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Crews work to repair this Heartland oil rig — located off of Rockhouse Road in southwestern Howard County — Wednesday afternoon after a portion of the structure collapsed, killing a Big Spring employee.

Drilling rig accident takes local man's life

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was killed Wednesday morning when a portion of the drilling rig he was working on southwest of the city collapsed, according to local law enforcement officials. Felipe Saiz, 40, of Big Spring was pro-

nounced dead at the scene of the accident, located at an oil drilling rig north of Rockhouse Road. Saiz was pronounced dead by Justice of

the Peace Benny Green, according to law enforcement officials.

"The accident was reported at approxi-

mately 10:15 a.m.," Sheriff Stan Parker said. "Deputies with the Howard County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to the oil rig. Upon arrival, deputies discovered a portion of the drilling rig had collapsed, killing one person." According to Parker, the drilling rig is

owned by Heartland Drilling, based out of Abilene, Texas. By Wednesday afternoon, a large crane could be seen at the drilling site, attempting to hoist the collapsed portion of the rig.

According to emergency personnel at

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Let's go Rodeo!

☐ What's older than the rodeo? See Page 3.

By BILL McCLELLAN

Managing Editor

For 79 years, some of the top cowgirls and cowboys in the nation have been pulling their hats down on their heads, giving that nod that says "let's go" and heading into the rodeo arena with one thought in mind — walking away from Big Spring with cash in their pockets and the pride of knowing they did the best they could. The tradition continues this evening.

The 80th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo gets under way with the customary grand entry at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. For three days — nights, actually — there will be more than enough riding, roping, hooting and hollering than to make even a hardcore rodeo enthusiast happy.

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HERALD file photo

Add some entertainment on The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo opens tonight at the Rodeo Bowl.

By THOMAS JENKINS

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dents to make sure

they are prepared

for the worst-case

scenarios Mother Nature can offer.

According

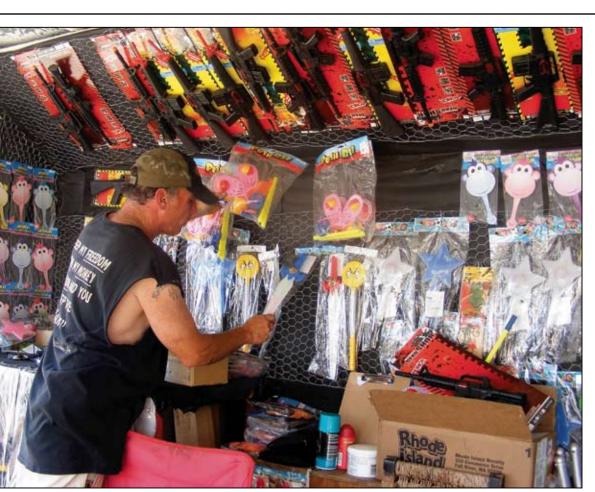
Recent thunderstorms in

and around the Crossroads

area leave little doubt the

severe weather season is in

Staff Writer



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan Dale Glazer arranges items which will be on sale at his novelty booth during the Pride of Texas Carnival's run, which continues through Sunday at College Park Shopping Center.

Department Chief Craig Ferguson, West Texas is somewhat unique in that it can offer a wide variety of

natural disasters — tornadoes, deadly flooding and severe thunderstorms, just to

Big Spring Fire Ferguson

Minimizing risks name a few — in the blink of

> "We can't control the weather or prevent disasters from happening, but there are steps you and your family can take to help minimize risks from known hazards," Ferguson

Adverse weather:

save lives later." One of the most vital elements in any emergency plan is reliable information,

said. "Planning now can help

See RISKS, Page 3





Obituaries

Janie Fierro



Janie Fierro, 65, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 16, 2013, in Conroe, Texas. Vigil services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial

She was born Dec. 13, 1947, in Mexico to Maria and Encarnacion

Jauregui. She moved to Big Spring in 1966 and married Tony Fierro on March 8, 1967. He passed June

She was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and DeColores. She was a Cursillista. In block of Linda Lane. addition to being a homemaker, she worked many years at LaPosada, Carlos and Casa Blanco restau-

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Lou block of W. Highway 80. Fierro of College Station and Laura Fierro and fiance Jack Paredez of Big Spring; one brother, Ridgeroad. Jose Jauregui and wife Juana of Juarez, Mexico; one sister, Alicia Gonzalez Jauregui of Juarez, Mexico; six grandsons, Adrian Banuelos of San Antonio, Benjamin Islas of College Station, A.J. Rueda of Odessa, Matthew Villa of Big Spring, Ivan Rueda of Odessa and Rene Villa Jr. of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Amanda Rueda of College Station; and two step-grandchildren, Jenae Villa and Sonny Leos, both of Kansas.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by one sister, Maria Naranjo; and two brothers, Antonio Jauregui and Guadalupe

Pallbearers are Adrian Banuelos, Benjamin Islas, A.J. Rueda, Ivan Rueda, Matthew Villa, Rene Villa Jr. and Michael Dutchover. Honorary pallbearers are Carlos and Marcos Paredez.

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

Paid obituary

Frankie Joshua Rubio III



Frankie Joshua Rubio III, 2, of Odessa died Friday, June 14, 2013. The rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 2013, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 10, 2011, to Martina Rangel (Deanda) and Frankie Rubio Jr. in Odessa, Texas.

He is survived by his parents; one sister, Aaliyah Celeste Rubio; grandparents, Frankie Rubio Sr., Yvonne Fryar, Clara Rangel and Marty Deanda;

and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his great-grandfather, Francisco "Chico" Rubio; and his great uncle, Robert Rubio.

