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Clinic offers health care option

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer
 Howard County and surrounding residents now have one more option when it comes to health care. The Howard County Health Center, located at 1300 S. Gregg, officially opened its doors this week. The center provides general health care, including pap smears and well health



Nelson

checks. According to Clinic Manager Joyce Nelson, the clinic also has a focus on diabetes. "We treat anyone from infants to adults," Nelson said. The health center also has an on-site lab, but x-rays are being referred out,

according to Nelson. A dental department is expected to come on board within the next six months and a pharmacy should fall within the same time frame. "This is really a good fit for the Howard County community," Nelson said. "Instead of having to go the emergency room, give us a call and we can get you in."

There are eight employees on staff at the moment, but the numbers could grow. Nelson said the clinic is hoping to add another nurse practitioner and a psychiatrist to the staff as soon as possible. All treatment through the clinic is based on a sliding pay scale which is

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Who ya gonna call?



Courtesy photo

From left, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis and Bill Murray star in "Ghostbusters," which will be screened July 15 in downtown Big Spring as part of the Big Spring Film Society's summer program.

Film Society is hoping to conjure up volunteers

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer
 Who ya' gonna call? If you happen to be in the downtown area July 15 it will most likely be the Ghostbusters, as the Big Spring Film Society gets ready to screen the 1984 classic featuring Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd. The second flick in the film society's summer screening program, "Ghostbusters" — written by Harold Ramis, Dan Aykroyd and Rick Moranis and directed by Ivan Reitman — marks an important

milestone for both the local film society and its chairman. "From the time we first started thinking about doing these screenings, we always knew at some point we would screen 'Ghostbusters,'" said Brandon Johnson, chairman of the local group. "This movie was as much a part of our childhood as Saturday morning cartoons, and just the thought of seeing it screened with downtown Big Spring as the backdrop makes me smile." While the film and festivities are

in the bag, there's one element of officials with the Big Spring Film Society say is still needed to make the screening a first-class event. "As always, we need volunteers to help with the screening," Johnson said. "Whether it's helping to set up the screen and equipment or just helping pick up afterwards, we really appreciate the folks who are willing to donate a bit of their time to make these screenings fun for the whole family."

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Boy to stay in state care temporarily

CPS will conduct home studies of mother, uncle

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer
 Angel Flores, the 4-year-old boy found along I-20 near Sweetwater on June 28, has been placed in CPS custody in a Lubbock foster home by order of Nolan County Judge David Hall.



Angel

Thursday's hearing comes almost two weeks after Flores was found by a Sweetwater High School coach and his son. Flores was discovered walking along I-20, covered in cactus spines. The boy was treated at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital as the search for answers began. The boy's father, Carlos Rico, turned himself in to Saginaw law enforcement and was later transported to Nolan County where he is currently being held. He has been charged with attempted capital murder.

According to the Sweetwater Reporter, the judge's decision is temporary until further notice. Both biological parents, Rico and Dana Campos — a resident of California — were present during the morning hearing.

A protective order has been issued against Rico, ordering him to stay at least 1,000 feet away from the boy, if a time comes for him to be released. He was not an option for custody of the boy.

The foster family placement will be the temporary home until a home study is conducted on the biological mother and an uncle, Angel Estrada of Lubbock County. CPS will be conducted the studies and has arranged for phone contact and supervised visits longer than three hours.

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Input sought to update health code

Special to the Herald

The Texas Mental Health Code is outdated, inconsistent and not practical for today's consumers say mental health workers, who hope to change the system.

Recommended changes to the code will be taken during a public stakeholder meeting from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 14 at Big Spring State Hospital.

Members of Texas Applesseed, in conjunction with Advocacy Inc., through a grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, are traveling the state to gather public input on changes to the code.

"It has been nearly 25 years since the Texas Mental Health Code has been substantially revised," said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers CEO. "During that time, behavioral health care standards, practices

and services have changed dramatically.

"As a result, the code contains inconsistencies and provisions that are no longer applicable or practical, which can adversely affect people with behavioral health conditions in Texas."

Texas Applesseed is asking consumers, family members, mental

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Police blotter

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

- ANSELMO JOEL ONTIVEROS JR., 25, of 4213 Hamilton, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 71, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASHLEY ELAINE ELLISON, 23, of 1902 Mittel, was arrested Thursday on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear (two counts) and open container in a motor vehicle – driver.
- BERNARDO FRAUSTO PEREZ, 47, of 2910 E. Cherokee, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.
In the 300 block of Tulane.
In the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the area around the Big Spring Junior High School.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of E. 11th Place.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.
- ADRIANNE DENISE CREEKMORE, 47, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
 - RICKY RAY WINTERS JR., 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
 - ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 71, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - ASHLEY ELAINE ELLISON, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear, open container in vehicle and failure to appear.
 - BERNARDO FRAUSTO PEREZ JR., 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Take Note

• Big Spring resident Matt Fowler was involved in a vehicle accident June 20 and is listed in critical, but stable condition at Odessa Medical Center. He has undergone two procedures and two surgeries, with more to come. The family is in need of assistance with medical expenses. They ask for anyone wanting to help to send donations to P.O. Box 3315, Big Spring, 79720, Attn: Angela Morrow. The family extends its gratitude for all gifts.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will be offering "Back to School" immunizations from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 27. Bring your child's immunization record. If you have the letter your child received from school, bring that also. No immunizations will be available July 18 through July 22. Normal immunization hours, Monday through Wednesday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., will resume Aug. 1.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 7/9	Sun 7/10	Mon 7/11	Tue 7/12	Wed 7/13
				
104/77 Sunshine and some clouds. Near record high temperatures. High 104F.	102/76 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the mid 70s.	101/76 Mainly sunny. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	102/77 Plenty of sun. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the upper 70s.	103/78 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the upper 70s.
Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:49 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

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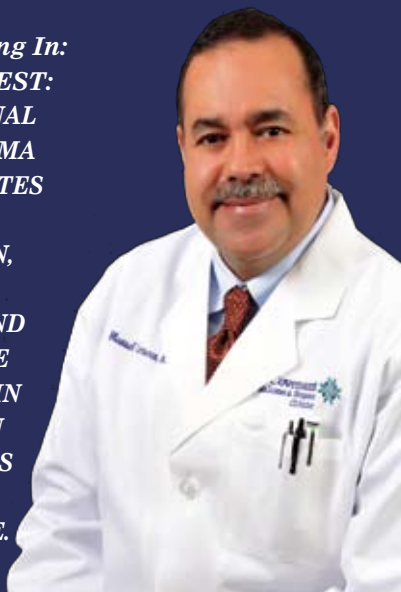
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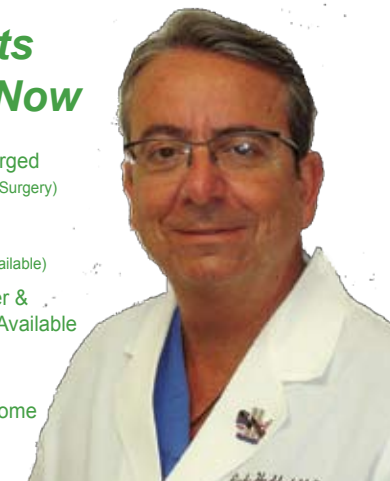
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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Odys Franklin and Bill Markunas for completing the Ironman competition in Lubbock last weekend and raising awareness and gaining recognition for Hope for Hailey and veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

- Residents of Big Spring for abiding to the fireworks ban and ensuring the community had a safe Fourth of July.

