening of June 20. A fund has been established at the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union to assist the family as they recover from this loss. To help, call 432-263-8393 or come by the FCU at 1110 Benton.

 A medical fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employee FCU for Maurine Pittman, who has been diagnosed with leukemia. She and her husband Gale are both off without pay at this time and may be for quite a while. Maurine is at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas at this time. To donate to the fund, call 432-263-8393 or come by the FCU at 1110 Benton.

 The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail drive and is in dire need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

> A reception for Michael Adams, who has served 33 years in law enforcement, including 25 as Stanton chief of police, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, July 8, in the Stanton Church of Christ Fellowship Hall at 210 N. St. Mary in Stanton. The public is encouraged to attend.

> • The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

> Scenic Mountain Medical Center is making some infrastructure repairs inside the Yellow Rose Café and has decided to close the eatery until the work has been completed.

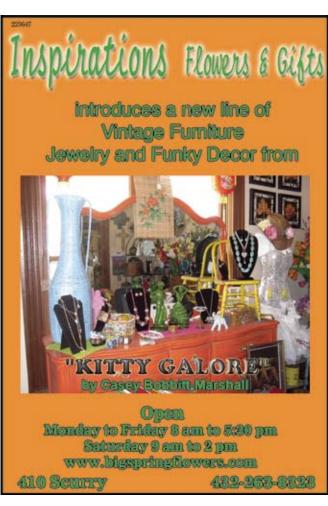
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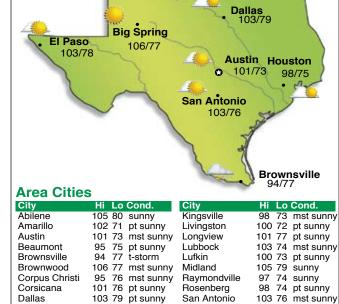
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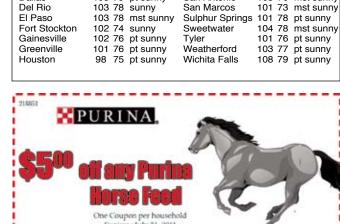


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Dogs to be euthanized

Pit bull attack leaves local man with injuries

By AMANDA MORENO Staff Writer

A local man, Jerry Jones, was the victim of a pit bull attack on the evening of June 25.

Jones arrived at a friend's residence in the 1400 block of Tucson around 8:30 p.m. when he was attacked by two pit bulls, according to Sgt. Chad Williams, animal control supervisor.

received lacerations to his right arm, right and left calves and head injuries.

Williams said the victim

"He was able to drive himself to the hospital and receive treatment,"

liams said. "He received numerous sutras and is currently recovering from his injuries." As of June 29, the owner of

the pit bulls — whose name was not released by law enforcement - signed over the dogs to be euthanized, according to Williams. The dogs were to be quar-

antined for 10 days — which is mandatory on dog bites — and then euthanized.

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Landtroop receives award

Special to the Herald

State Rep. Jim Landtroop was informed recently of his A+ rating on the 2011 Fiscal Responsibility Index for the 82nd Legislative Session and the First Called Special Session. He will also receive the Taxpayer Champion Award for his dedication to the citizens of Texas.

Texans for Fiscal Responsibility is a public policy watchdog group in Austin, holding legislators accountable for the financial votes they take.

"It is an honor to be named a Taxpayer Champion by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility. Much of my efforts in the Legislature were focused on defeating any effort to raise families and fighting for limited government, so to be recognized for that effort is humbling," said Landtroop. "In a year where a significant

taxes on hard working Texas

budget shortfall loomed over all Texans, the temptation to raise taxes and fees and/or use the entire Rainy Day Fund was touted by the media and numerous liberal legislators, but Texans understand that this would lead directly to bigger government. Common sense tells us this growth of government is not only unsustainable but in opposition to our conservative values. West Texans deserved better," continued Landtroop.

"In order to eliminate unnecessary taxation in the future, I authored HJR 124 which would have required four-fifths of the House, or 120 members, before taxes could be raised on hardworking Texas families. This piece of legislation, which was entitled the Tax Payer Protection Act, was aimed to protect Texans from higher taxes for generations to come," said Landtroop. "Though it did not pass this cycle, I will bring it up again in 2013. We had a conservative majority in the House this year, but we will not always have that protection. We need to think long term about how we protect Texans from bad policy, and I appreciate TFR's recognition of my work toward that end."

VIOLATIONS

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uncovered by the Big Spring Herald in early May and turned over to the Howard County Sheriff's Office, which requested the Texas Rangers conduct the investigation. Similar complaints were filed by the *Herald* against Carrigan and Fernandez more than a week later. According to the campaign report submitted

by Duncan, he accepted a \$300 political contribution from Hydro Dynamics Inc. and a \$500 political contribution from Quad A Inc. during his bid for mayor in Similar campaign fi-

nance reports filed with the city's secretary during the 2011 municipal elections show Fernan-

dez accepted a donation of \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and a \$200 donation from Hydro Dynamics, while Carrigan reported receiving \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and \$400 from Hydro Dymanics.

Under the Texas Ethics Commission Title 15 Election Code, candidates seeking to hold office are not allowed to accept campaign contributions from corporations. The alleged violations are considered third-degree felonies and could be punishable by 2 to 10 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000, according to the Texas Election Code.

Parker said initially his office was going to conduct the investigation into the alleged illegal transactions made by Carrigan and Fernandez, but it was later decided to allow the Texas Rangers to handle all three complaints.

"Because all three complaints name the same corporations, we figured it would just be easier to have one agency investigate," Parker said. "That way we don't end up having to serve several sets of subpoenas to the same people for similar information. So the Rangers are handling all three complaints at this time."

All three candidates have maintained they were not aware it was illegal to take the campaign contributions at the times they were accepted. When filing for an

elected position, candidates for Big Spring City Council, including the office of mayor, are required to fill out and sign various forms, one of which details appointment of a campaign treasurer.

That document includes the statement "I am aware of the restrictions in Title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations." All three men signed the affidavits saying they understood the state law governing campaign contribu-

While the allegations against the three council members could hold criminal penalties, the civil ramifications could also take a shot at their wallets, according to Texas law.

According to Sec. 253.131 of the Election Code, candidates challenged during the election by a person who accepts an illegal campaign contribution are liable for civil damages

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to the tune of "twice the value of the unlawful contribution," as well "reasonable attorneys fees incurred in the suit."

A civil suit by the three council members' challengers during their last election could cost Fernandez \$2,400 payable to longtime council member Stephanie Horton, who was unseated in the election — and a total of \$2,800 from Carrigan, who would have to pay the amount to challengers Joann Staulcup, Shannon Thomason and Oscar Velasco, for a total of \$8,400.

Duncan could be liable for \$800 per challenging candidate in the 2010 mayoral race — which included incumbent Russ McEwen, Thomason and Velasco — for a total of \$2,400.

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raises this year, as well as continue to pay employees' health insurance costs.

"A few staff reductions – we absorbed an English teacher position as well as cut back in maintenance and custodial changed the bottom line enough for (trustees) to feel comfortable with this decision," Johnson

Johnson contrasted the trustees' decision with state legislators' refusal to dip into their \$9 billion "rainy day fund."

"Unlike the state,

which is refusing to use its rainy day fund —

even though the storms of financial crisis have hit — Forsan ISD will use a common sense approach by smoothing out these budget lows while maintaining a se-

curity blanket for the

future," Johnson said.