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

Henry Holguin

Henry Holguin, 54, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Natalie Peurifoy

Natalie Peurifoy, 90, of Big Spring died Wednesday, June 19, 2013, in an Amarillo hospice facility. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Felipe 'Phillip' Saiz Felipe "Phillip" Saiz, 40, of Big Spring died

Wednesday, June 19, 2013, in Howard County. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- GWENDOLYN FAYE FAULKNER, 75, of 207 Washington Blvd., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- SERVANDO A. GUTIERREZ, 28, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 40, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a pre-
- vious conviction. • TARISSA K. STEPHENS, 54, of 1212 Ridgeroad, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for theft more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- RANDY SHAWN GOFORTH, 41, of 308 E. 18th St.,

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was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another

- STEVEN ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, 41, of 408 W. Fifth St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- RILEY DON BROOKS, 23, of 1712 E. 15th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony. MARCUS ARMENDAREZ, 49, of 1008 N. Gregg
- St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony. • AZURE LEANN FARMER, 21, of 1513 S. Main
- glary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony. • TONYA MICHELLE WOMBWELL, 39, of 1513 S. Main St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit

St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of bur-

- other felony. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1700 block of Main Street.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 • THEFT was reported in the 1300 block of
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Main Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 800 block of Timothy Lane.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this • GWENDOLYN FAULKNER, 75, was booked into

- the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a Midland County warrant for non-reportable/obtain a controlled substance. • TERESA K. STEPHENS, 54, was booked into the
- county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft - more than \$50 and less than \$500. • JUSTIN BRYAN MURPHY, 36, was booked into
- Sterling County Sheriff's Office on an El Paso warrant for assault causing bodily injury. SERVANDO ALFONZO GUTIERREZ, 28, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday

by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license

the county detention center Wednesday by the

- invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. • RANDY SHAWN GOFORTH, 41, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on an Oklahoma warrant for non-payment of child support.
- STEVEN ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, 41, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- DAMIAN ISMAEL LUJAN, 28, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for defective tail lamp.
- AZURE LEANN FARMER, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony. • TONYA MICHELLE WOMBELL, 39, was arrest-
- ed Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony.
- RILEY DON BROOKS, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony.
- MARCUS ARMENDAREZ, 49, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felonv.
- ERIC CURTIS, 28, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRANDON DENNIS OLIVETTI, 21, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

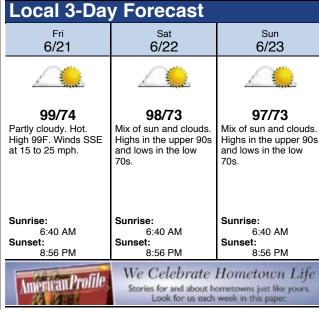
The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAUMA was reported in the area of Rockhouse Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of
- Auburn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of
- Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of S. Owens. One person was transported to SMMC. STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 100 block
- of N.W. Fourth Street.

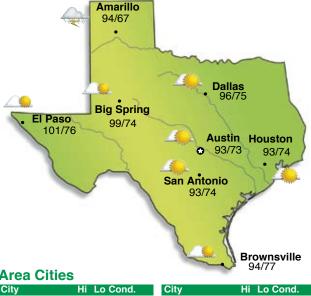


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Amarillo	94	67	t-storm	Livingston	92	71	mst sunn
Austin	93	73	mst sunny	Longview	93	74	mst sunn
Beaumont	91	74	t-storm	Lubbock	94	70	pt sunny
Brownsville	94	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	93	73	mst sunn
Brownwood	97	72	sunny	Midland	98	73	mst sunn
Corpus Christi	95	79	pt sunny	Raymondville	96	75	mst sunn
Corsicana	94	73	mst sunny	Rosenberg	93	74	mst sunn
Dallas	96	75	mst sunny	San Antonio	93	74	mst sunn
Del Rio	95	76	sunny	San Marcos	94	74	mst sunn
El Paso	101	76	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	94	74	mst sunn
Fort Stockton	97	69	windy	Sweetwater	97	72	mst sunn
Gainesville	93	72	mst sunny	Tyler	94	75	mst sunn
Greenville	94	73	mst sunny	Weatherford	95	73	mst sunn
Houston	93	74	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	98	75	mst sunn

National Cities

ı	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
	Atlanta	86	67	mst sunny	Minneapolis	85	70	t-storm
	Boston	78	55	sunny	New York	78	62	sunny
	Chicago	83	65	sunny	Phoenix	102	74	sunny
	Dallas	96	75	mst sunny	San Francisco	64	52	sunny
	Denver	88	57	sunny	Seattle	61	55	rain
	Houston	93	74	mst sunny	St. Louis	90	72	mst sunn
	Los Angeles	81	63	sunny	Washington, DC	82	63	mst sunn
	Miami	90	79	pt sunny				
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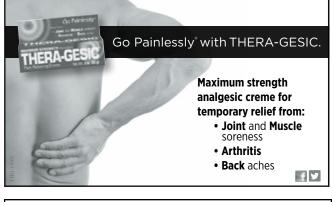
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Support Groups

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- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.



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ported to the emer-

gency room at Scenic

Center following the

accident for unrelat-

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the man began to suf-

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other medical prob-

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"He was taken to the

emergency room at

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SMMC with what is

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He was not injured

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Parker said the

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man is not being re-

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vestigation has been

turned over to the

U.S. Department of

Labor's Occupational

Safety and Health Ad-

ministration(OSHA),

according to law en-

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forcement officials.

leased at this time.

Association is seeking

volunteers to help with

the Howard County Fair

which will be held Sept.

26-28. To find out more in-

formation or to volunteer,

contact Jamey Stegall at

214-717-9210 or jamey.ste-

gall@gmail.com. The fair

association is also accept-

ing applications for exhib-

itors at the fair. All booths

rent for \$100. Contact Ste-

gall for more information.

What's older than the rodeo? It's the Old Settlers Reunion

Herald Staff Report

What's older than the 80th Big Spring Reunion and Rodeo, which opens tonight at the Rodeo

Saturday, Heritage Museum will be the scene for the 89th annual Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion.

The reunion is designed to give old friends an opportunity to get together and catch up on what's going on, as well as tell tall tales about the past.

Running from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Old Settler's Reunion will feature a dessert auction and a free meal of hamburgers, chips and cobbler. Drinks are \$1 each. Each year, two pioneer families are recognized.

To be honored in 2013 are the Barnett family from Howard County and the Cypert family from Glasscock County.

Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry in Big Spring.

E-B Grocery, Western Bank, Compass Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Lonestar State Bank, Citizens FCU and State National Bank. They're \$10 for adults and \$6 for children un-

and if you haven't picked up your tickets by then, the cost is a couple of dollars more —

The rodeo will be produced by Carr Pro Rodeo, which an-

nually features some of the top competition stock in the business.

Specialty acts will include the Wild Child, who jumps over large objects on his motorcycle, and the All American Cowgirl Chicks, who per-

In addition to bull riding, saddle bronc and bareback riding, calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling and barrel racing, kids will get in

Food

the show, too. There will be junior bull riding for youngsters 13–15, team roping and mutton busting for children under 50 pounds.

Rodeo dances begin at 9:30 p.m.

