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## Warrant roundup a week away

*Avoid arrest  
 by paying up  
 before March 2*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

If you have unresolved warrants in the Crossroads area, you have plenty to fear in the coming weeks, as law enforcement agencies in Howard County and the surrounding areas get ready to conduct a warrant roundup.

Part of a statewide effort to help municipalities and other government agencies tackle the growing number of arrest warrants being issued, Big Spring Municipal Judge Tim Green said every effort has been made to contact those with warrants and get the matters cleared up before the handcuffs get slapped on March 2.

"We've had letters sent out to those people who have warrants, so this shouldn't come



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**A statewide warrant roundup — in which Howard County will participate — is set for March 2 with the sheriff's office and Big Spring Police Department participating.**

as some big surprise," Green said. "The simple truth of the matter is this: They can either take care of their fines and warrants in the time leading up to the warrant roundup, or they can risk it and possibly end up with a pair of handcuffs snapped on them when

March 2 rolls around."

Green said he fully expects municipal court employees to be inundated with calls in the days leading up to the warrant roundup.

"You basically don't see any of the employees without a phone to their ear, and that's

from the time we come in until the time we leave," Green said. "It's really amazing how many warrants and fines we should be able to take care of since the letters have gone out."

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**Free lunch?  
 You bet, at  
 Thursday  
 forum here**

**Herald Staff Report**

They say there ain't no such thing as a free lunch, but Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program will be trying to prove that statement wrong Thursday.

"Be Aware of Your Heart" is a free educational program set during the noon hour at Dora Roberts Community Center. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a program by Drs. Chris and Rudy Haddad getting under way at 12:15 p.m.

Mitzi Knight will also be sharing her personal story. The heart-healthy luncheon — beef enchiladas, chips, low fat brownies, pico de gallo and cucumbers with sour cream — is free and seats are still available.

Though the luncheon is free, a count is needed so those planning to attend are asked to call Amanda Duforat at 268-4842 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

## Lyte gets 25 years for sexual assault of a child

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

A 72-year-old Big Spring man who served as youth minister at a local church pleaded guilty to a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child in 118th District Court last week and accepted a 25-year sentence in a state jail facility.



Lyte

Samuel Lee Lyte, 72, formerly of 1811 S. Lancaster, was indicted in November

on charges of continuous sexual abuse of a child (first-degree felony), aggravated sexual abuse of a child (first-degree felony), indecency with a child (two counts, both second-degree felonies) and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence (third-degree felony).

William Vaughn, pastor of Mt. Bethel Church, confirmed Lyte met the 13-year-old victim after he was hired by the church in 2010 as a youth minister.

"Mr. Lyte was given the position of youth minister in 2010. However, in either

January or February of 2011 I released him from that position," Vaughn said.

According to Vaughn, the Big Spring man was released after the alleged victim's father approached him with a letter written by his daughter meant for Lyte.

"The letter was not of a sexual nature, but it was inappropriate. That's when I released him from the position of youth minister," Vaughn said. "In the letter, the girl referred to Lyte as the 'king on her throne.' I asked him (Lyte) not to attend the church, but there's really no

way to bar someone."

According to Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, the plea agreement was agreed upon by the victim's family.

"Before we moved forward with any plea agreement we talked to the family to see what they were comfortable with," Wilkerson said. "This was a case where the victim was extremely reluctant to testify and there was also Lyte's age to take into consideration. Effectively, any sentence was likely to be a life sentence for him. However, this case wasn't just about

Mr. Lyte. It was also about demonstrating to the community the consequences of such behavior and I feel like we accomplished that."

Vaughn confirmed Lyte had moved from the Milwaukee, Wis., area before

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## Bruises found on dead Russian boy

**BETSY BLANEY and  
 NOMAAN MERCHANT**

Associated Press

ODESSA, Texas — A 3-year-old boy whose death fueled a fight over American adoptions of Russian children was brought into a West Texas hospital unresponsive and bruised on several parts of his body, a medical examiner's investigator said Tuesday.

Russian authorities have blamed the Jan. 21 death of Max Alan Shatto on "inhuman treatment" at the hands of the American family that adopted him, but



Max Alan Shattoon

the medical examiner's office said it couldn't immediately be determined if the bruises were intentional or accidental.

The boy was identified by the Russians as Maxim Kuzmin. Authorities in West Texas continue to investigate the case, and an autopsy is pending.

Shirley Standefer, chief investigator

for the Ector County Medical Examiner's Office, says there were signs of bruising on Max's body, including in the lower abdominal area. Max was pronounced dead at a hospital, Standefer said.

"Whether it's just normal bruising from a child being a child, or whether those bruises are from something else, I can't confirm or deny this," Standefer said.

A full autopsy will be needed to determine what kind of bruising was on Max's body, she said. Authorities also have not received a toxicology report

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## Obituaries

### Jose Munoz



Jose Munoz, 91, of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2013, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2013, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born March 13, 1921, in Marfa, Texas and married Maria Refugia Martinez Dec. 31, 1943 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Sept. 18, 1977.

A resident of Big Spring since 1941, Jose worked as a custodian at Big Spring ISD and then worked at Sid Richardson, where he retired. He loved watching baseball and driving tractors for farmers in his

spare time.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

Survivors include four sons, Jose Munoz Jr. and Manuel Munoz both of Big Spring, Federico Munoz of Fort Worth and Roberto Munoz of San Antonio; four daughters, Delores Garcia of Madera, Calif., Irene McCurdy of Denver, Colo., Mary Flores of Corpus Christi and Anita Birley of Lubbock; three sisters, Natalia Herrera of Midland and Paula Martinez and Librada Lopez, both of Big Spring; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Jesus Munoz, Pedro Munoz, Leon Munoz and Phillipe Munoz; and three sisters, Estella Martinez, Augustina Upton and Maria Garza.

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

### Fernando Rodriguez

Fernando Rodriguez, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013 in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Daniel Vera Flores

Daniel Vera Flores, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013 at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Sheriff/EMS

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (74 prisoners are currently housed in the county jail):

- ANDREA ANCISCO, 31, was jailed on warrants charging assault-family violence, child safety seat violation and driving while license invalid.
- COREY DALE CHAMBERS, 43, was jailed on a charge of tampering with governmental records-insurance document.
- VIRGINIA L. FRANCO, 47, was jailed on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity

Tuesday:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. 18<sup>th</sup>. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Union. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2200 block of S. Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Lincoln. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Take Note

• An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2013 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 semester hours. Application deadline is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club's web site: www.westexags.com

• Healthy Woman is presenting a heart healthy affair "Be Aware of YOUR Heart" at noon Feb. 21 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Drs. Rudy and Chris Haddad will speak, along with a person story from Mitzi Knight. The event is free to the public, but reservations need to be made no later than Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. To reserve your spot, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721.

• Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

• Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432-268-7730.