"This will allow us to continue to move forward with our educational goals, with new programs that are being implemented, and will allow us to treat our staff like the professionals that they are," he added. "Teachers don't make a huge amount of money and it is important to keep them on a steady, predictable salary schedule if at all possible."

Johnson said this action will not jeopardize district's future cash flow or deplete its

"Forsan ISD will face dramatic cuts just like every other school district in the state,' said. "However, due to careful planning by our school board and ad-

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Our Views

Casey Anthony verdict comes in

At least that's what the 12 jurors had to say after hearing seven weeks of testimony in the Casey

The jurors returned with a verdict on all seven counts within 11 hours.

On all serious charges, including first-degree murder, aggravated child abuse and aggravated manslaughter of a child, a not guilty verdict was returned.

A guilty verdict was returned on the four counts of providing false information to a law enforcement officer in Caylee's 2008 disapperance and death.

Two-year-old Caylee Anthony was last seen June 16, 2008 and her disappearnce wasn't reported until a month later, July 15, 2008. The report came after Casey Anthony was found and questioned about her daughter's wherabouts by her mother, Cindy Anthony.

The trial brought numerous scenarios of what could have happened to Caylee, including the possibility of her drowning in the family pool and the grandfather and Casey's attempt to cover up the accident.

The world has been watching as evidence or as some would say the lack of evidence was presented in the case and as the verdict was delivered. Numerous people were certain the verdict would be returned quickly, but not as

Many people had cast their judgement and made up their minds of a guilty verdict. As the jury's decision was announced shock swept across the nation.

Jurors have declined to speak with media and when questioned by the judge professed their decision was their own and not co-

The jury weighed the evidence provided and could not cast a vote of guilty without a reasonable doubt and shocked the world.

According to judge and jury, the case has been decided, but too many around the world the question still remains ... if Casey Anthony did not do it ... who did?

The jurors did what they were charged to do. They received the facts, considered them carefully and made a decision.

Even though the verdict was unexpected, not liked by many ... it is the verdict nonetheless.

There are still answers needed to be given and the biggest one of all remains;

Will there ever be justice for little Caylee Anthony?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we walk with You, Lord, by our side knowing we are going in the right direction.

Amen

Americans and loose screws

'y feeling continues to grow that somewhere deep in the psyche of the American people there is a screw loose.

We entered the 21st century as the most powerful nation on earth. There was nobody second. We had our problems, certainly, but we also had a budget surplus, a reasonable foreign policy, and a bright future. At which point the American



people, in their wisdom, elected an ignoramus from Texas to lead them. He led them into two wars, a crushing public debt, and a financial crisis of historic proportions.

Having been barely recovered from that folly, a good many people — Republicans, mainly seem ready to do it again, Texas ignoramus and all.

The Republican presidential primary race has turned into a clown show with contestants vying for the spotlight by saying and doing increasingly outrageous things. Think Sarah Palin riding into Washington on a motorcycle.

Think also of Newt Gingrich announcing his candidacy with a rip-roaring, Obama-bashing speech, and then almost immediately going on a two-week vacation in the Greek Islands.

That was a bit much for his campaign staff, who expected a more serious effort, so they quit. (It was perhaps the first time in political history that the rats deserted ship before it had even left the dock.)

And where did they go? Several of Newt's top advisers are now working for Rick Perry, the governor of Texas and the Republican Party's new flavor of the month. Perry hasn't said he's running yet, but a lot of Republicans want him to.

Now in many ways Perry is an attractive candidate. He's good-looking, well spoken, and he exudes a certain air of confidence, always a good thing for a politician. He's been governor for 10 years now and has shown some political smarts.

But scratch that shiny surface and what you get is a tea party

He's not only against gay marriage; he's for unconstitutional and unenforceable bans on gay sex. He has indicated agreement with the comments of an evangelist who said that those who don't take Christ as their savior are going straight to Hell.

He's refused federal stimulus money for the unemployed, on the grounds that it might cost the state some money down the road.

He's expressed sympathy for the right of Texas to secede from the Union (although he's said he wouldn't advise it). He's indicated that he believes

in "scientific creationism,"

which he calls "a valid scientific theory," and wants it taught in the schools on equal footing with evolution.

Did I mention that this is the 21st century? This guy isn't even a 20th-century leader; he's a 19th-century politician. And he's the Republican Party's Great Hope?

A decade ago I would have dismissed his chances out of hand but now I'm not so sure. Last year a Gallup Poll found that 40 percent of Americans believe that God created humans in their present form no longer than 10,000 years ago.

That's even more unscientific than "scientific" creationism.

Wait, it gets worse. This spring, Gallup found that 47 percent of Americans want their lawmakers to vote against raising the debt ceiling. This is like wanting them to vote against gravity.

I talked to a financial adviser recently and he said that there was no chance that Congress wouldn't raise the debt ceiling. "It would be catastrophic not to," he said. "Unthinkable."

Ha! I've got news for him. We need a new national motto: "The preposterous we do immediately; the unthinkable takes a little longer.'

Maybe two loose screws.

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A time for me, my dreams and the reality that is still yet to be

nother year older, not necessarily another year wiser, but another year has passed

Twenty-five years ago my story started. It's been a story with ups, downs, curves and swerves, but it has been one I wouldn't trade for anything.

Yep, that's right — it's my birthday!

It's ironic my column just so happens to fall on my birthday and I have no idea what to write

I figure this is a day about me, the one day out of the year when I can be selfish and focused on

I think I am going to take advantage of that and I'm going to write my column

about me. I was doing some searching on the internet one day, as a way to find inspiration for my next column and I decided to Google

my name. I was amazed with the different results that popped up; there was an Amanda Moreno



Moreno

who was a doctor, a track star and even a story of her death. I have to say, none of those things I would ever picture myself doing or imagine coming up under my name.

I don't enjoy running simply because I am not very fast and I have no motivation to run unless I am being chased and even then I'm not sure how far I would get. Actually, I am almost certain I would get caught.

As for being a doctor, I know it's an amazing profession, but not one for me. I am one who can't stand the sight of blood, science does nothing for me and all the technical terms only confuse me. I hate needles and have no patience. Being a doctor is something I could never do. As for seeing the obituary and

the story of Amanda Moreno being killed, it was a bit unsettling.

I know there are others out there with my name, but it's a little unnerving when you hear your name and murdered in the same sentence. I have to say, it gets you to thinking.

I know we are only promised a short time on Earth and nobody knows the extent of that time. However, there are things I want to do and want to see before my time is up. People are constantly saying: "you are only 25 ... you are still young ... there's no rush you have time.'

Well, I am one who believes time is short and it really knows no age limit.

Especially recently, I have seen lives shorter than mine come to an end. I recently lost a friend, one who wasn't very close to me the past few years, but one who made an impact on my life nonetheless. He was a year younger than me and I have to say reading his obituary was unbelievable and just as unnerving as hearing my name and death in the same sentence.

There are numerous things I want to do before I die. I want to grow in my career. I want to travel. I want to explore the different opportunities which lay before me. I want to be able to watch my son grow up and see all the firsts and important moments that my father missed

I want to have a wedding, have more children, buy a house and see all the world has to offer. I want to move to New York, start my own magazine and see my name on people's coffee tables.

I want to make a difference in this world, in some form or fashion.

I know I am dreaming big for a small town girl, but I'm not going to let that stop me.

I know it's a long shot for some of my dreams to come true, but then again just imagine how much never would have been accomplished if people let their dreams and the outcome be determined by what seems realistic.

It's the unrealistic dreams that draw me in even more. I want to achieve the long shot dreams even more to prove to people I can do it ... I am capable of doing anything and reaching whatever goal I set.