Friday's dance features Jake Hooker and the Outsiders. Tickets are \$10 per person. Saturday's dance brings in Noel Olivas and headliner Aaron Watson. Tickets are \$20 each for that show.

been abused or neglected. • Kid's Klub registration For more information on is open. There is a limited becoming foster parents amount of space. Kid's or adoptive families, call Klub will be July 8-12. Our the Children's Protective theme is Bombardier Boot Services office at 263-9669. Camp. It is going to be a The Rodeo Parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at

children to learn and have

fun at the same time. Reg-

istration forms are due

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RODEO

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motorcycles and trick riding, kids special events and a couple of dances, and there promises to be something for just about anyway.

able at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Ward's Boot and Saddle, H- der 12. Gates open at 7 each night

form trick horseback riding.

prescribed medical sup-

 Emergency items — Pack a battery-powered radio, flashlights, extra batteries, a whistle, shovel, basic tools, baby wipes, garbage bags, toilet paper and a state

"Each of us prays we'll never find ourselves or our loved ones in such extreme situations," Ferguson said. "However, the recent tornadoes in Oklahoma and other disasters serve as reminders these things can happen in the blink of an eye. It's better to have prepared for them and wasted a few hours than to need these types of resources and not have them."

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Derek Wash at 432-816-5161.

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Juanita Marquez, 76,

died Monday. Funeral

Mass was at 10 a.m. this

morning at Holy Trinity

Catholic Church with buri-

al at Mt. Olive Memorial

Charles Floyd Archer,

Graveside services will be

2:30 p.m. today at Trinity

Memorial Park with Military

Janie Fierro, 65, died

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& Smith Chapel with burial

at Mount Olive Memorial

Henry Holguin, 54, died

Tuesday. Services are

pending at Myers & Smith

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Funeral Home.

Memorial Park.

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RISKS

Ferguson said.

Advance tickets are avail-

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"One of the most im-

portant things we can

do is to stay informed,"

Ferguson said. "Texas

is prone to disasters of

all kinds, from severe

weather events to in-

dustrial accidents. Ter-

rorism is also a threat.

Find out what hazards

are common where you

live. Is your community

susceptible to wildfire,

drought, flooding or

tornadoes? What about

hazardous materials in-

cidents or other types of

"When severe weath-

er threatens, tune in to

local radio, television

or get information on-

line from the National

Weather Service about

NOAA Weather Radio.

Learn the difference

between a watch and a

warning. A watch means

that dangerous weather

is possible. A warning

means it's about to hap-

pen, seek shelter now."

Ferguson said every

family should have a di-

saster plan so everyone

knows what to do and

"Escape routes are

very important for a

family plan," he said.

"To establish escape

routes from your home,

draw up a floor plan.

Each room should have

two exits. Select a meet-

ing site where everyone

will gather after they've

left the house. Be sure

to conduct a practice

drill with all members

when to do it.

accidents?

of the household. To establish escape routes from the neighborhood, draw a map that shows all the streets and their names so when authorities provide evacuation instructions, you will

know where to go.

"It's important to plan how family members will contact one another if they are separated during an emergency. Create emergency contact cards for each family member listing the phone number of an out-of-town contact and other important numbers. Everyone should keep a card in a wallet, purse or backpack."

Ferguson said one situation many people never consider is if they are incapacitated and emergency personnel need to establish their identity, a problem most people can solve with a simple entry in their cell phone's contact list.

"If you are injured because of an accident or disaster, you may be unable to speak with emergency medical technicians," he said. "In these cases, paramedics and other emergency response personnel often turn to a victim's cell phone for clues to his or her identity and emergency contact. You can make their job much easier by adding an entry in the contacts list of your cell phone entitled 'ICE.'

"ICE stands for 'In Case of Emergency.' Add an entry, label it ICE, and enter the name

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and phone number of the person the emergency services should call on your behalf. Adding this entry takes only a few moments, but it can save time for the emergency personnel who can contact your loved ones quickly. Paramedics know what ICE means and they look for it immediately." Ferguson said resi-

dents should also put together an emergency supply kit.

"If you are forced to shelter in place or evacuate your home, you may not have time to gather all the necessities for keeping your family safe and comfortable," Ferguson said. "Assemble a kit now with enough supplies to take care of each family member for at least three days.

"It's best to store your supplies in air-tight, portable containers but something as simple as plastic trash bags or a backpack will work. Be sure to check your kit regularly and replace items that expire such as batteries and food."

Ferguson suggests packing the following items in an emergency supply kit:

enough bottled water to last three days. Each person requires one gallon of water a day.

foods that you know your family will eat and that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking. Examples include protein or fruit bars, dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter, crackers and canned juices. Also, pack a hand-operated can opener and disposable eating utensils.

Choose

• Clean air items — If there is an explosion, you may need to create a barrier between yourself and the airborne contamination. Pack nose and mouth protection masks (N-95 rating), plastic sheeting and duct tape.

• Extra clothing — Gather one complete change of clothes, a pair of sturdy shoes and a blanket for each person. • First aid kit — In-

clude two pairs of sterile gloves, sterile gauze, soap, antibiotic towelettes, antibiotic ointment, burn ointment, adhesive bandages, thermometer, prescription medications and

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Daily Prayer

Teach us, dear Lord, to always be kind to one another. Amen

Diamondback water snakes

ometimes, we simply can't say what we're thinking. Or, in this case, write what we're thinking, but, hey, who wants to split hairs on this? Not me.

As we stand by and watch our fellow humans do things that seem so absolutely insane or say things that simply baffle us, most of the time we're forced to let the moment slip limply from our fingers, much like a goldfish who has flopped out

of his bowl and is rolling around on the carpet, encasing himself in a sweater made of fuzz bunnies and pet hair.

Case-in-point is a recent trip to the Abilene Zoo. It's rather amaz-

ing the things you will hear people grown men and

women, mind you — say if you just quieten down and listen. For example, while we were standing on the dock area, above the koi fish the children enjoy feeding, I heard a grown man say:

"I heard one of them zookeepers talking about them ... those are diamondback water snakes.'

OK, first off, koi fish are the largely ornamental species raised originating from Japan. The Japanese word koi means, quite literally, carp, which is the species of the huge lake and pond dwellers. You see them quite often in backyard ponds and in Japanesestyle tattoos, symbolizing worldly aspiration and advancement.