- Pops in the Park committee, Downtown Revitalization Association and all the sponsors who helped and supported the events, without these contributions none of the events would have been possible.

- The firefighters for monitoring the fireworks display at Pops in the Park and working quickly to put out the few small fires that did arise.

- Federal Marshals and the Howard County Sheriff's Department for taking a wanted child molester, Adam Carter Kelley, off the streets and out of Big Spring.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we open up to You, Lord, our trusted confidant.

Amen

The liars make it hard for the victims to speak up

Actually, I called this one. Ask my son. Whore, she said, she being me. It was the only defense. Rich guy has sex with hotel maid. What can you say? True love. Not likely. Quote Bernard Shaw. What was her price?



SUSAN ESTRICH

OK, so half the people think he's been put through the wringer, and half think she has — at least when they aren't thinking about how a woman who very clearly killed her child, but probably didn't mean to (a.k.a. prosecutorial overreaching), gets away with murder. What a wonderful world. Injustice is gender neutral.

What I care about is all the other women: the women who really were raped, the women who are afraid to report, the women who will turn away from all of this coverage, who will tense up when men start talking about the poor Frenchman who thought he was doing it with a prostitute and not a woman with a right to consent. I know what these women will do next, or rather, what they won't. They will not tell anyone what really happened to them.

I'm not trying to defend women who lie; they should be put, smack ready, in exactly the category of men who lie, usually about other things, like life or death or money.

But most women don't lie. Matter of fact, they don't tell the truth in the first place.

Year after year, I write these

words. Rape is not the crime most lied about, quite the contrary. If you look at the statistics, rape is the violent crime least likely to be reported. The danger is not that so many women lie (painful though it is to watch), but that so many are afraid to tell the truth.

What do you say to them? The real victims. The women who have been casually or cruelly or violently stripped of their self-esteem, their faith in anything, their souls.

They come to my office all the time, close the door, lower their voices, and then we cry. Do I tell them this won't happen to you, unless the guy you're accusing happens to be a powerful and well-connected IMF guy? That you won't be put through the wringer, too?

Wringers come in many sizes.

You don't have to be in the middle of a tabloid explosion when you're living in a small world — small town, big university, it's all the same.

I will never forget what those Boston police officers said to me when I was in the back of the car, a nice girl, raped at the point of an ice pick. Is there anything about you that you wouldn't want some lawyer digging into?

Anything about me. What did I have to do with it?

Sometimes I turn it into a joke. How could there possibly be anything for me to hide when I spent the past three years at Wellesley? Everyone laughs. Wellesley is a women's college.

Sometimes I just shake my head. Exactly who is supposed to be on trial here?

Over the years, I have learned a very painful lesson. In most

rape stories, everyone lies a little. Sex between strangers is rarely very pretty. Truth be told, a rich Frenchman shouldn't be having sex with a poor and desperate hotel maid. Can we agree on that? Crime or not, it is horrendously bad judgment for someone who is supposed to be managing the world's money.

But you don't go to prison for bad judgment. If that is all that can be proved, you don't go to trial. Over and done. The Frenchman may not get his reputation back (and he will never be alone in this lament), but it remains to be seen just what reputation he deserves.

In the meantime, there is the matter of the other women. And men. Men underreport rape even more than women do. Stigma is gender neutral, as well. Indeed, if there is anything worse in the rape world than being a female victim, it is being a male victim.

So the message goes out yet again: Watch out. Men, watch out for those women you think you can treat like toilet paper; they may come back to catch you. Watch out when you have sex with someone you don't know, don't trust, wouldn't, say, lend your wallet to. Watch out, indeed. You should be doing that anyway.

And what is the message to women?

To find out more about Susan Estrich and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

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It's time for us to enter the new caregiving movement

Marie rushed into my office last year, panting and apologizing for being late for her appointment to work on her resume. She's a professional caregiver whose career has spanned professions, including housekeeper, preschool teacher, nanny, and home health aide.

She was unhappy with her working conditions at the home health agency, but couldn't quit because of the financial stability she needed to raise her young daughter. She was often late, not because she couldn't manage her time, but because she was overscheduled and couldn't leave the elderly clients without proper coverage. Soon after I helped her with the resume, Marie needed a lawyer because her paycheck was often days or even weeks late, and sometimes didn't account for all her hours.

I work with nannies and housekeepers who have survived severe exploitation and human trafficking. Once they recover, many seek home health care jobs, believing that line of work will lead them out of poverty and into the middle class. Marie's situation illustrates why that's unlikely.

In addition to poor working conditions, unstable pay, and the lack of respect that are endemic to the care industry as a whole, care workers also face a unique legal barrier to obtaining just working conditions. The Fair Labor Standards Act's "companionship exemption" leaves workers who provide direct care services without access to minimum wage and overtime protection because they're considered "companions" to the elderly and disabled. However, most of these

workers provide vital hands-on assistance by managing their clients' medication and hygiene as well as preparing and serving their clients' meals.

The Labor Department is working to remedy this problem by establishing a rule that would narrow this unfair exemption that frequently leads to worker exploitation. The Direct Care Job Quality Improvement Act, a bill Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA) and Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA) introduced in June, would also help. It would extend overtime and minimum wage protections to care-giving workers, and improve care quality by providing grants to states to train workers who would be more likely to stick with this understaffed industry.

Raising paid caregivers' labor standards alone, however, would only mark a small step toward solving the nation's care crisis. Experts expect the number of Americans requiring long-term care and support services to grow from 13 million in 2000 to 27 million in 2050. With the current long-term care workforce encompassing approximately 3 million workers, today's crisis is sure to deepen as the population ages.

With benefits and services under Medicare and Medicaid on the chopping block at the state and federal levels, the crisis for seniors and people with disabilities is becoming as urgent as the crisis facing the workers, such as home health aides, who are caring for them.

But by addressing both sides of the caregiving relationship — including unpaid family and friends serving as caregivers — there's an opportunity to affirm shared values and find solutions that can address the needs of all.

A broad alliance of community organizations, worker rights groups, immigrant rights advocates, senior coalitions, and disability advocacy groups have

launched the Caring Across Generations campaign to address this crisis. We're working together to transform and improve the direct care industry for everyone — workers, family caregivers, individuals with disabilities, seniors, parents, and young people.

We'll hold our first national Care Congress in Washington, DC, on July 12, where we will be joined by Labor Secretary Hilda Solis and other government and elected officials. Regional care congresses in Seattle, San Antonio, and other cities will follow so that communities can grow and develop grassroots campaigns that address local needs within the larger national vision.

These public conferences will provide an opportunity to share personal stories about this crisis, to learn more about the issues facing workers, seniors, and people with disabilities, and to collaborate in finding solutions.

As a member of the campaign's leadership team, I invite you to check out the Caring Across Generations website and register for a Care Congress in your community.

Marie is still working as a home health aide. I hope that this national movement will eventually enable her and others to earn a decent living with a stable, rewarding career path. She's with a different agency now, but as before works long, unpredictable hours, and earns only enough to pay rent and put food on the table.

Tiffany Williams is the advocacy director for Break The Chain Campaign, a project of the Institute for Policy Studies. www.ips-dc.org

The Caring Across Generations website can be accessed at www.domesticworkers.org/caring-across-generations.



TIFFANY WILLIAMS

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, COAHOMA

Vacation Bible School will be July 18-21 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend and is open to children pre-k age through those who have completed the sixth grade. There will be Bible stories, music, games, puppets, crafts and snacks.