There are many things in my life I would like to change, espe-

cially the insecurities and lack

of confidence. I know each step I take gets me closer to my goals and builds my confidence a little bit more.

I am still new in this business and I have a long way to go before I am anywhere near professional, but I also know I am on

Each compliment I get helps build my belief in myself. The compliments help me open my eyes and see the potential I have within me. On the other hand, the constructive criticism I receive helps me just as much. It's the little improvements that help build my writing ability. Even though my stubborness and hardheadedness makes it difficult for me to swallow the critiques, in all reality I do listen and I do appreciate the tips.

My story may barely be beginning and I am aiming for a long one. But as I said before, there is no certainty tomorrow will arrive for any of us, but I am not going to let the fear of no tomorrow stop me.

Actually, I am going to take knowing tomorrow may never come and use it to my advantage.

I am going to take the steps I need to get to where I want to be, even if I don't get there I will know I never stopped trying.

I am going to tell those I love just how much they mean to me, even if it seems repetative and they already know. I refuse to have a day go by and those who are important to me not knowing

I am going to take a leap and take a chance.

I am going to do my best and start believing in myself becaues I know it's the only way I will get anywhere.

I know there is potential inside me despite all the negative that surrounds me and I am going to use the negativity to build me into a stronger person with each passing day. Amanda: fit to be loved: Yes, I

am and it's time I start believing

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End near for endless data use on smartphones

<u>RACHEL METZ</u>

AP Technology Writer SAN FRANCISCO When Verizon Wireless kills off its unlimited data plan for new smartphone customers on Thursday, it will mark another blow for endless Web surfing and video streaming.

The move by the nation's largest wireless carrier has long been anticipated. More people are switching to smartphones and using an increasing amount of data for all manner of wireless activities. The shift could help wireless carriers ensure that they can handle the traffic flowing over the new higher-speed "4G," or fourth-generation, data networks they're rolling out.

AT&T Inc. and T-Mobile USA, the secondand fourth-largest U.S. carriers, respectively, have already set limits on monthly data usage. AT&T uses tiered data plans like the one Verizon is rolling out, while T-Mobile slows data speeds for unlimited data plan customers who use up their allotment. monthly Sprint Nextel Corp., the country's third-largest carrier, still offers an

unlimited plan. The death of unlimited

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wireless data is happening as service providers see an explosion in data usage, due mainly to an ever-growing number of smartphone users. According to market researcher comScore

Inc., 77 million people in the U.S. had smartphones the first three months of the year up 11 percent from a year earlier. And according to a Nielsen study, smartphone users' average data growth climbed percent to 435 megabytes in the same time frame.

Simply put, there's more profit to be made with capped data plans. Steve Clement, a Pacific Crest Securities analyst, said this growth just won't work with a fixed-pricing model over time, so to make money from the surging traffic the carriers have to try something else.

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from unlimited plans,

the carriers can profit

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analyst Jonathan Atkin

ed out, by offering lowlevel data packages such as the 200 megabyte plans that T-Mobile and AT&T offer — they can bring in more smartphone users.

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Part of the move to capped data is to get consumers accustomed to the idea that data isn't a limitless resource. If carriers didn't move to usage-based data plans while rolling out newer speedy data networks, the networks would get abused, Zachary Investment Research analyst Patrick Comack said. And while the pricing of Verizon's network is higher than AT&T's, its service is speedier, so it can charge a premium for now.

Verizon Wireless' current unlimited plan costs existing users \$30 per month. With the new plans, smartphone users will choose between paying \$30 for 2 gigabytes, \$50 for 5 gigabytes or \$80 for 10 gigabytes of monthly data usage. Customers who use more than their allotment will be charged \$10 more for each additional gigabyte. AT&T, meanwhile,

charges \$25 per month

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and \$45 for 4 gigabytes. The over-allotment fee is the same.

Verizon and AT&T say much of the move away from unlimited data plans has to do with making users pay

for the data they really use. "If you drive

car, you drive 50 miles, you pay for for miles," Verizon Wireless spokeswoman Brenda Raney said. AT&T Inc.

spokesman Mark Siesaid customers told the company that they wanted a choice instead of just having one unlimited plan for \$30.

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are customers likely to react to the new plans? It depends.

Verizon Current smartphone users will not be affected, regardless of whether or not they have a long-term contract with the com-

And given that 95 percent of the company's current smartphone users use less than 2 gigabytes per month, chances are that most of the newcomers — which includes new customers and existing ones trading up to a smartphone — won't be affected by the change.

At AT&T Inc. the picture is similar: Siegel said 98 percent of smartphone customers use less than 2 gigabytes in a month.

Neil Strother, an analyst at ABI Research, believes caps on data usage will make things more confusing for consumers. Carriers will have to be increasingly transparent about what data caps mean and help them keep tabs on how much data they use. The carriers do offer online data calculators and alerts that customers can use to learn about how they use data.

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The apps that eat your wireless data

NEW YORK (AP) — If you have a smartphone with a monthly data limit, here are some tips on what types of phone use will gobble up your precious megabytes:

Streaming video and videoconferencing. The

- biggest offender. One minute of YouTube-quality video eats up 2 megabytes. If you're on a plan that gives you 200 megabytes per month, you can't even watch Lady Gaga's "Telephone" video once per day. If you're on a 2 gigabyte plan you can, but don't make your iPhone a replacement for a TV. In either case, it's fine to indulge in YouTube and Netflix if you're on Wi-Fi. Streaming audio. The second biggest offender.
- and potentially more serious. While video is something we need to see to enjoy, Internet radio is more of an accompaniment to other activities, such as jogging or doing dishes. That means some people like to keep it on for hours. Audio consumes about a quarter of the data that video does, but 10 minutes a day will break the bank if you're on a 200 megabyte plan. One hour a day of Pandora consumes nearly a gigabyte, which you can afford if you're on a 2-gigabyte plan and don't use other data-hogging apps.
- Photos. If you're a real shutterbug, photos can consume significant amounts of data. Sending and viewing photos both count toward your monthly limit. Posting 10 photos per day eats up most of a 200 megabyte plan. If you're on a 2-gigabyte plan, you probably don't have to worry about photos.
- Maps. Navigation apps consume lots of data when they retrieve map images, up to a megabyte a minute. You're also likely to use them for long periods of time when you're away from Wi-Fi, such as when you're driving. Watch out for these.
- Web surfing. Web pages vary widely in size, so this will depend quite a bit on whether you like to visit graphically rich sites (lots of data) or spare, textoriented ones (less data). But roughly speaking, ten pages a day will eat up about half of a 200 megabyte plan. Again, those on 2-gigabyte plans don't need to worry much about surfing.
- Facebook. Roughly equivalent to Web surfing. Status updates won't take much data, but sending photos and viewing friends' pictures will.
- E-mail. Most e-mails are tiny, in terms of data. Basically, you can send and receive e-mail all you want, as long as they don't have attachments such
- Twitter. Like e-mail, these short messages don't use much data, but if you follow a lot of people and click on links, usage adds up.
- Weather apps. Small, focused apps that report simple but useful things, such as the weather forecast, save data (and time) compared with looking up the same information on a Web page.

don't want to have that surprise bill," Strother

The most recent changes don't mean that data plans will always look this way, though. Some analysts suggest that carriers might eventually offer different speed tiers, perhaps charging more to always use a 4G network, or having customers start off using their 4G network and then switching to the slower 3G network after hitting a monthly

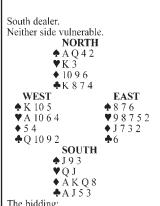
data-usage allotment. T-Mobile's existing unlimited data plan flirts

with this idea already. Strother expects to see some experimentation, saving the carriers will likely try different pricing models in order to keep themselves and consumers happy.