Diamondback water snakes? Bear in mind, I kept my eyes and ears on this poor fella for a few minutes following his statement, hoping against all hope to see a sly grin or catch a chuckle ... something, anything signifying the statement was in jest, a slick joke pulled on the nearby children. Nope. None. Nada. When I was much younger, my

shidoshi — it's a martial arts title which literally means "teacher of the way," much like Americans use 'sensei' — told me it is much easier to lose faith in human-kind than it is to peer beneath the surface and find the greater meaning. Then again, I'm pretty sure the diamondback-water-snakeman, as he's now referred to in the Jenkins household, might have shaken his beliefs, as well.

Even as I write this column, I can clearly hear some of the readers saying, "Now, Thomas ... everyone makes mistakes. Have you never made a mistake?" And the answer to that question is a resounding yes, I make mistakes some of them monumental enough for my daughter to go in search of a calendar and marker as she tries to stave off the giggles.

But seriously, diamondback water snakes?

Granted, there was a part of me that wanted to stop the man and explain to him what koi were. Unfortunately, I was already trying to hold back a torrent of my own giggles at that point and I imagine I would have just come off like some know-it-all trying to be all high and mighty. Also, the guy was quite a bit bigger than me, so there was my personal safety to consider.

With this in mind, we continued through the zoo's displays, and having garnered such a beautiful gem of wisdom from the diamondback-water-snake-guy, I decided to listen in on more conversations.

makes me think a few hours of Animal Planet — the cable chan-

The madness which ensued

nel, just in case you're not familiar — might make an educational requirement for many of my fellow Americans.

A father pointed to a toad and told his son, "See that? That's a leapin' frog. If they pee on you, you'll die."

A woman pointed out a tarantula and told a little boy, "That there is a werewolf frog." And the rest of them were handing out stupidity like cigarettes

backstage at an alcoholics anonymous awards ceremony. The worst part is each display was clearly marked with the name of the animal, including their species and a lot of other

handy information. It was right

there, in white letters, clear as

day. Now, you may think I'm making fun of these people and, for the most part, I am. I'm sorry, readers, but there are just some things too funny not to share, and I'd rather not lie to you and say I stood there shaking my head, feeling nothing but pity for my fellow man. Besides, those of you who know me wouldn't believe that

nonsense in a million years. And maybe that's just it. Maybe I've finally reached the point in adulthood where I'm not really worried what's politically correct. In fact, maybe the people I'm quoting have done the same and just decided to revel in ignorance Sadly, it seems that type of ignorance is hereditary. Tough break

In the end, though, there are few things that will bring a smile more quickly to my lips than a mention of the diamondback-water-snake-dude, and for that, dear sir, I thank you.

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The Amnesty Mob vs. America

ou can try to put "conservative" lipstick on the lawless amnesty mob. In the end, however, it's still a lawless mob. The big government/big business alliance to protect illegal immigration got a lot of mileage using foolish Republicans Marco Rubio and

Paul Rvan as front men. But the true colors of the openborders grievancemongers always show through.

After America said no to a porkfilled security-undermining amnesty bill in 2007, the No Illegal Alien ists changed their



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It was all just an act, of course. Inevitably, the mask has slipped. Over the weekend, illegal alien protesters descended on the private residence of Kansas Secretary of State and immigration enforcement lawyer Kris Kobach. As Twitchy.com reported on Saturday, 300 amnesty activists marched into Kobach's neighborhood and barged up his driveway and right onto his doorstep. It's how the Alinskyite "community organizers" roll. Shouting into a bullhorn and

waving their fists from his front porch, the property rights-invaders dubbed Kobach "King of Hate" for his work representing border security activists and federal customs enforcement agents who are fighting the systemic sabotage of immigration law. Thankfully, Kobach, his wife and their four young daughters were not home at the time. But the aggrieved amnesty

demanders are not done yet. And Kobach is not the only one in their crosshairs. After tea party activist turned

Kansas state representative Amanda Grosserode condemned the mob action publicly on Facebook, racist insults and threats littered her page. Roberto Medina Ramirez wrote: "I'll give her

something to be disgusted about!" Doris Lynn Crouse Gent chimed in: "OMG! Maybe her drive should be next." Matt S. Bashaw echoed the call: "Maybe her house should be next." Facebook user Jude Robinson also ranted on Grosserode's page: "Since Kobach steals taxpayer money spreading hate around the country, he deserves what he gets."

Dennis Paul Romero left this message for Grosserode: "(N)azi kkk and she is proud of it." A user writing as "Paul-says Fckmarkzuck" left death threats under Romero's comment: "Gotta start killing all the Nazis. Politicans (sic), bankers, and priests. Cops, lawyers, and Judges. ASAP." The same user added: "Just another b*tch that needs to die off already."

The radicals of Occupy Kansas posted an inflammatory photo of Grosserode with the race-baiting caption: "Kansas State legislator Amanda Grosserode says she is 'disgusted' by Hispanic protesters." Grosserode wasn't disgusted by their ethnicity.

She was disgusted by their actions. No matter. Race/ethnic card: activated.

Gina Long pounced: "(S)he is stupid and doesn't like brown people." So did Diana Bauer: "Ah, poor Ms Grosserode; sorry that you find our Constitution so difficult to stomach. Or is it only whites that have the right to freedom of speech." One Lupe Ramirez left his own message for Grosserode: "We are starting our fundraising and campaign to unseat you. Do you not realize how many Hispanics are in Kansas. You no longer live in Dorothy's Kansas. You cannot represent your state, you don't even know who they are."

Grosserode isn't backing down. She told me Tuesday that she will remain "vigilant" and has given local law enforcement a heads-up. The conservative mom and lawmaker notes sadly that "there are some who would say that when you are in elected office that you should expect this kind of thing. I would disagree. No one deserves threats nor threats to their home and family."

But the amnesty vigilantes have no respect for borders, let alone private front porches, in their quest for another massive federal illegal alien bailout. They have

no respect for law-abiding U.S. workers. They have no respect for law-abiding foreigners applying to get into our country the right and proper way.

As they besiege Capitol Hill this month demanding more rights and payoffs, take note: These groups do not stand for the American dream. They are a nightmare conglomeration of George Sorosfunded social justice operatives transnationalists and La Raza militants who detest U.S. sovereignty. National People's Action, which spearheads progressive "direct actions" at the private homes of their political foes and led the march on Kobach's home, is a "community organizing" nonprofit based in — you guessed

it — Chicago. NPA's past shakedowns have involved busing in protesters and schoolchildren (using public school buses) to invade the private property of their victims and intimidate their families. They relish their brass knuckles with this anthem:

Who's on your hit list NPA? Who's on your hit list for today? Take no prisoner, take no

names. Kick 'em in the (a—) when they play their games.

