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The Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life Community Wrap Up announced that more than \$145,000 was raised for 2013. Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Alon USA were the big winners. Creative Campsite winners were: third place, **TexaStone Racers**; second place, **Alon USA Cooking for a Cure**; and first place, **Scenic Mountain Medical Center Cancer Crushers**. Creative T-Shirt winners were: second place, **Scenic Mountain Medical Center Cancer Crushers**; and first place, **Alon USA-Cooking for a Cure**.

Changes coming for ACS, local, annual Relay For Life

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer

Big changes are coming for the Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life. The community wrap up held Thursday was hopeful to say the least, but the American Cancer Society has directed its focus on research, which means some programs fell by the wayside. Elisha Moberly, health initiative staff from the Odessa ACS, gave an emotional ac-

count of the changes that will take effect July 31. Although the programs were funded by private donors, ACS has discontinued the breast prosthesis and bras program as well as the gas cards that were made available to those who couldn't afford to travel for treatment.

Although the news was disappointing, the reasoning is understandable, she explained, "The gas cards caused some problems because they were not national," said Moberly who related an incident when a cancer patient in the Dallas area,

who had local connections, requested a gas card and was denied because the program is only available in the Permian Basin.

"When I found out about these changes I cried in my office all day," said Moberly.

Uniformity of the ACS branches nationwide is the goal of the organization.

"ACS in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring will look like the ACS in New York City, Atlanta, Chicago etc., and they are focusing more on saving lives through research,"

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Perry, Davis clash over abortions

Governor's call for second special session angers many

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry on Thursday admonished the star of a Democratic filibuster that helped kill new Texas abortion restrictions, saying state Sen. Wendy Davis' rise from a tough upbringing to Harvard Law graduate should have taught her the value of each human life.

The Republican governor expanded on those remarks later, publicly wondering what might have happened if Davis' own mother had undergone an abortion rather

than carry her child to term. Davis, a Fort Worth Democrat, shot back that Perry's statement



Davis

"tarnishes the high office he holds." Before the white-hot battle over abortion in the nation's second-largest state turned personal, Davis staged a marathon filibuster Tuesday, helping to defeat an omnibus bill that would have further limited

abortion in a place where it's already difficult to undergo them. But Perry called lawmakers back for a second special session next week to try and finish the job.

"Who are we to say that children born in the worst of circumstances can't lead successful lives?" Perry said in a speech to nearly 1,000 delegates at the National Right to Life Conference in suburban Dallas. "Even the woman who filibustered the Senate the other day was born into difficult circumstances."

Davis, 50, has rocketed to sudden, national political stardom thanks to donning pink running shoes and delivering the marathon speech on the floor of the state Senate.

She started working at age 14 to help support a household of her single mother and three siblings. By 19, she was already married and divorced with a child of her own, but she eventually graduated with honors from Harvard

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Funtastic Fourth gets started today

Funtastic Fourth gets under way this evening. The two-day event will continued until about midnight, the resume Saturday morning with a full day of activities, including lots of music and vendors.

It all takes place in downtown Big Spring.

TODAY

Opening ceremonies, 6 p.m.
Music by Del Castillo, Mad Mexicans & Extremo, beginning at 6 p.m.
Beer sales 6-11:30 p.m.
 Many of the vendors will be open.

SATURDAY

Food, craft and merchandise vendors throughout the day.
Kids Zone with bounce houses, miniature train rides, climbing wall and other attractions (Price for wristband for the Kids Zone is \$20 but Cornerstone Covenant Church is sponsoring a canned food drive to benefit their food pantry. Children who bring two cans of food get the wristband for \$10).
Gospel music on the main stage from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. featuring Fortissimo, Tributary, Spring Creek Praise Band.



Mark McKinney

Local music acts on the Gazebo stage until 6 p.m. include The Hoka Band, Fatal Flawz, Wreckless Entertainment, Nutin but Entertainment with N~Do and Marcus TR3Y and Cheridan Fulgham.
Beer sales 4 p.m.-midnight.
 Graffiti Artists exhibition at corner of Second and Main streets.

Hot Dog Eating Contest, 6:30 p.m., main stage (prizes: first place, \$500 Alon card; second place, \$300 Alon card; third place, \$200 Alon card; no cost to enter the contest).
Music extravangza 7 p.m., music by Mark McKinney, Matt Kimbrow, Adrian Calvio, Clayton Adams Band and Forgotten Road.

Funtastic Fourth is sponsored by Alon, Alon USA, 7-Eleven, City of Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau, Bud Light, Linn Energy, Hotel Settles, Superod and numerous other area business

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Obituaries

Holston Banks Sr.



Holston Banks Sr., 72, of Big Spring died Friday, June 21, 2013, at Sante Fe Hospital in Temple, Texas. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 29, 2013, at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the VFW building.

He was born to the Rev. Hosea and Pauline Banks on Dec. 9, 1940, in Kenedy Texas. Both preceded

him in death.

In the 1940s, Holston Sr.'s parents moved the Banks family to Big Spring, Texas, and founded the neighborhood known as the "Banks Addition" where Holston Sr. grew up with family and friends. He attended Lakeview School and graduated May 26, 1961, from Big Spring High School. On Nov. 10, 1963, he married wife Beatrice Theresa Detiege. Before she preceded him in death in 2009, the two

celebrated 45 years of marriage.

Holston Banks Sr. leaves to cherish his wonderful memory: Vickie Minter Walker and husband Ronnie Walker of Elgin Texas, Clifford Detiege of San Antonio Texas, Bernadette Young and husband Stacey Young of Big Spring Texas, pastor of Shiloh House of Prayer, his son, Pastor Holston Banks Jr. and wife Linda Banks of Big Spring Texas, Priscilla Smith and husband John D Smith of Temple, Texas, Belinda Scott of Del Valle, Texas, Tyrone Banks and wife Robbi Banks of Odessa, Texas, Timothy Banks and wife Monica Banks of Dayton, Texas.

In addition to his eight children, Holston Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: one sister, Christine Bolden of Dallas, Texas; his aunt, Thelma Money of Big Spring Texas; 33 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and an abundance of friends.

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

Paid obituary

Douglas E. Beams



Douglas E. Beams, 61, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, June 20, 2013, in Hawaii. The family will receive friends 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Jake Merritt Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 11, 1952, to Estelle Mays Beams and Douglas Eugene Beams. He lived most of his life in Big Spring, moving to San Antonio a few years ago. At the time of his death, he and his wife were in the process of moving to Hawaii. Doug attended Texas Tech University and was an engineer for Union Pacific Rail-

road from 1973 until 1991. His passion was physical fitness and body building, which later became his profession. He had owned the Body Center in Big Spring and had been co-owner of World Gym in Midland. In San Antonio, he owned Anytime Fitness Centers and was co-owner of Full Life Fitness, later sold to Gold's Gym. He was also an independent realtor in San Antonio.

He is survived by his wife, Carla. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Douglas Eugene Beams, III.

Pallbearers will be Danny Ashinhurst, John Lyons, Jake Merritt Sr., Phil Barber, Don Swisher, Jarroll Carroll and Van Lewis.

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Paid obituary

Makaylah Faith Hernandez

Makaylah Faith Hernandez, infant daughter of Montesha and Jeremy Hernandez Sr., died Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Michael Willard officiating.