For more information, call 432-394-4990. The church van will be available for pick-up and drop-off. Call the church office if you are needing a ride.

First Baptist Church is located at 201 S. Avenue in Coahoma.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, COAHOMA

Coahoma First United Methodist Church meets for worship Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with Pastor Sammy Espinosa leading the service. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. Youth meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays under the direction of Kristen Powell, for students sixth to 12th grade. Game and Fellowship night is 7 p.m. Wednesday in the fellowship hall. The youth is planning a Six Flags trip July 22 to attend a Christian rock concert.

United Methodist Women meet the first Tuesday of each month. A meal is provided followed by a business meeting and Bible study. If you need further information, contact the church office.

Church wide work day scheduled for Saturday, July 30 has been postponed to a later date.

Our "Bucket List Committee" has completed new carpet in the fellowship hall and education wing, men's restroom has new fixtures and wallpaper, nursery has been repainted and the old church sign has been replaced.

Round up will be in Lubbock at the First United Methodist Church Saturday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Our church is located at 401 N. Main. For more information, contact the church at 432-394-4432 or 432-270-1602 or leave a message. Contact us by email at coahomaumc@gmail.com or visit our website at coahomaumc.blogspot.com

First Church of the Nazarene.

Mission to Mars our Vacation Bible School is set for Aug. 1-5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is a host site for Angel Food Ministry. Orders can be placed July 22 from 1-5 p.m. and July 23 from 10 a.m. to noon, with food being distributed July 30. If you have questions, contact Scott Jimenez at angelfood@nazfamily.org or go to www.angelfoodministries.com.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

We have come and go prayer time Tuesday and Sunday evenings in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. Visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. Sunday fellowship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. The worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Dan Miracle will fill the pulpit.

The new playground has been completed.

Vacation Bible School committee will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church to finalize

plans for VBS. Vacation Bible School is set for July 17-20.

JYF Camp is Sunday and runs through Thursday.

The worship committee meets 7 p.m. Wednesday. Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, Aug. 3.

Isaiah 58 is in need of volunteers to help unload the truck Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Client hours are Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Isaiah 58 is located at 107 Runnels.

For further information, call the office at 432-517-4824, email to fcbs125@yahoo.com or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. and a potluck lunch follows in the parish hall. The Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour meets Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

St. Mary's 125th Anniversary "Family Reunion Celebration" will take place Saturday, Aug. 6 and Sunday, Aug. 7. If you are interested in sharing this special time with us at the evening buffet and music Saturday, Aug. 6, RSVP by July 10 by calling 432-267-8201. There will be a charge for the meal.

Photography for the church directory/family album will be taken by Bruce Schooler of the Red Barn Studio this weekend. Sign up for sitting sessions by calling 432-267-8201.

Sunday, Aug. 7 during the 10:30 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist, we will rededicate our parish and property.

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

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane. The Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Due to Men's Walk #57 starting July 14 our next meeting is moved to July 21. Bring a dish at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship in Garrett Hall.

For more information see our website at www.signal-emmaus.org.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday sermons title will be "The Ekklesia Movement" based on Matthew 16:13-30. Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes at 9:45 a.m.

The Young Families class is beginning a new study, "Raise Up A Child." Contact Becky Woodall for additional information.

The ROTC (Reaching Others Thru Christ) group will be in Pampa from July 11-16 constructing wheelchair ramps for members of that community who are in need. This same group will go on an outing to Schlitterbahn on July 25.

Men's Walk to Emmaus is scheduled at Circle Six in Stanton for July 14-17. Contact Becky Woodall or Paul Townsend for registration information. We are located in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COAHOMA

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Tom and the Rev. Craig Holdstedt lead a lectionary Bible study Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring.

Morgan and Ashley Luce will be confirmed during worship Sunday. Following the service their parents invite everyone to stay for a barbecue lunch to celebrate their confirma-

tion.

We will be participating in the Inter-generational Vacation Bible School with First Presbyterian of Big Spring, First Christian and St. Mary's Episcopal Churches beginning with a fish fry Sunday evening, July 17, and continuing through Wednesday, July 20.

The lectionary is Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-23.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BIG SPRING

There will be no choir practice until the last week in July. The choir will take a break and sing in the congregation for this month.

Anyone having any knowledge about the history of the stained glass windows in the Chapel is asked to call the church office or Nancy Koger 432-267-7809 to share information.

July 17-20 is the date for a joint Vacation Bible School with Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Christian churches. The event will kick off with a Sunday evening fish fry at First Presbyterian, Big Spring. The following three evenings will begin at First Christian then progress to the courtyard at St. Mary's Episcopal for a visit to Jesus' hometown of Nazareth.

Lucy Odom is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Sunday school classes continue during the summer. The children's class meets with Kay Kennemur in the computer room, using "Galilee Flyer" software to study the Beatitudes. Youth group will resume meeting in August. Adult theater class continues their study of "The Prayers of Jesus" and the adult covenant class is studying a unit "Listening for God in Changing Times" based on Judges.

The lectionary is Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

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

COLLEGE BAPTIST CHURCH

The youth group of College Baptist will be leaving for Student Life Camp Sunday and return Friday.

The 3 G's, our senior adult group, will have a pot-luck meal and meeting 6 p.m. Thursday. Special guest, Sandy Parra will speak on the benefits of in home care for senior adults.

Cal and Sharon Westerhoff are back at work at the Hospitality House after a six-month mission trip to Nazareth this past year.

ALIVE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is www.lutheran-online.com/aliveinchristbstx.

Services are 9 a.m. Sundays with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching and his sermon topic is from Matthew 13:11-19, 18-23, titled "Keep on Sowing."

Kent Ivey will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13, Romans 8:12-17 and Matthew 13:1-9,8-23. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be Hannah Alsobrooks. Our elders are Richard Knocke and Phillip Reid. The flowers this week are given in memory of John Marino, Lolea Marino and Michael Marino by Kathy Laning.

Our eighth annual Lutheran Night at the Ballpark is Sunday, July 31 with a picnic at 5:15 p.m. The game starts at 6 p.m. The deadline to sign up is Monday. Tickets are \$7 each and your check needs to be given to Janelle Bentley.