As I first reported in 2004, NPA is funded by the Tides Foundation, the Ben and Jerry's Foundation, and the MacArthur, Ford and Rockefeller foundations. It's also funded by your tax dollars. My research found that the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Massachusetts Department of Education had all given tens of thousands of dollars in grants to NPA members for left-wing activism, identity politics and illegal alien benefits.

Rubio, Ryan and other Republicans who've made common cause with these welfare-state goons have betrayed fundamental principles of limited government and the rule of law. They've allied themselves with the mob. There's nothing, not one thing, "conservative" about mass illegal alien amnesty. It's the complete Chicago-ization of America.

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News in brief

Taliban offer to free U.S. soldier in exchange for Afghans held at Guantanamo

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The Afghan Taliban are ready to free a U.S. army soldier held captive since 2009 in exchange for five of their senior operatives imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay as a conciliatory gesture, a senior spokesman for the group said Thursday.

The offer follows this week's official opening of a Taliban political office in Doha, the capital of the Gulf state of Qatar.

The only known American soldier

held captive from the Afghan war is U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl of Hailey, Idaho. He disappeared from his base in southeastern Afghanistan on June 30, 2009, and is believed held in Pakistan.

In an exclusive telephone interview with The Associated Press from his Doha office, Taliban spokesman Shaheen Suhail said on Thursday that Bergdahl "is, as far as I know, in good condition."

Suhail did not elaborate on Bergdahl's current whereabouts.

HBO and James Gandolfini's managers say

the actor famous for 'The Sopranos' has died in Italy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — James Gandolfini's lumbering, brutish mob boss with the tortured psyche will endure as one of TV's indelible characters.

But his portrayal of criminal Tony Soprano in HBO's landmark drama series "The Sopranos" was just one facet of an actor who created a rich legacy of film and stage work in a life

cut shor

Gandolfini, 51, who died Wednesday while vacationing in Rome, refused to be bound by his star-making role in the HBO series that brought him three Emmy Awards during its six-season run.

No cause of death was given by HBO and Gandolfini's managers Mark Armstrong and Nancy Sanders in a joint statement confirming his death.

Coroner Antonio Spasola at Rome's Policlinico Umberto I hospital, in the upscale Parioli neighborhood, declined to give a cause of death. Officials at the morgue confirmed that Gandolfini was brought there.

James Gandolflni: An actor who excelled as Tony Soprano, and then some, in a career cut short

NEW YORK (AP) — James Gandolfini would have hated all this fuss.

He was an actor who shrank from attention for anything but the roles he brought to life. No false modesty. He simply did his best to remain a private citizen behind his public characters. These included, of course, Tony Soprano, the fiendish, tormented mobster who the world came to know and revere as a towering dramatic achievement.

Now, out of the blue, this flood of tributes to Gandolfini upon his untimely death? This would likely have struck him as excessive and needless, upstaging for a moment his lifetime of work.

In a too-brief career that ended Wednesday at age 51 while he was vacationing in Rome, Gandolfini can be celebrated for performances on TV, on stage and in films that reached beyond the obvious triumph of "The Sopranos" and the unsought celebrity

it brought him. Before, during and after "The Sopranos," he remained defiantly a character actor, by all indications spared a leading man's ego as he tackled roles that piqued his interest, not roles meant to guarantee the spotlight.

"I'm much more comfortable doing smaller things," he declared not long ago. And in the past year, his film appearances included supporting (or smaller) roles in Kathryn Bigelow's Osama bin Laden manhunt docudrama "Zero Dark Thirty," "Sopranos" creator David Chase's '60s period drama "Not Fade Away," and Andrew Dominick's crime flick "Killing Them Softly."

Negotiations accelerate on border security portions of immigration debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House-backed immigration legislation is gaining momentum in the Senate, where key lawmakers say they are closing in on a bipartisan compromise to spend tens of billions of dollars stiffening the bill's border security requirements without delaying legalization for millions living in the country unlawfully.

"This is a key moment in the effort to pass this bill. This is sort of the defining 24 to 36 hours," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said Wednesday night after a day of private talks.

Under the emerging compromise, the government would grant legal status to immigrants living in the United States unlawfully at the same time the additional security was being put into place. Green cards, which signify permanent residency status, would be withheld until the security steps were complete.

Officials described a so-called border surge that envisions doubling the size of the Border Patrol with 20,000 new agents, constructing hundreds of miles of additional fencing along the border with Mexico and purchasing new surveillance drones to track

would-be illegal border crossers. The cost of the additional agents alone was put at \$30 billion over a decade.

Other details were not immediately available, although it was expected that modifications to the bill would range far beyond border security provisions. The changes under consideration were the result of negotiations involving the bipartisan Gang of Eight who drafted the bill and Republicans seeking alterations before they would commit to voting for it.

Spreading shakedowns and distrust of authorities embolden al-Qaida in Iraq's restive Mosul

BAGHDAD (AP) — Al-Qaida's Iraq arm is gathering strength in the restive northern city of Mosul, ramping up its fundraising through gangland-style shakedowns and feeding off antigovernment anger as it increasingly carries out attacks with impunity, according to residents and officials.

It is a disturbing development for Iraq's third-largest city, one of the country's main gateways to Syria, as al-Qaida in Iraq makes a push to establish itself as a dominant force among the rebels fighting to topple the Syrian regime.

The show of force comes as Mosul residents vote in local elections that have been marred by intimidation by militants, as in the past. Al-Qaida's muscle-flexing is evident in dollar terms too, with one Iraqi official estimating that militants are netting more than \$1 million a month in the city through criminal business enterprises.

Mosul and the surrounding countryside have emerged as major flashpoints in a wave of bloodshed that has killed nearly 2,000 Iraqis since the start of April — the country's deadliest outbreak of violence in five years. Gunbattles have broken out between militants and security forces, and several candidates have been assassinated.

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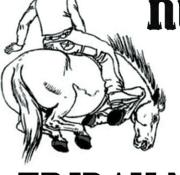
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Texas' A.J. Pierzynski and Ian Kinsler speak with Justin Grimm on the mound during the fifth inning of Wednesday's 9-4 win over the Oakland A's.