"Frankly no carrier wants a block of their customers to say, 'I don't like this, I'm moving to the other guy.' They want to keep you," Strother said.



By Steve Becker It All Adds Up



The bidding: North 1 **♦** 2 NT 1 **♠** 3 NT Pass Opening lead — four of hearts.

To anyone interested in the exercise of logic, bridge can be a highly rewarding game. Consider this deal played by Eng-

lish expert G.C.H. Fox many years ago. Fox arrived at three notrump as shown, and West led a low heart Declarer won in his hand with the

jack and considered his prospects. He could count seven top tricks — a spade, three diamonds, two clubs and the heart already taken. The most promising suit to develop was clubs; if East held the Q-x or Q-x-x, South could pick up two extra tricks with the aid of a finesse So Fox led a club to the king and

his plan. The two additional tricks he needed would have to come from some other source Accordingly, after taking the club ace, Fox led a low spade to the queen. When this held, he was just one trick short of his goal, and the most likely source of that trick was

another club back, but when East

showed out, declarer had to revise

his fourth diamond. So he next cashed the A-K, carefully unblocking dummy's ten and nine. This brought Fox to the crucial question: Should he next cash the diamond queen in hopes of a 3-3

split, or should he cross to the ace of spades instead and lead a diamond to the eight, playing for East to have started with the J-x-x-x?

Fox solved the problem very neatly. West was known to have

begun with exactly four clubs and presumably at least four hearts. He had also followed to two diamonds and had to have at least two spades, one of them known to be the king.

So at trick seven, Fox led the nine

spades to dummy's ace. When West's king did not appear, it became clear that he had started with three spades, which left room in his hand for no more than two diamonds. Fox therefore led a diamond to the eight, and that was that. In making the contract, Fox

didn't really do anything particularly remarkable. All he did was live up to

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Obama's allies, rivals visit White House for budget talks as clock ticks toward deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is having friend and foe alike come to the White House to talk about cutting the budget deficit, with less than four weeks to avert a first-ever default on U.S. financial obligations. Thursday's talks will include top lawmakers in

both parties. Negotiations are gaining urgency by the day, because Republicans are insisting on major cuts to the deficit as the price for approving legislation to maintain the government's ability to borrow money and stave off a market-rattling de-

The negotiations are the first official sit-down since last month, when House Majority Leader



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Eric Cantor, R-Va., left talks that had been led by Vice President Joe Biden, citing an insistence by Democrats on raising taxes.

But Cantor went out of his way Wednesday to make clear that he bolted the Biden group over an administration proposal to limit the ability of upper-bracket taxpayers and small businesses to claim deductions — and he signaled a willingness to consider closing some tax loopholes for businesses as part of a broader budget pact.

After acquittal in murder trial, Anthony may be hard-pressed to piece life back together

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Should Casey Anthony be released Thursday at her sentencing for lying to investigators, the 25-year-old could be hard-pressed to piece together some semblance of a normal life following her acquittal on charges that she killed her 2-year-old daughter Caylee.

The surprising verdict in her trial continued to be the talk of cable and network news Wednesday, a day after she was acquitted of first-degree mur-

"Anthony will always be dogged by the belief that she killed her child," said Lewis Katz, a law professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. "She will never lead a normal life."

Anthony's attorney, Jose Baez, told ABC News he would argue Thursday that Anthony should be sentenced to time served — she's been behind bars for nearly three years — and released.

She could get a year in prison for each of the four misdemeanor counts of lying to law enforcement officials of which she was convicted Tuesday.

"If you look at the time that she's done, it's quite significant," said Baez, who nonetheless acknowledged concern about his client's safety should she be freed, given the high emotions surrounding the

AP Interview: Libyan official says NATO ramping up campaign to clear ground for rebel advance

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A senior Libyan official Thursday accused NATO of intensifying its bombing campaign and backing foreign mercenaries to lay the groundwork for an advance by rebels trying to topple Moammar Gadhafi's regime.

Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Kaim told The Associated Press in an early morning interview that the alliance's increased bombings represent the "final phase" of the air campaign. But he said the push will fail and that civilians will be the ones

Kaim said NATO targeted police checkpoints in the Nafusa mountains southwest of Tripoli ahead of a rebel advance toward the village of Qawalish, which rebel fighters claimed they seized Wednesday. They were later pushed back by government

A fuel depot in the key eastern oil town of Brega was also destroyed, Kaim said. NATO said it hit equipment used to refuel government military vehicles.

Grizzly kills man at Yellowstone National Park, first fatal mauling since 1986

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - A killer grizzly is roaming Yellowstone National Park's backcountry after mauling a man who apparently surprised the female bear and its cubs while hiking with his wife.

Officials closed remote campgrounds and trails near the scene of Wednesday's attack close to Canyon Village, which sits in the middle of the sprawl-

The identity of the 57-year-old victim was being withheld until his family could be notified, said Yellowstone spokesman Al Nash.

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News agency says reports of former Chinese president rumors

BEIJING(AP)—China on Thursday dismissed reports that retired President Jiang Zemin, who led the country through massive changes after the crushing of the 1989 Tiananmen Square democracy movement, has

died. official Xinhua News Agency quoted what it called authoritative sources as saying the reports were "pure rumor.'

The one-sentence dispatch in English wasn't carried by the Chineselanguage service of the state-run agency, indicating it was meant for overseas audiences, analysts said.



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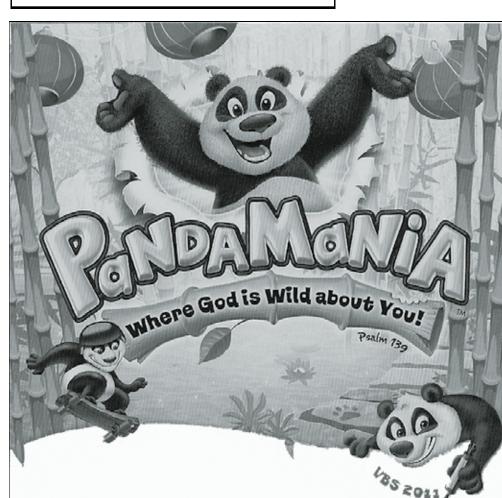
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Casual Cooking with Kris

Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

This week's recipe is inspired

by mine and my husband's favorite summer activity, going to yard sales!

I am the first to admit that my husband married a cheap woman and I am not ashamed. My favorite words are free, clearance, discount and sale. They get my palms

all sweaty and a weird feeling in my stomach. Wait, that sounds a lot like love. At yard sales, my husband

gets embarrassed because I will ask for lower prices, like a finetuned skill. As much as it makes him uncomfortable he will admit I have gotten some really good

stuff at super prices. Recently, we went to a yard sale held by a member of our church and I was looking at some items and it was more than I wanted to pay. My husband, under his breath, was saying "please don't do this here to someone we know from church."

I did understand what he was asking and respected his feelings and left the item behind.

Most people have a hobby for collecting something and my collection consists of cookbooks and

Here in West Texas I don't have to leave my house to collect the later. In my goody hunting recently I found a cookbook that uses my favorite invention the crockpot — and put it to use. Lately, if you're like me it's been too hot to heat up my kitchen and this book is coming in handy. So the recipe provided is an old dog in a new hat.

Enjoy!