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

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

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

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

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

## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 2/21	Fri 2/22	Sat 2/23
<b>62/42</b> Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High 62F. Winds SE at 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 30%.	<b>69/33</b> Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>63/40</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM
<b>Sunset:</b> 6:37 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 6:37 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 6:38 PM

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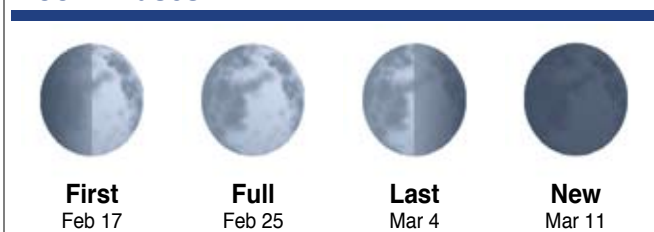
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	50	45	t-storm	Kingsville	80	71	t-storm
Amarillo	46	32	t-storm	Livingston	56	53	rain
Austin	61	60	t-storm	Longview	48	39	rain
Beaumont	60	55	rain	Lubbock	49	34	t-storm
Brownsville	83	73	windy	Lufkin	55	49	rain
Brownwood	52	52	t-storm	Midland	67	44	t-storm
Corpus Christi	74	70	t-storm	Raymondville	84	71	windy
Corsicana	45	40	rain	Rosenberg	62	61	rain
Dallas	46	38	rain	San Antonio	66	63	t-storm
Del Rio	69	57	t-storm	San Marcos	63	61	t-storm
El Paso	65	37	windy	Sulphur Springs	44	34	rain
Fort Stockton	76	41	windy	Sweetwater	53	44	t-storm
Gainesville	40	34	rain	Tyler	49	43	rain
Greenville	43	34	rain	Weatherford	43	39	rain
Houston	61	60	rain	Wichita Falls	44	36	rain

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	52	30	mst sunny	Minneapolis	16	2	mst sunny
Boston	36	21	mst sunny	New York	34	24	pt sunny
Chicago	23	17	mst sunny	Phoenix	48	38	rain
Dallas	46	38	rain	San Francisco	58	42	sunny
Denver	41	19	sn shower	Seattle	48	39	pt sunny
Houston	61	60	rain	St. Louis	32	23	cloudy
Los Angeles	61	40	pt sunny	Washington, DC	40	26	mst sunny
Miami	82	67	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Thu 2/21	Fri 2/22	Sat 2/23
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# Texas lawmakers seek to block federal gun control

## ROUNDUP

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**MICHAEL BRICK**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Police officers could be charged with a crime for enforcing new federal gun control laws in Texas under a proposal by a lawmaker who acknowledges the measure likely would end up in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Rep. Steve Toth, a newly elected Republican from the Woodlands, said his proposal would prevent officers from carrying out any future federal orders to confiscate assault rifles and ammunition magazines.

"There's a federal law, there's a 30-round magazine right in front of you — what do I do?" Toth said in an interview. The measure known as the Firearm Protection Act "answers that question in spades," he said. It moved Tuesday to the House Committee on Federalism.

President Barack Obama has proposed federal laws banning such weapons, but no such laws currently exist.

Toth's proposal would create a Class A misdemeanor for police officers enforcing any new federal gun regulations. It also

**"The federal government is not our boss. If there's any place that that's applicable and true, it's the state of Texas."**

—Richard Mack, former Arizona sheriff

would establish cause for the state attorney general to sue anyone who seeks to enforce new federal gun regulations. It is one of several states-rights measures being offered by conservative state lawmakers nationwide in response to federal gun control proposals.

Courts have long upheld the federal government's right to enact new laws, which generally supersede state law. Asked how legal precedent for the supremacy of federal law would affect enforcement of his bill, Toth said he expects a legal challenge.

"It may end up in the Supreme Court," he said.

Several recently elected lawmakers gathered at a news conference Tuesday

with Toth and Richard Mack, a former Arizona sheriff who successfully contested implementation of certain provisions of the Brady gun laws in the 1990s.

"The federal government is not our boss," Mack said. "If there's any place that that's applicable and true, it's the state of Texas."

Referring to Greg Abbott, the attorney general who helped draft the bill, Mack added: "And we've got a great attorney."

Rep. Jodie Laubenberg, R-Collin County and the most senior lawmaker who stood in support of the proposal, said it could become law "if it's not demagogued as an anti-Obama bill."

"This new group of freshman coming in, they're pretty bold," said Laubenberg, who is in her sixth term. "Pretty dynamic. Not just going to sit and let things happen."

Abbott's office confirmed its role in crafting the legislation but distanced itself from the criminal penalties it contains.

"The attorney general does not support a law that would provide any criminal penalties for police officers," said Daniel Hodge, Abbott's top assistant.

Green said those with warrants can come in and pay their fines without fear of being arrested on site. However, those who aren't willing to pay their fines may find themselves in a much stickier situation.

"If you come in and have the money to pay your fines, you don't have to worry about being arrested here in the office," said Green. "However, if you're unable to clear up your fines, it's pretty likely you're going to end up behind bars. My advice is to get these matters taken care of as soon as humanly possible."

Green said the roundup is a collaborative effort between the Big Spring Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

For more information on the roundup, contact the Municipal Court at 264-2531.

## LYTE

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joining Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. The pastor also confirmed

no background check was performed before he assigned the duties of youth minister to Lyte.

The district attorney's office also accepted a plea agreement this

week from Bobby Harold Davis, 38, currently being held at the Howard County Detention Center.

Davis was indicted by a Howard County grand jury in November on a

charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

According to Wilkerson, Davis pleaded guilty to a single count of possession of a controlled substance in exchange for a 7-year

sentence. The case had been set to go to trial this week, with jury selection scheduled to begin Tuesday morning. The jury was cancelled, according to officials with the 118<sup>th</sup> District

Court.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

## BOY

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that would have details on whether Max was being given any medication, she said.

The autopsy is being conducted in Tarrant County, where Fort Worth is located, about 300 miles east of Odesa, the Ector County Sheriff's Office said in a statement. A spokesman for Texas Child Protective Services says the agency is investigating complaints of physical abuse and neglect. No one has been arrested in the case.

No one answered the door Tuesday at the Gardendale, Texas, home of Alan and Laura Shatto, the couple who adopted Max and his biological brother from the same orphanage in northwestern Russia, according to a Russian official. The Shattos did not return several phone messages. Other relatives could not be reached for comment.

Russia's Investigative Committee, the nation's top investigative agency, said Monday it was probing the boy's death. Foreign Ministry

official Konstantin Dolgov said in a statement that the boy's death was "yet another case of inhuman treatment of a Russian child adopted by American parents."

The Russian embassy in Washington confirmed in a statement Tuesday that two Russian officials had spoken to Alan Shatto as well as local authorities. The embassy said it had "the deepest concern" based on the information it had.

"We await full information on the results of the investigation and if there is a criminal component to the child's death, we expect those responsible to be severely punished," the embassy's statement said.

Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Gary Duesler said the office had been in contact with a Russian embassy official, and the U.S. State Department said it was working with both the embassy and the Russian consulate in Houston.

"We take very seriously the welfare of children, particularly children who have been adopted from other countries and we sup-

port appropriate access for concerned foreign officials to children who have dual or foreign citizenship," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said. "But I want to just underscore that nobody should jump to any conclusions about how this child died until Texas authorities have had the opportunity to investigate."

An estimated 60,000 Russian children have been adopted by Americans in the past two decades, though future adoptions have been thrown into question after the Russian government passed a ban on American adoptions late last year. The ban is seen as retaliation for a new U.S. law targeting alleged Russian human-rights violators.