She was born June 25, 2013, in Dallas.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by two brothers, John Paredez and Jeremy Hernandez Jr. of Big Spring; two sisters, Rayna Hernandez and Lillyanna Hernandez of Big Spring; grandparents, Delilah and Ronnie Moncada, Johnny and Sue Lara, Bertha Gutierrez and Thomas Hernandez, all of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- TERRY WAYNE BLIESNER, 49, 914 Angela Road, was arrested on a charge of failure to obtain Texas driver's license within 90 days.

- KASSAUNDRY DYHAN MUNOZ, 22, 1007 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- JAMES LESLIE INGRAM, 45, 1100 W. Second, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief/less than \$500 and criminal trespass.

- JOHNNY LEE JOHNSON, 41, 1803 Morrison, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- FRANKLIN LAMARR, CURTIS, 27, 808 W. Third, was arrested on a charge of standing in a roadway to solicit a ride.

- MATTHEW VILLA, 17, 105 E. 17th, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- RICHARD LOPEZ III, 21, 3608 Calvin, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- TERRILL JAMES MONROE BEASON, 18, Abilene, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

- ROBERT PAUL NEWTON, 35, 715 Dealey, was arrested on a warrant for theft over \$500/less than \$1,500.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of W. Third, the 1700 block of Laurie and the 1500 block of E. Cherokee.

- THEFT was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700.

- IDENTITY THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (85 inmates were reported in the county jail):

- ROBERT PAUL NEWTON, 35, was jailed on a charge of theft over \$500/less than \$1,500.

- JAMES LESLIE INGRAM, 45, was jailed on charges of criminal mischief over \$500/less than \$1,500 and criminal trespass.

- JOHNNY LEE JOHNSON, 41, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated/open container.

- FRANKLIN LAMARR CURTIS, 47, was jailed on a charge of standing in roadway to solicit ride.

- MATTHEW VILLA, 17, was jailed on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- RICHARD LOPEZ III, 18, was jailed on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Take Note

Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office

at 263-9669. Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

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 Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

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

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she said. But, it wasn't all bad news. The Hope Lodge, located in Lubbock, will continue its services to those who need a place to stay while they are in treatment. Road To Recovery and Reach For Recovery will also continue.

As for those who will be effected by the programs that were cut, Moberly hasn't given up hope.

"We are looking for other ways to help those people."

Local Relay For Life chair Manny Negron,

remains optimistic and encouraged continued participation and fundraising.

"That doesn't mean you should stop Relaying," said Negron. "We want to make sure we honor our survivors."

Other announcements included changing the 12-hour relay to six hours.

"A majority of the committee voted for the changes," Negron explained. "The feedback from the community was that they were getting too tired and didn't want to stay overnight."

Negron praised the local organization for its achievements in 2013.

"We had more under-

writers and more survivors that walked than last year," Negron said and added that he is looking forward to next year's Relay. "2014 will be our 20th anniversary and we are planning some big things," Negron said, but did not elaborate.

As for the changes Negron gave inspiration for continued fundraising and participation.

"Remember why we Relay," Negron said. "Your work is not in vain and we appreciate all you do."

Award announcements made at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Howard & Glasscock Counties

Community Wrap-up: Creative Campsite Winners were, third place, TexaStone Racers; second place, Alon USA - Cooking for a Cure; and first place, Scenic Mountain Medical Center Cancer Crushers.

Creative T-Shirt Winners were: second place, Scenic Mountain Medical Center Cancer Crushers; and in first place, Alon USA-Cooking for a Cure.

As of June 26, the amount raised was \$145,848.90. That includes underwriting - \$37,125.00, golf tournament - \$18,324.00, luminarias - \$10,579.00 and team money - \$77,074.0. Prior to this year's

event, the goal had been announced at approximately 192,000.

The amounts individual teams raised as of June 26 (more money was turned in at the wrap-up) were: TexaStone Racers: \$22,095.50, Scenic Mountain Medical Center Cancer Crushers: \$11,973.50, Wal-Mart JAGS, \$6,440.17, Big Spring State Hospital Mind, Body and Soul, \$6,101.05, Reba's Bosom Buddies, \$5,636, Glasscock 4-H Cancer Warriors, \$5,364.44, First United Methodist Church, \$4,839.79, Men In Black, \$2,971, Citizens For a Cure: \$2,444, Alon USA Big Spring Refinery-Cook-

ing for a Cure, \$1,938.50, Spring Creek Fellowship Cure Connection, \$1,618, Sheridan's Dog Pack, \$1,560, Home Hospice Halos, \$1,298.29, H-E-B Sock Monkeys, \$1,247.77, Carries Crusaders, \$610, BSCC Locking Down Cancer (The GEO Group), \$568, (The GEO Group was also the sponsor of our Survivor Dinner), R.E.L.A.Y. for a Cure, \$323, Cancer Schmancer, \$25, Mema's Cowboys, \$10 and Warriors of Hope, \$10.

For more information on Relay for Life, contact Negron at 816-9464.

To contact Andrea Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331 ext. 234.

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Law School and won her Senate seat in an upset.

Davis' surge in popularity came as no surprise to Texas Democrats, who chose her as the face of the battle to block the bill. Since arriving at the Texas Capitol, she has earned derision and respect for her ability to dissect a complex bill and make her opponents squirm under tough questioning.

Perry pointed out Davis' personal history in his speech, adding "it's just unfortunate that she hasn't learned from her own example that every life must be given a chance to realize its full potential and that every life matters."

In comments to reporters afterward, he went even further.

"I'm proud that she's been able to take advantage of her intellect and her hard work, but she didn't come from particularly good circumstances," the governor said. "What if her mom had said, 'I just can't do this. I don't want to do this.' At that particular point in time I think it becomes very personal."

Davis quickly fired off an email blasting Perry's comments.

"They are small words

that reflect a dark and negative point of view," she said. "Our governor should reflect our Texas values. Sadly, Gov. Perry fails that test."

Davis' supporters argued Perry never would have made such suggestions to a male politician.

"Rick Perry's remarks are incredibly condescending and insulting to women," Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund, said in a statement. "This is exactly why the vast majority of Texans believe that politicians shouldn't be involved in a woman's personal health care decisions."

The Texas Legislature adjourned May 27, but Perry called legislators into a first 30-day special session to pass stricter limits on abortion, including banning the procedure after 20 weeks of pregnancy. But with the extra session set to end at midnight on Tuesday, Davis was on her feet for more than 12 hours — speaking most of that time — as Senate

Democrats attempted a filibuster.

Just before the final gavel, Republican lawmakers silenced her for addressing a topic other than the bill she was opposing — only to have hundreds of abortion rights activists cheer so loudly from the public gallery that all business in the chamber halted until it was too late.

Perry, a conservative and devout Christian, has put the abortion measure at the top of the agenda for the second special session, which begins Monday. It would force many clinics that perform abortions to upgrade their facilities to be classified as ambulatory surgical

centers. Doctors also would be required to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles.

Opponents say such improvements are so expensive that only five of Texas' 42 abortion clinics would remain in operation.

Abortion rights groups have promised to respond with more protests, including one scheduled Monday for the state Capitol. Perry, meanwhile, called those who oppose abortion to action, telling the conference, "the world has seen images of pro-abortion activists screaming, cheering. Going forward, we have to match their intensity."