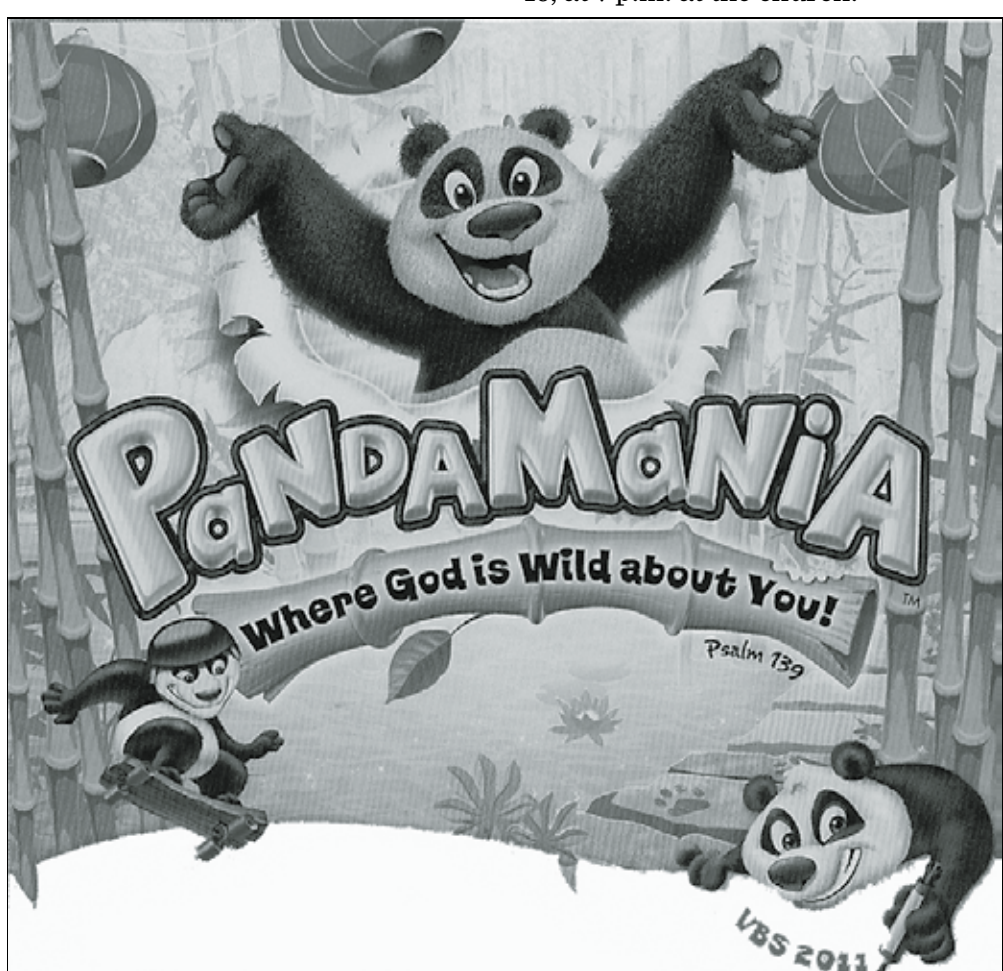
Monday the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, the Board of Education has scheduled VBS. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. "Planet Zoom where Bold Believers Zip, Zap and Zoom for Jesus" will begin after 9 as soon as possible.

The Board of Elders has scheduled the Mariachi San Paulo from El Paso to be here from July 15-July 17. They will perform a community wide concert Saturday, July 16 at 6 p.m. The Mariachi San Paulo will also be in charge of the worship service Sunday, July 17. Our monthly pot luck will be after Sunday school July 17.

Rally Day has been scheduled for Sept. 11, after the noon pot luck. The Board of Evangelism has scheduled "Wall Builders" for Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at the amphitheater. Former District Judge Rene Diaz will be the speaker for "WallBuilders," a pro-family organization that presents America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on our religious, moral and constitutional heritage.

The elders meet Thursday, July 21 at the church. Neither the LWML nor the Board of Assimilation will meet during the summer. Scheduled meetings for August include: Aug. 8, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders meet Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. at the church.



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Communication, defined by one dictionary as a verbal or written message, is both a powerful tool for building alliances and a deadly weapon for destroying relationships. A God-given gift, the ability to communicate is sometimes inexplicable, yet undeniable.



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American actor, James Earl Jones pegged the marvel of communication with these words: "When I read great literature, great drama, speeches or sermons, I feel that the human mind has not achieved anything greater than the ability to share feelings and thoughts through language."

Another great American who always told the unvarnished truth as he saw it had some words of advice for those who communicate through preaching. Abraham Lincoln advocated, "When I hear a man preach, I like to see him act as if he were fighting bees."

I admit I don't know much about preaching, although I have had the privilege or misfortune to hear a lot of sermons, but I question the wisdom of fighting too many bees from the pulpit. Too much pulpit pounding and bee swatting easily can become more of a distraction than a visual aid.

Although I've been told a good sermon must have three points and a poem, I've also been told the average listener can only remember one point. If that is true, how much bee swatting and shoeing does it take to make one point clearly?

Perhaps the best advice I've heard about public speaking, in any format, is the three S theory — stand up, speak up and shut up. The trick seems to be in knowing how much information and bee fighting to pack into step two and when to initiate step three.

One of the greatest communicators whose words have ever been recorded was the apostle Paul. He wrote, "Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men" (Col. 3:23 HCSB).

Whether we have been called to teach, speak or preach the Word of God, or to communicate the love of God through our actions we should do it enthusiastically. Perhaps Abe Lincoln was right; maybe we should approach the task as if we were fighting bees.

A little enthusiasm never hurts.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net.



Courtesy photo

Mariachi San Pablo has traveled around the world and performed throughout the United States and New Mexico. They will be performing in Big Spring at Alive in Christ July 16.

Mariachi San Pablo coming to Alive in Christ in Big Spring

Special to the Herald

Mariachi San Pablo, of the Adelante Music Ministry at Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso will be touring the state of Texas July 5 through Aug. 2. Alive in Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting the group July 16, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission and food is free to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Mariachi San Pablo has toured the United States and Northern Mexico, sixteen states (71 cities) since 2001, spreading the gospel "Mariachi Style." Not only do they travel the US and Mexico, but they do outreach in their local community performing at birthday parties, weddings, etc., always proclaiming the gospel adding that special touch that makes this group so unique. Mariachi San Pablo is available to travel out of town to assist

organizations in outreach and uniting.

Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care is an international service organization that addresses physical and spiritual need on the U.S./Mexico border. It provides aid to the poor such as food, clothes, school supplies, health kits, vitamins and more. The mission oversees groups who build houses, construct and maintain churches, provide medical care and lead children and family activities across the border. The mission's focus is to bring purpose, hope and opportunity to children, youth and adults in

the El Paso border region whose lives are changed through participation in the ministry.

Year round ministry is supported in 12 different communities on the border in the areas as diverse as inner city slums to mountain Indian villages. Find out more about Ysleta Lutheran Mission: www.Ylm.org.

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July 16
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Three years and a not-guilty verdict later

After three years of courtroom drama, the Casey Anthony trial is over. The verdict sent shock waves across a nation that had been glued to the proceedings. Not guilty on all accounts for murder. I assume no one reading this column is uninformed regarding the essential elements of the case and its outcome. People are still talking about it. Television viewership spiked when the jury gave its verdict. HLN drew its largest audience in its 29-year history. Audiences for other news channels doubled. NBC devoted live coverage to the sentencing. The emotions of this trial touched a nerve.

I suppose part of it was due to the innocent images of two-year-old Caylee Anthony that flashed across our screens and the horrendous death she somehow suffered. Parents remained mystified by her mother's failure to report her missing child for 21 days and the fabricated stories she told to police.

Few questions, it seems, were answered by the agonizing trial. The largest question of all remains

unanswered in the minds of many: was justice done? According to our American judicial system we would have to say "yes." Casey Anthony was tried by a jury of her peers who failed to find evidence beyond a "reasonable doubt" to convict her of murder. According to what really happened, we don't know. No one knows.

Our judicial system is not perfect. At times it fails to convict the guilty. At others it wrongly convicts and punishes the innocent. Nonetheless, it is the best judicial system we have been able to devise for a just society.

Ultimately, of course, we will all appear before the court that never makes a mistake. Jesus spoke of this court when he said, "I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

We will all face a verdict on that day. And, for each of us, the verdict will be "guilty." What we already know to be true will be made abundantly clear. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. When Peter met Jesus he cried out, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man." The Apostle Paul confessed, "I am chief of sinners." Our own sin is just as heart-rending in the eyes of God as the tragic death of this two-year old child may be to ours.