It also reflects resentment in Russia over re-

ports that some of those adopted children have been mistreated. At least 19 adopted Russian children have died.

A Pennsylvania couple in 2011 was convicted of involuntary manslaughter, child endangerment and conspiracy — but acquitted of murder charges — after their 7-year-old adopted son suffered a fatal head injury. That same year, an Alaska woman was given probation and a suspended jail sentence for videotaping herself pouring hot sauce into her adopted son's mouth.

Chuck Johnson, CEO of the Virginia-based National Council for Adoption, said an agree-

ment ratified last year between the United States and Russia would have prevented the conditions that led to many deaths and high-profile abuse cases. One change in particular would have required all adoptions to go through agencies licensed in Russia.

"The deaths were terribly tragic, horrible," Johnson said in an in-

terview. "But the frustrating thing has been that those cases have become the face of inter-country adoption, and they shouldn't be."

He said the Russian officials implying that American-adopted children would be mistreated "are not being fair or accurate, although I understand their indignation."

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# The sky may actually be falling

It appears Henny Penny may have been a true prophet after all. In case you missed it, this past week the largest recorded object to strike Earth in more than a century struck Chelyabinsk (Russia) in the early hours of the morning of Feb. 15.

According to the Russian Academy of Sciences, the meteor weighed 10 tons and entered the Earth's atmosphere at a speed of 33,000 mph. The meteorite began to crumble into thousands of deadly pieces when it was 18 to 32 miles above ground. After the crash, which resembled a scene out of a Hollywood film, 1,100 people were injured and 50 severely enough to be hospitalized.

Prophet Henny, also known as Chicken Little, is the main character in a folk tale with a moral in the form of a cumulative story about a chicken who believes the world is coming to an end. The phrase “The sky is falling!” features prominently in the story, and has passed into the English language as a common idiom indicating a hysterical or mistaken belief that disaster is imminent.

There are several Western versions of the story, of which the best-known concerns a chick that believes the sky is falling when an acorn falls on its head. The chick decides to tell the King and on its journey meets other animals, mostly other fowl, which join it in the quest. After this point, there are many endings. In the most familiar, a fox invites them to its lair and there eats them all. Alternatively, the last one, usually Cocky Lockey, survives long enough to warn the chick, who escapes.

The moral to be drawn changes, depending on the version. Where there is a ‘happy ending’, the moral is not to be a ‘Chicken’ but to have courage. In other versions where the birds are eaten by the fox, the fable is interpreted as a warning not to believe everything you are told.

I don't really believe folk tales are a significant source of actual wisdom for the ages so I'll move on from Henny and the gang and get to the point of my ponderings. Even though I don't want to

be even remotely perceived as a modern-day Mr. Little, the truth is that the sky did fall last week and what resulted was a mere shadow of what it could have been. Make no mistake about this writer's belief concerning matters like this. I am persuaded there is an Omnipotent God who I truly believe to be Sovereign over all creatures and creation in general, meaning that nothing, not even a sparrow according to His Word, will fall from the sky without His knowledge and concern.

That being said, I have been curiously seeking more information about the possibility that a meteorite may fall on Big Spring. Go ahead and roll your eyes and snicker, but I have learned that breakthrough ideas have a way of seeming obvious in retrospect, and about a decade ago, a Columbia University geophysicist named Dallas Abbott had a breakthrough idea. She had been pondering the craters left by comets and asteroids that smashed into Earth. Geologists had counted them and concluded that space strikes are rare events and had occurred mainly during the era of primordial mists.

But, Abbott realized, this deduction was based on the number of craters found on land — and because 70 percent of Earth's surface is water, wouldn't most space objects hit the sea? So she began searching for underwater craters caused by impacts rather than by other forces, such as volcanoes. What she has found is spine-chilling: evidence that several enormous asteroids or comets have slammed into our planet quite recently, in geologic terms. If Abbott is right, then you may be here today, reading this column, only because by sheer chance those objects struck the ocean rather than land.

Astronomers traditionally spend little time looking for asteroids, regarding them as a lesser class of celestial bodies, lacking the beauty of comets or the significance of planets and stars. Plus, asteroids are hard to spot — they move rapidly, compared with the rest of the heavens, and even the nearby ones are fainter than other objects in space. Not until the 1980s did scientists begin systematically searching for asteroids near Earth. However, they have been finding them in disconcerting abundance.

In 1980, only 86 near-Earth asteroids and comets were known to exist. By 1990, the figure had risen to 170; by 2000, it was 921; as of this writing, it is approximately 5,500. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory, part of NASA, keeps a running tally at [www.neo.jpl.nasa.gov/stats](http://www.neo.jpl.nasa.gov/stats). Ten years ago, 244 near-Earth space rocks one kilometer across or more — the size that would cause global calamity — were known to exist; now 741 are. Of the recently discovered nearby space objects, NASA has classified 186 as “impact risks” (details about these rocks are at [www.neo.jpl.nasa.gov/risk](http://www.neo.jpl.nasa.gov/risk)). And because most space-rock searches to date have been low-budget affairs, conducted with equipment designed to look deep into the heavens, not at nearby space, the actual number of impact risks is undoubtedly much higher. Extrapolating from recent discoveries, NASA estimates that there are perhaps 20,000 potentially hazardous asteroids and comets in the general vicinity of Earth.

Right now, astronomers are nervously tracking 99942 Apophis, an asteroid with a slight chance of striking Earth in April 2036. Apophis is also small by asteroid standards, perhaps 300 meters across, but it could hit with about 60,000 times the force of the Hiroshima bomb—enough to destroy an area the size of France. In other words, small asteroids may be more dangerous than we used to think—and may do considerable damage even if they don't reach Earth's surface.

Maybe you are wondering what any of this might mean to us West Texans. Probably nothing because the odds of this never happening are definitively in our favor. But my thinking is that being aware of anything that is even a remote possibility is educational, and I am fascinated to think that the sky may actually be falling and if one of those rocks hits planet Earth, we are going to be singing with Elvis and the Russians, “I'm All Shook Up”.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we remain diligent about reading  
Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

# God bless you, Sen. Feinstein

Sen. Dianne Feinstein began her war on allergy and cold sufferers in 2005.

In an effort to prevent small-time dealers from buying allergy and cold drugs and cooking them into methamphetamine, she pushed through legislation requiring consumers to show identification before purchasing products with pseudoephedrine — otherwise known as the good allergy drugs, known only to those who know enough to ask for them.

Now Feinstein wants to make you get a prescription from a doctor before you buy these drugs.

In 2005, I thought Feinstein's Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act wrongly punished law-abiding citizens by limiting their access to over-the-counter medications. A spokesman for Di-Fi told me the legislation would prompt the pharmaceutical industry to find “alternatives to pseudoephedrine.”

The industry found those alternatives. They just don't work so well as the old stuff. Nonetheless, Feinstein, a committed drug warrior, thought the down-

side for allergy and cold sufferers was worth the trade-off.

Now she's at it again.

The Government Accountability Office reported a decrease in meth lab incidents in Oregon and Mississippi after those states passed laws requiring purchasers to present a doctor's prescription.