Kris

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Sweet and Sour Pork Chops

4 pork chops

1-1/2 cup of long grain rice (not quick cook)

2 cups of water

1 red bell pepper (bite size chopped)

1/2 large onion (bite size chopped)

1 jar of sweet and sour sauce (red kind)

1 can of pineapple chunks soy sauce

fresh ginger (fine grated optional) salt and pepper

In crockpot on low, pour rice evenly on bottom. Pour in water, finely grated ginger, about half a teaspoon, 3-4 dashes of soy sauce. Place pork chops on top of rice. Pour sweet and sour sauce over chops add bell peppers, onion, pineapples and salt and pepper to taste. Cook for about 8 hours on

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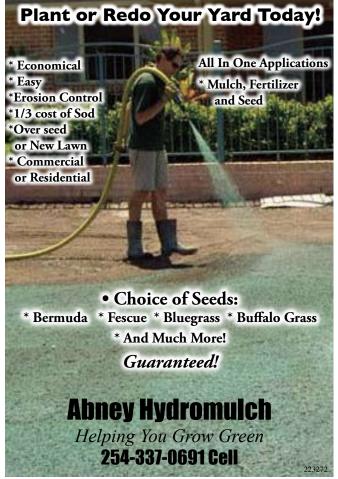
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2nd body found in Matagorda Bay after plane crash

PORT O'CONNOR (AP) — A second body has been recovered following the crash of a small plane into a bay along the Texas Gulf coast.

An autopsy has been ordered to determine if the body located Tuesday by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens is the pilot, Lyle Koen of Austin.

Capt. Nick Harmon told the Victoria Advocate

Capt. Nick Harmon told the Victoria Advocate that the remains were discovered about a mile northeast of the crash site in Matagorda Bay.

The single-engine plane went down Sunday after takeoff from Pierce Field in Port O'Connor. The Department of Public Safety says the body of the passenger, David Eddington of Austin, was located Monday in the cockpit.

The cause of the crash is sought.

A Texas Parks and Wildlife spokesman did not immediately return messages Thursday from The Associated Press.

White House seeks delay of Mexican man's execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The planned execution Thursday of a Mexican national has prompted a flurry of appeals on his behalf, including a rare plea from the White House, because of what it could mean for other foreigners arrested in the U.S. and for Americans detained in other countries.

Humberto Leal, 38, is awaiting a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on whether to block his lethal injection in Huntsville. He was sentenced to die for the 1994 rape and murder of 16-year-old Adria Sauceda of San Antonio.

The appeal contends that authorities never told Leal after his arrest that he could seek legal assistance from the Mexican government under an international treaty, and that such assistance would have aided his defense. Leal moved to the U.S. as a toddler

Leal's attorneys have support from the White House, the Mexican government and other diplomats who believe the execution should be delayed so his case can be thoroughly reviewed.

Fort Hood shooting suspect will face death penalty

FORT HOOD (AP) — For the victims' families and those wounded in the Fort Hood shooting rampage, news that the suspect will face a military trial and the death penalty came as no surprise.

Many have cried and prayed together since a gunman opened fire on the Texas Army post that sunny day in November 2009, killing 13 people and injuring more than two dozen others. Some of them celebrated Wednesday's announcement that Maj. Nidal Hasan would face a death sentence if convicted, though others were more solemn. Yet all said it was another step in their healing process.

"I'm glad I'm not the one deciding what happens to Hasan," said Leila Hunt Willingham, whose brother, Spc. Jason Dean "J.D." Hunt was killed while protecting civilian nurses during the shootings.

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"People think the default (emotion) is always anger and revenge," she said. "No one seems to understand that the outcome of this will not bring any more peace or closure than what I can get on my own. No matter what happens to Hasan, my brother is still dead."

Custody trial opens for Texas preacher's kids

KERRVILLE (AP) — Attorneys exchanged claims of brainwashing and manipulation Wednesday as a courtroom fight began in Kerrville over custody of the children of an ex-Baptist minister convicted of murdering their mother.

Matt Baker is serving a 65-year prison term for murder in the 2006 death of his wife, Kari, whose parents are suing for custody of the couple's two

daughters. The girls, now aged 10 and 15, have been wards of his parents since he was indicted in 2009.

Called as the first witness in the civil trial Wednesday, Baker repeatedly invoked his Fifth Amendment right to remain silent to protect himself against self-incrimination when questioned by Pat Maguire, the attorney for his wife's parents. Baker, who is appealing his conviction, said he believes he will be vindicated, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

During opening statements, Maguire said Matt Baker tried to poison the children's feelings toward his wife's parents, Jim and Linda Dulin of Woodway, a Waco suburb.

UT-Austin report blasts higher ed 'solutions' AUSTIN (AP) — Urging against treating Texas

college students like customers "shopping on iTunes or visiting Banana Republic," a top University of Texas at Austin administrator Wednesday blasted proposed higher education reforms broadly endorsed by Gov. Rick Perry but opposed by faculty statewide.

The report by Robert Diehl, dean of UT's College of Liberal Arts, is the strongest defense yet by

The report by Robert Diehl, dean of UT's College of Liberal Arts, is the strongest defense yet by the state's largest university against the so-called "Seven breakthrough Solutions." The proposals, created by the right-leaning Texas Public Policy Foundation, have stirred ongoing unrest on Texas campuses since last year.

Among the proposals are greater scrutiny of faculty productivity and rewarding professors based on student feedback.

The think tank also questions the use of taxpayer money to fund esoteric research that doesn't generate money.

Diehl's report, posted online by the university, urges state leaders against adopting "market-driven" models that operate on the belief that universities should operate like businesses.

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Aces strike Comanche **Trail course**

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

Comanche Trail Golf Course saw their hole-in-one club add to its membership roster recently, with two area golfers achieving golf's greatest accomplishment. Both times, it happened on hole 15.

Gary Osburn aced the hole with a nine iron. His feat was witnessed by James Ward.

When Arron Shaffer hit the 138-yard stunner, he was holding a wedge in his hands. Shaffer's shot was seen by Tommy Fletcher, Wally Hazelwood and Bryan Heidleberg.

Rangers sweep Orioles

ARLINGTON (AP) -Alexi Ogando pitched like an All-Star. Now he has to wait and see if he gets the call to join the AL staff for Tuesday's game in Ari-

Ogando allowed four hits over seven innings in his last start before the break and the Texas Rangers completed a three-game sweep of the Baltimore Orioles with a 13-5 victory on Wednesday night.

Ogando (9-3) snapped a tie with Colby Lewis and C.J. Wilson for the team lead in wins, turning in his second consecutive effective outing after losing three straight starts.

Ogando wasn't chosen

by his manager, AL skipper Ron Washington, for the original All-Star staff, but the right-hander has a chance to be a late selection because so many of the AL All-Star pitchers take the mound on Sunday.

"Of course, I'm here doing my job and I don't have control over those things, but if those things happen, I of course, would be happy to play and represent my team in the All-Star game," Ogando said through an interpreter.

During Ogando's threegame slide, there had been concern over the innings total for the converted reliever. But he got back on track when he allowed two runs and five hits over 6 2-3 innings in a 15-5 victory over Florida on July 1, and followed that up with Wednesday's effort.

For Ogando, a trip to Arizona would be nice. So would a few days' rest, even though he insisted he isn't fatigued despite throwing 104 2-3 innings this season.

Ogando's workload last year was 72 1-3 innings over two minor league stops and 44 games for Texas.

"It'll be good to have some days off, but ... I feel strong," Ogando said. "I don't feel that I'm tired or that I show that I'm tired, but the break is always good."