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Adding intrigue to his grudge match with Davis is the fact that Perry had been expected to announce this week if he will seek a fourth full term as governor next year. But he said Thursday that announcement will now be delayed until lawmakers can finish the extra work he's given them. Davis is up for reelection too next year, but had been urged by Democratic operatives even before her filibuster to consider running for governor.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

'Funtastic' to get patriotic events going

How'd you like to win \$500 in gasoline and not pay anything? Well, you might get a touch of indigestion, but that's a small price to pay, right? All you have to do is eat more hot dogs than anyone else. Pretty simple.

Actually, the 7-Eleven Hot Dog Eating Contest is just a small — but entertaining — part of a big party going on tonight and Saturday in downtown Big Spring.

It's time again for the Funtastic Fourth, a celebration masterminded by the Downtown Revitalization Association and sponsored by local and national businesses.

It all begins with opening ceremonies at 6 this evening, followed by music and browsing or shopping various vendor's booths.

Saturday is an all-day event with music of all types, children's games, various activities (the hot dog eating contest will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the main stage) and vendors galore. They'll be hawking everything from good food and drink to novelty items.

It's the kickoff event for what will be almost a week of patriotic-themed activities with parades in Highland South and Coahoma and Pops in the Park at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Don't forget to wear your red, white and blue and fly your flags proudly.

We'll see you in downtown Big Spring this weekend!

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DAILY PRAYER

As we go through this day, Lord, let us be ever mindful to stop occasionally and pray.

Amen

Who's using the information?

I have no problem with the news sites recommending stories to me, or the shopping sites figuring I'm good for another look at those size-41 shoes. I have no problem with someone using my supposedly "private" information to sell me more and target me for whatever they know I'm interested in. But I have to draw the line.

And isn't the right place to draw the line with the guys who want to use that information to fight terrorism and save our lives?

The NSA. I don't mind if (fill in the blank) is keeping an eye on me, but turning information over to the government to fight terrorism? How dare they? Betrayal.

And by the way, what was an IT guy doing with access? There's a conspiracy. I mean, I never call IT and say I need help, do you?

Oh, I understand the argument that a man like Edward Snowden, who risks everything to expose what he and significant numbers of others believe to be an exercise of government overreaching that threatens the very core of the Constitution, should be celebrated as Daniel Ellsberg ("Pentagon Papers") was and not hunted as a criminal. I hear you.



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I just don't buy it.

For one thing, if this is the core of the Constitution, we have a problem — because it already isn't private. Truth be told, almost nothing about any of us is private. I tell that to young people applying for jobs all the time. So worry about how it gets used and by whom, and not whether it's "out" there. It's everywhere. Think before you post. How many politicians have learned that the hard way? Don't hit send. Even generals get that wrong.

As for the idea that the government's looking ("Big Brother") is worse than anybody else looking, the old-fashioned view that the greatest threat is a government that gets too powerful, I have to say: I think al-Qaida is a much bigger threat to us than anything that would be done under the watch of an Obama or a Bush or a (you fill in the blank) administration.

Yes, even Dick Cheney.

Actually, other than this IT guy getting access — and like I said, I never call IT, but lots of other people seem to, and they want things fixed when there are bugs (I'm sure the NSA is already working on that bug) — I was actually impressed by the reports that said he had broader access than an analyst, and that analysts would need a reason to see particular data, and that if they accessed it without such a basis, they'd get fired. How many private companies have that rule?

Ellsberg released information that helped prove the government was not being honest about the Vietnam War, a conflict that was claiming more American lives every day.

We say constitutional analysis should be "content neutral," but check out our checkered history, and you'll confirm that it isn't.

Ellsberg saved lives. It has always mattered.

It also has always mattered how afraid we are, and sometimes it's mattered too much, which is where that annoying grownup idea of balance comes in.

After the Boston Marathon, there was a lot of hand-wringing about the fact that one of the (alleged) killers had indeed been on an FBI watch list at one point, but we lost track of him because there are only so many people you can follow at once.

Exactly. Hopefully, we are paying attention to the right ones, to the most dangerous ones, to the ones who would plant a bomb among runners and children on a day of high spirits and celebration.

And how do we go about doing that, Mr. Snowden?

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'Uncle Tom' Rubio strikes again

At a time when we thought Sen. Marco Rubio couldn't go any farther to the right, when his pandering to conservative extremists had become too repugnant to bear, when so many Latinos were already identifying him as our own "Uncle Tom," out he comes with an amendment to make immigration reform contingent on English proficiency.

He has no shame.

His excessively subservient loyalty to the tea party is downright embarrassing.

Rubio represents a community where immigrants, including his own parents, were not required to learn English until they applied to become citizens. Yet now, with amazing gall, he wants to require English proficiency from green card applicants.

Doing the bidding for his hard-right masters, Uncle Tom Rubio has introduced yet another hurdle that could potentially delay many immigrants from becoming permanent legal residents and eventually citizens and voters.

Although he had vowed to stick to the original legislation proposed by the bipartisan "Gang of Eight" senators, of whom he is a member, Rubio introduced an amendment to his own bill last week, not to ease the process for his immigrant constituents, but to make it more difficult for them.

It's appalling!

He wants to require green card applicants to demonstrate the same proficiency in English that is now required of applicants for

citizenship.

Of course, coming from an immigrant community, Rubio must know that most legal immigrants normally learn to speak English WHILE they have a green card, and that making English a requirement for permanent residency would create chaos in his own community. He must know that many legal immigrants delay learning English, not because they fail to see its importance, but because they are working so hard to feed their families.

He must know there aren't enough English courses to handle the current demand from immigrants who WANT to learn English, and that suddenly throwing 11 million undocumented immigrants into the mix would only stall or even paralyze the legalization process.

He must know that the assumption that immigrants don't want to learn English is just flat out wrong, a red herring.

He must have heard about the new study that found Latinos are learning English faster than past immigrants.

And yet instead of trying to dispel the misconceptions against his own people, he reinforces them!

Mind you, as the bill is now written, applicants for legalization would be required to take one English class. But that's not enough for Uncle Tom Rubio. Now he says this is a "loophole" that must be filled by requiring applicants demonstrate "an understanding of the English language, including an ability to read, write and speak words in ordinary usage in the English language."

But was it a "loophole" when his parents got their green cards? Would he be a senator today, would he have been even

born in this country if another conservative puppet had closed that "loophole" back then?

The irony is that in spite of Rubio's grotesque brown-nosing, the tea party radicals who once supported him are now turning against him. To them, any kind of legalization program is unacceptable "amnesty," and Rubio is seen a "traitor" — which is good word to describe the way he is also seen by many Latinos.

Just the mention of Rubio's name got booed at an anti-immigrant rally on Capitol Hill last week. And when another Latino Republican, Florida Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, tried to say a few words in Spanish at that rally, there were cries of "learn English" from the crowd. Tolerance is not for them.

Fortunately, Rubio's proposal was not included in an agreement passed by the Senate yesterday to increase border security. And hopefully an English proficiency amendment will no longer be needed for the bill to clear the Senate.

But in the House of Representatives, where anti-immigrant and English-only zealots reign, Uncle Tom Rubio's English proficiency hurdle is likely to be very popular. And unfortunately, it could be the deal breaker sought by the puppeteers who pulls his strings. He is to Latinos what Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is to African Americans — an embarrassment!