Feinstein crowed, “It's time to redouble our efforts to prevent these products from falling into the wrong hands by expanding these common-sense laws to all 50 states.”

That's right. You have to contact a doctor because Feinstein thinks her 2005 law didn't do enough.

The drug trade has shown itself to be crafty in maneuvering around drug laws.

The 2005 law required a buyer to show a driver's license. Would-be manufacturers started “smurfing” — sending recruits to multiple retailers to buy pills. Users started using the “shake and bake” method to produce small batches of meth in 2-liter plastic jugs.

The biggest beneficiaries of the Feinstein law, said Bill Piper of the anti-drug war Drug Policy Alliance, are Mexican drug cartels; Washington stamped on their competition.

The Drug Enforcement Administration estimates that Mexico supplies as much as 80 percent

of the methamphetamine in the United States.

Thus, a decline in meth lab incidents doesn't indicate a decline in methamphetamine use.

According to a state report, Oregon's methamphetamine use “remains at a high level in the state,” and 61 percent of Oregon law enforcement officers see methamphetamine as their area's greatest drug threat. California, Washington, Idaho and Nevada also experienced drops in meth lab incidents.

“We want to stop crime, but we don't want to force busy families to have to take time off work to see a doctor,” sighed Elizabeth Funderburk of the Consumer Healthcare Products Association. Cold sufferers could call their doctors to get a prescription, and maybe they'd get one without much delay or expense. But because a prescription requirement won't hamper Mexican cartels, why stick it to law-abiding Americans?

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# Why not check this out at the library?

How many times have you said to your children, "because I said so!" "don't chew ice, it will ruin your teeth," or "don't yank the plug out of the wall like that!" (This is a favorite of Joe's and sometimes I secretly just yank it out!).



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Now you have access to a compendium of facts that will either uphold your assertions or will undermine your long-held beliefs. "Because I Said So! The Truth Behind the Myths, Tales and Warnings Every Generation Passes Down to Its Kids: (LP 031.02 JEN K) by Ken Jennings (a Jeopardy champion) separates the myth from fact to humorously debunk parental factoids. Using medical case studies, scientific findings and the occasional experiment on himself (and even his children) he exposes countless examples of parental wisdom run amuck. This is both an interesting and amusing book to read, and yes, I will now be more careful in pulling the plug out of the wall socket!

Some science fiction has come in. From New York Times bestselling author Tad Williams comes a new character. Bobby Dollar is an angel — a real one. He knows a lot about sin, and not just in his professional capacity as an advocate for souls caught between Heaven and Hell. Bobby's wrestling with a few deadly sins of his own — pride, anger, even lust. But his problems aren't his entire fault. Bobby can't entirely trust his heavenly superiors, and he's not too sure about any of his fellow earthbound angels either, especially the new kid that Heaven has dropped into their midst, a trainee angel who asks too many questions. And he sure as heck doesn't trust the achingly gorgeous Countess of Cold Hands, a mysterious she-demon who seems to be the only one willing to tell him the truth.

When the souls of the recently departed start disappearing, catching both Heaven and Hell by surprise, things get bad very quickly for Bobby D. End-of-the-world bad. Beast of Revelations bad. Caught between the angry forces of Hell, the dangerous strategies of his own side and a monstrous undead avenger who wants to rip his head off and suck out his soul, Bobby's going

to need all the friends he can get — in Heaven, on Earth, or anywhere else he can find them. Check out "The Dirty Streets of Heaven" (SF WIL T); it can be found in the SCI FIC section of the library.

The library has received the final volume in the Wheel of Time Series by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson. Volume 14 is titled "The Memory of Light" (SCI FI JOR R) and this review is written by a person who posts reviews on Amazon.Com. Robert Jordan died in 2007 and volumes 12, 13 and 14, were written by established fantasy writer Brandon Sanderson, working from notes and partials left by Jordan, who stepped in to complete the masterwork.

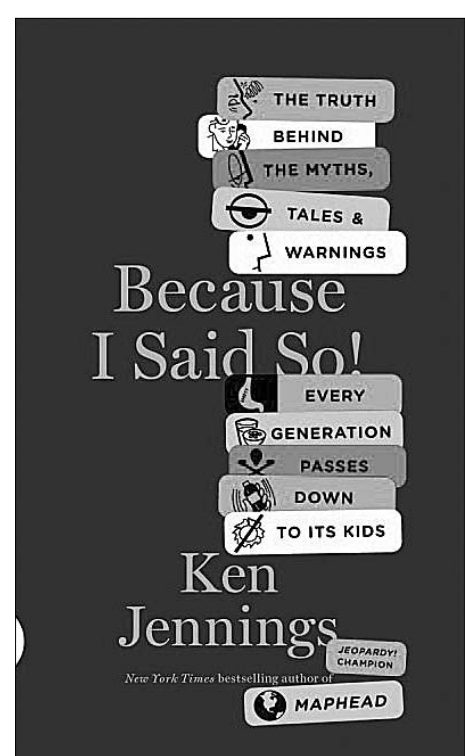
Edited by Jordan's widow, who edited all of Jordan's books, "A Memory of Light" will delight, enthrall and deeply satisfy all of Jordan's legions of readers. From the reviewer: "his book is a perfect ending. The main theme of the Wheel of Time has always been balance between two opposing forces — saidin and saidar, Darkness and Light, good and evil. The resolution of the story carries that philosophy to its logical place — there's no other way it could've ended.

Don't go into this book expecting all

your questions to be answered — some are, but a lot aren't. It feels right, though — there are far bigger things going on. Most of this book involves battles. Tarmon Gai'don is the Last Battle, and the stakes are truly desperate. The book does a great job of conveying the scale of this conflict, even though it's exhausting to read about. Any less, and it would've been too easy to win. The usual "no one dies" approach that the rest of the books have does not apply. Some very bad things happen to very good people, and death seems better than some of them. Our heroes are outnumbered and outmaneuvered, and it shows. Even at the end, you're not left feeling like it's been a great victory — you're horrified. There's still hope, though, and that's what matters.

Here some titles for your delectation: Harlan Coban's "Stay Close" (M COB H); "Bones are Forever" (M REI K) by Kathy Reichs (and the show "Bones" is nothing like her books), this is a 2012 book and has been out awhile. "Political Suicide" (F PAL M) by Michael Palmer is case smack dab in the center of Washington politics, the Iraq war and medical drug testing — very fast-paced and

exciting; and finally from renowned author Tom Wolfe comes "Back to Blood" (F WOL T). From the book description on the cover leaf, as a police launch speeds across Miami's Biscayne Bay with officer Nestor Camacho on board, Tom Wolfe is off and running. Into the feverous landscape of the city, he introduces the Cuban mayor, the black police chief, a wanna-go-muckraking young journalist and his Yale-marinated editor; an Anglo sex-addiction psychiatrist and his Latina nurse by day, loin lock by night — until lately, the love of Nestor's life; a refined, and oh-so-light-skinned young woman from Haiti and her Creole-spouting, black-gang-banger-stylin' little brother; a billionaire porn addict, crack dealers in the 'hoods, "de-skilled" conceptual artists at the Miami Art Basel Fair, "spectators" at the annual Biscayne Bay regatta looking only for that night's orgy, yenta-heavy



ex-New Yorkers at an "Active Adult" condo, and a nest of shady Russians. Based on the same sort of detailed, on-scene, high-energy reporting that powered Tom Wolfe's previous bestselling novels "Back to Blood" is another brilliant, spot-on, scrupulous, and often hilarious reckoning with our times.