Our personal sin and guilt created a great dilemma for God. He loves us and doesn't want to punish us. But He is just and must punish the guilty. That of course, is the reason Jesus had to suffer the cross. A penalty must be paid for our guilt and God chose to let His Son pay that penalty for those who receive him as Savior and Lord. This is the mystery of John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

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News in brief

Both sides remain far apart on debt ceiling deal; talks resume Sunday

WASHINGTON (AP) — With an August deadline for a budget deal to raise the nation's debt ceiling looming, President Barack Obama and congressional negotiators are looking at closing some tax loopholes and cutting popular social benefit programs as they work to reach an agreement between Republicans and Democrats.

With the two sides still far apart, Obama has called everyone back to the White House for a rare Sunday meeting.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi opposes cutting the benefit programs and will have an opportunity to raise her concerns when she meets Friday with the president.

"We are not going to balance the budget on the backs of America's seniors," Pelosi said.

Cameron says politicians, press both failed to curb media excesses

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister David Cameron on Friday promised a full investigation into the phone hacking and the police bribery that led to the collapse of the News of the World tabloid, saying that British

politicians had for too long looked the other way at illegal practices.

Declaring that self-regulation of the press had failed, Cameron said a new body independent of the government and the news industry was needed to regulate newspapers in place of the Press Complaints Commission.

"The truth is, we've all been in this together," Cameron said, blaming both the press and politicians.

Cameron also said if he were in charge, he would have accepted the resignation of his friend Rebekah Brooks, a former editor of the tabloid, as chief executive of News International, the British unit of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

Police: Suspect in deadly Michigan shooting spree commits suicide

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Hours after the shooting stopped, a car chase ended and a gunman wanted for killing seven people took three hostages, Michigan authorities still hoped that the suspect might surrender without another death.

Police in Grand Rapids tried to talk an agitated Rodrick Shonte Dantzler into giving up late Thursday. They said his thoughts seemed to swing between surrender and asking officers to shoot him.

House pushes to finish \$649B defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House is sending mixed signals on President Barack Obama's military action against Libya, voting to prohibit weapons and training to rebels looking to oust Moammar Gadhafi but stopping short of trying to cut off money for American participation in the NATO-led mission.

In a series of votes Thursday, Republicans and Democrats expressed their dissatisfaction with the Libya operation, now in its fourth month with no end in sight and waning support from some nations in the international coalition.

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The 34-year-old ex-convict from Grand Rapids killed himself with a single shot to the head, ending the standoff with his hostages unharmed. But authorities say Dantzler left behind a pair of bloody crime scenes — the result of an unexplained rampage in which he killed his daughter, an ex-girlfriend and five others, including a second child who police couldn't immediately identify.

New U.N. force in South Sudan will have 7,000 military and 900 police

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A new U.N. peacekeeping mission for South Sudan will have up to 7,000 military personnel and 900 international po-

lice with a mandate to keep peace and help promote development in the world's newest nation, according to the draft U.N. resolution.

The U.N. Security Council held intensive discussions this week to reach agreement on a resolution that would authorize the new mission and ensure its adoption before South Sudan officially becomes independent from Sudan's Khartoum-ruled north on Saturday.

The council scheduled a meeting Friday morning, when diplomats said the draft resolution is almost certain to be approved unanimously.

Russian concerns about authorizing a mission before South Sudan becomes independent were overcome by including the phrase: "Welcoming the establishment of the Republic of South Sudan on July 9, 2011 upon its proclamation as an independent state," the diplomats said.

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News in brief

NASA fuels Atlantis for the last space shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA fueled space shuttle Atlantis for liftoff Friday on the final flight of the 30-year program, even though stormy weather threatened to delay the launch.

Forecasters stuck to their original 70 percent chance of thunderstorms or rain, as fuel filled Atlantis' tank in the pre-dawn hours.

Mission managers acknowledged it might seem silly to proceed with fueling, given the dismal forecast, NASA spokesman Allard Beutel said. They said they would reassess the weather at sunrise and decide whether it makes sense to keep counting down.

The four shuttle astronauts were awake by the time the tanking operation was completed.

"Have you done your rain dance for the day?" joked Aly Mendoza, the tank and booster rocket vehicle manager.

Gov. cuts ties to oil spill command post after Exxon Mobil security blocks public access

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The state of Montana has cut its ties to a joint Exxon Mobil-government command post overseeing an oil spill along the Yellowstone river, after the state's Democratic governor said the group was defying state open government laws by denying public access.

The move underscores mounting tensions between the state and the world's largest energy company over its handling of pipeline rupture that spewed tens of thousands of gallons of oil into the scenic river.

Gov. Brian Schweitzer was to travel

to Billings Friday to announce the opening of an alternate state-run oil spill coordination center.

Exxon Mobil security workers have closely guarded access to the command post on the second floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Billings, where the EPA and other federal agencies also are stationed. Attempts by The Associated Press to talk to government officials there have been denied.

"The state will no longer have a presence at the Crowne Plaza because Exxon Mobil tells us they can't respect the open government laws we have in Montana," Schweitzer told The Associated Press. "I can't allow state employees to be in meetings at the Crowne Plaza talking about this cleanup without having it open."

Casey Anthony to stay in jail until July 17

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Casey Anthony will have 10 more days behind bars to think about her future after authorities in Florida announced Thursday that she would not be re-

leased until July 17, four days after the date initially given.

Anthony looked ready for freedom at her sentencing Thursday morning. After she was acquitted Tuesday of killing her 2-year-old daughter Caylee in 2008, there was speculation she could be sentenced to time served for lying to authorities about the toddler's death and freed.

The 25-year-old let her long, dark hair down for the first time since her trial began, smiling and playing with it as she awaited the judge's decision. But she turned stone-faced as the sentence was handed down and she learned she would not be released right away. Then late Thursday, authorities in Orange County said they had recalculated Anthony's projected release date and it would actually be July 17.

Thursday's actions mean Anthony will go free nearly two weeks after she was acquitted of first-degree murder and other charges in Caylee's death.

The extra time in jail did little to satisfy throngs of angry people convinced of her guilt who gathered outside the courthouse.

Gorilla mascot attacked by banana

STRONGSVILLE, Ohio (AP) — The manager of a cell phone store in Ohio called 911 to report a gorilla had been attacked by a banana.

The Wireless Center in Strongsville, near Cleveland, advertises at curbside with a man in a gorilla suit. Manager Brandon Parham says he was watching last week as a kid dressed as a banana emerged from some bushes and took a flying leap at the store mascot.

Parham says the attacker looked like a Spartan from the movie "300" — except he was a banana.

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Briefs

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.

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

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir wildlife management areas will be accepted by mail only, beginning July 15 and ending Aug. 15.

Permits will be limited and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling Colorado River Municipal Water District at 432-267-6341 or writing to:

CRMWD
Attn: Public Hunting
P.O. box 869
Big Spring, Texas 79721

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 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 welcome.

The event will kick off to a shotgun start at 1 p.m. each day with a field that will be pre-flighted. The number of flights will be determined by number of entrants.

Entry fee will include barbecue, which will be served on the course both days.

For more information or to enter your team, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

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.

More talks, still no NFL

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL owners and players' association leaders met for more than 12 hours Thursday, failing to reach a deal to end the league's months-long lockout but returning to try again in the morning.

"We still have a lot of work to do," NFLPA chief DeMaurice Smith said as he emerged from the Manhattan law office where talks went deep into the evening. "We spent all day working hard for a deal that is fair

and in keeping with what the players deserve."