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► Church News

First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. The Chancel Choir practiced at 6 p.m. Wednesday but will not practice during July.

The Session meeting for June was rescheduled for Tuesday, June 25, at 6 p.m.

Louise Hitch is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday.

The lectionary for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is II Kings 2:1-2, 14-16; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62.

The Chancel Choir will present the anthem "Sing to the Lord with Joy!" by John Carter, and the offertory anthem "Shout the Glad Tidings" by David H. Williams. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will give the sermon.

Following worship June 30, we will have our Fifth Sunday Fellowship Lunch in fellowship hall. The main course will be provided; please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpCBS.org

On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship followed by the Word. Our 2013 Vision Focus is "Restoring Hope to the Hopeless." This week, Pastor Willard will complete his series entitled "No Condemnation," with the title "Social Condemnation: Life Embarrassing Moments" Main scripture is taken from Romans 8:1.

Discipleship 101 Bible Study is held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Overcomers: Recovery and Restoration class continue to meet each Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The location is in the "Green Room" of the east wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, please park in the rear of the church and enter in through the metal door across from the fellowship hall.

Chosen Generation (seventh-12th grade) will continue their Girl Talk / Guy Talk series Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars: Wednes-

day, July 24, CCC will be hosting The Red Airplanes for a night of worship. More details to follow.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (Newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 mos.- Kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (first - sixth grade); Chosen Generation (seventh - twelfth grade); Covenant U - College Ministry (18 - 24 yrs.); Men's and Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment. CCC meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Sunday morning services are recorded, so if you'd like a free copy of a CD for those services, see our multimedia department.



Mother's Lounge and Children Church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street, (on the corner of 12th and Owens St.) For more information contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook or Twitter.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Looking for fireworks for July 4? Our youth group is working the 'Mr. W' firework stand for the July 4 holiday from June 24 through July 4. Come get your fireworks and support our youth. Proceeds go toward camp and other activities throughout the year.

We are "Sending our Harts to Zambia" and are helping them to raise funds to go and be missionaries. The next fundraiser will be a yard sale at the mall Saturday, July 13. Meet our Hart family and support them.

They are also accepting donated items to be sold at the yard sale. We are taking donations of any old t-shirts to be used to make some cool crafts. They will be sold at our annual Harvest Event in the fall. Contact the church office or bring your t-shirts to the church.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Saturday, July 27 at the Pavillion in Comanche Trail Park. Stay tuned for more information.

"Sewing Seeds of Hope" Connection group invites you to join

us Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A different skill is taught each week with new skills added as requested. Bring a project you are working on or come learn something new.

Our goal this year for "Operation Christmas Child" is 100 boxes. We will be collecting specific items for those boxes each month during the year and have a packing party Wednesday, Nov. 20. The list for June is School Supplies: Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Donate your old cellphones to "Survivors Connect" Phones for Freedom Campaign. Learn more at survivorsconnect.org or pick up one of the information booklets by the collection box in our foyer.

Check out our Sunday School/Connection Groups with topic/subject-based studies ranging from six to nine weeks and relevant to today's Christian adventure. Classes are available for all ages and meet from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Big Spring Classical Academy is pre-registering for Pre-K thru fifth grade for the fall. Visit our website at <http://bigspringclassical.org> for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

You can listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

Weekly Happenings: Sunday - 9:15-10:15 a.m., Sunday School/Connection Groups, 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. - "Holy Grounds Cafe" is open with snacks and fellowship, 10:45 a.m. to noon - Worship Service. You can now listen to recent sermons on our web page at www.springcreekfellowship.org Monday - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - "Celebrate Recovery," Tuesday- 1:45 Praying Effectively for the Lost, Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Meal

6 p.m. - Bibles Study and Youth and Children's activities, 6 p.m. - Boy Scouts, Saturday - 7:30 a.m., Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in

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Seeking a Thrill

Wow!

What a wacky bunch of people we have become. But then, perhaps we have always been a nation of thrill seekers.

The great men, whom we call our Founding Fathers, were tough, undaunted adventure seekers who forged their dreams into a new nation. From the beginning of our national heritage, we have had risk takers among us. We still enjoy hearing stories about great frontiersmen such as Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone. We idolize the great statesmen and war heroes who made our nation strong.

However, not all risk takers have been great patriots. As early as 1901, a woman named Annie Taylor went over Niagara Falls in a barrel. Risking life for fame, she carved her name into the pages of history.

Many decades later, a young man who started life as Robert Craig Knievil took the pseudonym of Evel Knievil, earning the title, "King of the Stuntmen."

This daredevil on a motorcycle seemed to have an insatiable appetite for danger and adventure.

When we add all the NASCAR enthusiasts to the list of adrenaline addicts, we truly are a nation of thrill seekers. Our desire for excitement often outweighs logic and common sense. Safety and security succumb to hype and anticipation.

On the home front, we have our rodeos



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and parades that blend patriotism, heritage, and pride into a jolt of excitement. Motivated by cheering crowds, both bull riders and bronc riders risk life and a limb for a few seconds of stardom. Driven by the thrill of the moment, logic remains behind the gate, and courage rides in the saddle.

For the younger set, perhaps the greatest thrill of all is reflected in the lights of a carnival. When the carnival comes to town, rides whirl, lights twirl, and romance spins. The magic world of the seldom seen magnetizes young thrill seekers. It draws them into a fantasy land of escape from reality.

Considering our need for excitement, it should be no surprise that we often want our spiritual lives to be entertaining as well. The apostle Paul warned his understudy, Timothy, about this. He wrote, "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires" (2 Timothy 4:2-3NASB). When we focus on having our ears tickled by the things we want to hear, we distort the Scripture. God doesn't promise that life will be entertaining or filled with thrills. He does promise a gospel that will sustain us in our greatest need.

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Bishop Pfeifer's statement on Supreme Court decision on Defense of Marriage Act, Prop. 8

San Angelo - I am making an official statement on the tragic decision of the U.S. Supreme Court on June 26, 2013 striking down part of the Defense of Marriage Act [DOMA] and refusing to rule on the merits of a challenge to California's Proposition 8. As this decision on marriage deals with a fundamental and constant biblical and tra-

ditional teaching of our Catholic Church, it is most important that our people be made aware of the consequences of the terrible decision of our US Supreme Court.

First, it must be stated that this Court has usurped an authority that has not been given to it by the natural law, nor of course by the Divine law that goes back to the first Book

of the Bible. As the U.S. Bishops have constantly, no government, no church, no President, or Prime Minister, or Emperor has the authority to change the ancient traditional definition of marriage that has a Divine source and is evident in

the U.S. natural law. June 26 is indeed a very tragic day for marriage and our nation. The Supreme Court has dealt a profound injustice to the American people by striking down in part the federal Defense of Marriage Act [DOMA]. This manmade Court

has it totally wrong. The federal government ought to respect the God-given truth and from natural law that marriage can only be the union of one man and one woman, even where states fail to do so. The preservation of liberty and justice requires that all laws, federal and state, respect this truth, including the truth about marriage.

It is indeed very unfortunate that the Court did not take the opportunity to uphold California's Proposition 8 but instead decided not to rule on the matter. The common good of all, especially our children, depends upon a society that strives to uphold the truth of marriage. See **PFEIFER** Continued on page 7



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"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is conveniently located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring.