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## News in brief

### Claims of cyberstealing by China prompt administration to develop more aggressive responses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Evidence of an unrelenting campaign of cyberstealing linked to the Chinese government is prompting the Obama administration to develop more aggressive responses to the theft of U.S. government data and corporate trade secrets.

A report being released Wednesday considers fines and other trade actions against China or any other country guilty of cyber-espionage. Officials familiar with the administration's plans spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the threatened action.

The Chinese government denies being involved in the cyberattacks cited in a cybersecurity firm's analysis of breaches that compromised more than 140 companies. On Wednesday, China's Defense Ministry called the report deeply flawed.

Mandiant, a Virginia-based cybersecurity firm, released a torrent of details Monday that tied a secret Chinese military unit in Shanghai to years of cyberattacks against U.S. companies. Mandiant concluded that the breaches can be linked to the People's Liberation Army's Unit 61398.

Military experts believe the unit is part of the People's Liberation Army's cybercommand, which is under the direct authority of the General Staff Department, China's version of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As such, its activities would be likely to be authorized at the highest levels of China's military.

### Cadaver dogs search rubble after huge gas blast, ensuing fire levels Kansas City restaurant

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Firefighters with cadaver dogs were searching early Wednesday through the rubble of a popular restaurant flattened by a natural gas explosion and massive fire that sent black smoke high over Kansas City's upscale

Country Club Plaza shopping and dining district.

Authorities said 14 people were known to have been injured — at least three critically — by the blast and gas-fed fire that destroyed JJ's restaurant around 6 p.m. Tuesday. The flames, spectacularly reflected in the glass facade of an office building under construction across the street, died down only after crews were able to shut off the gas around 8 p.m.

Kansas City Fire Chief Paul Berardi said late Tuesday the search with trained dogs was standard given the size of the conflagration and the fact that there was no immediate, reliable count of people who were inside the intimate, one-story restaurant at the time.

"I would always fear there are fatalities in a scene like this," Berardi said.

Only after the search was complete — which wasn't expected until later Wednesday morning — would the site be released to investigators looking for the cause, Berardi said.

### 20-year-old man goes on shooting rampage on busy Calif. freeway; 3 killed, 2 injured

TUSTIN, Calif. (AP) — The early morning commute was just getting under way on suburban Orange County's network of freeways when Melvin Lee Edwards pulled up to a stop sign near a busy off-ramp.

It was just after 5 a.m. and Edwards, 69, was on his way to work when, police say, a fleeing murder suspect forced him out of his BMW at gunpoint and shot him three times from behind as horrified commuters watched.

The shooting was the second of three murders in a trail of carnage early Tuesday that spanned 25 miles — but lasted just an hour. The shooter, 20-year-old Ali Syed, killed a woman in the home he shared with his parents, killed two drivers during carjackings, injured two others and shot up cars on a busy freeway interchange before committing suicide as police closed in, authorities said.

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# Avery's 3 lifts Grady past Borden County

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

SEMINOLE — It was a tight game from buzzer to buzzer between Grady and Borden County on Tuesday, but a late three-pointer by Ellyn Avery lifted the Lady Wildcats past the Lady Coyotes, 58-55.

Tied at the half, Grady outscored Borden County 13-9 in the third quarter, but the Lady Coyotes rallied back in the fourth. Avery sank the game-winning basket — a 25 footer — with only six seconds left on the clock. Borden County managed to get off a shot, but Grady got the rebound as time expired.

"It was a great battle," Grady Head Coach Jimmy Avery said. "It was just two good 1A teams that fought hard until the end. We just happened to hit one more shot than they did."

Avery put up a game-high 29 points, while Cayley Opegard added 12 in the battle.

"(Avery) came through for us last night," Avery said. "She was a great leader out there for us, but she had a lot of help. It was a great team effort."

The Lady Wildcats (27-5), will be traveling to Levelland on Friday where they will meet Whitharral. Game time is set for 1 p.m. at South Plains College.



Courtesy photo/Valerie Avery

The Lady Wildcats pose with the regional quarterfinal trophy after defeating Borden County on Tuesday, 58-55. Grady advanced to the regional semifinals where they will face Whitharral on Friday in Levelland.

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# Garden City dominates Hermleigh, 75-41

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Garden City cruised past Hermleigh Tuesday, 75-41 in a bi-district match at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, but the score doesn't accurately reflect just how hard the Cardinals fought.

The Bearkats had their hands full against a very physical Hermleigh team, who played with a lot of heart, but couldn't keep up with state-ranked GCHS, who began pulling away late in the first period.

Corbin Davis scored 26 points for the Bearkats, while Sam Miller added 16, Justin Odom had 10 for Garden City.

"(Davis) is a good scorer," GC Head Coach Koby Abney said. "He did a better job tonight I thought of picking good spots. He can make some mistakes where he tries to force things a little too much, but he did a better job tonight of letting the offense come to him and not try to force it."

The Cardinals took a 5-4 lead two minutes into the outing, but the next shot — a three pointer by Davis — put the Bearkats



HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

Garden City captured the bi-district trophy Tuesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum after routing the Hermleigh Cardinals, 75-41. The Bearkats will play on Friday at Jim Ned in Tuscola.

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# Forsan boys win, girls lose in playoff action

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The Buffaloes met Bovina on Tuesday in their postseason debut and came home the victors, defeating the Mustangs 68-61.

Tyler Evans racked up a game-high 25 points for Forsan, Aric Hernandez added 22 and Matthew Mims and Kade Fannin each contributed nine in the bi-district bout.

"Bovina had a good, solid defense and battled the boards effectively," said FHS Head Coach Gary Huckabee. "But we led most of the way and were able to stay poised through a very physical fourth quarter."

The Buffs advanced to the area round, where they will meet El Paso Harmony Science Academy. The venue and time is set to be announced soon.

WOLFFORTH — The Lady Buffaloes saw their season come to a close Tuesday as they were defeated by district rival Plains for the third time this season, 64-34.

Forsan finished with a 24-10 overall record — better than Head Coach Lindsey Schmidt expected at the

start of the season.

"We didn't play our best game against Plains," Schmidt said of the loss. "But we came a long way. I'm really proud of the girls overall and I think we had a great season. It was just one of those nights. It was a rough night for us offensively. A lot of it was nerves. We missed a lot of open, easy shots, but it was important for us to make it this far. We got a lot of experience."

Experience was one thing the Lady Buffs lacked. Their lone senior — Kayla Tilley — was forced to miss the season due to a back injury.

"Kayla was a huge support for us," Schmidt said. "She was hurt, but she came to every practice. She was a big cheerleader for us all year, we will definitely miss her."

With the rest of her starters expected to return, it bodes well for Lady Buffs basketball next year.

"I hope the girls play all summer long and come back ready to play," Schmidt added. "They have a lot of potential and could be a really good team."