While Smith stressed the gaps in the deal, players involved in a lawsuit against the league had a conference call during which it became clear the two sides were close to agreement on the rules for free agency, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the

labor talks are not being announced publicly, said even with the progress in the negotiations another long day of talks was expected Friday.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell led the league's owners Robert Kraft of the Patriots, John Mara of the New York Giants and Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboys. NFLPA president Kevin Mawae was among the players' representa-

tives. U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur J. Boylan, who has served as a mediator between the two sides, also was involved. He is scheduled to go on vacation Saturday, but talks are expected to continue in his absence.

Lawyers for both sides gathered on Tuesday and Wednesday to put together some of the paperwork that

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Rangers shut out Athletics

ARLINGTON (AP) — Josh Hamilton and the Texas Rangers were devastated Thursday night after a fan fell from the stands trying to grab a ball tossed by the All-Star center fielder and later died.

"It's sad, it's very sad," Rangers manager Ron Washington said following a 6-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

A man attending the game with his young son fell about 20 feet to the ground, the Rangers and Arlington fire officials said.

The accident occurred in the second inning after Oakland's Conor Jackson hit a foul ball that ricocheted into left field. Hamilton retrieved the ball and

tossed it into the stands. Replays on Oakland's television broadcast show the man reaching for the ball and apparently catching it before tumbling over the rail.

"We spoke to the ballclub, they understood what has happened and we spoke to Josh," team president Nolan Ryan said. "I think as any of us would be, Josh is very distraught over this, as the entire team is."

The Rangers clubhouse was closed to reporters after the game.

Hamilton, the reigning AL MVP, drove in four runs and was selected earlier this week to start his fourth consecutive All-Star game next week. Washington said he would wait be-

fore determining if Hamilton would play against the A's on Friday night.

"I will deal with that tomorrow when he gets here, to see how he feels," Washington said.

A very somber Ryan called it a tragic accident.

"As an organization, and as our team members and our staff, we're very heavy-hearted about this," Ryan said. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family."

TV replays showed the man, whom the Rangers and fire officials didn't identify, falling head-first and landing behind a 14-foot-high wall

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Astros blanked
by Marlins 6-0

MIAMI (AP) — J.A. Happ is mired in the longest drought of his career.

Following a 5-0 loss to the Florida Marlins on Thursday night, the Houston Astros left-hander dropped to 3-11 on the season, losing his career-worst seventh straight decision.

His last win came on May 14, against the New York Mets.

"I'm just frustrated right now," he said.

Happ issued a career-high seven walks in 5 2-3 innings while allowing five runs and five hits. He struck out eight.

"When you look at where they did the damage, definitely I'd like to throw more strikes and keep the walks down," Happ said.

He will have a few extra days to ponder his performance with the All-Star break starting Monday.

"To be honest with you I don't even want a break, but we have it and I'm going to take it and try to get away for a little bit," Happ said.

Brad Hand pitched seven scoreless innings to earn his first major league victory and Mike Stanton hit a two-run homer off Happ to carry the Marlins to their sixth win in nine games.

Hand (1-3), a 21-year old rookie left-hander, pitched seven innings allowing just two hits, but was optioned to Double-A Jacksonville after the game. He lowered his ERA to 2.77 in five starts.

"That's all he can do is pitch well when he's here and trust me, it's been noticed what he can do for us," catcher John Buck said. "I've been vocal about it."

Hand received the news from manager Jack McKeon after the game.

"I feel I belong up here and hope I stay up here one time," Hand said.

Hand had his longest outing and held the Astros without a hit until one out in the fifth when Clint Barmes singled to center.

"I'm very pleased with my performance," said Hand, who struck out four and walked three.

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Ranger fan falls to
death in Arlington

ARLINGTON (AP) — A Texas Rangers fan died after falling about 20 feet onto concrete reaching out for a baseball tossed his way by All-Star outfielder Josh Hamilton during a game.

The man was at the game Thursday night with his young son, who watched as his dad tumbled over the outfield railing after catching the ball.

Arlington Fire Department officials said the man, who witnesses said was conscious after the fall, "went into full arrest" while being transported by ambulance. He was pronounced dead at a Fort Worth hospital less than an hour after he fell.

"We had a very tragic accident tonight and one of our fans lost their life reaching over the rail trying to get a ball," team president Nolan Ryan said somberly after the Rangers' 6-0 victory over Oakland. "As an organization, and as our team members and our staff, we're very heavy-hearted about this, and our thoughts and prayers go out to the family."

Neither the Rangers nor Arlington fire officials identified the man.

The Brownwood News re-

ported on its website, citing the Brownwood city manager, that the victim was a firefighter in the city that is about a three-hour drive southwest of Arlington.

Ronnie Hargis was sitting next to the victim in the first row of seats in left field. The men had been talking before the accident. Hargis reached out to try to grab the man, who fell headfirst through a gap of several feet that is between the seats and the 14-foot-high outfield wall.

"He went straight down. I tried to grab him, but I couldn't," Hargis said. "I tried to slow him down a little bit."

The area where the man landed was out of sight from the field.

It is the second fatal fall at a major league stadium this season. In May, a 27-year-old man died after he fell about 20 feet and struck his head on concrete during a Colorado Rockies game. Witnesses told police that the man had been trying to slide down a staircase railing at Coors Field and lost his balance during a game against Arizona.

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Jeter reaches 2,998 in loss to Rays

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter kept swinging, from the first pitch to the final out.

Eager to make history and put the hoopla behind him, Jeter quickly doubled for his 2,998th career hit. That was all he got Thursday night as he grounded out the next four times up in the New York Yankees' 5-1 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays.

"After the first one, I'd be lying to you if I said I didn't think it was attainable today," Jeter said.

Jeter swung at all 11 strikes he got from starter Jeff Niemann and reliever Kyle Farnsworth while going 1 for 5. Jeter hit a liner to left-center field on the first pitch he saw of the night, and tapped a slow bouncer to end the

evening.

"Early on, I thought I'd get a few," he said.

Niemann (4-4) certainly was a familiar face. Two years ago, Jeter got three hits in a game off the right-hander to tie the Yankees' career hit record set by Lou Gehrig.

Jeter is set to become the 28th major leaguer to reach 3,000 hits and the first while playing for the Yankees. The Hall of Fame is full of Bronx Bombers, but neither Babe Ruth nor Joe DiMaggio nor Mickey Mantle nor Gehrig hit this mark.

Rays manager Joe Maddon counted himself among Jeter's many fans.

"If anybody deserves to be the first to do it as a Yankee, it's him.

Not knowing the Babe personally, of course," he said. "He really epitomizes what it means to be a Yankee, I would think."

A few hours before gametime, Jeter was asked what advice he'd gotten about trying to reach the hallowed mark

"Hurry up," he said, smiling.

The 37-year-old captain said a couple of teammates mentioned the milestone as the day progressed, but not too many.

"Maybe they don't want to jinx anything," he said.

Jeter's mom and dad were in the crowd of 47,787 cheering when he

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will be needed when a deal on a new collective bargaining agreement is struck.

Players and owners have been holding meetings around the country over the last six weeks, with pressure mounting to break the labor impasse. A major sticking point has been how to divide revenues for a \$9 billion business that is easily the most popular professional sports league in America.

Some training camps are set to open in less than three weeks and the first exhibition game, at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, is Aug. 7. Hall of Fame president Steve Perry has said the plan now is that the game will go on as scheduled.

The Buffalo Bills still appear on track for holding training camp at St. John Fisher College in suburban Rochester. Todd Harrison, a faculty member who works with the Bills in overseeing camp, said school officials, in consultation with the Bills, "continue moving forward" with their plans.