The Rangers provided plenty of support Wednesday, finishing with 19

Mike Napoli hit a threerun homer in Texas' fourrun seventh. Michael Young and Nelson Cruz also had three RBIs for the Rangers, who moved back into sole possession of first place with the help of Detroit's 5-4 win over the Los Angeles Angels earlier Wednesday.

Elvis Andrus had four hits and Young scored twice, giving him 958 career runs, tying Rafael

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Astros finally win one, defeat Pirates "You get a big inning 11 games. He and Mi-

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The struggles the Houston Astros were facing finally reached the point where they needed a 75-minute team meeting to air things out.

The frustrations built up over a five-game losing streak and losses in 10 of their past 11? All taken out on the Pittsburgh Pirates in a big sixth inning.

One of Hunter Pence's three hits was an RBI single during the fiverun sixth. Bud Norris pitched seven strong innings, and Houston avoided a sweep with an 8-2 victory Wednesday night.

"The meeting was something we needed to come together and bring the unit back together and kind of just realize where we're at," Norris said. "It was a good meeting, and we were excited about then going out there and doing the little things well. That's what it's all about and that's exactly what we got today."

Houston took the field less than 90 minutes after the meeting that longtime observers of the club said lasted longer than any they had seen during a season. Heading into the day, the Astros were 6-24 since June 3. They have the majors' worst record

After Charlie Morton limited Houston to three hits over the first five innings, seven of the eight batters who faced him in the sixth reached.

Angel Sanchez, Carlos Lee, Jeff Keppinger and Clint Barmes also had RBI hits in the inning.

The five runs Houston scored in the sixth matched what it had in the previous three games combined.

like that, you have a way bigger chance of winning these games." Keppinger said. "We've been running into problems getting big hits, and we got a few big hits all in that same inning."

The Astros added three runs in the ninth. Lee, Keppinger and Barmes each had two hits, with Pence extending his hitting streak to chael Bourn both scored twice, and Pence and Keppinger both had two RBIs. Norris (5-6) allowed

two runs, seven hits and two walks with three strikeouts to win for the first time in five starts. Although he had only

perfect inning, Pittsburgh did not have an extra-base hit against

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Jeter gets hit in Yankees' loss, needs three more

CLEVELAND (AP) - He'llbe back in Bronx, in his ballpark, the place where he's thrilled fans from almost the first day he donned Yankee

Derek Jeter's headed home to swing for history.

New York's captain picked up his 2,997th career hit Thursday night, hitting a double to right in his final at-bat to move within three of 3,000. But the Yankees couldn't figure out Cleveland starter Justin Masterson's nasty stuff during a 5-3 loss to the Indians.

Jeter's next at-bats will be in Yankee Stadium, where fans are certain to cheer his every move.

"I'm looking forward to it," Jeter said. "I wish I would

wasn't the case. I'm definitely looking forward to going back to New York."

The Yankees were blanked for eight innings by Masterson (7-6) before scoring three runs in the ninth to make things interesting. But closer Chris Perez came on and ended the rally, striking out Brett Gardner for the final out as Jeter stood near home plate, resting his bat on his shoulder.

He was on deck — just as he is for 3,000 hits.

Jeter, who had to talk Yankees manager Joe Girardi into letting him play his third straight game since returning from a calf injury, went 1 for 3 and also drew a walk from

Masterson, who was backed

have gotten more today, but it up by two sensational plays from All-Star shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera in the eighth.

Jeter's bid to become the 28th major leaguer — and first purebred pinstriper to reach 3,000 will resume Thursday night against Tampa Bay at Yankee Stadium, his professional home since 1995. The famed ballparks, both the new and old versions, have never hosted any player getting his 3,000th hit.

Jeter would be the first, perhaps fitting for the only player to reach the milestone having spent his entire career as a member of the Yankees. Ruth, Gehrig, Mantle, DiMaggio and Berra didn't get nearly as close as Jeter, the team's career hits leader and one of the most popular

players in history.

And now, he's just three solid swings from standing alone among the Yankees' legion of Hall of Fame sluggers.

Jeter said earlier this week that his journey to 3,000 has been tough because of the injury and the negative comments directed at him because he's not played up to his lofty standards. However, Jeter left Cleveland eager to celebrate a moment that at times only seemed to get farther away.

"Our fans have always been pretty good when they have an opportunity to witness something that hasn't happened," Jeter said. "They care a lot about the history of this organization, so I anticipate them being pretty animated. I

don't know, but I would think it would be kind of fun."

Girardi and Jeter's teammates would love to see him hit the record books during the four-game series against the Rays.

"As you get closer to 3,000 no matter where you are you're probably a little more anxious to get it done. Girardi said. "He's three hits away. Let's just hope he gets all three tomorrow.

Rookie Lonnie Chisenhall hit his first career homer for Cleveland, which took two of three from the AL East leaders. The Central-leading Indians scored two runs in the first off starter Phil Hughes (0-2), who came off the

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Briefs

Free junior tennis clinics

Free junior tennis clinics will be held every Monday night from 5:30 to 6:30 at Figure 7. The cost is free and will be conducted by local coaches, players and pros.

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Howard County A&M Club shootout July 16

A golf tournament with a four-man Sherrill scramble format will be held July 16 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The start time will be 8 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person (carts not included). Respond by July 1 to westexags@ hotmail.com or by calling 432-263-7969.

There will also be a five-stand and skeet shotgun shoot at 2 p.m. benefiting the scholarship fund. The entry fee for this event will be \$150.

For more information, call Kelly Gaskins at 432-

Volleyball camp July 25-28

BSISD's volleyball camp will be held July 25-28, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 3-8 for a fee of \$25. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10. Call 432-264-3662 for more information.

Football skills lineman camp

Coach Tony Johnson, former TCU line coach, will be hosting a one-day camp for linemen in Big Spring July 16. The camp, which will run from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., will cost \$55 per player and is open to players 9-18 years old.

For more information, contact Coach Johnson at 913-620-0167.

BSHS cheerleader rag ball tournament begins Friday

Big Spring High School Cheerleaders will be having their rag ball tournament at Roy D. Anderson Complex July 8 from 6 p.m. until midnight and July 9 from 8 a.m. until the last game is played.

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Registration deadline will be July 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the complex. Fees are \$10 per person. Remember to get your receipt.

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O.H. Ivie Reservoir public hunting permits **July 15-Aug. 15**

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A public drawing for the WMA public hunting permits for the 2011 hunting season will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 16 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir field office, located near the north end of the dam.

Big Spring Country Club 2-person low ball tournament July 23-24

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 2-person low ball tournament July 23-24. Entry fee is \$60 per player, plus golf cart. Private carts are wel-

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Quarterback Club Monday meeting

Quarterback Club, the official Big Spring football boosters, will hold their first meeting of the season Monday, July 11 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at the ATC.

If you have questions or need information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

A quick look at this day in baseball history 1923 — Lefty O'Doul, victory over the NL in triple by Willie Mays.

pitching for the Boston Red Sox, allowed 13 runs in the sixth inning to the Cleveland Indians, who won 27-3. In 1928, he was to return to the majors as a great hitting outfielder.