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**Saturn's Retrograde Takes Hold**

Two days ago, the sun moved into Pisces and Saturn turned retrograde. The planet of lessons will continue this backward motion into the first week of July. The combination of the Pisces sun's fuzzy, poetic logic and the blurred boundaries of the Saturn retrograde gives a "gone wild" feeling to this stretch of time. Anything can happen.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The "you and me against the world" mentality is not going to get you very far. If you feel that the current is against you, it might be time to turn around and go with the flow.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your inclination is to persist. Since it's in your very nature to keep going until the job is finished, you must take care to make sure the job you take on is worth doing in the first place.

**Legals**

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**To: Gina Davis,**  
Defendant, Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday March 18, 2013, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 11/26/2012 in the entitled cause CHARLES M. DAVIS vs. GINA DAVIS. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: **Charles M. Davis v Gina Davis** as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suite. Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 1st day of February, 2013.

Colleen Barton  
District Clerk of  
Howard County, Texas  
By: Jury Padron  
#7650 February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2013

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Good fortune comes your way. Don't be too quick to share. This bounty is for you. Accepting your fair share now will allow you to be much more generous later when you can really afford it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll return to an old pattern. There's the possibility of getting back together with an ex or coming back to a job you held in the past. You'll pick up right where you left off.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Deals come together. You'll be in a position to name your price. Start in the middle instead of starting high. You could get more than what's absolutely fair, but it won't benefit you in the long run.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Secrecy among the higher ranks is not usually a good sign. Open communication is healthier. Much good can come from well-informed teams working together.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just because ideas are crazy doesn't mean they are false or won't work. Things have been greatly improved by crazy ideas before, and the next one just might come from you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Playfulness is more interesting than drama. Taking creative endeavors too seriously drains them of their vital essence. You'll develop your talents with a light heart.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's power inside your vocal cords.

Slow, deliberate, confident speech will cinch a deal. A few words are enough to convey your strength; whereas, over-talking would indicate weakness.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sometimes it doesn't pay to be patient. It makes no sense to continue doing what's not working. Instead of waiting for results that aren't coming, change your action and go for different results.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're back to becoming a student of your surroundings. Your environment is what it is. Instead of trying to manipulate it, you try to know it. With understanding comes power.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A failed experiment has more to teach you than a successful one. Review what happened, and identify the contributing factors. Knowing what doesn't work brings you to what does.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 20). The next seven weeks will lighten your load and brighten your path. March brings romance. In April, you'll trade your old image for a new one. Professional developments in April alter your viewpoint, and your goals will change as a result. July and December are best for adventuring. Get educated in August. Scorpio and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 22, 31 and 11.

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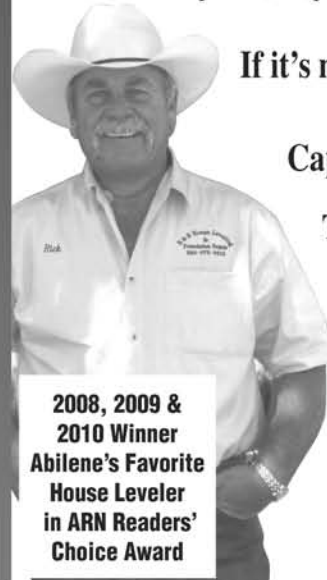
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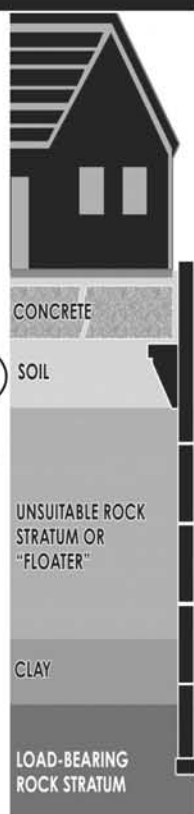
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5:PM	News ABC	Casa Notic.	Two Men	News CBS	Noticias	News	King	Shepherd's Heart	Charlie Rose	King	Moonshiners	CSI: Miami	Auction	Castle	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Good	Around	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Corona de Lágrimas	Big Bang	News	Caso Cer-rado	News	Seinfeld	Mani	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Moonshiners	CSI: Miami	Auction	Movie: Gladiator, Connie Nielsen (DVS)	Husbands	ANT Farm	College Basketball	NBA
7:PM	Middle Neighbors	Por Ella Soy Eva	American Idol	Survivor: Caramoan	Pasión Prohibida	Whitney Guys-	Upd	Nature (DVS)	Arrow	Arrow	Moonshiners	Movie: Anaconda, Jon Voight	Auction	Movie: Murder at 1600, Daniel Benzali	Good	Movie: Toy Story	College Basketball	NBA Basketball: Hornets at Cavaliers
8:PM	Mod Fam Suburg.	Amores Verdaderos	Simpsons	Criminal Minds	La Patrona (SS)	Law & Order: SVU	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	NOVA (DVS)	Supernatural	Moonshiners	Movie: Anaconda, Sharon Stone	Auction	Good	Good	Good	College Basketball	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Lakers
9:PM	20/20	Amor Bravío (SS)	How I Met	CSI: Crime Scene	El Rostro de	Chicago Fire	Big Bang	Conan	Path-Violence	Cops	Moonshiners	Movie: Catwoman, Sharon Stone	Auction	Good	Good	Good	College Basketball	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Lakers
10:PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Conan	Rik	Charlie Rose	Seinfeld	Moonshiners	Movie: Anaconda, Jon Voight	Auction	Good	Good	Good	College Basketball	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Lakers
11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Al Diablo	Law Order: CI	Ferguson	Decisiones (SS)	Jimmy Fallon	Office	Alewine	World	King	Moonshiners	Movie: Anaconda, Jon Voight	Auction	Good	Good	Good	College Basketball	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Lakers
12:AM	Extra Super	Mar de Amor (SS)	Raymond Fam. Guy	Insider	Pagado	News	Conan	Light.	Til Death Browns	Til Death Browns	Moonshiners	Movie: Entourage	Auction	Good	Good	Good	College Basketball	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Lakers
1:AM	Paid Stop Pain	Casa	TMZ	Great Sex	Pagado	(:06) Today	Movie: Road Trip: Beer	Light of the Southwest	L. Tripp	Moonshiners	Movie: Romancing the Stone	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage

### DENNIS THE MENACE

2-20

"MARGARET'S GOOD AT MAKIN' A LONG STORY LONGER."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

2-20

"Get your 'God bless you' ready, my nose wants me to sneeze."

### HAGAR

2-20

POLLY IS VERY HUNGRY AND IF YOU DON'T GIVE HER LOTS OF FOOD SHE WILL TELL YOUR WIFE WHERE YOU HIDE THAT BOTTLE OF RUM!!

I LIKED YOU BETTER WHEN YOU JUST WANTED A CRACKER!

### BC

2-20

DON'T MOVE — HE CAN'T SEE US IF WE DON'T MOVE.

2-20

BAD TIME FOR A LEG CRAMP!

### BLONDIE

2-20

MARCIA D'ANGELO TELLS ME THAT SHE AND JOE DON'T SLEEP IN THE SAME BEDROOM ANYMORE

2-20

ALL THAT SNORING, SNEEZING, COUGHING AND SCRATCHING AREN'T A PROBLEM ANYMORE! JOE'S DOWN THE HALL...