Rangers give starter a win for first time in June

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — When Justin Grimm threw his last pitch, the Texas Rangers were trailing the AL West-leading Oakland Athletics.

The rookie right-hander stayed in just long enough to become the first Rangers starter to get a victory in June.

David Murphy and Leonys Martin singled and scored in Texas' two-run fifth, and the Rangers rallied to beat the A's 9-4 on Wednesday night. "For sure, this win goes to our offense, they

came back and helped me out, picked me up," said Grimm, who leads American League rookies with Oakland went ahead 3-2 in the fifth on a three-

run homer by Chris Young, which came after Grimm walked two batters. Ian Kinsler hit a sacrifice fly off Tommy Milone (6-7) in the bottom half that scored Murphy. Martin raced home on a grounder for the go-ahead

"I think we can go out there now and be competetive," manager Ron Washington said. "I think we got the monkey off our back as far as having

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Spurs rely on togetherness to overcome collapse

Through heartbreaking losses and hair-raising victories, through Game 7s of the NBA Finals and Game 46s of the regular season, through contract extension after contract extension, what has defined these San Antonio Spurs more than anything else is the simple fact that they stick together.

Manu Ginobili, Tony Parker, Tim Duncan and Gregg Popovich have been the heart, the soul, the backbone and the brains of this a decade. Through an change and volatility, these Spurs have stayed in San Antonio, stayed together.

Coming off the most gut-wrenching defeat they have ever suffered, that unity, that togetherness, that unparalleled bond is more important now than it ever has

A group that thought it had seen everything the NBA could throw at it was shaken to the core when it experienced something totally new — when the Spurs gave away a five-point lead with 21 seconds to play in Game 6 against the Miami Heat and missed the chance to secure the

franchise's fifth champi-

through a situation like this," Ginobili said on Wednesday. "In 10plus years we've been through basically everything. But I was trying to think. Not like this. So hopefully we are up to the challenge. We know that we can play better, and we have to."

Game 7 is Thursday night in Miami, only because the end of Game 6 went so horribly wrong for San Antonio.

The Spurs were up operation for more than 13 points early in the fourth quarter and led unprecedented era of 94-89 with 21 seconds to

> This team that had closed out so many of these games over the years with its cold-blooded precision was ready for perhaps its crowning achievement — dethroning LeBron James and the defending champion Heat on their home

Then James hit a

onship.

"We've never been

floor, no less.

The NBA was raising the vellow ropes around the court, wheeling the Larry O'Brien trophy toward the mouth of the arena and preparing the postgame celebration that was moments

3-pointer, Kawhi Leonard missed a free throw,



San Antonio's Tim Duncan blocks Ray Allen's shot during Tuesday's 103-100 OT loss to the Miami Heat in Game 6 of the NBA Finals. Game 7 will be played tonight to determine the championship.

and Ray Allen drilled another 3 to force overtime. The Heat held on to win it and force a Game 7, and a team that has always prided itself on not letting the emotions of the moment overwhelm them looked totally defeated, totally devastated.

day later. "After a blow like that, it's not easy to get back up.

"But after 12 hours now, I feel a little better knowing that we have another chance, that we can do so many things better. And that we are in a Game 7 of the NBA Finals. There's not much "Still down," Ginobili said a more than that. We are still in a

great situation. We are where we wanted to be at the beginning of the season, still."

In an effort to keep the team together and not dwell on the opportunity that just slipped away, the Spurs went to

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80th Annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo kicks off today

The parade, the concerts, the livestock — it can only mean one thing. The 80th Annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will officially begin Thursday at 8 p.m. and continue through Friday and Saturday, also starting at 8 p.m. each evening.

Tickets are \$12 apiece for adults and \$8 for chil-

The rodeo parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. Jake Hooker and The Outsiders will provide entertainment Friday, while Noel Olivas will open for Aaron Watson on Saturday following the rodeo.

Beat the Heat Ragball Tournament to be held in Colorado City

An all-night ragball tourney will be held June Friday-Saturday at the Sports Complex in Colorado City.

Registration is now open. Each team requires a minimum of 10 players — five guys and five gals. Cost will \$10 per player, with first and second place teams receiving T-shirts.

Signups will be from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., with the tournament beginning at 7 p.m.

Local briefs

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Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic to be held at BSCC

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Crossroads of West texas Golf Classic at the Big Spring Country Club with a shootout beginning Friday and a two-day tournament slated for Saturday-Sunday.

The event is limited to the first 100 paid two-man teams. The scramble format tourney will be preflighted by tournament committee and local golf pro (handicap required).

Winners may receive pro shop merchandise at 100% of winnings or may take cash at 70% winnings. 100% of entry fees will be returned to par-

ticipants. All entries must be accompanied by cash, check or credit card — no charges or unpaid reserva-

Entry fee includes lunch on Saturday and Sunday, free beverages, Friday's shootout and access

to the hospitality tent. To register, call the pro shop at 267-5354 or the chamber at 263-7641.

Coahoma volleyball camp

set for July Coahoma Volleyball Coach Jessica Weynand will be holding volleyball camps July 17-18 for junior high students (6th garde through 9th grade) and July 23-24 for children (1st grade through 5th grade), The junior high camps is \$40 per student and will be held 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. both days and the kids camp is \$30 and will be held 9 a.m. until noon both days. The deadline to register is July 5. Registration forms can be found at the Coahoma ISD administration building or call Weynand at 979-251-1902 to reserve a spot.

BSHS Volleyball Camp slated for July-August

Big Spring Athletics will hold a summer volleyball camp July 29-August 1 for grades 3-9 at the junior high gymnasium. Grades 3-6 will be instructed from 8:30 a.m. Until 10 a.m., while the 7-9 camp will be from 10:30 a.m. Until 12:30 p.m.

Registration is \$25 per child with T-shirts available for \$10 apiece.

Big Spring athletic camps are open to children enrolled in other schools.

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Opening lead — king of diamonds. When Sylvia first learned to finesse, a whole new world opened up for her. She didn't really understand exactly how a finesse worked, but, just the same, she treated the exciting discovery like a child with a brand-new toy.

It wasn't long after her introduc-

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tion to the finesse that she played in

the club duplicate and was sitting South when this hand came up. At most tables. South had become

down one. A diamond was invariably led and taken with the ace. When these declarers then played the ace and another heart, they had to decide whether or not to cover East's ten with the queen. Regardless of what they played,

declarer at four hearts and gone

however, all these declarers went down. Even those who guessed correctly to duck the ten could not stop East from scoring the jack of trumps as the setting trick after three straight diamond leads by West. But Sylvia made the contract in

her own unique fashion. After taking the first diamond with the ace, she crossed to her hand with a spade in order to make use of her latest weapon, the finesse. At trick three, she led the queen of hearts! West was forced to cover with the king, taken by dummy's ace. Sylvia then returned a heart to East's ten.