The college issued an email invitation Thursday to training camp staff to attend an annual orientation session on July 18, but Harrison cautioned "not to read too much into that as a signal the Bills are coming." Harrison said organizers need to be proactive in training staff should a labor agreement be reached next week. The pressure on players and owners to reach a deal has been turned up another notch by the New York attorney general's office.

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supporting a video board for replays and scores. The area where he fell is out of sight from the field.

"When you think you've had a bad day, something like that puts things in perspective. It's just devastating," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "I don't even know what to say. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family."

The visitor's bullpen at the stadium is in left-center field. Athletics reliever Brad Ziegler was in tears after the game when he found out the man had died.

"They had him on a stretcher. He said, 'Please check on my son. My son was up there by himself.' The people who carried him out reassured him. 'Sir, we'll get your son, we'll make sure he's OK,'" Ziegler said. "He had his arms swinging. He talked and was conscious. We assumed he was OK. But when you find out he's not, it's just tough."

There was an audible gasp in the stands when the man tumbled over the rail, eerily

similar to an accident last July when a man fell about 30 feet from the second-deck of seats down the right-field line while trying to catch a foul ball. That fan, Tyler Morris, suffered a fractured skull and sprained ankle.

It is the second fatal fall at a MLB ballpark this season. In May, a 27-year-old man died after he fell about 20 feet and struck his head on concrete during a Colorado Rockies game.

Derek Holland (7-4) rebounded from his shortest outing ever with a four-hitter for his third career shutout. He struck out seven and walked two while allowing only four singles. The left-hander had allowed five runs and four hits while getting only two outs in his previous start Saturday night against Florida.

"Obviously, he was outstanding," Washington said. "He came out and pounded the strike zone from the very first pitch. He never looked back and stayed focus."

Hamilton drove in a run in each of his first four at-bats, putting Texas ahead to stay with an RBI groundout in the first. The outfielder added a run-scoring single in the third before two sacrifice fly balls after that.

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There was an audible gasp in the stands at Rangers Ballpark when the man tumbled over the rail, eerily similar to an accident there almost exactly a year earlier. Another firefighter fell about 30 feet from the second-deck of seats down the right-field line while trying to catch a foul ball on July 6, 2010.

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Tyler Morris, a firefighter from the Lake Cities Fire Department near Dallas, sustained a fractured skull and sprained ankle in that fall last year when he dropped onto seats where other fans were sitting.

The latest accident happened in the second inning after Oakland's Conor Jackson hit a foul ball that ricocheted into left field. Hamilton, the reigning AL MVP elected by fans to start his fourth consecutive All-Star game next week, retrieved the ball and tossed it into the stands as players routinely do.

Safawna Dunn, who was sitting nearby, said the man was calling for Hamilton to throw him the ball. Dunn said the victim was conscious when he was taken away on a stretcher.

Ryan described Hamilton as being "very distraught over this, as the entire team is."

The Rangers' club-

house was closed to reporters after the game.

Rangers starter Derek Holland, who pitched a four-hit shutout, turned and glanced briefly at people looking down where the man had land behind the outfield wall that supports a video board for replays and scores. Catcher Mike Napoli had motioned toward the outfield and Jackson looked that way as well before play resumed.

Between innings, Rangers manager Ron Washington spoke briefly with one of the umpires. Texas designated hitter Michael Young could be seen talking to A's catcher Kurt Suzuki and pointing toward where last year's fall happened.

"We knew about it, we didn't know exactly what happened," Washington said. "It's sad, it's very sad."

Oakland reliever Brad Ziegler was in the visitor's bullpen in left-

center field, which can be accessed through the area where the man fell.

Ziegler was in tears after the game when he found out about the death. The pitcher said when the man was put on a stretcher, he told people tending to him that his son was "up there by himself" and asked them to check on the boy.

"He had his arms swinging. He talked and was conscious. We assumed he was OK," Ziegler said. "But when you find out he's not, it's just tough."

Former president George W. Bush, who used to be the team's managing general partner and often attends games, was sitting in the front row with Ryan near the Texas dugout when the accident happened. Ryan left moments later while Bush remained in the seats.

Ryan said Bush was aware of what was happening.



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Today in baseball

1935 — The AL extended its All-Star winning streak to three with a 4-1 victory at Cleveland's Municipal Stadium. New York Yankee Lefty Gomez went six innings, which prompted the NL to have the rules changed so that no pitcher could throw more than three innings, unless extra innings.

1941 — Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox hit a three-run, two-out homer in the ninth to give the AL a dramatic 7-5 victory in the All-Star game at Detroit's Briggs Stadium. Up to that point Arky Vaughn of the Pittsburgh Pirates was the NL hero with two home runs, the first player to do so in All-Star play. Joe and Dom DiMaggio both played for the AL, marking the first time that brothers appeared in the same All-Star game.

1947 — Frank Shea became the first winning rookie pitcher in the first 14 years of All-Star play as the AL nipped the NL 2-1 at Chicago's Wrigley Field.

1952 — The NL edged

the AL 3-2 in the first rain-shortened All-Star game. The five-inning contest, at Philadelphia's Shibe Park, featured home runs by Jackie Robinson and Hank Sauer of the Nationals.

1958 — The 25th anniversary All-Star game, at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium, went to the AL, 4-3 in a game that only produced 13 singles. This was the first All-Star game in which neither team got an extra-base hit.

1970 — Jim Ray Hart of San Francisco hit for the cycle and became the first NL player in 59 years to drive in six runs in one inning as the Giants beat Atlanta, 13-0.

1994 — Shortstop John Valentin made the 10th unassisted triple play in baseball history in the sixth inning and then led off the bottom of the inning with a homer to lead Boston to a 4-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

1997 — Cleveland Indians catcher Sandy Alomar hit a two-run homer to give the American League a 3-1 vic-

tory over the National League in the All-Star game. Alomar, the first player to win the All-Star MVP in his own ballpark, broke the tie in the seventh inning off San Francisco's Shawn Estes.

2000 — Dwight Gooden and Roger Clemens teamed up to shut down the Mets, giving the Yankees identical 4-2 victories in the first double-ballpark doubleheader in the majors since 1903. After the opener, many in the sellout crowd of 54,165 at Shea Stadium immediately headed for Game 2, which drew 55,821 at Yankee Stadium.

2003 — Cleveland rookie Billy Traber pitched a one-hitter for his first complete game, beating the Yankees 4-0.

Traber retired 27 of 28 batters, including 21 in a row after John Flaherty's single in the third inning.

2009 — Andruw Jones of Texas homered in his first three at-bats to help the Rangers beat the Los Angeles Angels 8-1.

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came up in the first inning. The fans stood and chanted each time he batted after that, and many streamed toward the aisles after he grounded out to end the seventh.

His last grounder finished off the Yankees' fourth loss in five games, dropping them below Boston and out of the AL East lead.

Among those on hand to root for Jeter was Dick Groch, the scout who signed the future All-Star in 1992. Jeter was a first-round pick that year after being a Michigan prep star.

Groch was standing the near Yankees' dugout while New York

took batting practice and, while a Jeter montage played on the video-board, marveled at all the shortstop had accomplished.

Groch has spent more than 30 years in major league scouting and still works for the Milwaukee Brewers. He offered a simple assessment at what he witnessed two decades ago while watching the skinny teenager with the "quick-twitch" reflexes.

"The best I've ever seen," Groch said. "I'll never see another one."