### WIZARD OF ID

2-20

WHAT'S WRONG, ROP?

I DON'T LIKE HEIGHTS! THESE CHAIR-LIFTS FREAK ME OUT

2-20

WELL, DON'T YOU WORRY... THESE THINGS ARE METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED...

YOU SEE? THERE'S A FRESHLY MADE REPAIR RIGHT THERE!

IS THAT DUCT TAPE?

### AGNES

2-20

ARE YOU SUPERSTITIOUS?

ONLY A LITTLE.

2-20

OH... SO YOU'RE NOT SUPERSTITIOUS; YOU'RE SORTOFSTITIOUS.

STEP ON THAT CRACK, AND YOUR LIFE WILL WARP SPEED INTO A CESSPOOL OF NOE.

YOU MUST BE MEGASTITIOUS.

### HI AND LOIS

2-20

I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, SUNBEAM.

BUT THE ICICLES ARE SWEATIN' IT.

2-20

AS THE CONVERSATION PROGRESSED, LARRY GOT THE IMPRESSION SHE WASN'T INTERESTED IN HIS BRAIN...

### THE OTHER COAST

2-20

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### SNUFFY SMITH

2-20

HOW'S TH' BROKEN TOE, LOWEEZY?

GOOD AS NEW, DOC !!

BUT KEEP IT UNDER YORE HAT !!

2-20

I'M SO ENJOYIN' WATCHIN' PAW DO TH' CHORES !!

### BEEBLE BAILEY

2-20

WHAT'S THAT OLD TWIT DOING TAKING A NAP DURING OFFICE HOURS?

YOU SHOULDN'T BE CALLING THE GENERAL AN OLD TWIT

EVEN IF HE IS OLD AND THE KING OF OLD TWITS, HE IS YOUR GENERAL!

2-20

## This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2013. There are 314 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Feb. 20, 2003, a fire sparked by pyrotechnics broke out during a concert by the group Great White at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

**On this date:**  
In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.  
In 1809, the Supreme Court ruled that no state legislature could annul the judgments or determine the jurisdictions of federal courts.  
In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.  
In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White

House, apparently of typhoid fever.  
In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an immigration act which excluded "idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded persons, epileptics, insane persons" from being admitted to the United States.  
In 1933, Congress proposed the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to repeal Prohibition.  
In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary following Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's decision to negotiate with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.  
In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as "Big Week."  
In 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Project Mercury's Friendship 7 spacecraft.  
In 1965, the Ranger 8 spacecraft crashed on the moon, as planned, after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.  
In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in

Colorado erroneously ordered U.S. radio and TV stations off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.  
In 1998, Tara Lipinski of the U.S. won the ladies' figure skating gold medal at the Nagano Olympics; Michelle Kwan won the silver.  
**Today's Birthdays:** Gloria Vanderbilt is 89. Author-screenwriter Richard Matheson is 87. Actor Sidney Poitier is 86. Racing Hall of Famer Bobby Unser is 79. Actress Marj Dusay is 77. Jazz-soul singer Nancy Wilson is 76. Racing Hall of Famer Roger Penske is 76. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 72. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Phil Esposito is 71.  
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## Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Marsh plant
  - 6 Fictional Marner
  - 11 Nitrogen or neon
  - 14 Powerful chess piece
  - 15 Major 2011 hurricane
  - 16 DC summer hrs.
  - 17 Former Marseilles money
  - 19 \_ Grande
  - 20 "Let's see you do better!"
  - 21 Nintendo franchise
  - 23 In addition
  - 25 Backspace over
  - 26 Familiarize (oneself)
  - 30 Loose overcoat
  - 33 Go "pop"
  - 34 Goods for sale
  - 35 Saturated soil
  - 38 Cut and paste
  - 39 Spree
  - 40 Reduce, as expenses
  - 41 "I do"
  - 42 Ship's load
  - 43 Enter a freeway
  - 44 Town crier's cry
  - 46 Lost on purpose
  - 47 Antic
  - 49 Warm and cozy
  - 51 Triathlon entrant
  - 54 Single-issue magazine
  - 59 Baton Rouge sch.
  - 60 Former Milan money
  - 62 Charged atom

- DOWN**
- 1 Carpeting meas.
  - 2 Successor of the four long answers
  - 3 Profound
  - 4 Well-mannered guy
  - 5 Captivate
  - 6 Prepares, as flour
  - 7 Like "to be": Abbr.
  - 8 Clear a hurdle
  - 9 Part of AD
  - 10 Pear varieties
  - 11 Former Cologne currency
  - 12 "So long" in Seville
  - 13 Boulder
  - 18 Sentry's command
  - 22 Significant period
  - 24 Orchard fruit
  - 26 Toe the line
  - 27 Ill-mannered
  - 28 Former Cork currency
  - 29 Superlative suffix
  - 31 Ben Affleck film of 2012
  - 32 "That's amazing!"
  - 34 Lean and muscular
  - 36 Try to persuade
  - 37 Real-estate document
  - 39 Candy shape
  - 40 Place for pigs
  - 42 Purplish-red
  - 43 Purplish-red
  - 45 Poet's dusk
  - 46 Sushi staple
  - 47 Eyelashes
  - 48 Fiery crime
  - 50 Din
  - 52 Elemental bit
  - 53 iPod model
  - 55 Skidded
  - 56 Keep a low profile
  - 57 Vocal
  - 58 Grimm story
  - 61 Builder's parcel

**OLD MONEY** by Fred Piscop  
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Annie's Mailbox®

**Dear Annie:** I am a 19-year-old heroin addict striving toward recovery. I go to five Narcotics Anonymous meetings a week, but I have occasional setbacks. After the most recent incident, I left drug paraphernalia in the bathroom.

I took full responsibility and was ashamed and disgusted with myself. But the first thing my mother said was, "Did you leave that out on purpose so your sister could find it and start experimenting? She's only 13!"

Annie, my sister is anti-drugs, and I talk to her a lot about the subject. I believe openness and honesty are the keys to avoidance, and I will do everything I can to save her from making the same mistakes I have made.

My parents will never understand addiction, but I wish they would try a little harder. I have repeatedly asked them to come to one NA meeting. I wrote them a three-page letter explaining the importance of my going to meetings and how valuable their support would be to me.

I arranged for people to talk to my parents so they could ask questions that might be too uncomfortable to ask me directly, but they had no interest. They discourage me from attending meetings, and when I brought home literature from NA for them, they left it on the floor, and the dog chewed it.

I am heartbroken and need their support so much. Fighting my addiction is hard and scary, and instead of helping, they attack. I don't know what else I can do. — *Begging for Mummy and Daddy*

**Dear Begging:** Your parents are frightened — for you and for your sister — and they also don't trust you. Getting off of hard drugs is a difficult process, and we commend your efforts. Your parents' support is important. But if your setbacks include using

drugs in their home and leaving paraphernalia in plain sight, it contributes to their anger.

Would your parents help with the cost of a reputable rehab facility? The Salvation Army also offers a program. You are making progress, but it is often beneficial to be separated from the culture that contributes to your drug use. Please show your parents this letter, and tell them you wrote it. We hope it helps.