1936 — The NL won its first All-Star game 4-3 at Braves Field in Boston. 1937 — Lou Gehrig drove in four runs with a home run and a double

to pace the AL to an 8-3

the All-Star game at Washington's Griffith Stadium attended by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. 1959 — At Forbes Field

in Pittsburgh, the first of two All-Star games played that season went to the NL, 5-4. The NL scored the tying and winning runs in the bottom of the eighth when Hank Aaron singled in a run and scored on a

1964 — The NL beat the AL 7-4 in the All-Star game on Johnny Callison's two-out, three-run homer off Dick Radatz in the bottom of the ninth inning at New York's Shea Stadium. The win pulled the NL even with its rivals (17-17-1) for the first time since the series began.

1982 — Harold Baines of Chicago hit three successive home runs, in-

cluding a grand slam, to brand had his first threelead the White Sox to a 7-0 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

1998 — Coors Field lived up to its billing as a hitter's haven as the American League beat the Nationals 13-8 at Coors Field in the highestscoring All-Star game in major league history. The 21 runs broke the record set in the AL's 11-9 win in 1954.

2003 — Shea Hillen-

homer game — tying a major league record by homering in three consecutive innings — and drove in seven runs as Arizona beat Colorado

2004 — Kazuhisa Ishii pitched a one-hitter in Los Angeles' 11-0 victory over Arizona. Ishii retired his first 12 batters before giving up a leadoff walk in the fifth to Luis Gonzalez and a line single by Shea Hillenbrand. No one else reached base against Ishii, who went the distance for the second time in 72 starts.

2006 — Cleveland Indians designated hitter Travis Hafner became the first player in major league history to hit five grand slams before the All-Star break when he connected in the second inning of a 9-0 win over Baltimore.

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Norris. He had lost his two previous starts against the Pirates, although the Astros scored a total of one run for him in those games.

"Bud did a great job," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "He gave up

a run in the first but kept guys off the bases and kept an inning from building.

"He kept us in the game and gave us a chance to build it up."

The Pirates brought the tying run to the plate with two men on and one out in the seventh, but Norris got pinchhitter Xavier Paul to

pop out. Alex Presley followed with a liner to deep center that was run down by Bourn.

Wilton Lopez struck out the side in the eighth, and David Carpenter struck out two in a perfect ninth.

A day after climbing four games over .500 this late in a season for the first time in 19 years, the Pirates (45-42) fell back into third place in the NL Central by losing for the first time in four games.

"They outplayed us tonight — across the board," Pittsburgh manager Clint Hurdle

Morton (7-5) was making his second start since having his turn in the rotation skipped due to arm fatigue. The Astros did not get to him until the sixth, when they had six hits and benefited from two errors.

"It kind of got out of hand," Morton said of the sixth. "It kind of crept up on me, and all of a sudden it just kind of fell apart."

Andrew McCutchen had both RBIs, and Michael McKenry went 2 for 3 for the surprising Pirates.

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Palmeiro for the team record.

Texas outscored Baltimore 30-11 in the series.

"We knew we could hit," Young said. "We have a talented group of guys one through nine. We feel like anyone who's up at the plate has a chance to put up a good at-bat and find a way to be productive."

Baltimore pitcher Jeremy Guthrie (3-11) got off to a rough start and never recovered, yielding six runs and eight hits in five innings while taking over the AL lead in losses.

Four of the runs came in the first inning.

"Some of the pitches tonight were all right, but they got hit," Guthrie said. "Others were mistakes. There's a lot of work to do on my

"Fortunately there's more season left to improve."

Vladimir Guerrero homered and drove in two runs for the Orioles, who have dropped eight of nine. Guerrero, who hadn't

had an extra-base hit in 34 at-bats since June 16, helped the Rangers reach the World Series last season.

He received an ovation from the crowd as he circled the bases on his solo shot in the seventh. The first three Texas

hitters reached against

Guthrie in the first, two

via walks, and Adrian Beltre's sacrifice fly got the scoring underway. Young's RBI double and Cruz's two-run single made it 4-0. Baltimore pushed across two runs in the second when Matt Wiet-

ers doubled and scored on Derrek Lee's seventh homer, a 420-foot drive onto the grass hill behind the center-field fence.

In the fifth, Beltre's RBI double and Young's run-scoring single extended the lead to 6-2.

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disabled list to make his first start since April when he was sidelined with shoulder inflammation.

Masterson allowed three hits, struck out six, walked two and got just his second win since April 26. New York's left-handed hitters went 0 for 19 against him.

Hitless in his first appearances, Jeter doubled — his second extra-base hit of the series — with one out in

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the eighth. He went to third on a sharp grounder that Cabrera ran down on the first-base side of second, spun and threw out the speedy Curtis Granderson. Cabrera, who almost didn't play because of a sprained right ankle, wasn't done.

With the Indians shifting right for left-hander Mark Teixeira, Cabrera ranged into short right field before making a sliding stop of a hardhit grounder. He popped to his feet and threw out Teixeira, punctuating his second defensive gem in minutes by pumping his fist.

Cabrera has been a human highlight reel all season.

"Nothing he does surprises me," Masterson said. "It never gets

Jeter came in 5 for 12 in his career against Masterson, but went 0 for 2 with a strikeout and walk before his 479th career double. a Jeter-esque shot on an inside-out swing to right field.

"It seems like his ball moves as much as anyone we've seen," Jeter said of Masterson. "He's throwing 95, 96 all night with a lot of movement. He pitched outstanding."

Jeter had to talk his way into staying in Girardi's lineup so as not to interrupt his chase of 3,000, though Girardi was leaning toward sitting his captain, thinking he needed rest.



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19). You'll get a sign that things are about to change for the better in a relationship. Perhaps this won't come as a source of elation, but you will likely feel cheerful and optimistic about your future with the other person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You often avoid strong emotions, but such intense feelings can be helpful at times. For instance, your anger can make you more powerful than a wild beast. Use your strong feelings judiciously.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People will do annoying things that have nothing to do with you, so be sure not to take any of it personally. You may find their behavior irritating, but you'll blow it off much quicker when you know it's not really about you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You want a change, and your desire for it is the ingredient that will make it happen. As you let your desire move you, strengthens. stronger your desire the faster the change will

come about. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The more you expose people to your ideas the more they will like them. So keep making your pitch, telling your story and winning supporters one by one. You will soon from being acquired taste" to having mainstream appeal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What appears to be an everyday encounter may seem stressful to you. Because of your particular sensitivities, you realize there is much more going on than most people would see. Try to relax and take it all in

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. persuade You'll 23). someone subtly and without being detected. Perhaps even you don't realize that you are doing this. But when you want something so much, it's hard to keep yourself from going for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A good lawyer does not present all of the information he has about his client during the opening statement. Likewise, you have the rapt attention of your "jury" as you take your time in revealing the truth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are too many people influencing you now. It will do you good to want something just because others do. If you still brings the payoff of a your mutual agreement to don't know what your true wants are, ask them to speak to you a little louder.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It has been said that any item of clothing can be attractive with a confident, passionate person inside it. However, it's difficult to feel either confident or passionate if vou hate what you're wearing. Another reason to shop...

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are in a competitive mood. The best competitor now is not a person, but the general idea that is the status quo. Go for mastery and excellence in all things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your deepest craving is to be accepted and adored. Realizing that this is something you have in common with most humans, you lavish others with praise and they do the same for you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 7). You'll love the interaction this month as lively characters enter your world. Fun and unexpected travel hard precedes work the highly during productive month of September. You'll express yourself in a safe environment and develop gifts through your October. November long-term investment. Libra and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 6, 25, 43 and 23.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "After a couple of personally difficult years, the sun seems to be shining on

me. I have a fulfilling and happy relationship with a wonderful man and a great job, and we have recently moved into our dream house. What more could a girl want? What do the stars have in store for us? My birthday is 3/15/76, and his 5/31/74."