Sunday morning worship is at 8:30 and 10:50, with Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A nursery is provided at all times. The 10:50 a.m. service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Ivins will continue his summer message series entitled "Source: Where Do You Draw Your Power." The series is an exploration of favorite Bible passages and how those passages give strength to our lives. Sunday's message is entitled "For the Least of These" and is taken from Matthew 25:31-46. As a part of the message, Ann Townsend will share her own testimony.

The congregation will also be learning more about a new compassion ministry called "Food2Kids" that First Methodist will launch in November. The mission of "Food2Kids" is to feed hungry children who do not eat a regular meal between their lunch at school on Friday and their breakfast at school on Monday. Peggy Hopper is heading up that new ministry for the church. "Kids with Purpose" visited the VA Medical Center this week and also shared in a cleanup project at Comanche Trail Park.

Next week, children will visit residents at Marcy House and Canterbury. While there, the children will also be delivering bird-feeders, coasters, and garden rocks that the children painted. They'll also be helping residents at Laman Lusk Sanchez State Veteran's Home kickoff their July 4 celebration by serving hotdogs and helping residents decorate their wheelchairs for the holiday.

Our Epic Youth Ministry wrapped up its final week of camp at Ceta Canyon this week. Next week will be a time of rest before they head up to Colorado Springs for the Desperation Youth Conference.

Our Minister of Discipleship, Jim Anderson, is continuing a series at Wednesday noon Bible study that examines the power of our witness. Wednesday, members of the church will begin sharing their own testimony as a part of the study. The study includes a meal for a small charge and serving begins at 11:50 a.m.

The study wraps up at 12:50 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Calling all singers! The Music ministry of First United Methodist Church is

making preparations for our congregation's Independence Sunday celebration July 7. All singers are invited to join the "Glory Hallelujah Festival Choir" for special rehearsal Saturday, July 6 from 10 to 11 am. For more information, phone Eddie Vandewalker at 817-521-8667. Vacation Bible School is set for Aug. 4 - 7. Visit our website at fumcbs.com for more information or to register your child.

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

First Baptist Church

Pastor Mark Lindsey begins a new message series Sunday titled "That's Not in the Bible." The messages will be focused on sayings and ideas that are widely used and heard, but are actually not found in scripture. Mark 7:1-4 is the Scripture reference for this Sunday. Bring your smart phone, iPad, or Kindle Fire and interact with the sermon as it happens. Sunday morning praise and worship service begins at 10:50. Sunday school classes are available for all age groups at 9:30. These small groups allow for Bible study and fellowship, and are a great way to make new friends.

Our youth will be leading worship this Sunday evening, and will be sharing their experiences from FUGE camp this past week. A huge thank you to the adult sponsors and to Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini who led and supported this group. Join us for this special worship time as we hear evidence of God's working through the lives of these young people. Also, our youth will be serving our community at "Pops in the Park" on July 3. What a great way to celebrate both our nation's liberty and our freedom in Christ.

Our Children's department is busy getting ready for their summer camps. Camp Xtreme dates are July 15-19. RA/GA camp will follow on July 30-Aug. 2.

For more information, contact Jodi Mims or Lori Morgan at 267-8223. We are starting to collect school supplies for the 'Backpack Blessings' which will occur Aug. 4. Bring your donations of school supplies to the church and leave on the tables just inside the west doors.

Due to the July 4 holiday, the food pantry will not be open Thursday.

FBC mission trip to Boston, Mass. is right around the corner. A group will be helping the Charles River Church July 11-17. Pray with us that there will be open minds and hearts as relationships are made and seeds of the Gospel are planted.

Wednesday evenings offer the opportunity to join in a fellowship meal with serving starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday activities for the kids be-

gin at 6 and we invite all area children to come ... you never know what might happen at 'Wacky Wednesdays!'"

Call FBC at 267-8223 or stop by and someone will be happy to listen, pray with you, and talk with you about Jesus. He is the Living Water which cleanses and cools forever. FBC is located at 705 W FM 700.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and wife Debbie invite you to join them this Sunday for Bible study at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship services at 10:50. This growing fellowship is excited to offer new opportunities for praising God to the deaf community.

Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information, stop by or call 267-8223.

East Side Baptist Church

We are happy to have John Moody visiting us this Sunday. Kids Klub will meet June 29 and July 27; check with the church for times. Oil Patch Bible study is scheduled each week for the shift workers convenience, our regular services are at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

We will be celebrating our 25th anniversary as New Testament Church July 26 through 28. Our special guest will be evangelist Bill Fee from Kentucky and Early Praises. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

East Side Baptist Church is located at 1108 E. Sixth St. For more information, call 267-1915.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Our pastor is the Rev. Lannon Martin. We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our website is <http://www.aicbigspring.org>.

Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net. Sunday service will begin at 9 a.m. with Bible Study and Sunday School to follow at 10:15 a.m.

Bo Vizcaino will present the readings this week. The sermon reference for this week is "The Cost of Discipleship". Vacation Bible School will be held on July 15, 16, 18 and 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The study will be OIKOS Athens: The Adventures of Paul. There will be an Adult Bible Study class on the following dates: July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31 and Aug. 7. Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour.

Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

Our Nation and Prayer

In 1787 the future of the fledgling United States hung in the balance.

The Articles of Confederation that had been adopted at the end of the American Revolution had proven inadequate.

It appeared that the union between the individual states would soon disintegrate and the American experiment would be short-lived. Representatives assembled in Philadelphia in a last ditch effort to draft a constitution that could create a lasting government. After more than a month of frustratingly little progress, Benjamin Franklin spoke. "How has it happened, sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understanding?"

Franklin had begun his career as a borderline atheist, but in his old age, he had changed his mind. "The longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs the affairs of men.

And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?"

Referring to the Scripture, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it," Franklin stated, "I firmly believe this."

Without God's help the delegates would build no better than the builders of Babel.

Years later, Thomas Jefferson expressed a similar concern when he said, "Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever."



BILL TINSLEY

Addressing the generation that bore the agony of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln expressed similar sentiments in his second inaugural, "Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away.

Yet, if God will that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's 250 years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said 3000 years ago, so still it must be said "the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

As we approach the Fourth of July, it is no less important than it was in the days of Franklin, Jefferson and Lincoln that we pray for our country.

Faced with cultural shifts and global threats that were inconceivable to our nation's founders, it is all the more important that we seek God's grace, wisdom and protection for our generation.

In 2 Chronicles God has promised, "If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

It is always God's desire to bless any nation that places its hope in Him, just as Jeremiah says, "And you will swear, 'As the Lord lives,' In truth, in justice and in righteousness; Then the nations will bless themselves in Him, And in Him they will glory."

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

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Now is the time to redouble our efforts in witness to this truth by speaking out publicly, by constant prayer, and supporting the ancient teaching of our Catholic Church that marriage is in the eyes of God a sacrament.

These decisions of our Court are part of a public debate of great consequence, and the future of marriage and the well-being of our society now hangs in the critical balance.

The traditional definition of marriage, raised by Christ to a sacrament, of one man and one woman, is the only institution that brings together a man and a woman for life, providing any child who comes from their union with the secure foundation of a mother and a father.

Our present culture, and sadly many of our

government leaders, have taken for granted for far too long what human nature, experience, common sense, and God's wise design all confirm: the difference between a man and a woman matters, and the difference between a mom and a dad matters.