East could now do nothing to defeat the contract. He did as well as he could when he cashed the jack of hearts and returned a spade, but there was nothing to the rest of the play. Sylvia trumped her remaining spade, got rid of two diamonds on dummy's clubs, and though she later lost a diamond trick, she was the only one in the room to make four hearts.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some say the iris gets

narrower as you get older, but your vista is only increasing. Don't forget to look up from your day-to-day to scan the horizon of your

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possibilities. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will be tempted to wonder "where did I go wrong," but what you really should be asking is "how did I go right,' because you're much better off precisely because things didn't work out as planned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's like the forces are aligning to make you more creative. Funds or other resources that were

previously available may be limited for unforeseen

reasons, and this is a blessing in disguise. CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll receive

the kind of recognition that people strive for, and it will bring the good feeling you expected for a time. Enjoy it and soak it up before everyone goes back to minding their own business.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've spent too much time of late listening to the music of your own thoughts. Open up and engage with the playlists of others' minds, and discover some new music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You give people the proper amount of time for their role in your life. For someone who wants to be more important to you, this will not be enough. Now you have a decision to make. How close do you want to be?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've known places you hadn't technically visited. When you got there, nothing seemed surprising and you knew the layout. When it happens again today, pay closer attention to what it

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you try to find out what the plan is, it becomes clear that there will be no plan unless you come up with one. You're qualified to be the "man" with the plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Dismay over unhappiness in family relations will turn into delight when you lend a sympathetic ear and make it clear to a special someone that you're in their corner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a particular kind of charge to you today, and the emotional impression you make will linger after you've left. It's worth giving some thought to how people will feel because they mingled with you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your luck will be uncanny. You'll wander into the right people at the right time. You'll be handed opportunity and mostly because you ask for it with smiling

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 20). This year introduces more love into your life. In July, take what you're given and run with it, and things quickly will improve. In August, ideals are disrupted when you create something unexpectedly beautiful. An unnecessary purchase seems important, but resist and you'll attract real wealth in November. Capricorn and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 28, 1, 44, 38 and 50.

PROFILES: Gemini Academy Award-winner Nicole Kidman has a well-balanced astrological chart rich in a variety of influences. Kidman's karma has shown versatility and options from the start, as she was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Australian parents, giving her the option of citizenship in either country. Her natal moon in fiery Sagittarius shows passion and a love of adventuring.

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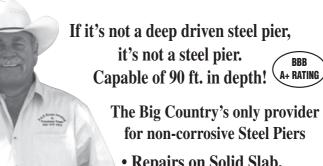
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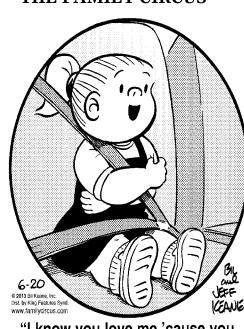
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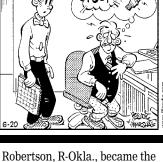
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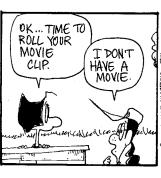


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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 20, the 171st day of 2013. There are 194 days left in the year. Summer arrives at 10:04 p.m. Pacific time (Friday 1:04 a.m. Eastern time). Today's Highlight in

History: On June 20, 1863, West

Virginia became the 35th state. On this date:

In 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States, featuring the emblem of the bald eagle. In 1791, King Louis XVI of

called Flight to Varennes but were caught. In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne

France and his family attempt-

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following the death of her uncle, King William IV. In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and step-

mother. In 1921 ILS Rep Alice Mary first woman to preside over a session of the House of Representatives. In 1943, race-related rioting

erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths. In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the

Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates. In 1963, the United States and Soviet Union signed an agree-

ment to set up a "hot line" between the two superpowers. In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted.

(Ali's conviction was ultimate-

ly overturned by the Supreme

Court). In 1972, three days after the arrest of the Watergate burglars, President Richard Nixon met at the White House with his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman; the secretly made tape recording of this meeting ended up with the notorious

18-minute gap. In 1982, President Ronald

Reagan proclaimed National Bald Eagle Day.

In 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 6-3, in Atkins v. Virginia that executing mentally disabled murderers was unconstitutionally cruel.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Martin Landau is 85. Actress Olympia Dukakis is 82. Actor James Tolkan is 82. Actor Danny Aiello is 80. Blues musician Lazy Lester is 80. Actor John Mahoney is 73. Movie director Stephen Frears is 72. Singer-songwriter Brian Wilson is 71. Actor John McCook is 69. Singer Anne Murray is 68. TV personality Bob Vila is 67. Musician Andre Watts is 67. Actress Candy Clark is 66.

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Uncle: Patriots' Hernandez had link to homicide victim

BOSTON (AP) - NewEngland Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez had a connection to a homicide victim found in an industrial park near the athlete's home, but family and officials were mum on the nature of their relationship, two days after police first visited the upscale division.

The body found about a mile from Hernandez's sprawling home in North Attleborough was that of 27-year-old Odin Lloyd, according to a prosecutor's office. His cause of death wasn't released.

Lloyd was a semi-pro football player for the Boston Bandits and had a connection to Hernandez, whose home was searched by police, his family said Wednesday.

Hernandez attorney Michael Fee acknowledged media reports about the state police search of Hernandez's home as part of an investigation but said he and the player wouldn't have any comment on it.

"My son is a wonderful child," said, Lloyd's mother, Ursula Ward,

available.

as she cried outside the family home in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood. "He's a family guy. He hasn't done anything to hurt anyone."

Ward would not say how Lloyd knew Hernandez and did not say if police told her how her son died. An uncle said Lloyd had a connection to Hernandez but wouldn't elaborate.

North Attleborough sits on the Rhode Island state line not far from the Patriots' stadium in Foxborough. They referred questions about the investigation to the office of Bristol District Attorney Samuel Sutter.

Sutter's office said investigators were asking for the public's help to find a silver mirror cover believed to have broken off a car between Boston and North Attleborough.