Congratulations your well-deserved good fortune! Your sun, Mercury and Venus are all in Pisces, the sign of intuition. You have strong instincts and have learned through the years to follow them to your benefit. Mars in Gemini shows that you express yourself well, and your relationship is fulfilling in part because you find it so easy to speak in the dulcet tones your partner most wants to hear. His sun is in Gemini, and with his natal Jupiter in Pisces, he shares some of your intuitive powers. He also be can quite sensitive and nurturing with three luminaries in Cancer. You would make go in this direction, you could have a new family member as soon as May of 2012. Your combined chart suggests that you may invite new life into your family, but this life will come in the form of an old soul, impossibly wise beyond his years.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Jaden Smith follows in the footsteps of his gifted parents as he brings a new generation of talent to the film and music industry. Smith was born when the sun Mars were and in patriotic Cancer. Mercury, natal the communication planet, is in the entertaining sign Leo, so invigorated by applause and outperforms himself when the spotlight appears. A Capricorn moon shows a stellar work ethic.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I work in way? — *Confused* a family business along with my parents, my

brother and my sister. Two years ago, my brother's wife and my sister's husband also worked there, but they had an affair and moved away together.

Three months later, they both returned to spouses. Their their marriages are reconciled, but they are not allowed in the family back business.

I refuse to attend any event that includes the two of them. I am so upset about what they ald to my family that I will not speak to either of them.

The problem is, my sister is constantly telling me that I have to accept her husband and stop being so stubborn. I keep telling her what they did is not acceptable and I do not have to be around either one of them.

What do you suggest? Am I wrong to feel this Dear Confused: You

are not wrong. Their behavior reprehensible. However, avoiding family events where these in-laws will be present mostly hurts your sister and brother.

They are having a hard enough time with their marriages. It surely is additional punishment to know the affair has also caused an estrangement with their sibling.

Etiquette quite helpfully provides a It's solution. "snubbing." Attend these family events, and be loving toward your sister and brother and aloof toward the miscreants. Your behavior will make your disapproval abundantly clear.

Dear Annie: You advocate meeting people through volunteer organizations, local productions, theater choirs, political groups,

book clubs, etc. Doing that can certainly keep a person busy, but it doesn't always lead to meeting potential romantic interest. I was widowed 20 years

ideal parents, and with

ago at the age of 49. I continue to be active in various civic organizations, political groups (I even ran for local office a couple of times.), my church, a weekly exercise group and the local senior center. Have I met anyone? No, and I've just about given up and called decided to adopt a cat to keep me company. — S

> **Dear S.:** While joining organizations can lead to romance, that should not be your main focus. The point is to be involved in activities that you enjoy and where you can meet others who share your interests.

> It's a way to make friends and lead a full life. Romance would be a

bonus. We don't know why you haven't been able to find what you are searching for, but if you have been helping your community and staying active, you haven't been wasting your time.

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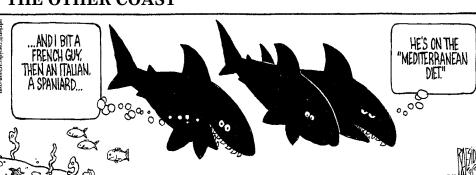


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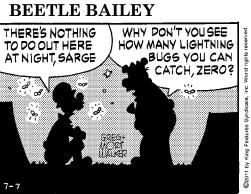
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 7, the 188th day of 2011. There are 177 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On July 7, 1981, President

Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

On this date:

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey (mahn-tuh-RAY') after the surrender of a Mexican garrison. In 1860, composer-conductor

Kalischt, Bohemia, Austria-Hungary (in the present-day Czech Republic). In 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C.,

Gustav Mahler was born in

for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

In 1898, the United States

annexed Hawaii. In 1911 composer Menotti was born in Cadegliano, Italy. In 1919, the first

Transcontinental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the United States, departed Washington, D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on Sept. 6, 1919.) In 1930, construction began

on Boulder Dam (later Hoover In 1941, U.S. forces took up

positions in Iceland, Trinidad and British Guiana to forestall any Nazi invasion, even though the United States had not yet entered the Second World War. In 1969, Canada's House of

to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government. In 1983, 11-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine,

Commons gave final approval

left for a visit to the Soviet Union at the personal invitation of Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov (ahn-DROH'-pawf). Today's Birthdays: Musician-

conductor Doc Severinsen is 84. Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough is 78. Rock star Ringo Starr is 71. Singer-musician Warren

Entner (The Grass Roots) is 68. Rock musician Jim Rodford is 66. Actor Joe Spano is 65. Pop singer David Hodo (The Village People) is 64. Country singer Linda Williams is 64. Actress Shelley Duvall is 62. Actress Roz Ryan is 60 Actor Billy Campbell is 52. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 49. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 48. Actor-comedian Jim Gaffigan is 45. Rhythmand-blues musician Ricky Kinchen (Mint Condition) is 45. Actress Amy Carlson is 43. Actress Jorja Fox is 43. Actress Cree Summer is 42. Actress Kirsten Vangsness is 39. Actor Troy Garity is 38. Actor Hamish Linklater is 35. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater

Michelle Kwan is 31. © 2011 The Associated Press.

Answer to previous puzzle

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Garden tool
- 6 Unspoken but
- implied 11 Origin of Jeopardy! contestant
- Watson 14 Striking
- grouping
- 15 Surfaced
- 16 You and me, e.g.
- 17 It's fun,
- supposedly 20 Prep school
- since 1440 21 Desirable trait
- 22 Cardinal point
- 23 Takes a
- second?
- 25 Leak out
- slowly
- smidge
- 33 Pac-10 school
- of '69
- 37 Lure in
- 38 Easy victory
- 42 Labor Dept.
- agency
- 43 Soup servers
- 46 One way to pay
- **49** Email service
- 50 Telecommuni-
- cations giant
- **54** Tiny creature
- 61 Excites, with
- **64** Unobstructed **65** Storm
- phenomenon

- 69 Mickey Mouse's
- 71 Get the point
- 72 Varieties
- 73 Unpleasant to be around

DOWN

- 1 Cavalry weapon 2 Talk foolishly
 - 3 Highway-sign
- icon
- feature
- art colony
- - 10 Perfect score,

- 70 More congenial

- 4 Dad-burned

- 27 Seasoning
- 36 Landing area
- 40 USO audience

- provider
- 53 China's place
- 58 Grace ender
- "up"

- dog

- **5** Hurricane
 - 6 New Mexico
- 7 Pound sounds
- 8 Happen with
- 9 Elemental form
 - at times

- 11 Creative thought 45 In an overly 12 Believes, so to
- speak 13 A majority
- 18 Calf catcher
- 19 Don't deviate from
- **24** Hydroelectric project
- 26 Buddhist sect
- 28 Monopolize 29 In abeyance
- **30** Home of Galileo Airport
- 31 Resound
- 32 Honest-togoodness
- 33 Web addrs.
- 34 Suds source 35 Naval off.
- 39 Easily influenced
- **41** Jazz instrument
- 44 Naval off.

- MOVE IT by David W. Cromer Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com
 - formal way
 - 47 Secret store 48 Fold back and
 - sew down
 - 51 Close tightly,
 - in a way 52 Canadian

 - \$1 coin 55 Majestic tales
 - 56 Poet Stephen Vincent
 - 57 Incensed 58 Basic knowledge
 - 59 Method
 - 60 Threat ender
 - 62 Ceremonial act 63 Things too easily
 - bruised 66 Say no, with "out"

67 Basic cable

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