**Dear Annie:** My father has Alzheimer's, and I have attended a support group for five years. I have learned a lot.

Please let your readers know that the Alzheimer's Association offers support groups, as well as information on local services, how to find good medical help and social workers who can assist with problems including wandering, driving and medication.

You can learn how others have dealt with similar problems. There is informational literature on how to prepare for what may happen next with your loved one.

People who do not live in the area with the



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

affected relative (considered a long-distance caregiver) can also benefit greatly from attending a support group where they live. The association's focus is on all dementias, not just Alzheimer's. Thank you for spreading the word. — *Caring for Dad*

**Dear Dad:** We often mention the Alzheimer's Association in this space. It is an invaluable resource, and we are grateful to you for delin- eating what they do. Readers can contact them at alz.org.

**Dear Annie:** We, too, went through the same turmoil as "Indiana Mom" because of a vindictive daughter-in-law who convinced our idiot son (he's a Ph.D.) to prevent us from seeing our grandchildren.

Finally, no longer willing to tolerate this form of "grandparent abuse," we disinherited my son and grandchildren and will never see them again.

It was a painful deci-

sion, but we had to do it in order to maintain our stability. In retrospect, it was the right decision. We have regained our emotional equilibrium.

— *California*

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# Texas turns away TCU

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Texas freshman Connor Lammert thought he'd get in trouble for taking off down the floor instead of going after a rebound.

His game-changing circus shot got him off the hook Tuesday night.

Lammert scored 13 points, including the go-ahead bucket followed soon by an improbable three-point play on a long pass from Myck Kabongo, and the Longhorns thwarted a TCU comeback for a 68-59 win, their first of the season on the road.

"I just threw it up there to be honest,"

Lammert said. "I was super surprised it went in. I think the whole rest of the stadium was too. It was a good feed by Myck and just an interesting play."

The Longhorns (12-14, 4-9 Big 12) were ahead 55-50 after a three-point play by Demarcus Holland when TCU's Nate Butler Lind missed his third straight free throw and the Horned Frogs grabbed the offensive rebound. of bounds.

Ioannis Papapetrou hit three 3-pointers early in the second half and led the Longhorns with 15. Kabongo had 12 points and six assists in his third game back.

# Police: No inconsistencies in Pistorius account

PRETORIA, South Africa — A police detective testified at Oscar Pistorius' bail hearing Wednesday that authorities have not found any inconsistencies in the star athlete's description of his shooting of his girlfriend — a killing Pistorius says was accidental but which prosecutors call murder.

The second day of the bail hearing in a case that has riveted South Africa and much of the world appeared at first to go against the double-amputee runner, with prosecutor Gerrie Nel saying a witness can testify to hearing "non-stop talking, like shouting" between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. before the predawn shooting

on Valentine's Day.

Pistorius said in an affidavit read in court Tuesday that he and girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, a 29-year-old model and budding reality TV star, had gone to bed and that when he awoke during the night he detected what he thought was an intruder in the bathroom. He testified that he grabbed his 9 mm pistol and fired into the door of a toilet enclosed in the bathroom, only to discover later to his horror that Steenkamp was there, mortally wounded.

The prosecution alleged the couple had a fight before he fired shots.

Under cross-examination by the defense, police Detective

Warrant Officer Hilton Botha acknowledged that the witness who allegedly overheard the argument was 600 meters (yards) from Pistorius' house, where the shooting occurred. Later, prosecutor Nel re-questioned Botha, and the detective said the distance was actually much closer.

Pistorius, the first Paralympian runner to compete at the Olympics, is charged with premeditated murder in the case.

The prosecution attempted to cement its argument that the couple had a shouting match that Steenkamp fled and locked herself into the toilet stall of the bathroom and that Pistorius fired four shots through the door.

## Sudoku Answers on Page 11

# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

8	4				7	6		
9			8	2				4
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		1		5				8
	8						6	
2				6		1		
		9	5					
3				1	4			9
		8	3				4	1

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# GARDEN CITY

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back on top, where they would stay for the remainder of the game. A 17 point lead at the halfway mark was insurmountable for Hermleigh, who was outscored 31-14 in the

final two stanzas.

"I've gone and watched (Hermleigh) play, I knew they were going to be physical," Abney said. "I wasn't happy with our execution, I thought our execution hurt us more than anything. But, this time of year, your job is to win, it doesn't matter if it's by one or 100, you don't get style points. We did

what we needed to do."

The Bearcats will meet May in a regional quarterfinal bout at Jim Ned in Tuscola on Friday at 8 p.m.

"May is a different team," Abney said. "We're going to have to do some different things against them. We will just try to get ready to beat them on that night."

Turnovers were the one major flaw in Garden City's game, and Abney said he will address that before the game against May.

"That's the frustrating part," Abney added.

"We really worked on pressing and getting turnovers and then finishing. The press in itself is irrelevant if you don't finish. That's the only thing that bothered me, we didn't finish as well as I'd like us to. But, we'll try again tomorrow."

### Other scores:

#### Boys

• Sands defeated Meadow, 71-58 (bi-district).

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### To Cover or Not to Cover

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 10 6 3  
♥ 9 4 2  
♦ 9 3  
♣ 7 5 2

**WEST**  
♠ K 8  
♥ J 7 3  
♦ Q 10 8 5 2  
♣ K 10 4

**EAST**  
♠ 9 7 5 2  
♥ Q 8 6 5  
♦ J 6 4  
♣ Q 9

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 4  
♥ A K 10  
♦ A K 7  
♣ A J 8 6 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass  
3 NT

Opening lead — five of diamonds.

There is no magic rule that tells a defender when to cover an honor with an honor. The fact is that while it is usually best to cover an honor when declarer seems about to finesse, there are times when it is better not to do so.

Basically, the governing principle is to cover when it is advantageous to do so, and to play low when it is disadvantageous, but this advice is not very helpful because it leaves a great

deal to the discretion of the player.

Consider this deal where South wins the diamond lead with the ace and returns the jack of spades. Should West cover with the king or not? Clearly, the answer is yes. First, let's assume West ducks. Declarer wins, leads another spade and makes five spade tricks as well as four notrump.

Now let's suppose West covers the jack and that declarer wins with the ace and continues with the Q-10, hoping for a 3-3 division. When this fails to materialize, South makes only three spade tricks and winds up down one. The outcome is directly traceable to West's covering with the king, which in turn promotes East's nine into a stopper.

West covers because he cannot show a profit by ducking but is sure to gain at least one trick if he covers and East has any four spades.

It should of course be mentioned that if West covers the jack as he should, South has an effective countermeasure available. He simply allows West's king to hold the trick, refusing to stake the outcome solely on a 3-3 division. Allowing the king to hold guards against the more likely 4-2 division and enables declarer to score the four spade tricks he needs to make the contract.

Tomorrow: Larceny at the crossroads.  
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# GRADY

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There is an interesting plotline behind the Grady-Withtharral game — Withtharral is Avery's alma mater. But with a state run in his sights, Avery is confident in his squad.

"If we shoot the ball well, we have a chance against anybody," he added. "Everybody's

good now. Every team knows how to do the little things it takes to be successful. Withtharral has all seniors, but we have confidence, we have played a lot of tough teams this year. We aren't afraid of anyone."

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