Jeter saw Groch before the game and, with a wink, said he intended to get all three hits Thursday night.

"It's exhilarating, it's exciting," Groch said.

Jeter said it equally good to see Groch.

"He's the first person from the Yankees I ever met," Jeter said.

Jeter will try again Friday night against rookie Jeremy Hellickson and the Rays as the four-game set continues. Jeter is 1 for 2 lifetime against Hellickson.

"He's probably going to do it in this series against us, but that's OK. We can't get caught up in that," Maddon said.

Ben Zobrist homered, tripled and singled for the Rays.

With a chance to hit for the cycle in the ninth, he walked for the second time.

Niemann (4-4) and the Rays got off to a winning start in an 11-game stretch in which they face division rivals New York and Boston.

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Logan Morrison drove in two runs and Emilio Bonifacio had three hits for the Marlins.

"We are starting to look and feel like our old selves," Stanton said. "We got in that big funk as we all know, but it takes little by little and games like these to help us get back on track."

The Astros, who tied a season-low with three hits, have lost six of seven. It was the fourth time they have been shut out this season.

"We had a couple of first-pitch outs to lead off innings against a guy who had struggled with his command, but

at the same time, you have to say (Hand) was pitching pretty well," Astros manager Brad Mills said.

Stanton's two-run homer — his 18th — to deep left-center field came in his first at-bat since his walkoff homer in the 10th inning on Wednesday against Philadelphia.

He had been homerless in his previous 20

games.

"Let's not get carried away because he hits a couple home runs," McKeon said. "I'd like to see him mix in a few line drives too, not just go up there and center on hitting home runs."

"There's a lot of opportunities to win ball-games with singles, doubles, and we love home runs, but they're not necessary."

Toms withdraws from Open

SILVIS (AP) — David Toms has withdrawn from the British Open next week at Royal St. George's because of a hip injury.

Toms played only three holes Thursday at the John Deere Classic — all pars — before pull-

ing out of the tournament and notifying the Royal & Ancient that he could not play the British Open.

He will be replaced at Royal St. George's by Simon Dyson of England. Thomas Bjorn, who took three shots from a

bunker on the 16th hole at Royal St. George's in 2003 that cost him the claret jug, is the next available alternate.

Toms said Wednesday that he was dealing with a bad hip and that it was hard work just to walk around the course.

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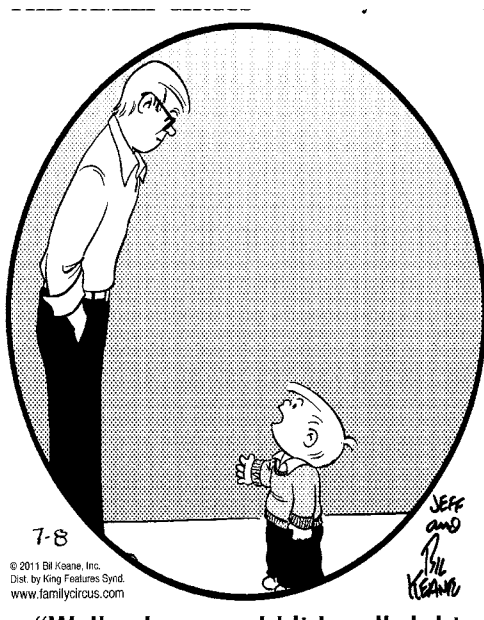
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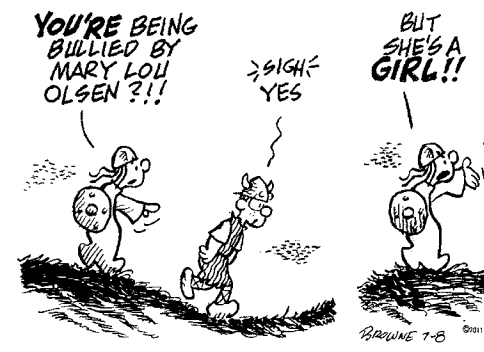
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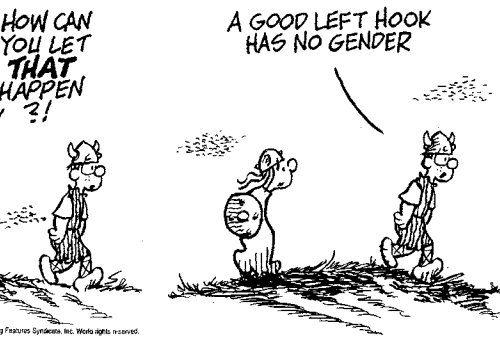
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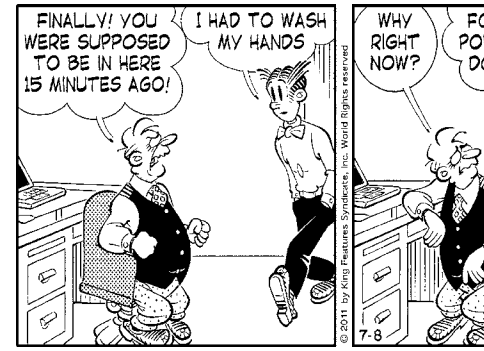
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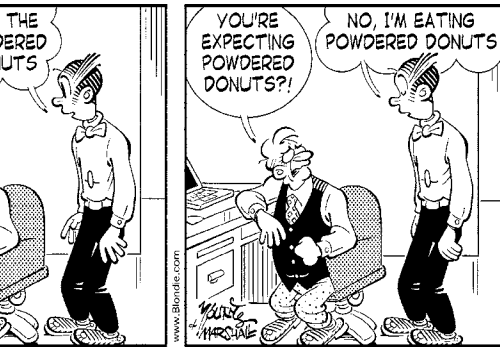
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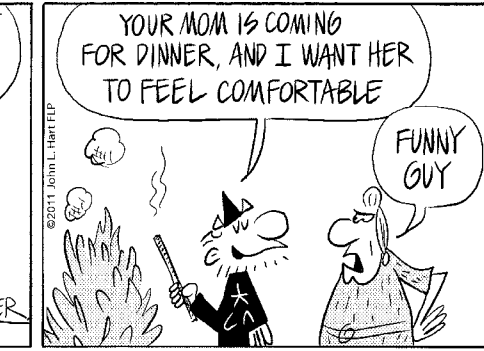
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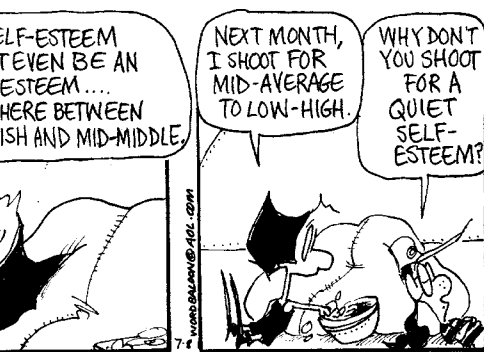
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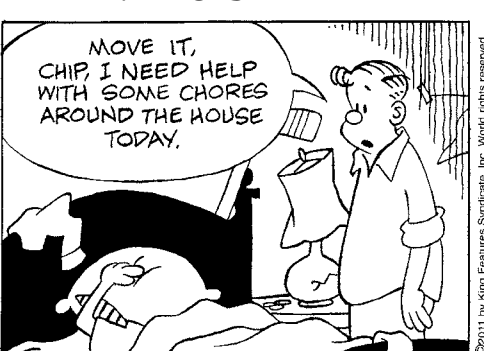
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