While the culture has failed in many ways to be marriage-strengthening, this is no reason to give up.

Now is the time to strengthen marriage, not redefine it.

When Jesus taught about the meaning of marriage - the lifelong, exclusive union of husband and wife - he pointed back to "the beginning" of God's creation of the human person as male and female. In the face of the customs and laws of his time, Jesus taught an unpopular truth that everyone could understand. The truth of marriage

will endure, and we will continue to boldly proclaim it with confidence and charity.

We, as Catholics, can never accept the decision of our Supreme Court, a Court of mere humans that brazenly attempts to redefine the God-given and natural law meaning of marriage.

We indeed need to pray that the Court's decisions are reviewed and their implications further clarified.

Pray, and pray, for our country in this critical moment when government leaders and courts are casting aside long-held truths about fundamental issues that make us loyal and trustworthy Americans and good Catholics.

*Your servant in Christ and Mary,
Most Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI
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Methamphetamine floods border crossing

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Children walk across the U.S.-Mexico border with crystal methamphetamine strapped to their backs or concealed between notebook pages. Motorists disguise liquid meth in tequila bottles, windshield washer containers and gas tanks.

The smuggling of the drug at land border crossings has jumped in recent years but especially at San Diego's San Ysidro port of entry, which accounted for more than 40 percent of seizures in fiscal year 2012. That's more than three times the second-highest — five miles east — and more than five times the third-

highest, in Nogales, Ariz.

The spike reflects a shift in production to Mexico after a U.S. crackdown on domestic labs and the Sinaloa cartel's new hold on the prized Tijuana-San Diego smuggling corridor.

A turf war that gripped Tijuana a few years ago with beheadings and daytime shootouts ended with the cartel coming out on top. The drugs, meanwhile, continue flowing through San Ysidro, the Western hemisphere's busiest land border crossing with an average of 40,000 cars and 25,000 pedestrians entering daily.

"This is the gem for traffick-

ers," said Gary Hill, assistant special agent in charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in San Diego. "It's the greatest place for these guys to cross because there are so many opportunities."

Customs and Border Protection officers seized 5,566 pounds of methamphetamine at San Ysidro in the 2012 fiscal year, more than double two years earlier, according to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations unit. On the entire border, inspectors seized 13,195 pounds.

From October 2012 through March, seizures totaled 2,169

pounds at San Ysidro and 1,730 pounds at Otay Mesa, giving San Diego 61 percent of the 6,364 pounds seized at Mexican border crossings. Much of the rest was found in Laredo, Texas; Nogales; and Calexico, Calif.

San Ysidro — unlike other busy border crossings — blends into a sprawl of 18 million people that includes Los Angeles, one of the nation's top distribution hubs. By contrast, El Paso is more than 600 miles from Dallas on a lonely highway with Border Patrol checkpoints.

Rush-hour comes weekday mornings, with thousands of motorists clogging Tijuana

streets to approach 24 U.S.-bound inspection lanes on their way to school or work. Vendors weave between cars, hawking cappuccinos, burritos, newspapers and trinkets.

A \$732 million expansion that has created even longer delays may offer an extra incentive for smugglers who bet that inspectors will move people quickly to avoid criticism for hampering commerce and travel, said Joe Garcia, assistant special agent in charge of ICE investigations in San Diego.

Children are caught with methamphetamine strapped to their bodies several times a week.

News in brief

Immigration focus shifts to uncertain future in House after Senate passes historic overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attention is shifting to the House and its conservative majority after the Senate passed a landmark immigration bill opening the door to U.S. citizenship to millions while pouring billions of dollars into securing the border with Mexico.

The bill's prospects are highly uncertain in the Republican-led House, where conservatives generally oppose citizenship for immigrants living in the country unlawfully. Many also prefer a step-by-step approach rather than a comprehensive bill like the legislation the Senate passed Thursday on a bipartisan vote of 68-32.

Following the Senate vote, President Barack Obama, who's made an immigration overhaul a top second-term priority, called on the House to act.

"Today, the Senate did its job. It's now up to the House to do the same," Obama said in a statement issued as he traveled in Africa. "As this process moves forward, I urge everyone who cares about this issue to keep a watchful eye. Now is the time when opponents will try their hardest to pull this bipartisan effort apart so they can stop common-sense reform from becoming a reality. We cannot let that happen."

President: Snowden unworthy of exceptional effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last thing President Barack Obama wants to do is turn Edward Snowden into a grand enemy of the state or a Daniel Ellsberg-type hero who speaks truth to power.

In the shifting narrative of the Obama administration, the man whose leaks of top-secret material about government surveillance programs have tied the national security apparatus in knots and brought charges under the Espionage Act has now been demoted to a common fugitive unworthy of international intrigue or extraordinary pursuit by the U.S. government.

A "29-year-old hacker," in the words of Obama; fodder for a made-for-TV movie, perhaps, but not much more.

"This is not exceptional from a legal perspective," the president said Thursday of Snowden's efforts to avoid capture by hopscotching from Hawaii to Hong Kong to Russia.

"I'm not going to have one case of a suspect who we're trying to extradite suddenly being elevated to the point where I've got to start doing wheeling and dealing and trading on a whole host of other issues simply to get a guy extradited," the president told reporters in Senegal.

Feds: Boston Marathon suspect had bomb-making instructions, jihad literature available online

BOSTON (AP) — What Dzhokhar Tsarnaev needed to learn to make explosives with a pressure

cooker was at his fingertips in jihadist files on the Internet, according to a federal indictment accusing him of carrying out the bombings at the Boston Marathon that killed three people and injured dozens more.

Investigators have been trying to determine whether Tsarnaev's older brother, Tamerlan who was killed while the two were on the run after the bombing, was influenced or trained by Islamic militants during a trip overseas. But the indictment released Thursday against 19-year-old Dzhokhar makes no mention of any overseas influence.

Before the attack, according to the indictment, he downloaded the summer 2010 issue of Inspire, an online English-language magazine published by al-Qaida. The issue detailed how to make bombs from pressure cookers, explosive powder extracted from fireworks, and lethal shrapnel.

He also downloaded extremist Muslim literature, including "Defense of the Muslim Lands, the First Obligation After Imam," which advocates "violence designed to terrorize the perceived enemies of Islam," the indictment said. The article was written by the late Abdullah Azzam, whose legacy has inspired terrorist attacks in the Middle East.

Another tract downloaded — titled "The Slicing Sword, Against the One Who Forms Allegiances With the Disbelievers and Takes Them as Supporters Instead of Allah, His Messenger and the Believers" — included a foreword by Anwar al-Awlaki, an American propagandist for al-Qaida who was killed in a U.S. drone strike in 2011.

Obama yet to leave lasting legacy for Africa on the scale of Bush and Clinton

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — President Barack Obama is receiving the embrace you might expect for a long-lost son on his return to his father's home continent, even as he has yet to leave a lasting policy legacy for Africa on the scale of his two predecessors.

Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush passed innovative Africa initiatives while in the White House and passionately continue their development work in the region in their presidential afterlife. Obama's efforts here have not been so ambitious, despite his personal ties to the continent.