Illustrated, **Sports** citing an unidentified source, reported Tuesday that Hernandez was not believed to be a suspect in what was being treated then as a possible homicide.

Two troopers knocked on the door of Hernandez's house Wednesday morning, but no one answered. The night before, police spent hours there as another group of officers searched the industrial park.

Later Wednesday, at least seven state troopers searched both sides of a road just off the street where Hernandez lives. The officers used thin poles to pull back plants and search through undergrowth along the road.

Hernandez returned home during the early afternoon Wednesday. He did not speak to a crowd of reporters staked out about 100 feet away.

The Patriots drafted Hernandez out of Florida in 2010. Since then, he has combined with Rob Gronkowski to form one of the top tight end duos in the NFL. He missed 10 games last season with an ankle injury and had shoulder surgery in April but is expected to be ready for training camp. Last summer, the Patriots gave him a fivevear contract worth \$40 million.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James said the team did not anticipate commenting publicly during the police investigation.

Sports Illustrated reported that the link between Hernandez and the case was a rented Chevrolet Suburban with Rhode Island plates that police had been searching for.

RANGERS

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a total drought offensively. I think some guys are starting do somethings all throughout the lineup. ... We start getting more consistent, then we'll get back to playing our baseball."

Nelson Cruz, hitting third for the first time this season in Washington's 50th different batting order in 72 games, had three hits and drove in two runs. Lance Berkman hom-

starting Rangers pitchers had gone 17 consecutive games without a win since Derek Holland beat Kansas City on May 31. The team's previous longest such stretch was 16 in a row in 1975.

They scored nine runs for the first time since a 9-5 win over Arizona on May 30. Their 14 hits were the most since the game Holland won.

Texas opened the four-game series with an 8-7 win Monday night. That snapped six-game losing streak when the Rangers scored a combined eight runs.

With only their fourth win in 14 games, the Rangers pulled within two games of Oakland. The A's will go for a split in the finale of the four-game series Thursday, but will leave Texas still in first place regardless of what happens.

In the Oakland fifth, Grimm (6-5) walked Josh Reddick, a .206 hit-

ter, before a wild pitch and then a walk to No. 9 hitter Eric Sogard. Young homered onto the hill in straightaway center field for a 3-2

Even though he was hitting only .186, Young was in the leadoff spot with Coco Crisp and John Jaso out of the starting lineup.

Before that, the A's didn't have a runner get past first base. But their lead didn't last long after Grimm's last pitch. "Chris hits a big

home run and that's a big momentum shift in the game," manager Bob Melvin said. "It didn't look like Tommy had his best stuff, we weren't swinging the bats as well, it just seemed like it was their game for a bit, and now all of a sudden we're ahead. So it is really important you go out there and shut it down."

Murphy and Martin, left-handed hitters at the bottom of the Texas batting order, had consecutive singles off lefty Milone to start the fifth. Murphy scored on Kinsler's fly ball and Martin immediately took off from third on Cruz's grounder.

Third baseman Josh Donaldson's throw was to the first base-side of the plate, and by time Derek Norris caught it and reached back to try to apply a tag, Martin had slid past him and reached back with his hand to slap the plate.

"There was a lot of stuff going on there ... I saw in my peripheral, I saw him running," Donaldson said. "I didn't think he was going to be running because of how hard the ball was hit. ... If I make the throw I normally do, he's out."

Murphy had only seven hits in his previous 51 at-bats before hits in three consecutive innings — two singles before a double in the seventh.

Robinson Chirinos and Murphy had consecutive one-singles in the sixth to chase Milone, who allowed six runs and eight hits. Martin and Kinsler greeted Dan Otero with consecutive RBI singles.

Jaso, who was getting a break before Thursday's day game, had to come in after Norris was struck by a foul tip off Adrian Beltre's bat in the sixth. Norris went down to his knees and stayed in that position for several minutes before being helped off the field.

"Any time you get hit in the you-know-what, it's not the best feeling in the world," Norris said. "I've had my share of shots in that area being behind the plate, but that was by far the worse pain I've ever been in. ... Still feeling it pretty good."

When play resumed, Beltre hit an RBI double for an 8-3 lead.

Grimm allowed three hits, struck out three and walked three.

"He got us five and kept us in the game. That's all we ask," Washington said. "We were able to do the rest for him."

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SPURS

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dinner — together, of course — after Game 6 to share some stories and clear their heads.

"It helped," Duncan said. "It did. The other option is a bunch of us go back to our rooms and sit in our rooms and sit there by ourselves and beat yourself up. So it's always good to be

around teammates and kind of get some stuff out in the open. We did exactly that.

"We'll be ready to rock."

This is not the first difficult defeat the Spurs have ever had. There was Derek Fisher's prayer of a shot with in Game 5 of the 2004 Conference Western semifinals. There was Ginobili's foul on Dirk Nowitzki late in Game 7 of the 2006 Western Conference semifinals that allowed the Mavericks to force overtime and eventually beat the

Spurs. And there was a home loss against the Detroit Pistons in Game 6 of the 2005 NBA Finals that pushed the series to seven.

But the Spurs have never been this close to having their hands on the trophy and failed to close it out. These robotic Spurs finally let their guard down last night, showing the raw disappointment that comes with such a defeat. Ginobili, who turned the ball over eight times and couldn't convert a layup in the closing moments of overtime, took it particularly hard.

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"A competitor feels it deeply, and really, really tough loss in that regard," Popovich said. "I expect Manu to feel like that after the game. But

he'll be fine." Ginobili will turn 36 in July and is in the final year of his contract. Duncan is 37 and Popovich is 64. Once again, everyone is wondering how much longer these Spurs can stick togeth-

Right now, the only thing that matters is that they can do it for one more game.

"We are close. We've been through a lot of stuff," Ginobili said. "Not like this, but we believe in the challenge. We think that it can

make it even sweeter. "And besides, there's no other option."

As Ginobili said after Game 6, there is no Game 8.

"I think everybody wants to be ready for (Thursday)," Parker said. "Because if you're not ready for tomorrow, you're going to regret it for the next 10, 15 years."

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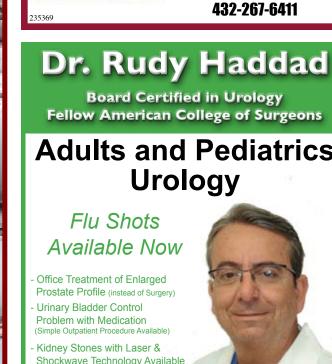
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