His first major tour of Africa as president is coming just now, in his fifth year, while Bush and Clinton are frequent fliers to Africa. Bush even will be in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, next week at the same time as Obama, although they have no plans to meet. Instead, their wives plan to appear together at a summit on empowering African women organized by the George W. Bush Institute, with the former president in attendance.

Spirited crowds greeted Obama on his visit to French-speaking Senegal, Africa's westernmost country, with revelers frequently breaking into song and dance at the sight of the first African-American president. However thrilled they were to see him, many said they wish his visits weren't so rare.

Egypt's security clampdown ahead of expected weekend protests severely disrupts Gaza smuggling

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Egyptian security crackdown has severely disrupted smuggling to the neighboring Gaza Strip, causing a fuel shortage, doubling the price of building materials and shutting down some construction sites in the Hamas-ruled territory.

Egypt's military clamped down on the lawless Si-

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nai Peninsula, which abuts Gaza, in the run-up to mass protests planned for Sunday by Egyptian opposition activists trying to force out the country's president, Mohammed Morsi.

It's not clear if the Sinai lockdown is temporary or signals a tougher security regime aimed at restricting smuggling through tunnels running under the Egypt-Gaza border in the long term. That would have a devastating effect on Gaza, which has relied on smugglers since Israel imposed a border blockade following the rise to power of the Islamic militant group Hamas in 2006.

The Sinai campaign began this month when Egypt's military sent troop reinforcements and set up dozens of roadblocks across the sparsely populated stretch of desert that runs from the Suez Canal to the Gaza border. As a result, Egyptian trucks carrying cement, steel rods, fuel and other goods could no longer reach the Gaza tunnels.

Reports: Ex-vice chairman of Joint Chiefs target of leak probe involving cyberattack on Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is under investigation for allegedly leaking classified information about a covert cyberattack on Iran's nuclear facilities, according to media reports.

Retired Marine Gen. James "Hoss" Cartwright has been told he is a target of the probe, NBC News and The Washington Post reported Thursday. A "target" is someone a prosecutor or grand jury has substantial evidence linking to a crime and who is likely to be charged.

The Justice Department referred questions to the U.S. attorney's office in Baltimore, where a spokeswoman, Marcia Murphy, declined to comment.

The investigation of the leak about the Iran cyberattack is one of a number of national security leak investigations that have been started by the Obama administration, including ones involving The Associated Press and Fox News.

Mining boom sparks clash over sex worker rights in small-town Australia

MORANBAH, Australia (AP) — A lone woman checking into a motel in the Australian mining town of Moranbah can expect some blunt questioning from the owners: "Are you a working girl?"

Turning on a heel and storming away indignantly will be taken as an admission to prostitution.

"That sort of reaction is really positive proof as far as I'm concerned," said Joan Hartley, the 67-year-old owner of the Drover's Rest Motel and champion of motel operators who want to rid their businesses of sex workers cashing in on a mining boom.

Moranbah in the coal-rich Bowen Basin is part of the new landscape of Australian mining. Workers are increasingly leaving their homes and families for weeks on end to earn big money in distant mines in the Outback. It's a workforce known as fly-in, fly-out, or FIFO (feye-foh) for short.

Where the FIFO miners go, the FIFO prostitutes follow. With miners earning 110,000 to 160,000 Australian dollars (\$100,000 to \$150,000) a year, many sex workers find working the remote mining towns more lucrative than the economically moribund cities in which they live, despite the travel costs and a recent slowdown that has seen the mothballing of some inefficient mines.

Face transplant patient abandons life as hermit, celebrates chance for a new beginning

BALTIMORE (AP) — In the 15 years between a shotgun blast that ravaged the bottom half of Richard Norris' face and the face transplant that ended a hermit-like life for him, the man from rural southwest Virginia faced cruelty from strangers, fought addiction and contemplated suicide.

But even if he could go back in time, he's not sure he would erase the accident that left him severely disfigured.

"Those 10 years of hell I lived through, it has given me such a wealth of knowledge," Norris recently told The Associated Press, one of only two news outlets granted interviews. "It's unreal. It has put some of the best people in my life."

Now, at 38, he's starting a new life: taking online classes in pursuit of a degree in information systems.

AROUND TOWN



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable, and the bidding has gone:

West North East South
3♦ Dble Pass ?

What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠953 ♥J872 ♦843 ♣Q65
2. ♠KQ764 ♥J53 ♦A9 ♣752
3. ♠8632 ♥94 ♦QJ108 ♣Q63
4. ♠AJ854 ♥KJ52 ♦— ♣KJ94

1. **Three hearts.** Partner's double is for takeout, and you therefore respond in your best suit, hearts. To pass in this situation, contending that the hand is too weak to bid, could be catastrophic. Partner wants you to bid, and the only time you can overrule him by passing is when you have considerable strength in the enemy's suit. Here, West might easily make three diamonds doubled, giving his side a game. You'd like to have a better hand and a better suit when you bid three hearts, but this is what you were dealt.

2. **Four spades.** Here you have excellent values opposite partner's presumed 14 or more points, and you should show them by jumping to four spades. If you were to bid only

three spades, there would be no way for partner to know you had such a promising hand when you would make the same bid with a much weaker hand, such as the one in the previous problem.

3. **Pass.** You should feel virtually certain of defeating three diamonds doubled — you have two defensive tricks, and your partner figures to take at least three — so the best thing to do is to pass rather than bid either three spades or three notrump. It is true that you are overriding partner's intent, but passing is likely to yield the best result in the great majority of cases.

4. **Four diamonds.** This is a huge hand to hold opposite a takeout double, and you should immediately start thinking in terms of a slam — possibly even a grand slam. By cue-bidding West's suit, you achieve the dual purpose of suggesting a slam while at the same time locating the best trump suit.

If partner responds with four hearts, four spades or five clubs, you should raise him to six. If he does anything else, you should go all the way to seven, with full confidence in the outcome.

Tomorrow: Avoiding a trap.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 15

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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.

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All-Stars win four-of-five games

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10-year-old All-Stars

ODESSA — Big Spring's 10-year-old All-Stars picked up their third straight tournament win Thursday, as they took North Ector out of the equation by a score of 14-8.

After trading leads for five innings, Big Spring pulled ahead by six runs in the top of the sixth.

During its final at-bat, North Ector had two runners on base with their slugger stepping to the plate. But an intentional walk was issued with two outs and with bases loaded, the next hitter grounded out to short stop Joshua Miramontes.

Having amassed 42 runs in the past three outings, the 10s will be taking on Floyd Gwin at Jim Parker Little League in Odessa at 6 p.m. today.

11-year-old All-Stars

MIDLAND — For the coaches of the 11-year-old All-Stars, it's getting to be a regular sight: their team falls behind early, then rallies for

a win.

On Thursday, it was Odessa Floyd Gwin which was lured in a false sense of comfort, as Big Spring came from behind to win 7-6.

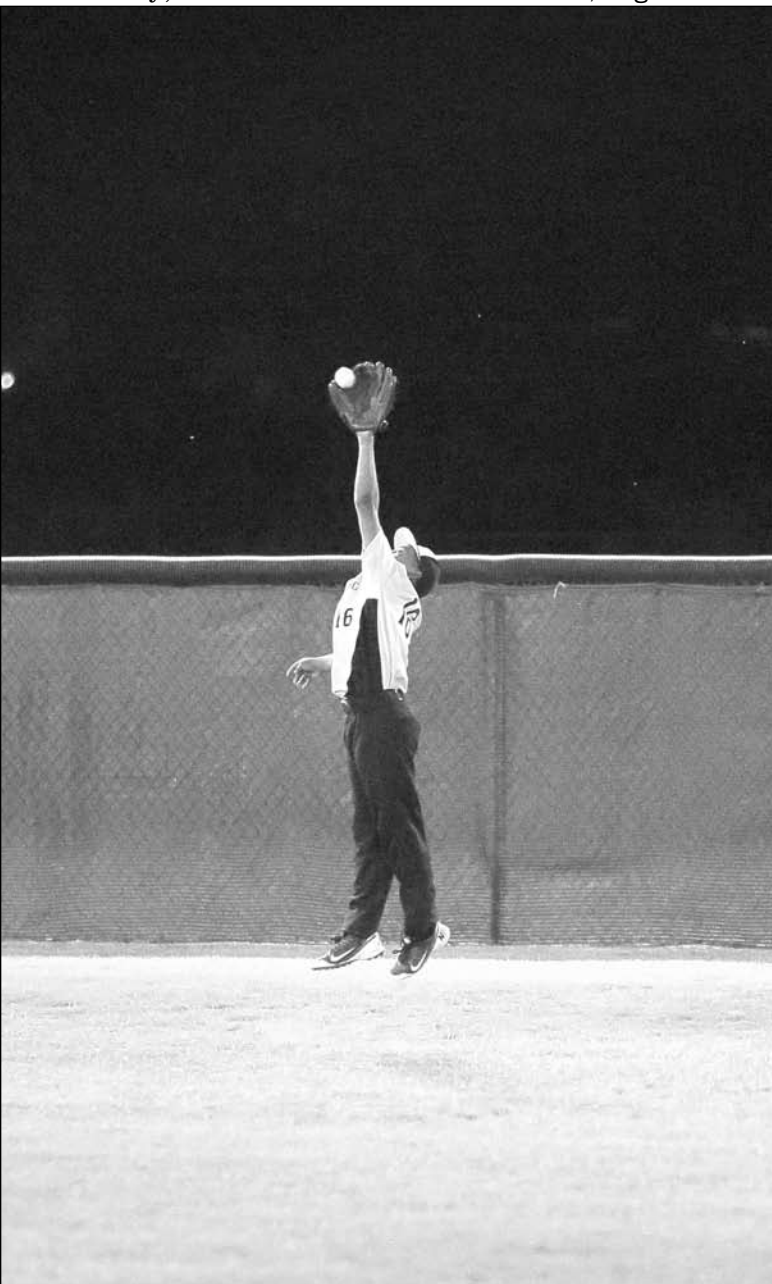
Trailing 6-1 in the bottom of the sixth, Big Spring put six runs on the board, four coming while down to its final out.

Left-handed pitcher J.C. Escovedo held Floyd Gwin to just two unearned runs over the first four innings before a three-run fifth inning put them on top temporarily.

Jeremiah Johnson and Noah Ontiveros each recorded two hits and combined to finish Gwin off from the mound.

The comeback began when Johnson was beamed with the bases loaded and Isaac Murillo hit a grounder sharply to third that proved unfieldable. The miscue allowed Chris Ibanez to score the tying run. With Ontiveros at the plate, Gwin's catcher tried to throw Murrillo out at first base, but hit him instead, as Joshua Wood scored the winning run.

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Big Spring's Little League All-Stars turned in another winning day. Pictured are (clockwise from top): Junior League's Dylan Lance getting a hit during a 19-9 win, Dillon Kligora throwing first for an out and Deonte Perez catching a fly ball in the outfield, all during Thursday's games, which were held at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex and Steer Park.

Hernandez off-limits without meeting, Goodell says

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL told its teams Thursday that any player contract they enter into with Aaron Hernandez before charges against him are resolved won't be approved without a hearing by Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The league said the hearing would be to decide if the former New England Patriots tight end should be suspended or face other action before a resolution of

the charges is reached. It said no player contract with Hernandez would take effect before a hearing.

Hernandez was arrested Wednesday and charged with first-degree murder and weapons counts in the shooting death of a friend, Odin Lloyd. Hernandez was cut by the Patriots after the arrest and before his court appearance and is being held without bail.

Meanwhile, Puma announced Thursday that it has ended its relationship with Hernandez.

The sportswear company ended the two-year contract it agreed to in April with Hernandez, Puma spokesperson Katie Sheptyck said. She did not say how much it was worth.

Hernandez "was going to be involved with our men's

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Holland shuts down Yanks, Rangers win 2-0

NEW YORK (AP) — As the outs piled up, the little voice in Derek Holland's head kept getting louder. "You can execute this pitch! You can throw it!" the Texas left-hander told himself, over and over. "You're going to make this pitch!"

He certainly did. Holland tamed a team that often tagged him, tossing a two-hitter as the Rangers finished up an impressive road trip by beating the New York Yankees 2-0 Thursday.

How special was this performance? Not since Seattle's Matt Young in 1983 had a visiting lefty blanked the Yankees on two or fewer hits.

"You think positive thoughts," Holland said. "You can't let any negativity get in there."

"I haven't had great success against these guys," he said. "They've destroyed me."

Holland began the game at 0-5 with an 8.85 ERA against the Yankees in regular-season play. He had shown a glimmer of success, however, going 1-0 and throwing 5 2-3 shutout innings against them in the 2010 AL championship series.

Holland (6-4) threw his sixth career shutout — it was the lowest-hit shutout by a visiting Rangers pitcher against the Yankees since the Texas franchise moved from Washington for the 1972 season.

"Tremendous," Texas manager Ron Washington praised.

Before the game, Washington said he hoped Holland could pitch a complete game and give his

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Armstrong: I'm still record Tour de France winner

PORTO VECCHIO, Corsica (AP) — The dirty past of the Tour de France came back on Friday to haunt the 100th edition of cycling's showcase race, with Lance Armstrong telling a newspaper he couldn't have won without doping.

Armstrong's interview with Le Monde was surprising on many levels, not least because of his long-antagonistic relationship with the respected French daily that first reported in 1999 that corticosteroids were found in the American's urine as he was riding his way to the first of his

seven Tour wins. In response, Armstrong complained he was being persecuted by "vulture journalism, desperate journalism."

Now seemingly prepared to let bygones be bygones, Armstrong told Le Monde he still considers himself the record-holder for Tour victories, even though all seven of his titles were stripped from him last year for doping. He also said his life has been ruined by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency investigation that exposed as lies his years of denials that he and his teammates doped.

The interview was the latest blast from cycling's doping-tainted recent history to rain on the 100th Tour.

Previously, Armstrong's former rival on French roads, 1997 Tour winner Jan Ullrich, confessed to blood-doping for the first time with a Spanish doctor. French media also reported that a Senate investigation into the effectiveness of anti-doping controls pieced together evidence of drug use at the 1998 Tour by Laurent Jalabert, a former star of

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Funtastic Fourth

Mark McKinney

Del Castillo

Mad Mexicans

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Matt Kimbrow

Extremo

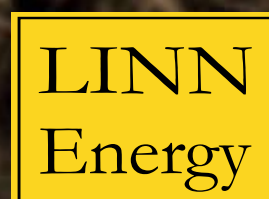
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